

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER ATLANTA

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Greetings fellow travelers!

I am thrilled to be part of your wonderful and devoted leadership team this year and look forward to getting to know each of you better. The board has been putting forth great efforts in many areas to help the Greater Atlanta Friendship Force. These include projects to grow our membership, organizing in and out bound journeys, lining up interesting social activities, and planning for a group to visit from Ukraine through Open World Exchanges in May. Please consider lending your support to helping these dedicated people as they call on you, or by volunteering where you see a need. We all appreciate any help toward our goal of making the Greater Atlanta Friendship Force one of the top clubs of Friendship Force International!

There will be an inbound visit, April 3-10, from County Durham, England. It looks to be a lovely group of 12 Ambassadors, who will start their visit to the United States here in Atlanta. May 11-19, we will be hosting an Open World Experience from Ukraine. Anne and Joe Earle are handling the activities and Cynthia Williams is coordinating hosting and all other details. We would appreciate any help with the following responsibilities: hosting or day hosting an ambassador, transportation or by having a dinner.

Our exciting Outbound journey to Cairo will be lead by John Wilhelm. A big thank you to him for doing this! There will be a week home stay in Cairo where we will be visiting the sites around this historic area. There are 6 spaces available. If you are not able to join us in Cairo, consider meeting us for the next leg of our trip. It is open to all friends, family and other travelers. We will depart Cairo and fly on to Aswan and begin the adventure cruising up the Nile. There will be stops along the way to visit ancient temples and sites. Following this, we make our way on to Jordan for a visit to Petra (*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*) to see the spectacular remains of the once bustling civilization. The journey will conclude with a week exploring sites through out Israel.

If you have ever had desires to see these incredible historic areas, get in touch with John as soon as possible! Along with the birds, butterflies and bees, I am ready to get out, spread my wings and explore the world.

In friendship,
Robin Scott, President, FFGA

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SAVE THE DATE:

DECEMBER 8TH

La Petite Violette is reserved for Saturday, December 8, at 12:30 p.m. for our holiday party.

DECEMBER 8TH

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

VOLUNTEER WITH US ON MARCH 8TH

Our volunteer activity is Thursday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Many of us have done this before, but for those who haven't, we clean and sort donated eyeglasses, which are then distributed throughout the United States and the rest of the world to those in need. The address for the Lighthouse is [5582 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341](https://www.lionslighthouse.org).

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We will then have lunch at the Vintage Pizzeria, located at [5434 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341](https://www.vintagepizzeria.com). Website: www.vintagepizzeria.com

Those who are interested can confirm with Cynthia Williams by email (madamew@hotmail.com) no later than Tuesday, March 6. (404) 351-5352

OPEN WORLD

Hosts Needed! Home hosts are needed. The Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta will be hosting Ukrainian delegates for the Open World program from May 11 through May 19. The theme of this program is "Citizen Engagement in Legal Reform Rationale". This group is especially interested in studying the role of activists, journalists and lawyers who monitor the actions and decision of law endorsement bodies and the courts in order to potentially apply these methods during the current period of reform in their home country.

The FFGA volunteers to lead this program are Anne and Joe Earle and Cynthia Williams. We are looking for volunteers to host these delegates, including day hosts and dinner hosts. If you have suggestions for agencies, groups or individuals that we could contact to help us with the program activities, please let us know.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A program on Baha'i is being discussed, as well as World Friendship Day which is officially on March 1st.

UNICEF also needs some volunteers for a program at the High Museum. All is in the development stage.

As soon as details are ready, a NEWSFLASH will be sent to the club membership.

Do you have a membership or pass to places of interest in the Atlanta area?

We're talking about venues like the Botanical Gardens, the Atlanta History Museum, the World of Coke, Planetarium. If you do and are willing to share them on occasion, please contact John Wilhelm (new email address JGWILHELM1961@gmail.com). This would help reduce the costs of our incoming journeys.



Here's another question:

Do you know of a meeting room/ church fellowship hall available for our club meetings and/or dinners?

Share that information with Cynthia Williams at madamew@hotmail.com

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