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Please Join us in the 40th Anniversary Celebration on March 4th!

Friendship Force International is 40 years old this March. The State of Nebraska is celebrating 150 years of Statehood this March. What better time for us to have a joint celebration than on March 4th!

The Friendship Force of Lincoln is having an Anniversary dinner with Jeremi Snook as our speaker. He is the President of Friendship Force International. The dinner is at Suite One Eleven, 6891 A St. in the Clocktower Center and will be catered by Chef Karim from his Mediterranean Grill.

The menu includes Caesar salad, chicken with lemon sauce, pork medallions in red wine sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, mixed roasted vegetables, crème brulee and coffee or water. Salad and dessert will be served, and the rest will be buffet style. There will be an open bar available.

Jeremi has asked that 40% of the attendees be non members of FFL; so this is the time for every member to bring at least one guest. The price for the dinner is \$23.00 per member. But, the guests' dinners will only cost \$10; the

club will pick up the difference. Your guest does not need to be a potential member, only someone who is interested in our mission. Please complete and return the RSVP to Mary Bryant before February 24, 2017. We hope you can join us for this special celebration. Be sure to wear your name tag to the dinner because we will have many guests and new members present.

Please detach and return before February 24. Make check payable to Friendship Force Lincoln and return to Mary Bryant, 5015 S 69th St, Lincoln NE 68516

40th Anniversary Celebration RSVP

Member's Name(s) _____

Guest's Name(s) _____

Member Price \$23 x _____

Guest Price \$10 x _____

TOTAL _____

Greetings from the President



*by Joanna Rogers
President*

By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, we will be hosting our visitors from the Ukraine who are sponsored by the Open World Leadership Program. I hope you have made your reservations for the Welcome Dinner, the Governor's Mansion lunch, or the Western Party. Our club has always enjoyed the opportunity to hear what our delegates have to say about their country and their efforts to form a Democracy, such as we have in the United States. The picture

below shows the Open World committee during a planning meeting at Lee's Chicken where we will have the Western Party. Hope to see many of you there.

Please look over the Calendar of upcoming events elsewhere in this newsletter. We have many things planned for this year, but none will equal our celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Friendship Force International coupled with our celebration of Nebraska's 150th year of Statehood. Since both events occur in March, we have planned a special dinner for March 4th. Our guest speaker will be the President of Friendship Force International, Jeremi Snook. So far, we are the only club that he is traveling to for an Anniversary celebration, and we have invited Omaha to join us and make it a "Friendship Force Nebraska" celebration. This is truly a special occasion

for our club, and I hope that all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to hear a message from our International President. Please fill out the dinner form and mail it in with a check for you and your guests.

Come join the celebration honoring the 40th Anniversary of Friendship Force. I look forward to seeing everyone there on March 4th.



Brazil Exchange

By Julie Albrecht

The Friendship Force of Lincoln will be hosting an incoming exchange from Sao Paulo, Brazil May 20-27, 2017. Nineteen Ambassadors will be coming to Lincoln first and then going on to The Friendship Force of Pikes Peak Colorado.

Pat King and Julie Albrecht are Co-chairs. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. We will be working on the program and contacting home hosts. If you are interested in serving on the committee or home hosting, please contact Julie by email: jalbrecht1@unl.edu or phone 402-464-2702.

These guests are very excited about coming to Lincoln.



Incoming Exchanges



UKRAINIANS Coming to LINCOLN! Meet our Guests! Bring Your Friends!

By Gloria VanAckeren

Six Ukrainian legislative staffers will be our guests February 10 through 18. Our club is honored to host this group of young women sponsored by the Open World Leadership Program. The five delegates and one facilitator are coming here to learn about our legislative system, and you can be part of this special experience. Bring your friends, neighbors, and families to these activities:

- **WELCOME PARTY** - Holmes Golf Course, 3701 South 70th, on Sunday, February 12, 4:30-7:00pm We'll welcome the guests with buffet dinner catered by HyVee. Cost is \$13 for meat loaf, BBQ pork, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, salad, dessert, beverage. Cash bar.
- **LUNCHEON** at the Governor's Residence on Monday, February 13 at 12 noon. Meet our guests at a sit-down luncheon. Cost is \$16 for pan-roasted pork chops with creamy herb sauce, jasmine rice, winter vegetable medley, dinner roll, salad, and beverage.
- **VALENTINE PARTY** at Lee's Chicken Restaurant, 1940 West Van Dorn on Tuesday, February 14 at 6pm. Close-up meeting with the Ukrainians at an Old West style celebration. Only \$13 for a down-home buffet of Lee's chicken fingers, onion rings, original Tastees, cole slaw, and beverage. Cash bar. Special music by Sylvia Griffith.



