



Dear

FFNC Friends,

Here it is after Memorial Day already! Graduation is over, school is out, most college students have gone home for the summer, nurseries are busy with people wanting flowers and vegetable plants, and the days are getting longer! This is my favorite time of year!

What a great meeting we had last month with Michael English as our guest speaker! I know many members were excited about the possibilities in the future of Friendship Force International and our local club. Partnering with other organizations and helping those in need sounds intriguing. I wonder where the future will take FFNC.

Our nominating committee of Susan Mathre, Ken Weaver and Susanna Garner came up with a slate of officers for 2026:

President – Susanna Garner

Co-Vice Presidents – Rocky Padden and Pam Morrison

Secretary – Nancy Benson

Treasurer – Carol McGrath

Other nominations can be made from the floor providing you have prior consent from the nominee. We will vote for 2026 officers at our June meeting.

Don't forget our incoming Journey from FF Central Phoenix. We have 10 ambassadors coming from June 23-29. LaDonna Palm and her committee have a wonderful visit planned highlighting some of the best our area has to offer! Be sure to let LaDonna know if you would like to participate in any of the activities detailed in the last newsletter, starting with a Welcome Party at the ElderHaus (where we normally have our monthly meetings) at 5:00 PM. We look forward to welcoming our friends from AZ!

There's still time to join in on our June Mini-Journey (taking the place of June's CLEO) to Denver for the Fringe Festival from June 5-8. Details were in the May-June newsletter. Interested? Call LaDonna Palm.

Our club needs a few volunteers! If you like meeting new people and being organized, you may enjoy being Membership Chairperson. This person is also a member of our Board. If you have good computer skills, keeping our membership directory updated by adding our new members may be a good fit! Someone who loves showing off our beautiful area to new friends would make a great Journey Coordinator for our 2026 Incoming group from FF New Hampshire. A curious and adventurous traveler would make a super Journey Coordinator for our Outgoing trip to Indonesia (2 clubs – Benjarmasin (Borneo) and Surabaya (Java)). See any Board member for more information for any of these vital roles.

To update you with what is going on with a few members/former members. Esther Johnsen fell, fracturing her pelvis. She is currently in Center Avenue Rehab in Fort Collins, room 109, and would welcome your company! Willie Westdorp also suffered a fall and was at McKee Medical Center. Cathie or Rosemary will have more current information on Willie.

Our next meeting will be on June 13 at the ElderHaus, 6813 South College Ave at 7PM. Our guest presenter will be Karen Barton, Professor at UNC, who will speak on what is going on with Rotary International's Peace Center Program. It's sure to be an interesting topic and perhaps fits well with "Partnering." I hope to see you there!

In friendship,
Suzi Gossard, President