



FRIENDSHIP FORCE JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Our President's Report By David Motherwell:

International Party Luncheon:

On May 16, twenty-seven members attended the International Party at Pan d'Olive. Some had unique costumes that they had purchased in foreign countries. There were also unique items in the silent auction. We had planned to share interesting stories about our travels to the group. After Doris Yohe alerted us to the fact that a major storm system was headed to the St. Louis area, we left quickly. Some members encountered hail and heavy rain on the way home. Others had property damage from the EF-3 tornado that ripped through St. Louis. Thankfully, everyone at the party survived without injuries. May our thoughts and prayers be with those who lost loved ones or are still recovering from injuries/property damage.

LEO in Augusta:

On May 25, twelve members attended the breakfast at the Immaculate Conception Church in Augusta. The church members welcomed our group and served a bountiful supply of food. Thanks to Charlotte Balettie for organizing this LEO. Our goal is to have LEOs that take us to many different venues where we can learn more and spread goodwill.

From our VP of Membership, Judy Cagle:

This month, we would like to take the opportunity to welcome our newest member, **Marie Lay**. We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

From David Motherwell:

The next Book Club meeting will be **1 pm on Tuesday June 17 at Des Peres Dierberg's** on Manchester Road east of West County Mall. We will discuss ***"Trust" by Hernan Diaz***. This best-selling novel delves into the life of a financier who rises to immense wealth by betting against the 1929 stock market crash. It explores themes such as the influence of wealth, the intricacies of financial systems, and gender dynamics.

From Doris Yohe, Social Committee News:

There will be **no Coffee Talk** in June.

From Judy Young, Movie Group:

For the **Movie Group**, this month's movie pick is **"Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning"**. PLOT: With the world on the brink of a nuclear war due to the machinations of an evil AI program called "The Entity", Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his team make an all-out, last-ditch effort to prevent Armageddon. It is the eight installment in the Mission: Impossible film series. After you've seen the movie, bring a dish to share and come to the **home of Susy Alias on Wednesday, June 11th at 4:30 pm** for a lively discussion. **Please call Judy Young at 636-634-1458 if you plan to attend.**

The Annual Picnic will be held *next month* on **Thursday, July 17th 12 Noon** at **Vlasis Park, Ballwin.**

Summer Picnic: A TIME TO REMEMBER

WITH JAZZ MUSIC FROM NEW ORLEANS TO AROUND THE WORLD

July 17, 2025

Friendship Force is having a picnic this Summer! It is going to be a picnic to be remembered! Choose your entrée, and enjoy many unique side dishes. Take a look at your 2 entrée choices below:

1. Cowboy Sam's Tasty Chuckwagon Barbequed Chicken Style
2. Salmon Fillets from the depths of the North Atlantic about 5 ounces

Sodas, Water, & Sweet BBQ Cowboy Beans will be provided.

"And Back by Popular demand"

Our Creamy Chocolate Cake for your dessert

What time: **12 pm**

Where:

Vlasis Park

Pavilion #1 (Nearest to the pond and playground)
300 Park Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011 Vlasis Park

Directions

From the junction of Manchester Road/I-270, take Manchester Road west, (about 3 miles) then **Seven Trails Drive north** to the park. The park is just east of the **Lowes** store

Cost: \$13.00 per person or just **\$8.00** if you bring a unique side dish for 4-5 people. Please feel free to bring guests. (same cost for them)

If you are bringing a side-dish, for the sake of variety, and your **last name** starts with

A-L Last names should bring an appetizer.

M-Z Last names should bring a salad. Eg: Potato, pasta, green, etc.

*In order to prepare enough special food to accommodate everyone,

send your payments and entrée choice to Maria Carson by July 10th.

Make check payable to Friendship Force of St. Louis-Missouri and mail check to:

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From Judy Cagle, LEO at the Zoo:

Mark your Calendars! LEO on **Wednesday, June 18th** with lunch at the **Boathouse** in Forest Park at **11:30 am** and then visit the **ZOO**. For information and if you plan to attend, you can contact [Judy Cagle](#) at 314-304-5644 or email her.