Columbia-Cascade Exchange

By Carolyn Kitterer

Two years ago Friendship Force Lincoln Ambassadors visited Friendship Force Columbia-Cascade of Vancouver, WA and Portland, OR and were treated to a wonderful visit of the lively, dynamic region. Now, it is our turn to host our friends and show them the history and vivaciousness of our area.

The exchange is tentatively set for Sept. 7-13, 2017, and we will expect up to 20 ambassadors. Carolyn Kitterer is the Exchange Director

and is looking for committee members to create a varied and exciting set of activities to welcome our guests. If you are new to FFLincoln, this is the perfect introduction to what an exchange is all about, and it will give you the inside look at what goes into making a successful exchange. If you are a long-time member of our club and have been on exchanges, this is the perfect time for you to contribute what you have learned from those exchanges. Carolyn is looking for a mix-

ture of experienced and novice members to help make up the committee. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn by February 20th so we can begin planning this exchange.

Once the committee has met, and we have heard from Columbia-Cascade, we will be looking for home hosts, day hosts, and small group dinner hosts. Until then, if you have ideas of places to go and things to do, please share them with Carolyn or the committee. Contact Carolyn at ckitterer@gmail.com or 308-224-5208.

Let's Eat Out (LEO) Report



By Bruce & Carlene Kein

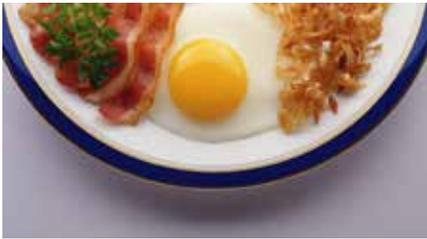
November 10, 2016

Thursday evening, Nov. 10th, 18 members and two prospective members met at Hickory Road BBQ, 5571 S. 48th Street. Aaron, the manager, said that Dan Emshoff (owner of Hickory Road BBQ) and his dad, Stan Emshoff, started in the food business by constructing a BBQ cooker and catering to groups and for celebrations. Dan opened Hickory Road and BBQ in downtown Auburn, Nebraska on June 1, 2007. The Lincoln location opened approximately two years ago. The menu had a wide variety of items; however, it looked like Ribs, Brisket, and Pulled Pork were the big winners. For side dishes, we had a choice of 11 items, including Grilled Green Beans, Creamed Corn, Brunswick Stew, and Memphis Fries. All of the BBQ is made daily and smoked slowly in a custom made smoker over a bed of hickory.



January 21, 2017

On Saturday, Jan. 21st, 23 members of The Friendship Force of Lincoln met at noon at The Normandy at 2785 South 17th Street. Because there were so many of us, we were limited to ordering off the luncheon menu instead of the entire menu. However, the food selection wasn't limited; there was much to choose from, and all of it was superb. Before our orders were taken, the owner's right hand man spoke to us about the origin of the restaurant. It started as a tiny area in the Haymarket and grew to the restaurant they have now. The owner, who was at home with a sick child, is a member of a French aristocrat family. He broke all ties with the family in order to do what he had dreamed of with his own restaurant here in the United States. The present restaurant has been in its location for three to four years. French food is noted for its flavors, and we were all treated to that effect. The next LEO will be on Wednesday, April 19th, at 6:00 P.M. at the Copal Progressive Mexican Cuisine at 4747 Pioneers. Hope to see a lot of you there. It's a great way to meet other members, and we have a lot of fun. Send reservations to bkeim@hamburgia.net. Thank you.



