

## FFI Regional Conference Milwaukee October, 2024

Here are some pictures and thoughts from our club members who attended the 2024 Friendship Force Super Regional International Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

*Many thanks to Bob Mitchell and the Milwaukee FF chapter for hosting the North American Conference. Lots of great activities, from the warm welcome at registration, places to tour, great hotel accommodations to the conference sessions. A job well done! Connie*



Connie, Judy Joanie, Patty



Fun seeing old friends

*Technology is here to stay, embrace it*

Jerry

*Loved hearing new ideas from other clubs and gained appreciation about how we do things*

Joannie

*Lead with why we do this.*

Jerry



Jeremi Snook, Tom, Nancy, Judy, Jerry, Carol



*Profile new members or current members in the newsletter.*

Jerry

*Everyone can do something and everyone should do something, whether it is large or small.*

*Become a SME: Subject Matter Expert - Move from being a voice in the crowd to a known expert on citizen diplomacy.*

Nancy

*Two ideas I gleaned from the conference were:*

- 1. We need to have our program for incoming set early send them a copy of what is planned (how much walking etc.) so that their ambassadors know what they will be seeing and how strenuous the days might be. More of them may sign up if they know the schedule.*
- 2. Possibly consider two year terms for officers and or co-presidents. Maybe more people would be willing to serve as president if they knew they could do it with someone. Some husband/wife teams have done this, but two women or two men could share the duty, too. Someone we talked to from another club said they have two-year terms, and it works well.*

Carol

