



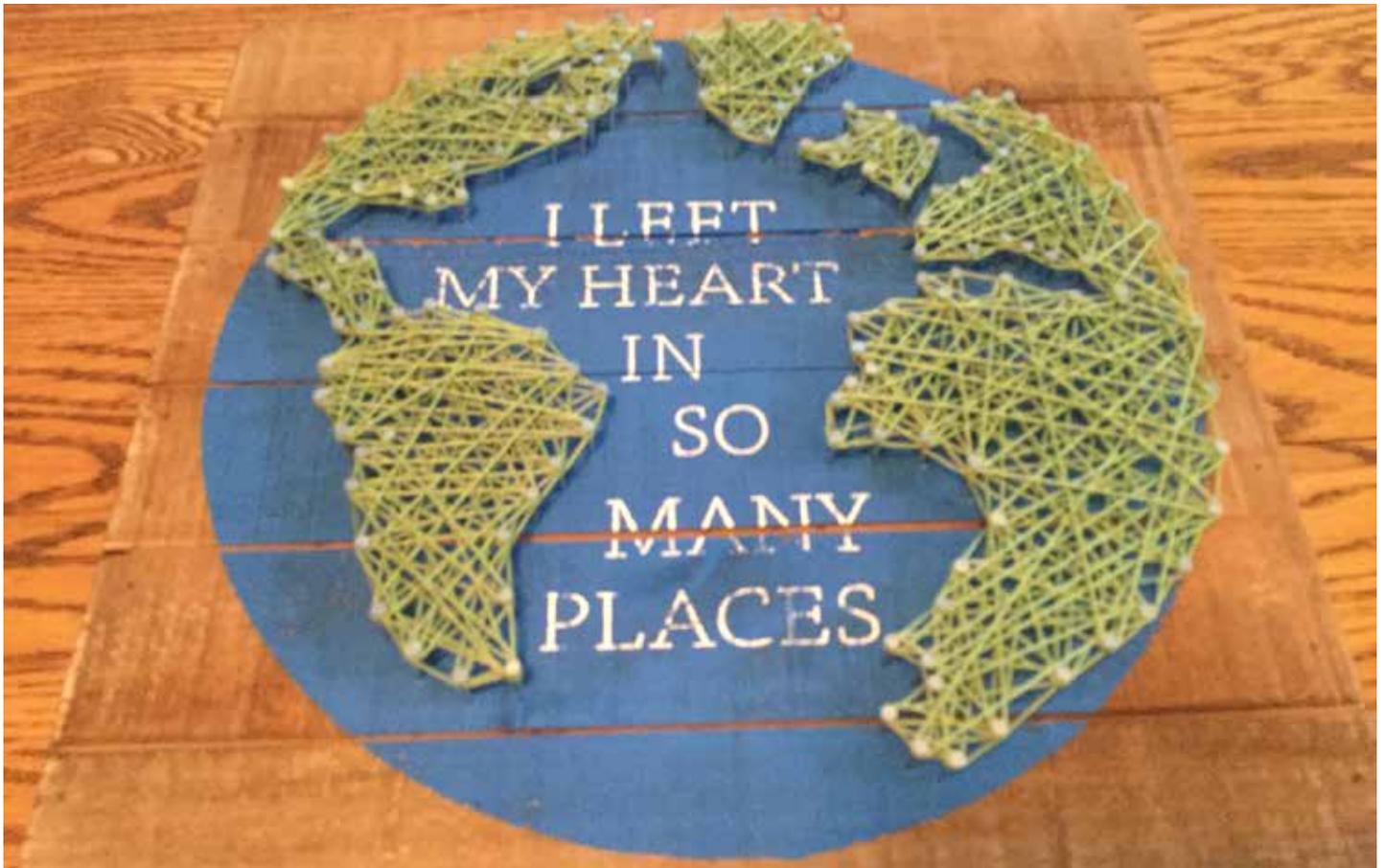
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## **“Come to the Annual Meeting” August 6th at 5:00pm**

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



by Joanna Rogers  
President

I hope everyone enjoyed the group from Sao Paulo. Janet Walters and I hosted two lovely ladies, and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. We treated our ladies to a western party on a host night, and my new picture was taken at that party. You can look at all the other fun we had not only here in the Passport, but also on our website at [friendshipfor-celincoln.org](http://friendshipfor-celincoln.org).

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on August 6th. It should be a great meal

with a variety of food furnished by all of you, and we will have wonderful entertainment arranged by our new member, Pam Beranek. But, most importantly, we need to elect our 2018 slate of officers and vote on the revised Bylaws presented by the Bylaw Committee. Friendship Force of Lincoln hasn't revised the Bylaws since 2003, and due to the new terminology put in place by International, we are currently out-of-date. We also needed to clarify several of the Policies and Procedures that the Board passed since the last update of the Bylaws. You should have all received a copy of the revised Bylaws in an at-

tachment to the e-mail sent a few weeks ago announcing the Annual Meeting. If you did not receive them at that time, or if you deleted the e-mail without realizing they were attached, please contact me, and I will send you the revision which we are going to be voting on at the August 6th meeting.

