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Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of March, May, July, September, and November at the Salt Lake County Government Center at 2001 South State Street, SLC. Use the East Entrance at the north end of South Building where free parking is available.

Social 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
Program 7:00-7:45 p.m.  
Clean up 8:50-9:00 p.m.

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## Utah Friendship Force Summer Party

It's that time of year again! Tuesday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm we will be holding our annual Summer Party for Utah Friendship Force up in the %cooler+canyon at Washington Park.

Take I-80 up Parley's Canyon and get off at Exit 134 . cross over the freeway to the Mountain Dell Golf Course, drive on past the golf course and the paved road ends. Keep going past the first picnic area and around the curves to the end of the road. We have a reservation at the %lower+pavilion. There will be signs along the way.



We will provide the main meat dish, beverages and paper goods. Please bring accompaniments such as potato dishes, fruit salads, vegetable salads and desserts to share.

Come enjoy the nice mountain air, fellowship and the camaraderie of our Friendship Force friends.



## From the President's Desk **Margret Boes-Ingraham**

Hello Friendship Force Members and Friends,

First off thank you all for pitching in and helping with meetings when I was not able to attend. It takes each of us doing a small thing or two to make a strong organization. Kris thanks for chairing the meeting, Nona thanks for confirming the reservation and helping set up, and Tom and Edie Mitko, thanks for filling in for Shirley since she was traveling. Donna Mirabelli thank you for the wonderful program, I heard it was a really good meeting.



Doug is still in the hospital and I was very encouraged today when the speech therapist said the swallowing was much better today. When we get this taken care of we will finally be over this unfortunate episode in our lives! Thanks to everyone for your meals, visits, cards, flowers, phone calls and e-mails. This has kept us going for sure! What a great organization we have of caring people.

In the hospital I have had a chance to also meet some nice people and have given out a few brochures about Friendship Force! Everyone has been very fascinated about the organization.

Thanks to Jan Banta for her work as ED for the Madison exchange. I understand it was a good trip and reports I have heard from those who went have been very positive.

The Open World group of five young professionals from Ukraine will be here December 5-13. We will also have a facilitator and an interpreter. We are making plans and if you have any political contacts that you feel would be interesting for them to meet and get first-hand experience with accountable governance and democratic values please let me know.

Thanks so much to John and Cherie Wallace and Tom and Mauritia Stephens for helping Doug and myself in this endeavor. Tentative plans are to have a combined Holiday party with them during the time they are here. Please let any of us know if you have ideas, would like to hold a small dinner or help in some way. Please see the Open World Fast Facts for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic on the 19th. Please see details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Cheers!  
Margret

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## From the Membership Desk of Kris Hill

### Name Tags

I am sure you have noticed the emphasis and priority we have placed on wearing name tags this year. We have even made them the focus of many of our drawings at club meetings. The name tags, I think, have helped encourage more mingling and socializing at our meetings and parties.



We wanted to remind you that you do have an option to the ones we make for you. You can order some really nice ones from FFI. They are much sturdier for travel. The kinds I prefer (as do many people) are the magnetic backed ones that do not tear your clothes. However, you can order them in a variety of styles, including pins if you prefer. You can access an order form at:

<http://www2.friendshipforce.org/downloads/BenchmarkOrderForm.pdf>

Please be advised, however that the form omits the shipping fees. I had to contact the supplier



(Benchmark Trophy Center) when I ordered mine to determine the shipping and handling fee. If you do decide to order one, you will need to add the following for shipping:

1= \$3.75  
2-5 = \$2.00 each  
6+ = \$1.50 each

If you prefer to wait a couple of months, we will be giving you an opportunity (if you are interested) to order one of these name tags when you renew your membership. Please contact me ([kristinhill@sisna.com](mailto:kristinhill@sisna.com)) if you have any questions.

Kris Hill, Membership VP

### Membership Drawings

We're having a lot of fun with our drawings at our meetings. To be eligible for the September general meeting drawing, remember to wear your name tag! For our summer picnic, we'll do something a little different. We'll have two drawings: one for all new members from 2013 to the present, and a second one for all members who referred someone who became a member. This is a way to welcome our new members and thank those who have been such great recruiters.

