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ABOUT THE CLUB

Friendship Force Denver meets at South Suburban Christian Church 7275 S. Broadway, Littleton, CO. 80122 at 7 PM the second Tuesday of Sept. – Nov., and Jan – May, and also offers numerous social events throughout the year.

Come join us and bring your friends!

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Articles of interest from our members are welcome, and must be submitted to the editor by the 24th of the month for inclusion the following month. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of this newsletter, please send his or her email address to carolcoriell@gmail.com

Carol Coriell, Editor

ORLANDO INCOMING JOURNEY JUNE 21 – 28



Details on page 4

PLEASE JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!!



Tuesday, June 27th, 4 – 7:30 pm
(barbecue served from 4:30-5:30 pm)

A combined Friendship Force Denver 35th anniversary and Farewell Party for our Orlando Ambassador friends at Mike and Cindy Tanner's home at 4 Niblick Lane, Littleton, 80123.

All you have to do is RSVP (lureemiller@mac.com) and pay \$15/person. Checks should be payable to "Friendship Force Denver" and mailed to Les Eckstat at 6424 Silver Mesa Drive #A, Highlands Ranch CO 80130. BBQ provided by Bennett's, birthday cake provided by our club, and all beverages (except alcohol – that requires BYOB) provided by the Tanner's. You might want to bring portable chairs, too. It couldn't be easier!

But hurry – deadline to RSVP and pay is Saturday, June 17th.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Can you believe we are celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Friendship Force Denver this year! 35 years for a non-profit, cultural exchange organization, which is totally run by volunteers seems quite amazing to me. With all the changes in the world, the intent of Friendship Force makes as much sense today as it did when it was started. So many countries and areas have been visited by our members. So many people have come from places all over the world to visit us. And, most important, we have made so very many friends!



I am writing this while on the Friendship Force Journey to Western Michigan and Dayton, Ohio. I have not spent much time in the Mid-West, so this is a great experience. I really enjoy both domestic and international Journeys. Since I retired three years ago, we have gone on every exchange/Journey that Friendship Force Denver has offered. They have all been great experiences, and we have enjoyed all of our hosts.

I hope that all of you have been reading my daily posts on Facebook about our fantastic Journeys to Western Michigan and Dayton, Ohio. You can review our itineraries and my posts to know where we have been and what we have seen! What you can't read is how much we have all really enjoyed our Hosts!

For example, in Western Michigan, in addition to a great itinerary, our Hosts took Carl and me to their Lake House where we enjoyed drinks and appetizers on their pontoon boat as we traveled around the Lake of the Woods at sunset. We are driving right now from Cincinnati back to Dayton. We just had drinks on a porch overlooking The Ohio River, and are on our way to a Turkish Restaurant to take our Host to dinner. These have been fantastic Journeys!!!

Our next Club Outbound Journey is to Africa in October. I would NOT recommend that you pet a lion as we did, but at the time, it seemed like a great experience! That is what our exchanges/Journeys are all about – the experiences!

Please do plan to come to our 35th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, June 27th, at 4:00 pm, in conjunction with the Farewell Party for the Inbound Orlando Ambassadors. The details of the BBQ are in this newsletter. In addition to attending, please contact any past members of Friendship Force Denver with whom you keep in touch and let them know that the picnic is open to both current and past members of FFD, and potential members that they may want to invite. Again, the details and costs of the picnic are also in this newsletter.

Also, please remember that we do not have our regular Membership Meetings in June, July, or August; however, the Social Committee may decide that they can't wait until Fall to plan a Munch Lunch Bunch get together! We will start our regular meetings again in September, though some of us will still be in England after attending the Friendship Force International Conference in Manchester, England. That looks as if it is going to be a fantastic conference, and I do believe that you can still register for it.

I am proud to be a member of Friendship Force Denver, and I hope that we will be around for at least another 35 years!