The Bylaw committee consisted of Mary Bryant as Chair, Arlene Rea as Secretary, Amy Birky (long-time member), Jim Caruso (fairly new member), and myself. If after reading the revisions, you have any questions; please contact one of these committee members. Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting!

## COME JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

### WHO

All members of Friendship Force Lincoln are invited to act on official business and all prospective members are invited too.

### WHAT

Annual Meeting to vote on 2018 Slate of officers and newly revised FFL Bylaws.

### WHEN

Sunday, August 6th, 5:00pm.

### WHERE:

Sheridan Lutheran Church, 6955 Old Cheney Road (70th & Old Cheney). Park in the northwest parking lot and enter through the doors on the north side.

### DINNER

Everyone is asked to bring one dish (main dish or salad/vegetable) to serve 10 people. Desserts are being

provided by the board who will serve as our table hosts. Plates, napkins, table wear, coffee, and iced tea will be provided.

### ENTERTAINMENT

We will see an exhibition by the Argentine Tango community.

### REMINDER

Be sure to wear your name tag. Planning Committee: Lois Pasco, Arlene Rea, and members of the FFL Board.

# CARNIVAL WITH THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Article by Pat King  
Photos by Joanna Rogers

The Friendship Force of Lincoln hosted 18 visitors from The Friendship Force of Sao Paulo, Brazil May 21-27, 2017. While in Lincoln, the group visited the State Capitol, Innovation Campus, Quilt Museum, Cornhusker Stadium, and other Lincoln areas of interest. They also took a bus to the Henry Doorly Zoo and Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha. The Welcome Dinner was held at the Deer Springs Winery where the Brazilian Coordinator showed an interesting series of slides on Sao Paulo.

However, the Farewell dinner was the biggest surprise when the Brazilian club put on a typical Carnival. They provided masks, decorations, and music for what turned out to be an unexpected fun party.

Upon leaving Lincoln, the Brazilians traveled to Colorado to visit The Friendship Force of Pike's Peak. One visitor even found the perfect pair of shoes to hike in the Colorado mountains.



## ANNUAL JOINT PICNIC



*By Connie Stentz  
Photos by Joanna Rogers*

The Friendship Force Clubs of Greater Omaha and Lincoln held a picnic at Mahoney State Park on June 25, 2017. There were 15 Lincoln and 11 Omaha members in attendance. Our Wild Turkey shelter at Mahoney Park was just a perfect setting for a beautiful day to spend time with our Omaha friends. Everyone appeared relaxed and shared information about their summer travels and future trips on the horizon.

Many remarked about the perfect weather we had for this special event. It was a pleasurable gathering of friends with an abundance of great food. We hope to continue this tradition in future years.

## 2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee and the FFL Board would like to present the following 2018 Slate of Officers for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting on August 6th:

**President - Julie Albrecht**  
**Vice President - Arlene Rea**  
**Secretary - Carolyn Kitterer**  
**Treasurer - De Tonack**

## FEBRUARY 2018 JOURNEY TO LAMPHUN, THAILAND



*By Carolyn Kitterer*

Lamphun is located in northern Thailand, near Chiang Mai and is a historical and cultural center of this region. One of the highlights of the exchange will be to attend the National Flower Festival in Chiang Mai. Our Lamphun hosts are also offering a post-journey trip to the "Golden Triangle." This is in the northwest corner of Thailand and borders Laos and Myanmar. We will start our journey with five days in Bangkok and the surrounding area. The journey begins on Jan. 26 in Bangkok and will end Feb. 12 in Chiang Mai.

For more information contact Carolyn Kitterer, Journey Coordinator at [ckitterer@gmail.com](mailto:ckitterer@gmail.com) or call 308-224-5208.

## BREAKFAST & CONVERSATION



Article by Milt Bayer  
Photo by Amy Birky

**O**ur topic of conversation for our June 10th Breakfast was, "Do you see the world as a better place than the world of a century ago?" This was not a tough question for the breakfast attendees. Their unanimous answer was a resounding yes. The US had just entered

WW1 in 1917, so the world was in a bit of a mess. Plus, with all the advances in medicine and technology making our daily lives easier, it is hard to imagine that the world could have been better a century ago.

The question for the July 8th breakfast was, "What did you do to celebrate the 4th of July?" One hundred percent of those in attendance did celebrate in one form or another. A common activity was watching a fireworks display. It didn't matter whether it was having friends or family setting fireworks off, going to a professionally done display, or watching it on

the TV; the conclusion was that fireworks are very much a part of the 4th of July. It's always good to get together with family and friends on the 4th.

In looking ahead to the next breakfast gathering on August 12th, the discussion topic will be "Would you enjoy a month of solitude where you are all alone on an isolated island in a beautiful natural setting with food and shelter provided?" This one will take a little thought and soul searching. Please join us on the 12th at 8:30am. at Stauffer's restaurant, 5600 South 48th St.