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## Next Meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>

### WHAT CAN A FORMER MAYOR OF SALT LAKE CITY TELL YOU ABOUT THE UKRAINE?

Come find out at the September general meeting, on September 16th!

Palmer DePaulis will be our featured speaker for September. Palmer is the former mayor of Salt Lake City and made several trips to the Ukraine when it was still part of the USSR. Palmer worked to set up a sister city in the Ukraine.

There is still cooperation as a result of this program. Be sure to plan to attend this meeting and learn about the Ukraine as we prepare to host the group from Ukraine in December.

## OPEN WORLD featuring UKRAINE young professionals

This coming early December, Friendship Force is hosting a small group of young professionals from Ukraine. The intention is for them to experience a taste of the U.S. business, government and public works / public health entities, organizations and businesses. Open World Leadership Center, an agency of the U.S. Congress, administers and funds this program. The program is designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between certain countries, in our case the Ukraine.

There will be six delegates, an interpreter and a facilitator, for a total of eight. These delegates are young, roughly from 20 to 40 years of age and will have high expectations for a productive visit. It is our responsibility to develop a schedule of meaningful meetings and tours with local businesses, government entities and other institutions. We already have our thinking caps on as respects the program we need to develop and very much want your suggestions, too. Visits to Salt Lake City's tourist attractions will be arranged, but the bulk of their visit needs to be with civic, government and business entities and individuals.

Finally, it is our responsibility to house the delegates, interpreter and facilitator for a seven day period. Please offer your homes.

If you have any questions, suggestions or want to offer your home, please contact the following individuals:

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**OPEN WORLD**  
LEADERSHIP CENTER

### OPEN WORLD FAST FACTS For Presenters, Media, and Host Families

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Open World Leader Center (OWLC) is an independent government agency of the United States Congress.</li><li>➤ OWLC administers and funds the Open World program, an exchange and partnership program designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between Eurasian and American leaders.</li><li>➤ The Open World program builds the groundwork for enduring cooperation by bringing emerging Eurasian government and civic leaders to the United States to work with their American counterparts during 10-day professional visits and facilitates continued relations through an alumni network.</li><li>➤ OWLC awards grants to U.S. non-profit and</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Through hosts and grantees, the Open World program provides delegates first-hand experience with American community life, accountable governance, and democratic values.</li><li>➤ OWLC currently conducts programs for delegates from the Caucasus, Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine.</li><li>➤ OWLC has hosted nearly 19,000 Eurasian leaders in all 50 states since 1999.</li><li>➤ More than half of Open World delegates meet with Members of Congress or their staff.</li><li>➤ The average age of Open World delegates is 38; over half are women.</li></ul>
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educational organizations, who partner with community-based civic and service organizations to provide local hosting and programming for the Open World delegates.

- The Open World program provides thousands of American community leaders in hundreds of congressional districts the opportunity to serve as citizen diplomats.

- More than half of Open World delegates have been federal, regional, or local government officials.
- For more information, please visit [www.openworld.gov](http://www.openworld.gov) or find the Open World Leadership Center on Facebook and follow OWLC on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/OWprogram> .

## Outgoing International Exchange

### Mispah, (near Cape Town), South Africa

October 12 to October 20

Eleven members of our club, four from Arizona, four from the Seattle area and one from the Washington DC area will leave for an exchange to Mispah, South Africa around the 11th of October for the exchange October 13th - 20th.

The exchange will be followed by a four day safari to the Ngala Private Game Reserve, which connects to Kruger National Park. After the safari several members will fly on to Victoria Falls for three days, some members will go early and see other parts of Africa and others will stay later, but a good time is anticipated by everyone.



Looking towards Lesotho from Mispah

I have contacted two clubs who have been hosted in this part of Africa and both said "It was a wonderful exchange after we arrived, but communication in making the arrangements were frustrating" and that is what I am finding. Nona Bressler, Exchange Director

Exchange Directors are Nona Bressler and Lotti Wann.