In Friendship,
Lynn Dawson

2017 JOURNEYS

Dates May Be Subject To Minor Change

May 10 – 21, 2017: Outbound "Back-to-Back" Domestic Journeys

May 10 – 14, 2017: Outbound Domestic Journey: Western Michigan

May 15 – 21, 2017: Outbound Domestic Journey: Dayton, Ohio

Ambassador Coordinators: Carl & Lynn Dawson

June 21 – 28, 2017:

Inbound Journey: Orlando, Florida

[Host Coordinators: Jeannette Armbrustmacher and Barbara McIntire;

jmarmbru@aol.com and wlmcintire@aol.com

Jeannette: 303-279-0418 Barbara: 303-795-9768]

See page 4 for details.

August 24 – 28, 2017: Friendship Force 40th Anniversary Conference; Manchester, U.K.

There will be pre- and post-conference homestays and tours in the U.K. and in Europe.

Sign up now at www.friendshipforceinternational.org

October 1 - 7, 2017:

Inbound Journey: San Francisco, California

[Host Coordinators: Luree and Scott Miller at

lureemiller@mac.com and rscott@msn.com;

Home: 303-586-4146; Luree's Cell: 415-215-3770; Scott's Cell: 415-602-3770]

See pages 5 and 6 for details

October 14 – 28, 2017

Outbound "Back-to-Back" International Journeys to Africa:

October 14 – 21, 2017: Outbound International Journey to Kampala, Uganda

October 21 – 28, 2017: Outbound International Journey to Nairobi, Kenya

October 28 - November 2, 2017: Optional safari to Kenyan animal reserves and national parks.

[Ambassador Coordinators: Jack Green and Ilene Americus jack.green@comcast.net

and iamericus-denver@yahoo.com Jack: 303-782-0140 Ilene: 303-941-2280]

Journey is full, with a waiting list being maintained.

2018

June 2018: We are planning an outbound Journey to Lübeck, Germany, followed by a week in Limburg, Belgium

Fall 2018: Inbound International Journey from Vancouver, Canada

2020

Spring or Fall, 2020: Outbound Journey to Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley FF Club.

Visit www.friendshipforce.org/Journeys to see the complete range of Journeys offered by clubs throughout the world.

INBOUND JOURNEY FROM ORLANDO

JUNE 21 – 28, 2017

HOST COORDINATORS: Jeanette Armbrustmacher and Barbara McIntire



**On Wednesday, June 21st,
FFD Home Hosts welcome 20 Orlando
Ambassadors to Denver.**

Thursday, guests tour the Capitol, then visit "Back Story" at the Colorado History Museum. They wind down at Kim Means' clubroom with the Welcome Party. All members are invited; we need a few more volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Reservation details below.*

Friday, "Wild West Day" features the Molly Brown House, and the Bison Ranch at Genesee.

Saturday's "Behind the Scenes" tour of the DCPA theaters erases any vestiges of Denver's "Cowtown" image. Reservation details below.**

Sunday's free day encourages home hosts to introduce their guests to the hosts' favorite happenings nearby, be it gondola rides at Keystone or Estes Park's Scandinavian festival.

Monday raises the elevation and breathless quality, with views from Red Rocks and Georgetown's historic Narrow Gauge RR, spiced with tales of the Mining Days, while touring Hotel de Paris.

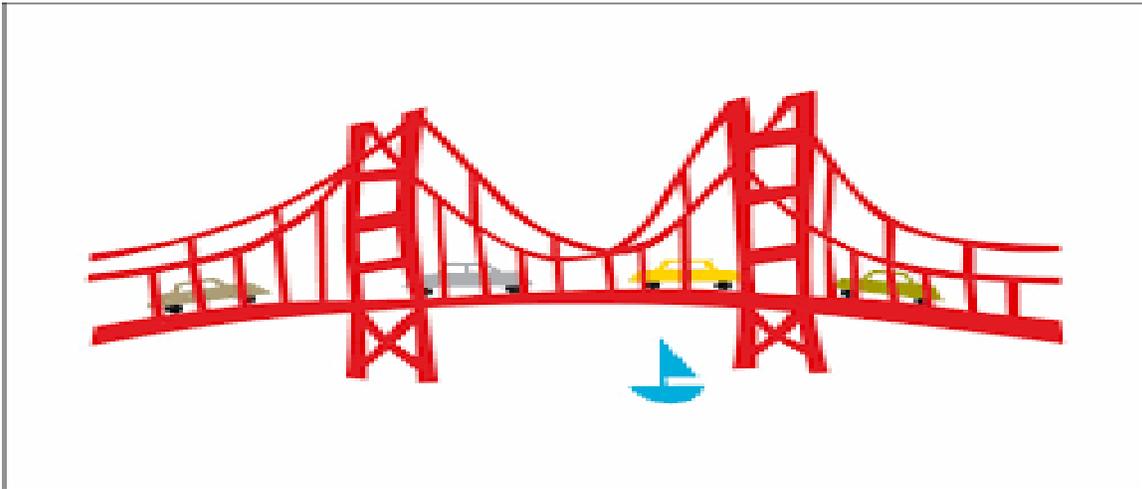
Tuesday, the free morning offers the last chance to explore the one Denver hot spot you missed, right up until the 4pm Farewell/35th Birthday BBQ at Tanner's. Details on page 1.

