The Friendship Force of Greater Omaha



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May 11, 2023 is the next Let's Eat Out (LEO).

The LEO will be at Charleston's Restaurant, 13851 First National Bank Parkway. The time will be at 5:30 pm. So that we can plan for the event, please RSVP to Margie Stolte by May 7 at: <u>marstolte1946@gmail.com</u>. 402-618-3358.

New Hampsire Seacoast Journey is organizing for the fall of 2023.

Journey leader Liz Bisson tells us that we have a good size group of 8 that has expressed interest in NH. At this point the journey is at capacity for us. Liz will keep a standby list in case more can be accommodated or a cancellation is received. They are combining our group with a group from Tucson, AZ. Her telephone number is 402-740-5460. There is always a big interest in fall color at that time of year.

Friendship Force International announces new individual journeys format.

In addition to our Club-to-Club and Special Journeys, Friendship Force is introducing a new program called Individual Journeys. This new program will give members more opportunities to form friendships in between in- and outbound group hostings. FFI has always had requests for this type of journey and the interest has risen during the past few years when group travel wasn't always possible.

So they are excited to finally offer this new program to you as another way to make new

friends! Spaces are limited on Club-to-Club and Special Journeys and members who want to travel and host sometimes don't get the chance to do so.

Individual Journeys also serve our mission of meeting new people around the globe and doing our part to make this world a more peaceful place - one friendship at a time. Much like with Club-to-Club and



Special Journeys, FFI will assemble a list of the individual hosting opportunities. Those opportunities will be announced in the Journey Catalog so that members can apply and be selected by the host.

Go to the FFI website at https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/home and click on the article to read about the program and how you may get involved.

Another way to enjoy the hospitality of Friendship Force.

Join another club on one of their journeys! For instance, you can join the FF of Minnesota for a journey to Taipei and Taichung Taiwan, October 9-22, 2023. For more information contact Rita Mays at: ritamnffi@yahoo.com

Raleigh North Carolina will journey to see us.

Raleigh, North Carolina Friendship Force is coming to see us from August 22 to 28, 2023. Raleigh, part of the Research Triangle Region of North Carolina, is part of one of the most dynamic regional economies in the United States. Growing from a great idea more than 60 years ago, through the creation of the Research Triangle Park, Wake County is home to one of the nation's most well educated populations. Almost half of Raleigh's residents over the age of 25 have at least a four-year degree—a number that is close to twice the national average. Driving this trend are the region's 12 universities and colleges combined with high-flying sectors like IT and biotechnology results in a diverse economy.

FFGO Website: <u>www.friendshipforcegreateromaha.org</u> Webmaster Warren Hill, 402-330-1208. If you know someone that wants more information, please send them a copy of this newsletter.

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