

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA



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Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely... Broad, wholesome charitable views...cannot be acquired by vegetating in one's little corner of the earth."

---Mark Twain

FFGA Pot Luck this Saturday 5 pm

2017 Directory Coming Shortly

Kazakhstan Visit a Success

We Celebrated Word Friendship

Australia Visitors this June

Oregon Ambassadors in October

Donations Sought for Tanzania

The Aussies are coming! The Aussies are coming!



We will welcome a group of 9 or 10 ambassadors from Adelaide, Australia, on June 5. They will spend four nights with us, doing some sightseeing and enjoying our Southern hospitality, and then they will head for the Georgia World Congress Center to participate in a Rotary International conference.

We may still need an additional host or two, so if you will be in town and would like to meet a fun-loving Australian, please call Cynthia Williams ([404-351-5352](tel:404-351-5352)) or Linda Foley ([770-493-6784](tel:770-493-6784)). There will also be a Welcome Party on June 5 at the Wilhelm's home, so let us know if you can join us there

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY WAS MARCH 1ST

We celebrated World Friendship Day volunteering to sort books at Books for Africa. There is a great need for books at all grade levels and many places have no books at all.

Our club is the outbound journey host on a 20 day Tanzania Epic Journey on August 28. Iringa Friendship Force will be home hosting 26 ambassadors for five nights. The group will also experience 11 days on Safaris in various areas of Tanzania. We will be visiting 4 schools and an orphanage and participate in some projects.

Bonnie Evans

Kazakhs Learn about America, and We Learn about Kazakhstan

By Anne Earle

If someone asked you to name the 10 largest countries in area, would you even think of Kazakhstan? It is number 8! It is also the largest land-locked country. You probably didn't know anything about Kazakhstan, including where it is, but those of us who participated in the latest Open World visit know a lot and even have friends there!

Five elected officials and a facilitator from Kazakhstan were hosted by FFGA in February. The theme of their visit was Citizen Participation in Government. We arranged a week of educational opportunities for them including meeting with State Senator Elena Parent, watching the legislature in session and touring the Capital. They also met with the DeKalb County Commission, Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods, the Buckhead Community Improvement District, Atlanta City Council, Sandy Springs City Council, Lobbyist Ed Lindsey, and the League of Woman Voters. Many of their FFGA hosts joined them and we all learned a lot too.

We had time for fun, too. We went to the CNN Tour, the Civil Rights Museum, lunch at the Auburn Avenue Market, brunch at the 57th Fighter Group, lunch at Ted's Montana Grill, a Super Bowl Party, and a farewell party featuring barbecue and John Anderson's band playing while Lynda Anderson taught us how to dance!

Club members **Bonnie Evans** and **Harvey and Mary Brickley** hosted dinners for the group. Hosts were **Barbara Shields, Susan Rawls, Cynthia Williams and John and Glenda Wilhelm**. The committee planning the week was **Cynthia Williams, Joe and Anne Earle, and Sue Mills**.

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Welcome, Oregon FF Ambassadors!

Our club will be hosting ambassadors from Central Oregon and Willamette Friendship Force. They will arrive the afternoon of **Thursday, October 19**, and there will be a Welcome Party that night where all members are encouraged to attend. On **Thursday, October 26**, the Ambassadors will be transferred to the Big Canoe Friendship Force Club. They are interested in learning about our Southern Culture and History.

The week of events will include:

Welcome Party

Friendship Force International Headquarters

The Carter Center and Library

Stone Mountain Park Skyride. We will attend the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

Stone Mountain Laser Show with a picnic on the Lawn (Pot Luck)

Tour of Southern Ghosts at Stone Mountain Park at Historic Buildings and Square

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Park and Visitor Center, Ebenezer Baptist Church, MLK JR Childhood home

CNN Studio Tour

Atlanta History Center, Swan House and Farm

Margaret Mitchell House

Two free days

Farewell Party

WE NEED HOSTS. WE NEED DAY HOSTS. WE NEED DINNER HOSTS. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO ORGANIZE THE FAREWELL DINNER. YOU ARE NEEDED!!!! Bonnie Evans is the Host Coordinator.

Contact Bonnie via email kbemje@bellsouth.net or cell phone [404.771.0010](tel:404.771.0010).

FFGA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Jack Morton, a member from Rome was inadvertently left off the membership list published in the last newsletter. We've got you now, Jack! Apologies for that omission.
- The 2017 FFGA Directory will be mailed to members next week.
- If there is a change to contact information published in the directory members should notify Linda Foley at lfoley2002@yahoo.com or [770-493-6784](tel:770-493-6784).

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR CHILDREN IN TANZANIA

Our Tanzanian Journey will include visits to an orphanage and a primary school in Moshi, Tanzania. The Ambassadors will be giving a \$500 donation of food for the orphanage. Bonnie Evans will be buying the food in Moshi thus additional monetary donations are requested from members who are not going to Tanzania. Your donation will be added to the food purchase. A government primary school is also to be visited where there is a need for school supplies and games.

The Friendship Force Iringa will be connecting us with the Itagutwa Girls Secondary School. The Ambassadors will be donating \$2100.00 which is seed money to construct a deep water well which is very expensive. Please consider giving additional cash donations to increase the gift of \$2100.00.

In Iringa we will also be visiting a primary school in a poor area. There is a need for school uniforms for primary age students. The items needed are navy blue skirts for the girls, navy blue shorts for the boys, and white shirts.

Please give these items to Bonnie Evans, the Journey Director, or write a check to FFGA and note on the check what you want your donation to go towards. Bonnie is willing to pick up your donations.

We leave on our journey on August 28, 2017.

Bonnie Evans