Wednesday, we bid farewell to our fabulous folk from Orlando, promising to keep in touch and reminding each other how lucky we were to travel together.

*Members are invited to join in the Welcome Party on June 22nd. The cost is \$5 if you bring a contribution to the Make-Your-Own Taco Salad Bar, (coordinate with Carol Gocke cargoc@comcast.net) or \$10 without. Reserve with Barbara McIntire wlmcintire@aol.com by June 19th. Send checks to Les Eckstat, see below.

**Saturday's "Behind the Scenes" tour of the DCPA has 7 available spaces, \$12.00 each. Reserve with Jeannette Armbrustmacher jmarmbru@aol.com by June 10th. Send checks to Les Eckstat.

To pay for events: send check payable to *Friendship Force Denver* to Les Eckstat, 6424 Silver Mesa Dr., #A, Highlands Ranch CO 80130.



HERE COMES SAN FRANCISCO!

The San Francisco Bay Area club (15 Ambassadors as of now) will be here before we know it – arriving on October 1, departing on October 7. Let's give them a truly grand Front Range and Denver week of friendship, adventure, and fun. Thanks to those who have already signed up to participate as home host, day host, or small group dinner hosts and to those who would like to help with the final planning. But there is ALWAYS room for more hands, more ideas, and more enthusiasm.

We will definitely need more day and small group dinner hosts, as well as more home hosts, if San Francisco adds up to 3 more Ambassadors to their Journey. Please join us for any part of the itinerary and meet both old and new friends at some of the club's favorite Journey sites, as well as one or two new ones. Contact Luree Miller to help in any way (415-215-3770 or lureemiller@mac.com). Our serious planning begins **NOW!**

PLEASE JOIN US...

Please join us for any – or all – of the events planned when the San Francisco Bay Area club is here in early October. It is important to fill out the reservation form on the following page, and mail (with payment) to Luree Miller, 2001 Lincoln St. #1221, Denver CO 80202. Here is a brief summary of the scheduled events:

- October 1st** – Ambassadors arrive. BBQ Welcome Party at Kim Means' residence: The Pinnacles (Tower 2 Club Room), 1650 Fillmore, Denver
- October 2nd** – Banjo Billy city tour, lunch at Buckhorn Exchange, and tour of Byers-Evans Home. Optional visit to the State Capitol afterwards
- October 3rd** – Lunch at Dushanbe Tea House in Boulder, autumn-color drive through Boulder Canyon to Nederland and ride/learn about Carousel of Happiness. Small group dinners in the evening
- October 4th** – Flexible free day
- October 5th** – Red Rocks Amphitheater tour, lunch at Mount Vernon Country Club, and Denver Mountain Park, bison talk/paddock visit
- October 6th** – Roxborough State Park naturalist-guided walk, Sack Lunch Farewell Picnic at Carol Rush and Bob Meer's home: 9154 W. Flamingo Way, Littleton
- October 7th** – Ambassadors depart

HOST COORDINATORS: Luree Miller lureemiller@mac.com 415-215-3770 and Scott Miller rscotty@msn.com 415-602-3770

