

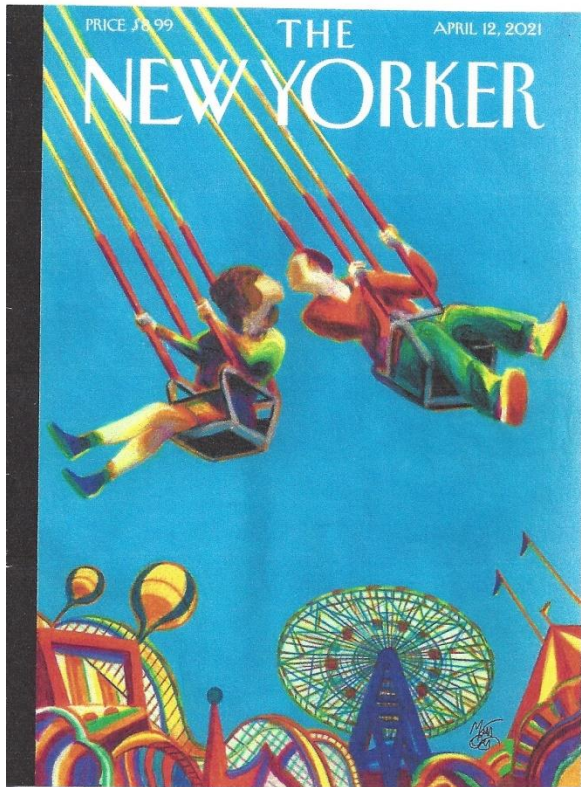


friendship force

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Our mission is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

May 2021



Spring has really arrived in the Piedmont Triad. This month's bulletin looks forward to our future, and looks back at some of our experiences.

It has been asked "Does Art Imitate Life?" Look no further than an April edition of the New Yorker magazine cover by renowned artist Lorenzo Mattotti. Compare it to the photo taken by a Friendship Force member in Moldova in September 2014.

Our Club was returning to Chisinau from Ungheni. We took an unplanned stop at a Monastery for a brief rest and happened upon a wedding celebration that had just taken place. The expression on the faces of the bride and groom tells you everything about the happiness of the day. The artwork on the New Yorker conveys the same feeling.

Reminder

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PART II—The PICNIC

Please join us for our first IN PERSON FFCNC LEO of 2021

WHEN? Saturday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE? Harmon-Lions Club Shelter, 152 S. Main Street,
Kernersville, NC 27284

What to Bring?

Your own lunch, chair if preferred over picnic tables, and your favorite mask. *

Conversation starters:

What role has food served in forming and maintaining your friendships?

What's your favorite story of picnic food as you've shared it with others?

What role has food played in your life during this past COVID year?

We want to hear your stories and are looking forward to seeing you, to be in your presence, catch up and revive HOPE!

RSVP by May 5th to Karla Shanahan at karlabrian@aol.com or 336-659-0215

*Hoping that most of us are fully vaccinated, we still will follow safety protocols of masks and safe distancing.



Dear Fellow Future Friendship Force Travelers,

FFI has a new platform that they hope we all will log into. Doing so will help our club and our journey coordinators and hosts ensure that only those members who have paid their dues and have followed the code of conduct that embodies the meaning of Friendship Force participate in an exchange program.

How to sign up:

Go to: my.friendshipforce.org

Click on the purple SIGN-UP button on the bottom right of the screen.

From there you will be guided through a few short questions to establish your online account. You are welcome to upload a picture and share as much information about yourself as you wish. The minimum information required for your account is (1) your name, (2) club/country of origin, and (3) a valid email address.

This will need to be done before participating in an exchange trip so why not do it now and have one less thing to do to get ready to travel or to host?

Please email or call if you have questions: Mary Davis

Marysteven5@bellsouth.net

336-212-0819



Start packing your bags!!!! 2022 will be here before you know it!

Looking Ahead to 2022

Our Club is in the beginning stages of scheduling both Inbound and outbound journeys for 2022. No dates have been set, and of course these journeys are assuming that the Covid-19 Pandemic is all behind us.

Inbound Journeys



Lincoln, Nebraska Friendship Force Club



Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Friendship Force Club

Outbound Journeys



Santiago, Chile Friendship Force Club



Greater Cincinnati, Ohio Friendship Force Club

Charles John, our Journey Coordinator has been working behind the scenes to make arrangements for our 2022 Journeys. We look forward to more details as new information becomes available.