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## March Quarterly Meeting

**Friday March 3, 2017**

**Potluck Dinner**

**Ridglea Christian Church**

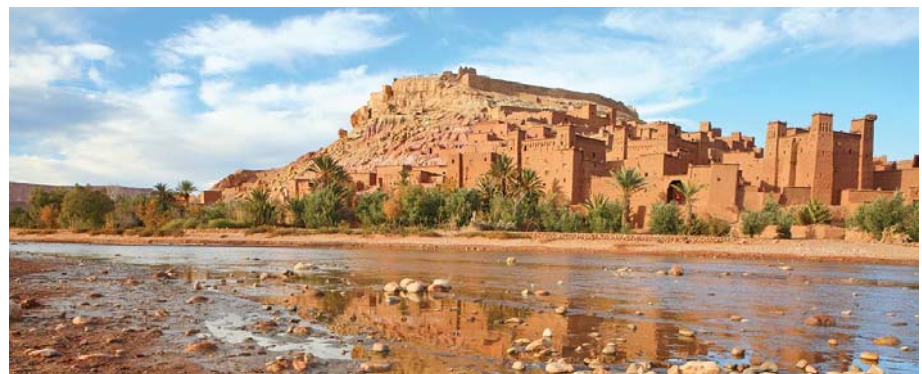
**6:00-8:30**

The theme for our potluck dinner and program is "Bring a Friend." Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend, or two, to learn about Friendship Force. Also bring your favorite dish. Please note the location.

Ridglea Christian Church  
6720 West Elizabeth Lane  
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

It's easy to find, one block north of Archie's Gardenland on Camp Bowie. Please **RSVP by March 1st** to Carolyn Lombard at 817-292-5886.

Afterward, Jo and Randy Thomson will present a program about their trip to Morocco for the Friendship Force International Conference. This sounds like a great opportunity to hear about what goes on at the national and international level of Friendship Force. Plan to be there.



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# The President's Letter

## Friendship Force of Fort Worth President's Letter – March 2017

### Linda's Lines

We have begun a really adventurous year for FFFW folks. Since we did not have a specific international assignment, I have been encouraging our members to seek out Global Exchanges. As a Result, the Fricks and Sharon Jackson are going to participate in the Friendship Force International's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Cruise from Florida to Rome, Italy, by way of Portugal and Spain in April. The Parkers, Berry Bock and Jim Young, and Jerilyn Edmunds are accompanying Dallas FF to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in August. In October, My FF friend from Sacramento and I will rendezvous with our former hostess from Romania in New York City to show her the Big Apple!

But for those of us who are not going International, I have arranged a Domestic Outbound and one Domestic Inbound. FFI has just requested an International Exchange for Manitoba Canada!

### July 11-16, 2017

**Outbound to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania** Can include Susquehanna Boat trip and Jazz on the riverfront, 1 day in Amish country, 1 day at the Hersey Museum, Gardens and school, 1 day at Gettysburg, and Saturday night Bluegrass Concert and Picnic at Dickinson College or 1 day in the Capital, Harrisburg

Cost: \$150 to Host club plus Airfare (Approximately \$500) plus incidentals (dinners, etc.) 7 folks are interested, I need 10-12

### September 18-25 (Tentative, Exact Dates TBD)

### International Inbound from Edmonton, Canada They

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**have requested an exchange with Texas and the Board has invited them for a week in September!**

**November 8-13, 2017**

**Domestic Inbound from IOWA, (I need home hosts, day hosts and an Exchange Director)**

**I will have sign –up sheets for all of these exchanges and Ambassador Applications at the Quarterly Potluck!**

**NEWSFLASH: Just received confirmation from FFI of International Inbound from Thames Coromandel, New Zealand in April or May of 2018.**



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## **International Inbound-Thames Coromandel, New Zealand 2018**

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About Thames, New Zealand: Thames is recognized as the service center of The Coromandel Peninsular. It is the main shopping center on the Peninsular, has an historic main street as well as the modern Goldfields Shopping Mall. Thames in the late century was one of New Zealand's largest towns, built on the pioneering industries of gold and Kauri logging. The colorful history is still alive in the pubs, buildings, museums and activities of the area. An informative description of the town and surrounding districts can be found on [www.thecoromandel.com](http://www.thecoromandel.com)

Fringing the town is the Firth of Thames, Hauraki Plains and the dramatic hills of the Coromandel Range and the Kaueranga Valley.



**HOWARD McMAHAN 1930-2016**

Our Friendship Force club lost a dear member recently. Howard McMahan passed away December 19th. We extend our condolences to Myrtle for her loss. Howard, a former City Manager of Fort Worth, blessed us with his presence in the club and travels. He was a quiet spoken and gentle person whose demeanor we could all learn from. Howard, you will be missed.