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA JOURNEY RESERVATIONS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i># of People</i>	<i>Cost per Person</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sun, Oct 1	Welcome Party BBQ, 4 PM 650 Fillmore, Tower and Clubroom		10.00	
Mon, Oct 2	Banjo Billy Tour *can accommodate a few hosts— talk to Luree		no charge	N/A
Mon, Oct 2	Buckhorn Exchange lunch		20.00	
Mon, Oct 2	Byers-Evans House tour		5.00	
Tue, Oct 3	Dushanbe Tea House lunch/Boulder		on your own	N/A
Tue, Oct. 3	Carousel of Happiness – Nederland		on your own	N/A
Thur, Oct. 5	Red Rocks Amphitheater Tour		3.00	
Thur, Oct 5	Mount Vernon Country Club Buffet lunch		25.00	
Fri, Oct 6	Roxborough State Park Naturalist-led walk		no charge	N/A
Fri, Oct 6	Farewell Party-Littleton Sack Picnic, charge for drinks and dessert, bring sack lunch		6.00	
Questions? Call Luree at 415-215-3770 (cell)			TOTAL	
Checks should be made payable to "Friendship Force Denver" and mailed, along with the completed form to: Luree Miller, 2001 Lincoln St., #1221, Denver CO 80202				
DEADLINE TO RESERVE: September 12, 2017				

OUTBOUND JOURNEY TO KAMPALA, UGANDA AND NAIROBI, KENYA OCT 14 – 28

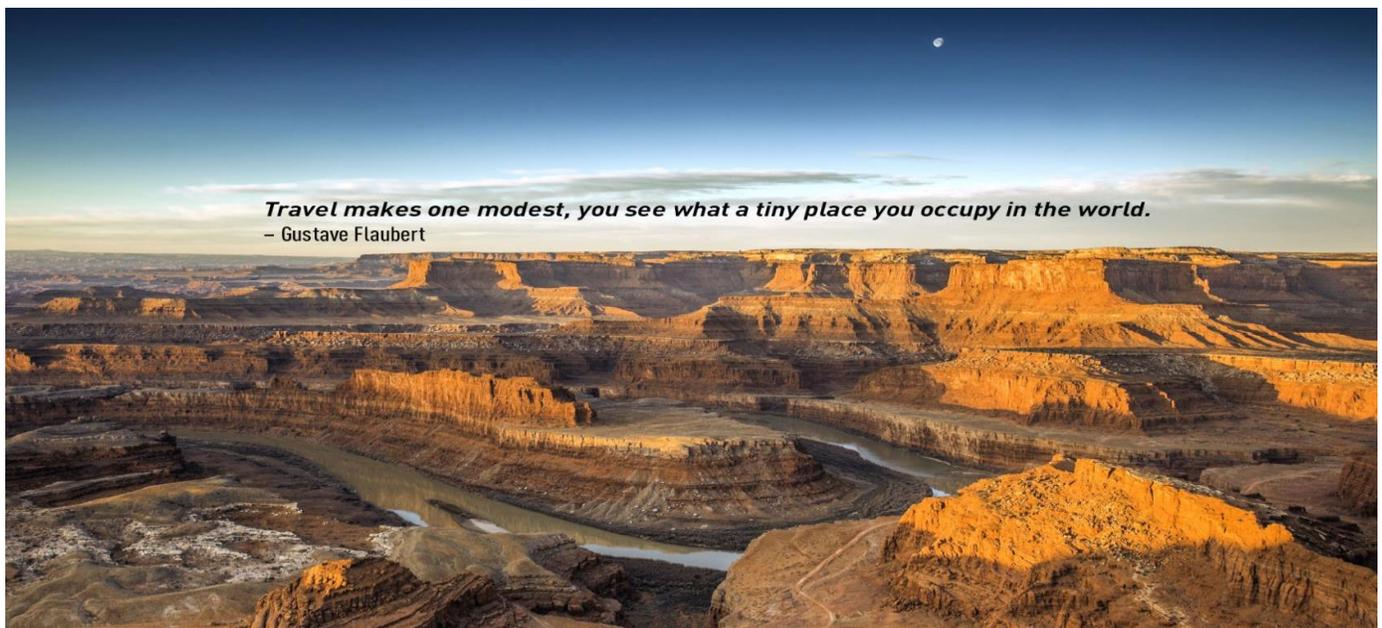


FFD's Journey to Kampala and Nairobi in October is full, with 22 excited adventurers looking forward to learning about life in these two intriguing east African countries.

