



The celebration of a new beginning

President's Report By David Motherwell:

Thanks to Judy Cagle and Maria Carson for keeping our chapter on an even keel during my recovery from pneumonia. On Saturday March 1, twelve members gathered for lunch at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood to celebrate National Friendship Force Day. It was an ideal time to socialize and to do some preliminary planning for future activities, including the annual banquet and summer picnic. At Friendship Force we believe that the friendships we make, both abroad and in our own communities, are the key to a more peaceful and understanding world. May we have another good year with more friendships. (See pic at end of email)

From Maria Carson:

On February 5th, the Movie Group met at Susy Alias' house to discuss the movie "The Complete Unknown" that follows Bob Dylan's journey from his early days in the sixties as a young folk singer in New York. The group agreed that Dylan was quite talented in interpreting the world and times in his song writing and singing, but as a person could be rather insensitive. We remembered his music back in the day but really did not know much about him. We did not realize that he had performed with and had a personal relationship with the folk singer, Joan Baez. The movie stirred our own memories of growing up in the 1960's and 1970's. Overall, we gave the movie a rating of four out of five. (See pic at end of email)

MARCH PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

A **Board Meeting** will be held on **Monday, March 17, 4 pm** at the **St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 6337 Clayton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63317. You can access parking spots by driving through the entrance at the front of the church on Clayton Road. Enter through the door in the back of the church. **All members can, and are invited, to attend.**

The **Book Club** will meet at **1 pm on Tuesday, March 18** at **Des Peres Dierberg's** on Manchester Road east of West County Mall. We will discuss "**Undaunted Courage**" by Stephen Ambrose. This bestseller about the Lewis and Clark expedition is based on journals and letters written by Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, Thomas Jefferson, and members of the Corps of Discovery. Please call **(no text)** David at 314-561-0111 if you plan to attend.

Next month, on Tuesday, **April 22**, we will discuss "**A Passage to India**" by E.M. Forster. It was selected as one of the 100 great works of 20th-century English literature.

For the **Movie Group**, this month's movie pick is "**The Unbreakable Boy**". The film is based on the book by Scott Michael LeRette and Susy Flory. It tells the true story of a boy with brittle bone disease and autism, named Austin, and his father's unwavering love and determination to keep him happy.. *Please* come to the **home of Susy Alias on Wednesday, March 12th at 4:30 pm** for a lively discussion. Please call Maria Carson at 314-401-4034 if you plan to attend. **NOTE:** The movie still appears to be in some St. Louis theaters. In addition, you can rent the movie through Amazon Prime, Apple TV and possible other streaming sites.

International Coffee Talk will meet at The **Daily Bread Bakery & Cafe**, 11719 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131 on **Thursday, March 20th at 11:00 am**. They have a genuinely wide selection of bakery goods and excellent soups and salads, etc. See the attached **MENU** in pdf file. Please call Doris Yohe at 314-805-8932 if you plan to attend.

No LEO is set for March, but a possible one is being explored. Stay tuned.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS BY DORIS YOHE:

INTERNATIONAL DINNER. There has been a change in plans for the International Dinner. We will have our celebration during the day rather than at night as many people have problems driving at night, especially if it is raining. Arrangements are being made for a noon meal on **Friday, May 16th at Pan d'Olive**, 1603 McCausland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63117. Please save this date. Details will follow.

PICNIC. The annual picnic is scheduled for **Thursday, July 17th** to be held at **Vlasis Park**, the same location as last year. Chef Wolfe will be cooking his delicious entrees. More information will be forthcoming.

PHOTOS:

**World Friendship Day
Celebration @ Mike Duffy's**



Movie Group @ Susy's