Breakfast Group

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On the second Saturday morning of every month, Friendship Force Lincoln members gather at Stauffer's Cafe to enjoy breakfast and each other's company. Each time they meet, the group shares answers to a particular question and

gets to know each other a bit better. In January, the question was, "If your house is burning down and all family and pets are safe, what one thing would you go back to get if you could do so safely?" Two people mentioned jewelry, one because a piece was not insured, and the other because two pieces were "guarded" by favorite stuffed animals, each with sentimental value. Two mentioned addresses, either in a book or on the cell phone, because some of those would be impossible to replace. Five mentioned computers and/or cell phones, as well as wallets,

since so much information is stored in the devices. Two mentioned photo albums; one taking a photo album containing photos from an 80th birthday celebration, and one taking a photo album containing photos from his children's first years. An additional mention was a passport. Several tried to combine as much as they could into one thing, i.e., save my addresses on my thumb drive and stick it in my purse!



The Friendship Force of Lincoln

Dues for the 2017 calendar year are \$35 for an Individual Membership and \$48 for a Family Membership. Dues are for the calendar year from January 1st through December 31st and are not prorated. Prompt payment of dues ensures that you will continue to receive mailings from The Friendship Force of Lincoln.

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Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____ Name Badge \$9.00/\$11.00 _____

Replacement name badges cost \$9.00 each for a pin-on type or \$11.00 each for magnetic style

Name(s) _____

Name Badge Name(s) *Please Print* _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Number _____ Cell Number _____

E-mail _____

CATEGORY: Individual-\$35 Family-\$48 NOTE: New members each receive a complimentary name badge; Replacement Name Badge \$9.00 each for a pin-on type \$11.00 for magnetic style

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Friendship Force New Member Introduction

By Lois Poppe



Welcome Mary Chirnside

Mary learned about Friendship Force through member Connie Stentz. Mary likes to travel and thought Friendship Force sounded interesting. Mary enjoys photography, especially when traveling.

Mary moved from Columbia, Missouri thirteen years ago to be close to family, including two granddaughters. She also enjoys her Border Collie, Faith. A retired nurse, Mary worked at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and Lincoln Regional Center after moving to Lincoln. Known as the “book lady,” she started a book project, gathering several thousand books for use by inmates. Although retired, Mary contracts with the State of Nebraska on Medicaid placement (working from home).

Mary joined Friendship Force at the Holiday Party on December 4, 2016. She feels the membership cost is very reasonable. Mary is learning about the many opportunities for Friendship Force involvement. She is interested in the monthly breakfasts, home hosting, small group dinners, day hosting, as well as being an ambassador, especially to United States destinations. Mary and Connie Stentz attended the January 7 Friendship Force and Yzedi community meal at Second Baptist Church. Mary found it to be an interesting cultural experience. A visit to Ireland is on Mary’s travel wish list. Please extend a warm welcome to Mary Chirnside!



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By Mary Bryant

Membership News

Please welcome our newest member, Mary Chirnside. She was referred to FFL by Connie Stentz. She attended her first activity - the Holiday Party on December 4th, 2016. Connie must have done a great selling job because Mary joined at the end of the dinner.

If you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more about FFL, please contact me by email at ab62359@windstream.net. It would be appreciated if you would send me their name, mailing and email addresses, plus phone for follow-up.

As of the end of January, we have 134 paid members and are eagerly awaiting word from the rest of you. We appreciate each of our members and look forward to seeing you at upcoming club activities.



2017 Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

February 12 at 4:30pm

Open World Welcome Dinner

February 13 at 12 noon

Open World Lunch at Governor's Mansion

February 14 at 6:00pm

Open World Valentine Western Party

March 4 at 6:00pm

FFI 40th Anniversary Celebration – 6:00 p.m.

April 19 at 6:00pm

LEO – Copal Progressive Mexican Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

May 20-27

San Paulo, Brazil Incoming Exchange

June 25

Picnic with Friendship Force of Omaha

July

LEO

August

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

September 7-13

Columbia/Cascade Incoming Exchange

October

Australia Outbound Exchange

October

LEO

November

Dessert & Discussion (Australia)

December

Holiday Party