The culture, customs, traditions and geography all have fascinating allure and our hosts have provided a veritable smorgasbord of activities and sights to delight any traveler's appetites. And there will be food to experience, of course.

Speaking of food - the Ambassadors themselves will be providing a spicy diversity with people from Utah, Oregon and Australia joining fifteen members of FFD. And for dessert - six days of "wild kingdom" as 21 of the Ambassadors venture forth on an expedition to Amboseli, Masai Mara and other animal preserves. For now, we are keeping fingers crossed that all are able to get the required, but suddenly scarce, yellow fever immunization. Never a dull moment in Journey planning.

AMBASSADOR COORDINATORS: Jack Green and Ilene Americus



ANCIENT GREECE – Following the Apostle Paul’s Footsteps



Bill Klein, professor of New Testament at Denver Seminary, presented an interesting walk through ancient Greece, using one of the Apostle Paul’s three Journeys in Greece, as well as his own experience gleaned from multiple study trips in the region,. In his presentation, he showed numerous slides documenting the excavation done in places like Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth, Mycenae, and Athens. Some fun historical facts also emerged from those excavations.

Philippi –There was no synagogue in Philippi, because a city needed 10 adult males in order to build one. Like all ancient

Greek cities, Philippi had an acropolis (“high city”) which was used for defense from attack. A young slave girl in town had demonic powers that her owners used for financial gain. Paul exorcised the demons from the girl, and according to guides today, was imprisoned in a small cave by her angry owners.



Thessaloniki –Today it is the second largest city in Greece. There are few places to excavate, because the modern city sits on the site of the ancient city, making excavation of ruins nearly impossible. It is home to a major archeological museum, where gold and other artifacts from both the Byzantine era and Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great, are on display.

Corinth –Due to its location on the isthmus between Athens and the Peloponnese, it capitalized on its strategic ancient trade route. Cargo was unloaded from one body of water, the boats were then moved on rollers for 17 miles to the next body of water, and the cargo was reloaded onto the boats. By 1893, trade had a better (and easier!) route – a canal through the isthmus. Today even small cruise ships sail the narrow canal. It was also known in ancient times as a city of prostitutes and debauchery, due perhaps in large part to the sailors that frequented Corinth. There are wonderful ruins of ancient baths (hot, cold, and steam baths – for the men only), so the city was also known as a place of healing.

Mycenae – Although not on Paul’s route, this was the first advanced civilization of the ancient world. It included advances in engineering and architecture, as well as the first written record of ancient history. The Lion’s Gate is an engineering wonder (and mystery) to this day. The lintel is said to weigh 18 tons. How was it put in place? The area was the site of competitive sporting games that most likely laid the foundation for the first Olympic games.

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Athens – The Athenians raised money to build the Parthenon on their acropolis with a form of racketeer “protection money.” The British Museum contains most of the reliefs taken from the Parthenon, and Greece has been unsuccessful in having them returned to Greece. Britain’s argument is that it saved the friezes from destruction, so it deserves to continue protecting them. Athens is the capital and largest city in Greece, and is still dominated by spectacular ancient ruins.



His talk and slide presentation brought back amazing memories to those of us who have been to these places. And to those of us who have only read about Greece in history books or seen a smattering of Greek ruins displayed in museums, there might now be the wistful desire to walk where the Apostle Paul once walked. And to those of us who cannot travel that far any longer, it was a perfect “armchair” talk of ancient history and the people who lived then.

The **Open World Program** is sponsored by the U.S. Congress for young professionals from the former Soviet Union countries. Its mission is to bring young people with leadership potential in various technical areas to the U.S. for an instructional program of approximately 10 days.



by Sandy Villarreal

A local community group, such as Friendship Force, arranges the program for each group. The sponsoring community group receives funds from the government to support the program. A typical group consists of four delegates, a facilitator (a person who speaks English well and has a good knowledge of U.S. customs), and an interpreter.

