

## Our President's Report By David Motherwell

On May 8, twenty-one members attended the International Luncheon at Pan D'Olive. We had a great time mingling and sharing stories about our travels and other adventures. Several attendees told the group about memorable trips. Dorothy Jackson-Durity said that traveling in Madagascar was a rugged experience with plenty of lemurs and snakes. Mary Lou Hudson told about going on a submersible in Antarctica to view the sea life in the Southern Ocean. Doris Yohe told of the recent journey that Judy Neary, she and I took to Nebraska to view the sandhill crane migration. I told about a trip taken to Peru to view the Nazca Lines and Incan ruins.



On May 16, Jerry and Mary Johnson and I had a good book discussion about “The Fifties” by David Halberstam. This 731-page bestseller is a comprehensive history exploring that decade's cultural, political, and social transformations through profiles of key figures and trends. For those who lived through the Fifties, it was a decade that could evoke an awkward mixture of nostalgia, pride, and bitterness. Jerry recalled growing up in University City and asking his parents to buy a television. Mary and I shared memories of growing up on farms. As a young girl, she walked a mile to catch the school bus and helped her family in the vineyards near St. James. I lived on my grandmother's hardscrabble farm in northwest Arkansas and ended up writing a memoir about those years of struggling to survive on a meager income. Now the 50s seem like another lifetime when life in America was much different.

This month, Doris Yohe had to cancel the LEO history walking tour of Fort Belle Fontaine due to Plantar Fasciitis. She has stayed off her feet for two weeks and hopes to start walking again in early June. We wish Doris a full and speedy recovery.

### Schedule for future book discussions are as follows:

**June 16 – “Six Days in Bombay” by Alka Joshi.** This sweeping novel follows a young Anglo-Indian nurse who embarks on a journey from her home in Bombay, through Prague, Florence, Paris, and London, to uncover a mystery and prove her innocence after a famous painter dies in her care. In the end, she discovers that we are all made up of pieces, and only by seeing the world do we learn to see ourselves.

**July 21 – “The Pursuit of Happiness - How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America” by Jeffrey Rosen.** This New York Times bestseller explores how six Founders were influenced by classical Greek and Roman moral philosophers. Rosen explains how they understood the pursuit of happiness as a quest for being good, not feeling good—the pursuit of lifelong virtue, not short-term pleasure. Among those virtues were the habits of industry, temperance, moderation, and sincerity, which the Founders viewed as part of a daily struggle for self-improvement, character development, and calm self-mastery.

### From Dory Lamont, Outbound Journey Coordinator:

#### **St. Louis to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul August 24-29, 2026**

Hello Everyone,

Summertime is around the corner, and fun and friendships are just a 9-hour road trip away in Minneapolis/St. Paul! Our August 24-29 Friendship Force journey to the Twin Cities promises to be an ideal opportunity to explore a variety of planned club activities, as well to fit in an optional visit to the State Fair, the Mall of America, the sweet town of Stillwater, and more. The **deadline for applications is June 3**, after which the journey will be open to all FFI members, so send in your application today.

Using the following link, you may download the application, then complete, sign and email to me at [dorylamont@yahoo.com](mailto:dorylamont@yahoo.com). [\\*2026 Ambassador Application and Agreement for Print v. 2026 - Google Docs](#)

The anticipated fee for the journey is \$200-225, plus the \$25/night fee to FFI (so \$325-350 total). Transportation cost is not included. If you have any questions, please call me. 314-600-5669

In friendship,  
Dory

## From Doris Yohe, Social Committee VP

### LEO FOR JUNE

On Saturday, **June 20th at 10:00 am** we will be visiting the **Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks**, 222 Worth Road, St. Louis, 63125, rated 5 stars by Trip Advisor, and #5 of 608 things to do in St. Louis. Learn about Missouri's role in the Civil War. It is housed in the old 1905 Post Exchange and Gymnasium building. Free parking is located behind the Museum building. Admission is \$8 for Seniors, age 65+. There is seating throughout all the major exhibit galleries. From I 270 and Telegraph Road, turn north onto Telegraph Road and go north to Jefferson Barracks Road, turn right. Jefferson Barracks Road becomes Sherman Ave. Follow Sherman Ave. to Worth Road, turn left. The Missouri Civil War Museum is on the left in the third block of Worth Road.

**Next** to the Missouri Civil War Museum is the **Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum**, 16 Hancock Ave, 63126, Admission is \$5 for anyone who wants to see this museum.

