

Unlocking the Future of Friendship Force

Great Lakes, Midwest, and Southwest Joint Regional Conference



April 20-21, 2018

**Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront
668 West 5th Street, Covington, KY 41011**

Program:

Friday, April 20

2:00 - 4:00 PM Leadership discussion of club strengths and weaknesses and strategies for embracing change – all are welcome; club leadership encouraged to attend

4:15 - 6:30 PM Social Gathering

Saturday, April 21

9:00 - 10:15 AM Opening and Keynote Address by Bob Herring of Cincinnati Sister Cities

10:45 - Noon Morning Breakout Sessions

Noon - 2:00 PM Small Group Lunches at local restaurants

2:00 - 3:15 PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions

3:45 - 5:00 PM Group discussion of strategies for re-energizing and growing our clubs

5:00 - 5:30 PM Wrap Up

7:00 - 9:30 PM Banquet with music by Ma Crow and the Ladyslippers

Registration

Conference: The conference fee covers the costs of conference rooms, snacks, materials and the banquet. The fee is **\$125** if received by **Friday, March 30** and **\$135** if received between **March 31** and **Monday April 16**. Registration will not be accepted after April 16. A full refund will be given for requests received by Friday, March 30 and a 50% refund for requests received by April 16. No refunds will be returned after April 16. Mail the registration form(s) and a check made out to **Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati** for \$125 (resp. \$135) per registrant to:

Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati
c/o Rella Hadley
5 Springbok Dr.
Fairfield OH 45014

If there are questions regarding registration, please contact Phil Schmidt at 859-635-2006 or philschmidt45@gmail.com

Hotel: Contact the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront directly at 859-491-1200 to make room reservations. Be sure to mention "Friendship Force" to receive the conference rate of \$122 per night (and up depending on room type) plus tax. We have reserved rooms with two queen beds or with a king bed. The Hotel will also give this rate for up to two days before and after the conference. **Note:** rooms are limited and will only be held until March 30, so reserve your room early.

Pre- and Post- Conference Hosting

The Dayton, OH club is offering preconference hosting, April 16 – April 20. They have planned a Welcome Dinner, two days of group activities and a day to spend with your hosts. If interested, contact Bambi Saxe at 937 429-5243 or Jan Vivanco at 937 252-6810. Members of the Cincinnati club are offering up to three nights of "Bed and Breakfast" hosting following the conference. Contact Judy Hornsby at 513 313-6768 if you are interested in extending your visit to Cincinnati.

Exploring Our Area

If you come before the conference or stay a few days after, check out the websites www.cincyusa.com and www.meetnky.com for information about Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Our area offers a variety of cultural venues, beautiful parks for hiking and biking, and the Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Not too far away, you can visit the Kentucky Horse Park, underground railroad sites, and the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton.



Music Hall, home to the Cincinnati Pops, Cincinnati Symphony, and the May Festival Chorus

Directions to the Conference Hotel

The Radisson is located in Covington Kentucky on the banks of the Ohio River, across from Cincinnati. It is a 18-story round building very near I-75.

From the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), take I-275 East and, after about 3 miles, exit onto I-75 North toward Cincinnati. Follow the directions immediately below for “From the South”. The hotel does not offer shuttle service, so use Uber, taxi, or car rental.

From the South on I-75 North, take exit 192 to 5th street. Immediately at the end of the exit ramp, move to the far left lane and make a left-hand turn at the stop-light onto Philadelphia Street. After about half a block, turn left again into the Radisson Parking lot and find your way to the front entrance of the hotel.

From the North on I-75 South, cross the Ohio River and immediately take exit 192 onto 5th street and stay to the left. After passing beneath the Interstate, you can pull into the Radisson parking lot.

For more information about the conference or to download an additional registration form, go to <https://ffregionalcincinnati.weebly.com>



Our Keynote speaker, Bob Herring, has a long history of promoting global citizenship. As Principal of Nativity of Our Lord School in Cincinnati from 1984 to 2015, Bob developed a global education program that fosters global citizenship through a challenging academic program and the student exchange program designed for students in Grades 5-8. He received the Global Educator Award from the National Peace Corps Association in recognition the program he developed at Nativity School. Since retirement, Bob has been very active with the Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister Cities Project, and currently serves as its President. Kharkiv is the second largest city in the Ukraine and is a major cultural, educational, and industrial center.



Radisson Hotel exterior and view of Cincinnati river front from the hotel's revolving restaurant

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Friendship Force Club: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City, State zip)

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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_____ Check if we may include your contact information in the Conference Booklet

_____ Check if you're the President of your club