



friendship force

CENTRAL ARIZONA

May 4X4

President's Message - Nancy Mueller
SUMMER IS NEARLY HERE!



The outbound journey to Ontario Canada begins May 8. There are 10 ambassadors staying with 7 host families. We always tiptoe the first 24 hours with hosts trying to learn the family's schedule and adapt to new surroundings. By day 3 we are comfortable and it is a

sad, tearful parting at the departure. I've come to expect this pattern after decades of FFI travel.

FFI considers crossing the Canadian border as an international journey. No major ocean to cross, no significant time zone change, only a minor culture shock with the poutine French fries with cheese curds and brown gravy.

Still, Jeremi Snook, FFI president, reminds us this "At a time when division often feels overwhelming, our mission—to remind the world that we are more alike than we are different—has never been more urgent."

International friendship will be found in the shared space.

HUGS

*Kick Off for Summer
Break*

Join us May 4th at 4 pm at Nancy-Richard Mueller's home at 10523 W Bellarose Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Pulled pork will be served and please bring a dish to share plus whatever you would like to wet your whistle!

Plan on wearing some kind of T-shirt which is from a different state, a country, a sports team or even a bar!

Please RSVP to Nancy at 608.838.3575....



2026 Board of Directors Officers and Committee Chairs

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Journey Coordinator - Richard Mueller

Membership - Maggie Wittenberg

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REMINDER

Gentle Reminder: If you have not paid your Club dues for 2026, please send a check for \$10.00 to Ruth Noble, 4021 N. 45th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

Registration and payment of \$100 dues to Friendship Force International can be made online with credit card. Need help or have questions - contact Nancy Mueller (608.838.3575) or Ruth Noble (602.920.8680).

If you have paid all dues and registered, thank you!

Looking Back - April 4X4

What a fun time we had at Poppy's house!





Left behind at Friendship Force Events!!
Need to find their family...call Nancy
Mueller 608.838.3575.....



May 4 x 4

For those of you still in AZ on May 4th, the Central AZ Friendship Force will hold our final 4 x 4 for 2026 spring at Nancy and Richard Mueller's home at 10523 Bellarose Dr, Sun City. Updates will be provided on this next fall's Kansas City, Missouri Inbound Journey to be held November 8-13. We will possibly have 15 ambassadors. Please keep considering hosting plus offering activity ideas. Contact Sue at 970.589.5004.



Save the Dates - Future 4X4s

4th of each Month at 4:00 pm	Location	Activity or Speaker
May - Monday	Nancy and Richard Mueller Home 10523 W Bellarose Dr, Sun City	Update on Kansas November inbound
Summer off	Summer off	Summer off
Sept - Friday	Maggie Wittenberg Home 13330 W Laterraza Dr, Sun City West	What did you do this summer?
Oct - Sunday	Don Rueben's Restaurant 11340 W Bell Rd Unit 125, Surprise	Travel Trivia
November - Tuesday	Chris Kastella Home 10950 West Union Hills Dr Unit 1252, Sun City	Lawn Bowling
December - Friday	Sun City West, Kuntz Recreation Center 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd, Sun City West	Holiday Party

April 2026 Treasurer Report (as of end of March 2026)

Two Cents Worth from Treasurer:

As we approach May and warm weather will soon be hot weather, many of you for now, are saying good-bye. Which brings to my mind all the different ways we say good-bye. Pick a language and say it and send it to me. I'll collect them and make a fun story at my story telling slams. Rshaw38@cox.net. For now, stay safe and happy. Here's a "good-bye hug for you"

In friendship, Ruth - The Friendship Force of Central Arizona Treasurer

TREASURER Report:

Chase Bank Club Account March 31, 2026 statement

Statement ending March 31, 2026
 Beginning Balance \$ 3,689.07*
 *Corrected balance \$60 Club Dues
 Deposits and Additions..... \$ 2,210.00
 Transferred Tucson funds from
 Journey Account \$2200.00
 Membership Dues \$ 10.00
 Electronic Withdrawals..... **\$ 2,174.59**
 Tucson Adventure Expenses
 Fees Chase Bank..... **\$ 15.00**
 Ending Balance \$ 3,709.48