**Next** to Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA is the **Jefferson Barracks Telephone museum**. Admission is \$5. It is rated 5 stars by Trip Advisors and #2 of 698 things to do in St. Louis. There is an extensive collection of telephones manufactured from the 1800s through 2000s and hundreds of pieces of telephone related equipment and tools from the 1800s.

We will have **lunch at the Cafe Telegraph Smoke Shack**, 2650 Telegraph Road, 63125. **Please RSVP to Doris Yohe, 314-805-8932.**

### HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

It is time to start planning our Holiday Luncheon. We need to find a new location for about 20 people for our Holiday Luncheon. Please volunteer to join a committee to find a location and plan the menu and entertainment for this event. Call or text Doris Yohe, 314-805-8932.

### ANNUAL PICNIC - JULY 8TH

#### From Stephen Wolfe:

It soon will be "**Picnic**" time again. It will be held on **Wednesday, July 8th** at noon at **Vlasis Park**, Ballwin (same location as last year).

Cowboy Sam is bringing back his delicious **Barbeque savory beans**. You can choose from these **three** chuckwagon features to complete your meal (**put preference on your check**):

- *Slow pit cooked sliced **steak**,*
- *Atlantic roasted **salmon**, or*
- *slow baked tangy **chicken**.*

Pick up one of the sides on our tables, then enjoy your meal with plenty of conversations with your friends. When you're done eating, head over to Cowboy Sam for your generous **slice of chocolate-cream cake**. Enjoy! Costs this year are the same as last year!!! **\$13** per person for your choice of **steak, chicken, or salmon**. **If you bring a non-dessert "side" of your choice**, the cost drops to just **\$8**.

You can send your check (with meat choice), made out to Friendship Force of MO-STL to **Maria Carson, Treasurer** at 15957 Fox Trotter Court, Ballwin, MO 63021. You can contact her at (314 401-4034) or [marcar1914@gmail.com](mailto:marcar1914@gmail.com).

**PLEASE DON'T WAIT. MAKE YOU ENTREE CHOICE AND SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT T-O-D-A-Y.**

Hope to see you all there on July 8th. It's ok to bring a friend.

## From Judy Young, Movie Group

*Per Steve and Maria from the movie group:*

In May, the movie group had another lively discussion about the movie, *The Devil Wears Prada 2*. The general consensus was that the movie was entertaining enough with the revival of the characters from Prada1 and great acting, especially Meryl Streep's strong performance. The movie gave us a glimpse into the future of the fashion industry and the impact of the evolving digital versus print focus in the future.

The next **Movie Group** will be on **Wednesday, June 10th**, and we'll discuss *Hail Mary* (more accurately **Project Hail Mary**, the 2026 film) follows Ryland Grace, a middle-school science teacher who wakes up alone on a spaceship with no memory, then slowly discovers he's on a one-way mission to save Earth from an alien microbe draining the Sun's energy. Along the way, he forms an unexpected alliance with an alien named Rocky, and ultimately chooses compassion over returning home. As always, after you have seen the movie, bring a dish to share another lively discussion. Please call/text **Judy Young at her cell at 636-634-1458** if you plan to attend.

## From Judy Cagle, VP of Membership

### June Birthdays

6/1	Patricia	Gray
6/15	Judy	Neary
6/19	Judy	Houser
6/19	Sophia	Toumbalakis
6/20	Lisa	Mechele

### **Membership Committee Formation**

*We really need to grow our club, so I would like to create a Membership Committee to brainstorm ideas on how to promote the club and find new members. There may be other opportunities this summer to set up a table or have some events at the local library. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining the committee. Please call or text me, **Judy Cagle, at 314-304-5644***

### **Instructions on how to receive this and future messages from Friendship Force International (World Headquarters)**

*Now that you have set up an ID and Password when you renewed online and become familiar with the My Friendship Force Platform ( <https://my.friendshipforce.org> ), you can explore the site.*

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- *Logon with email and password*
- *Upper Right click on picture and choose **My Profile***
- *Edit Communication Preference*
- *Verify that Newsletter is toggled On*

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- *Upper Right click on picture and choose My Profile*
- *Edit my Profile*
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- 1. A safe and secure place to learn more about Friendship Force International;*
- 2. A listing and information about other clubs;*
- 3. All upcoming journeys;*
- 4. Virtual programs and*
- 5. A place to engage with the global Friendship Force network beyond your local club.*

**If you have issues with renewing or getting online, please call Judy Cagle at 314-304-5644 or Maria Carson at 314-401-4034**