Our club has sponsored eight Open World groups in previous years, the most recent one in 2016. We have had two groups focusing on medical issues, one in environmental concerns, two in governance, one in community organization, one in journalism and one in water management. FF Denver has hosted groups from Russia, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan. On one memorable occasion, Jake Jabs of American Furniture Warehouse personally spent 3 hours explaining free enterprise to a group from Kyrgyzstan.

People in our club who have been Coordinators for Open World include Rosalie Summers and Dave Bentzin, who were responsible for the two groups from Kyrgyzstan; Anita Smith, who was responsible for a group from Russia and the group from Turkmenistan, and Nancy Lawton who was co-coordinator for a group from Russia.

During the week the delegates are with us, they learn a lot about their area of expertise from exposure to experts in their field, and meet contact persons for future assistance. (The program requires 34 hours of instruction.) They also shop every free moment that they have. If you ever host for an Open World, it’s a good opportunity to get rid of that old suitcase that has just been taking up space in your basement!

2017 CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING JUNE 6
Tuesday, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM *

INBOUND DOMESTIC JOURNEY June 21 – 28
Orlando, Florida, details page 4

JUNE SOCIAL/ANNUAL PICNIC JUNE 27
Tuesday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
At Cindy and Mike Tanner's home
Catered BBQ picnic, farewell party for
Orlando guests. Details page 1

**40TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE**
Manchester, UK Aug 24 – 28



BOARD MEETING SEPT 5
Tuesday, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM SEPT 12
Tuesday, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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BOARD MEETING OCT 3
Tuesday, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

OCTOBER PROGRAM OCT 10
Tuesday, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Annual Meeting, Election of Officers

OUTBOUND JOURNEY Oct 14 - 28
Kampala, Uganda and Nairobi, Kenya
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* Board meetings will be held at the Perrin
Room of the Englewood Library, 1000
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MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

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Please check your own listing for accuracy.
Report any changes to Peggy Morrison,
pamasm@aol.com



Check out our Page:
www.facebook.com/friendshipforceofdenver

Lynn Dawson sent pictures every day while participating in the Michigan-Ohio Journey. It was such fun to be able to follow along with the group, sharing in all of their experiences.

The number of responses to these posts were amazing! And from all over the world!

Click on "Like", and you will get the posts on your Newsfeed. From there, you can "Share" to your timeline friends, and let them all know what a great club you belong to!



BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 – WE NEED YOUR INPUT

This year's Board recommended some changes to our By-Laws to make it easier to fill the officer positions, which have been somewhat hard to fill over the past few years. Lynn Dawson discussed these changes in the May newsletter. The By-Laws were approved by members at the May 9th meeting. Here is a reminder of those changes.

The first significant change is changing from a President-Elect to a Vice-President. The rationale for doing this is that because the President-Elect becomes the President and then the Past President, one is making a three-year commitment to serve on the Board. This means that, at a minimum, you need to attend every board meeting and membership meeting for three years, which makes it impossible to travel for more than two weeks at a time except for the months of July and August (and that is if we are not hosting an inbound Journey in those months). There was also the thought that if the person in the President-Elect role (who is also responsible for the overall coordination of Journeys and the orientation of Host and Ambassador Coordinators) does a great job in that role and does not want to become President, they could stay in that position.

The second major change is to allow all of the officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to serve up to three consecutive terms. Since the Vice-President may not choose to ascend to the role of President, we added a requirement that any candidate for President should have prior experience as an officer or board member of a Friendship Force Club. One more director was added to the board, to serve a one-year term. This would give the board 9 voting members. The Past President would still be an ex-officio member of the board, but would not have a vote, which means, again, that a President is really making a one-year commitment instead of the current three-year commitment. The President, like the other officers, could be re-elected for another term in this revision, which the past Bylaws did not allow.



Your vote counts! Who would you like to nominate for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Board member? Contact me, John Giles, Chairman of Nominating Committee, jgiles_911@hotmail.com.

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