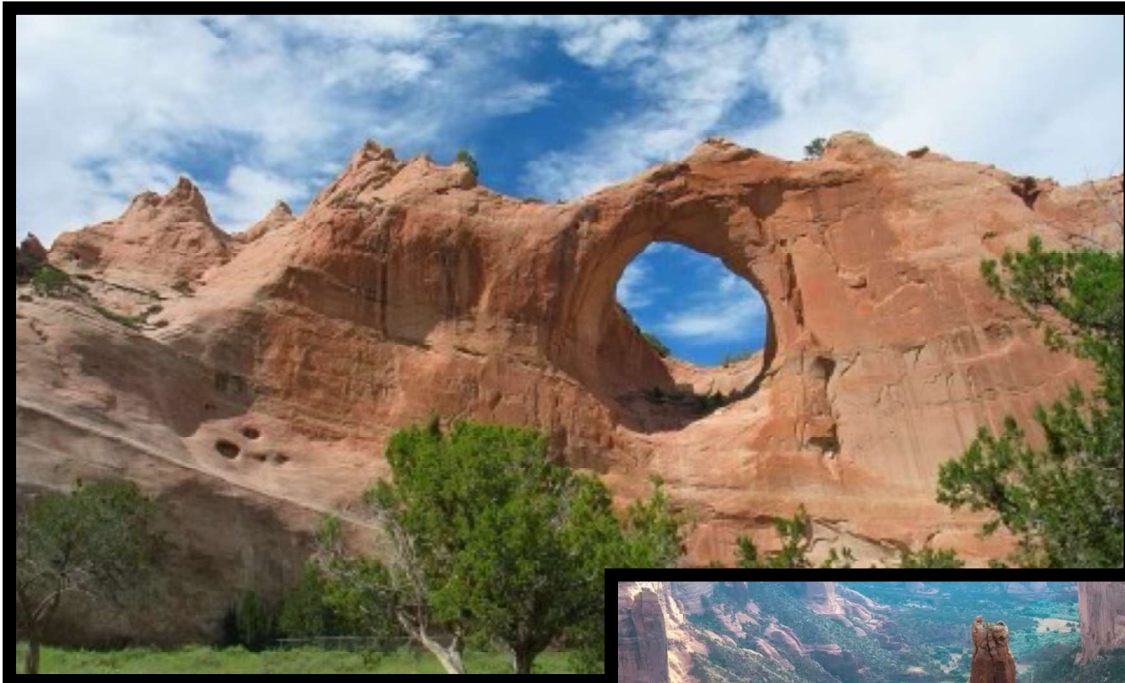
Chase Bank Journey Account: March 24, 2026, statement

Beginning Balance: \$ 3,860.48
 Deposits (Canada journey)..... \$ 7,350.00
 Checks Paid: Club Acct Tucson (\$ 2,200.00)
 Electronic Withdrawals
 Friendship Force Intl.
 Canada Journey..... (\$ 1,350.00)
 Ending Balance\$ 7,660.48

Navajo Nation Adventure - Coming in 2027!!!

Our survey reports many members are interested in this exploration, however they prefer 2027 dates. So this trip will be postponed until March or April 2027 and an additional day will be added to include Window Rock.

Possible Itinerary: Explore the Navajo reservation, the community and school at Rock Point with an overnight stay. Visit the Hubbell Trading Post plus bump around in a jeep and tour Canyon de Chelly for 2 days. An addition portion of a day will be spent at Window Rock, the capital of the Navajo Nation and a major cultural hub will be researched. If interested on helping with this trip contact Pat Forsythe (414.803.5704) to let her know of your interest!



Have a GREAT, SAFE summer!!