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**FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL  
40TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD CONFERENCE  
MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM  
AUGUST 24 TO 28, 2017**

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“For nearly forty years, the Friendship Force has grown from being a dream of world peace to an international movement of friend-building overcoming the many cultural barriers that often separate people. The power of this movement isn’t to be underestimated, and it is now the time to reintroduce the Friendship Force to a world in need of solutions. This 40th Anniversary World Conference marks an important time for all of us as we celebrate our past and talk about a plan already underway for the future.

“This 40th Anniversary World Conference marks an important time for all of us as we celebrate our rich history and re-energize ourselves together and how we will continue to open our mission to the world. Every year we talk about how we want to make our World Conference bigger and better for our global members. This milestone conference, to be held in Manchester, UK, is already shaping up to be one of the most unusual and exciting conferences Friendship Force has put together in years, filled with nostalgia, inspiring speakers, and truly enchanting events.\*

\*From the FFI website-<http://www.friendshipforcecfr-ic.org/event/international-conference-celebrating-40-years-of-friendship-force/>



## HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA OUTBOUND

Club president Linda Doyle's letter on page two promises an exciting outbound to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania **July 11-16**, but we have to jump in and commit to the chance to make it all happen. Seven people have expressed interest but we need a minimum of 10 to 12 to proceed. Meeting new people, seeing the sites, enjoying jazz and bluegrass music, tasting the chocolate at the Hershey campus and seeing the Gettysburg National Park sounds like a memorable opportunity. But beyond all that, Linda is going to need volunteers to make it all come together. So jump in!



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## INTERNATIONAL INBOUND EDMONTON, CANADA –SEPTEMBER 18-25

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### HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

As late as Sunday morning before our FF Board Meeting, Friendship Force International emailed club president Linda Doyle asking Fort Worth to host Edmonton, Canada. The Board approved the proposal to make it official. Now we need volunteers including an exchange director, home hosts, day hosts, event organizers as well as other positions. Please be prepared to help.

Edmonton, capital of Canada's Alberta province, sits on the North Saskatchewan River. It has a population of 930,000 and a metropolitan population of 1.3 million.

Edmonton is known as the Gateway to the North and Canada's Festival City.

West Edmonton Mall spans the equivalent of 48 city blocks and was once the world's largest mall.

Edmonton is the home of the Edmonton Oilers hockey team, winner of five Stanley Cups.



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## DOMESTIC INBOUND FROM IOWA

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Don't forget to sign up to help with our own domestic inbound from Iowa November 8th through the 13th at the Quarterly Meeting. We need someone to serve as Exchange Director. Also we need volunteers for home hosts and day hosts.

**Plan Ahead**

Further details are emailed each month, or can be found on the web page: [www.fffw.org](http://www.fffw.org). Ethnic dinners are a great way to become better acquainted with members, and to introduce prospective members to The Friendship Force of Fort Worth

**2017 CALENDAR**

<b>MARCH 3, 2017</b>	<b>Quarterly Potluck Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm Ridglea Christian Church</b>
<b>APRIL 2017</b>	<b>Ethnic Dinner</b>
<b>MAY 6, 2017</b>	<b>Ethnic Dinner</b>
<b>JUNE 2, 2017</b>	<b>Quarterly Meeting, Benbrook Library, 6:30 PM</b>
<b>JULY 11-15, 2017</b>	<b>Harrisburg Outbound</b>
<b>JULY 21, 2017</b>	<b>Ethnic Dinner</b>
<b>AUGUST 24-28, 2017</b>	<b>Friendship Force International World Conference, Manchester, UK</b>
<b>AUGUST 18, 2017</b>	<b>Ethnic Dinner</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 1, 2017</b>	<b>Quarterly Meeting, Benbrook Library, 6:30 PM</b>
<b>OCTOBER 20, 2017</b>	<b>Ethnic Dinner</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 8-13, 2017</b>	<b>Iowa Inbound</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 17, 2017</b>	<b>Ethnic Dinner</b>
<b>DECEMBER 1, 2017</b>	<b>Christmas Diner Meeting, 6:30 Trinity Terrace</b>

- ◇ *Ethnic dinners occur monthly, on the third Friday, except during quarterly meeting months.*
- ◇ *Meeting time is 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.*
- ◇ *Berry Bock 682 556-3220. If possible, please contact by Wednesday prior to the dinner, in order to assist in determining a reservation count.*

**!!!! IMPORTANT !!!!**

The FFFW Exchange Policies and Procedures are posted on the website: [http://fffw.org/newsletters/FFFW Exchange Policies and Procedures.pdf](http://fffw.org/newsletters/FFFW_Exchange_Policies_and_Procedures.pdf).



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The Friendship Force is a non-profit organization whose goal is to establish an environment where seeds of personal friendship are sown across the barriers which divide the peoples of the world. As an ambassador you share lifestyles in a private home in other countries for a week, then you may home host to share your lifestyles. The Friendship Force was started in 1977 by Wayne Smith with the support of Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter. The organization has now become one of the largest exchange programs in the world.

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