

# **Newsletter FFCNC - Friendship Force Central of North Carolina May 2023**

**Incoming Open World Delegation:** The Delegation from Kyrgyzstan for the COIL (Congressional Organization for International Leadership) Open World Program for 'Rule of Law' is arriving to GSO from DC on Friday afternoon 3:00 PM May 12. 2023.

We hope their baggage arrives that was lost in travel!!! I am heading to Target and others first thing with my Delegate just in case.

My standard international procedure is to put on all I need in a carry-on bag and then wash or buy stuff. My son's bag was lost the last trip on way to Etheopia. He paid the price for the week.

The Welcome Party for Sat 2:00 PM is well along as described in the recent announcement from Entertainment Chairperson Lucy Kaplan.

**Martha Brown worked hard and found a group of speakers of Russian.** Each of the Delegates can now speak to a small groups of club members. We hope this new feature goes well!!

Do your Google Search to be informed about the small Republic of Kyrgyzstan of 10 million. My Delegate said they all started as nomads and mountain people.

We hope to see many of you there on Saturday.

**In Bound Journey from New Mexico: Is coming soon (June 13 -20)**  
**- see attached documents**

Busy, Exciting Week

**Volunteers still needed**

**Host Home      Day Hosting  
Small Group Dinner Hosting  
Welcoming (LEO) Club Party  
Transportation**

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**See the list of Possible Inbound and Outbound Journeys**

**(See attached Documents**

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**The Chair of Travel, Roger Poplin, suggests you examine the following. Here are options for travel from other FF Club with open spots. See the same as below in the attachment.**

**2024 Outbound Destination Survey Form**

**The form allows you to request up to two outbound destinations that you would like to visit in 2024.**

**Select and designate your first and second preference destinations. PLEASE NOTE: If a country does not appear on the list, while there may be no hosting weeks available in that country, you may still list that country as a destination. Additionally, note any months you will NOT be available to travel.**

Outbound/Inbound - In consultation with FF International (FFI) Office Ideas, requests are welcome.

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**Note:** While FFI does the journey matching, FFCNC can submit our preferred destinations.

**Also:** Other opportunities exist and are listed on the FFI website ([my.friendshipforce.org](http://my.friendshipforce.org))

**Looking for an FFI.org Travel Opportunity? Check out ongoing activity in the List below.**

### **Also See the FFI Journey Catalog**

**These include:**

- Club to club and special journeys
- World Conference (Croatia October 2-6, 2023)
- Individual Journeys

Any questions? Contact Roger Poplin (336) 337-4434, [Rogerpoplin@gmail.com](mailto:Rogerpoplin@gmail.com)  
or other board members

**FFCNC's need for effective Communications: What's Up Doc? - As B Bunny used to ask? Well, 'WhatsApp.com' is what is up!**

I sent an email to my Open World Delegate from Kyrgyzstan. He asked if I used WhatsApp. I used an early version several years ago briefly when interacting with scientists in Beijing. I reloaded the app and had a neighbor test my WhatsApp connection.

I called my Delegate in his Office in Kyrgyzstan at my 9:00 AM and his 7:00 PM. There is a 10-hour difference. We had a Face-to-Face talk, video/sound. We had a pleasant fruitful introduction. It allowed me to plan about what he hoped to see. He said his particular interest was in how and where we socialize with and meet friends. I plan to expose him to my socializing with friends, most at Church discussion, music, and eating activities, and shopping for sure.

WhatsApp uses an encrypted digital signal, and is free with video, voice, email, and text. It has improved. I recently called the Facilitator in DC to see if I could contact my assigned Delegate and determine if he had a phone. I was told that he did have a phone. He was not connected to Verizon, etc. but it could make calls to the group, and some others, because WhatsApp was installed. It worked whenever he was connected to the internet via wireless. I think WhatsApp is now used worldwide. It should be very useful for FFI and FFCNC members when involved in travel.

Membership: Eleanor Stoller, our Membership Chair, says we now have 71 members, some moved away, and others have joined. We are ahead. Membership records are used for collecting our small dues, placing information on FFCNC.org web site, and creating the email list.

We are almost done correcting errors and perfecting our procedures.

There are about 20 members who still need to fill out forms and register with FFI.org, the Friendship Force International. Reminders are coming.

Activity of members was slowed during covid times but are now moving ahead. Covid may still be a concern since it is still with

**us. With boosters and Paxlovid antiviral, precautions can be safely taken.**

**Mascot Cat Jackson says Hello: His infectious Friendship Style has rubbed off on his cat pals. See how his friendliness has mellowed the cat Tyler and the new Singapura Kitten.**

**Donald Woodward -- Communications**

**Word or PDF Docs can be downloaded below**

[Download all attachments as a zip file](#)

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