## LET'S EAT OUT



by Bruce & Carlene Keim  
Photo by Joanna Rogers

**A** good time was had by 19 members of The Friendship Force of Lincoln when we met at Copal's Mexican Cuisine on Wednesday, April 19th. This restaurant serves a variety of tradition Mexican foods using the specialties from all the different regions of Mexico. The manager spoke

to us and said that they take the cuisine from different Mexican regions and change the offerings monthly on the menu. However, the main menu stays the same. Those who braved the bad weather of the night were treated to some wonderful and tasty food. We also had a special treat. Mauro Datvin, a Friendship Force member from Italy, was visiting the area. Richard Spencer and Laurie Ann Scott arranged for Mauro to be with our group that evening. Some members of The Friendship Force of Lincoln had met him on journeys to Italy.

Our next LEO is Tuesday, July 18th, at 6:00pm We are meeting at Tandoor Indian



Cuisine, 3530 Village Drive, #100. Come and join us for a taste of Indian foods. They also have several dishes from Bhutan on the menu. The last LEO of the year will be Tuesday, Oct. 24th, at 6:00pm We will meet for French and Mediterranean cuisine at Chef Karim's Place, 333 North Cotner Blvd. Hope to see everyone there.

## WHAT IS JUNTEENTH

by Nancy Comer

If you attended the FFL meeting June 1, at First Lutheran Church, you had the opportunity to participate in a conversation with Larry Williams, Executive Director of the Malone Community Center. He talked about the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth dates back to June 19, 1865, when word reached Galveston, Texas that the war had ended. (You may have thought the Emancipation Proclamation issued two and a half years earlier already freed the slaves.) After landing, Union General Granger read the following General Order Number 3 to the people which began most significantly with:

“The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer.”

Reaction ranged from pure shock, to jubilation. Some slaves and owners were still picking cotton and loading it for market.

So many changes. History records the challenges establishing a “heretofore non-existent status for black people in America.”

In the early years, little interest existed for participation in the celebrations outside the African American community. Many times obstacles were placed in the way. Still, as many as 20,000 African Americans once attended a celebration at Booker T. Washington Park before the turn of the century.

Later, there was a decline in Juneteenth celebrations due to cultural and economic factors, such as the Great Depression, less education about slavery in schools, and the move from rural to urban communities. Interest in Juneteenth didn’t resurge again until the 1960’s. On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas. An African American state legislator introduced the bill and continues to be active in spreading the observance across America.

As in many cities throughout the country, there was a celebration of Juneteenth in Lincoln. The Malone Center has been hosting this event for over three decades; and each year, they have added something new. This year was no exception. On Saturday,

June 17 at Trago Park, 22 and U Streets, there were many family oriented activities, including a health and resource center fair, live music, inflatables and of course, food. Larry Williams invited all of us to participate. Preston Harris of Men with Dreams was emcee.

\*FYI: Our speaker, Larry Williams, earned his B.S. degree at University of Wisconsin and his law degree from the UNL College of Law. Before his current job as Executive Director of Malone Community Center, he was director of Lincoln’s Commission on Human Rights for over 10 years. He has been a member of many community organizations including No Place for Hate planning group, Lincoln Interfaith Council, Citizens Against Racism and Discrimination, and NAACP.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting of The Friendship Force of Lincoln will be held on August 6, 2017. The business to be conducted will include voting on the slate of officers for 2018; as well as updating the Club Bylaws from suggestions of the Bylaws Committee.

### 2017-18 UPCOMING DATES

Breakfast -	Second Saturday every month at 8:30 am – Stauffers Restaurant
July 18	LEO – Tandoor India Cuisine, 3530 Village Dr., #100, 6:00pm
August 6	Annual Meeting & Election of Officers – pot-luck at Sheridan Lutheran Church, 70th & Old Cheney, 5:00pm
October 24	LEO – Chef Karim’s Place, 333 North Cotner Blvd., 6:00pm
November	Dessert & Discussion
December	Holiday Party
January, 2018	January LEO
February 2	Journey to Thailand
March 19	Host Global Crane Inbound
April	LEO
May	Dessert & Discussion (Thailand)
June	Picnic with Greater Omaha Club
July	LEO
August	Annual Meeting
September	Journey to Missoula, Montana
October	Host Leadership Training Conference



## friendship force LINCOLN MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*By Mary Bryant*

We are pleased to welcome two new members: Kay Lewis who was referred by Betty Todd. Maxine Moul actually came to us from the FFL website; however, she was seated next to Linda Kistler at an OLLI book club organizational meeting. During their conversation, Linda told her about Friendship Force. Thanks Betty and Linda!

We always appreciate receiving the name, email, and phone of anyone interested in our organization. We will email them some basic information and follow-up with a mailed packet. A Membership Assistant, Marilyn Paolini or Jacque Scholz, will be assigned to phone them to see if they have additional questions and invite them to upcoming activities.

Please help us share our unique organization with your family and friends, as well as those you meet on your travels. They'll be glad you did! Contact [friendship-forcelincoln@windstream.net](mailto:friendship-forcelincoln@windstream.net) for additional information.

**JOIN 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.

Mail to: Friendship Force, PO Box 30334, Lincoln, NE 68503. Make check payable to: "The Friendship Force of Lincoln."

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