### Exchange to Madison, Wisconsin July 16 to July 22

*By Jan Banta*

We had a nice little group of eleven who just came home from our trip to Madison, WI. You couldn't have asked for better weather than we had. It was very pleasant and not nearly as hot as the weather we left in Salt Lake. Those of who went on July 16 all arrived on the same flight. There were 3 in our group who made arrangements to arrive the night before.

The first night we attended a concert in the park (the state capitol grounds)), had a box lunch for our dinner and heard the symphony orchestra perform some gorgeous music. There was a very large crowd in attendance. This was just the beginning of a fun filled week. We had a couple of tours including one of the capitol (the only one situated on a peninsula).





We had a tour of the campus of Wisconsin State University. We visited a church that was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and the convention center he designed.

There were boat trips, wonderful dinners, and we all had different experiences on our flex day. It all ended with a wonderful German dinner. Everyone had an excellent exchange, well organized and carried out. Then we needed to come home and resume our regular lives and get back to normal.



### ***The Wisconsin Dells***

#### ***By Shirley Scholz:***

I have nothing but positive thoughts from the moment I arrived in Madison until departure. Kay Kinney, my host lives in Fitchburg, a town near Madison. Her great Great Great Grandfather as well as his brother settled the area that currently contains six homes all related to Andrew Kinney and Michael Kinney. Walk down Irish Lane and you might meet Kay's brother who has fresh green beans just for you. (Irish Lane was named by Kay's grandfather, Edward Kinney.)

Kay lives with Mister Marmalade, her cat and now horses, Indy and Max. The horses keep her busy from morning to evening feeding them putting them to pasture and training them. One morning Kay demonstrated the oneness of her and her horses. Just by the movement of her eyes and hands and the position of her body, Indy followed Kay's exacting directions. Lotti was thrilled when she rode Indy. Kay called her training natural horsemanship. I call it amazing.

Her grandchildren, Elijah (6 yr. old) and Isaiah (4 yr. old) spent a couple of hours with us on two occasions. She even watched Willa (1 1/2 yr. old) while we were there. We all blended beautifully. Elijah even played a musical number he had composed. It was just lovely.



When Kay retired after 33 years of teaching, she bought herself a gift - a speedboat. Lotti, Lee and I had a chance to go on the boat with Kay's son, Mark, and his sweetheart, Jenn. As the sun set over Lake Mendota, we witnessed a fiery orange-red ball that reverberated across the lake. Awe -inspiring! As we headed back, Kay took over the wheel, stood up from the seat, and revved up the boat. That was such a fun part of our stay.

Did I mention that the temperature was at least 20 degrees lower than that in Salt Lake? With all of the lakes, the rolling green hills, and the friendliness of the Madison club? This will indeed be a marvelous trip to remember.

Many thanks go out to Jan Banta for her inspired guidance.

## FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL FACTS

Friendship Force International conducts almost 400 programs every year, in and between 362 clubs/communities in approximately 70 countries.

- ❖ #1 mission is to promote understanding across the barriers that separate people
- We are on six continents, excluding Antarctica
- ❖ There are over 20,000 travelers and hosts who participate every year. This equates to 37,500 new friendships made each year and 100 new friendships made every day
- ❖ FFI currently has operations in 63 countries with the newest clubs being in Greece, France, Taiwan, Toronto, Myanmar, India, and Malaysia
- ❖ A breakdown of FFI's clubs: United States . 94 clubs, Europe and Eurasia . 81 clubs, Latin America . 49 clubs, South Pacific . 47 clubs, Asia . 48 clubs, Canada . 22 clubs, Middle East & Africa . 20 clubs, Caribbean . 1 club
- ❖ The demographics show that 20% of the clubs are declining in membership, 32% are growing and 48% are stable. 16% of USA/Canadian membership is getting younger. Most of the clubs that are growing and getting younger are Canadian
- ❖ In 2014 there are 19 projected new clubs, two of which are in China.
- ❖ In 2014 there are fourteen (14) themed exchanges
- ❖ FFI received a \$10,000 monthly Google Adwords grant, opening up FFI to 7,654 clicks to our website and it appeared 950,000 times on the Google search for TRAVEL FOR GOOD
- ❖ Technology today is a benefit, an enhancement, and a great (FREE!) new tool. Check out:  
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