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The Ambassador

President's Message

Al Colville



Happy New Year! I am pleased to announce that the Friendship Force of Central Virginia is in great shape thanks in large measure to the efforts of Dave Burns during his two years at the helm of this organization. I am delighted to be able to take the reins from him at this point and hope that I can help continue the forward progress that he has initiated.

One of Dave's accomplishments, with some super help from Rob Beck, was to get us into a new organizational structure. We are now a 501C3 Corporation offering us several tax advantages for our members and our possible sponsors.

Our new BOD has met this year and drafted a calendar for 2016 that should allow us to achieve some major goals. Those goals are two-fold: Increase participation by current members and increase our membership by bringing in fresh new folks who enjoy supporting our mission. We are looking for people who share our ideals: those who enjoy meeting and hosting new people, especially from foreign countries, and sharing the unique features of Central Virginia and those who enjoy visiting other countries, being hosted by locals and learning about their cultures.

Please review carefully the many opportunities that will be offered to our members this year and decide how best you can participate in our activities. I am sure you will find them all worthwhile, productive and fun for you. And don't forget, to be a part of this great organization, you do need to fill out the application contained in this newsletter and send it in with this year's dues. And to get the "best bang for your buck", please get involved and help us grow.

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Mark These Dates!

January Meeting	Jan. 23
Medicine Hat Exchange	April 24 – May 1
Civil War Exchange	Sept 28 – Oct 1

Membership Renewal

It's that time again... time to renew your membership in Friendship Force of Central Virginia. Good news... dues haven't increased! Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter. This helps us insure that our information on you is correct and helps us keep track of who has paid their dues. Submit the form with your dues (Bring your dues and application to the January meeting or mail it to David Lea - see bottom of the form).

2016 promises to be a great year and you won't want to miss any of it.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, January 23RD 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Details for the meeting are still being arranged.

Look for a Doodle Poll with details.

Medicine Hat Exchange

Bob Schwagerl, Exchange Director

Plans are well advanced for the arrival of our neighbors from Canada!

A much appreciated thank you for all the many volunteers including Home Hosts, Day Hosts, Small Dinner Parties and more! Arrival of the Ambassador information forms are expected this week, we will follow up with the first step being Home Host assignments. Be alert for receipt of this information and please advise promptly if there are any questions or problems.

Following the exchange, our hope is to arrange a reciprocal exchange to Medicine Hat. First preference for participation in that exchange will be to those FFICV who have contributed in the inbound activities.

Any questions? Contact Bob & Dee Schwagerl 434-984-1490 or bobadeeva@centurylink.net

Social Committee in Action

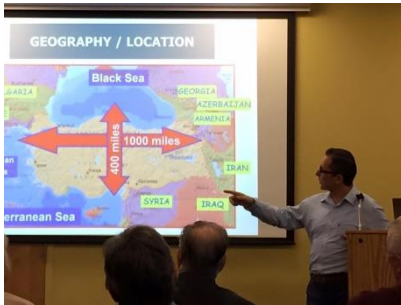
Peggy Colville

Our Christmas Party at the Hokansons in December was more like a picnic – the weather was unusually warm and attendance was excellent. Deb Winslow prepared a tasty and beautiful table and many former and now retired members came by to greet old friends. Many thanks to the Hokansons for opening their house to us and to Deb for preparing the food.



JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair



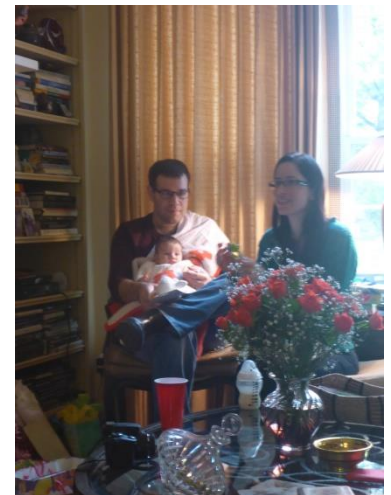
At our FFCV meeting on 21 November, our family from Tukey attended; Ali, his wife Gulay, their daughter Elif and son Mehmet. Ali gave a presentation on his country and provided multiple handouts for us to take with us. It was very interesting and informative. I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the presentation. I know we all enjoyed talking and spending time with his family.

At our January meeting, we are hoping to have our student from Egypt, CPT Hassan attend and give his presentation on his country.

Please plan to attend. You will definitely enjoy it.

On Saturday, January 8th, Dale Walden, sponsor of our Israeli family, held a brunch/baby shower for Liat Leslie and her parents, Tal & Moran. Liat was born on October 9th 2015. Now at almost three months old, she was a delight to spend the afternoon with. There were many thoughtful and “cute” gifts received. Dale had approximately 18 people attending, including the three other women in the JAG class.

I would like to form a committee for the JAG School. I think it would be nice to sponsor more get-togethers with all of the students and the family members. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact me @: toeheadva@yahoo.com or 434-589-8724.



A Nation Divided – America’s Civil War

Dave Burns

We continue to prepare for this exchange from Sept. 28th to Oct. 2nd. While much of the planning is now complete, later this summer we will be making some “dry runs” to the various venues to be sure that the program will be well executed. Stay tuned for further updates and how you can participate.

Outreach

Linda Burns, Chair

We have a family member of one of our FFCV members going in for surgery this week. I would like to ask for volunteers to help in supplying dinners for the family. I will be sending out an email soon.

If you know of any other member who needs an “outreached hand” please let me know.

You can contact me @ toeheadva@yahoo.com or 434-589-8724.

Fund Raising

Pam Hokanson, Chair

We received a nice thank you letter from the Fridays After Five people. We pass this on to all those who participated in our 2015 fund raising activities. We will be contacting the FAF people to make sure that we are on the list of volunteers for 2016. When we learn a bit more about how they will be running the program this year, I will be in touch with you. Hopefully you will be able to join us for this fun event.



October 14, 2015

Dear Charity Captain,

Thanks for all your hard work in staffing our concessions this season.

Enclosed is your check for the hours worked at events up through the end of September. We greatly appreciate your help and please let all of your volunteers know that we thank them.

Please also remember our sponsors that are helping to underwrite the costs of all of our events. nTelos Wireless is our naming sponsor and they contribute mightily to support our programming. Budweiser is our very generous Beer sponsor and anyone working the beer stands knows how active their support is! We also want to recognize all of our other Fridays After Five sponsors including:

Pepsi

The Charlottesville Newsplex TV Stations

The Charlottesville Radio Group stations

Allen & Allen Attorneys

C-ville Weekly

Our season is wrapping up and most of you have worked your last event with us. It has been a great season and we thank you all for your help. Keep an eye on your inbox in late February to sign up to work with us again in 2016.

Thanks again for all your help!

Kirby R. Hutto General Manager

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**2016 FFI World Conference: Marrakesh,
Morocco**

**September 16 to 19, 2016
(arrival and registration on Sep 15)**



**Join us for our very first FFI World Conference in
Africa!**



- We've extended the conference allowing more time with friends and more opportunities to explore beautiful Marrakesh
- Centrally-located accommodations at the Kenzi Farah hotel with its cooling pools and traditional hammam, nestled in 3 hectares of lush palm groves
- Meet FFI's new President and CEO, Jeremi Snook, at his inaugural conference



- Learn what other clubs are doing with Friendship Force global club updates
- Expand your Friendship Force knowledge in a variety of workshops, interactive presentations and leadership training
- Exchange ideas with friends from around the world to build a bright future
- Enjoy delightful music and dance performances, representing the different regions and traditions of Morocco
- Learn to cook a traditional tagine or how to make argan oil
- Try a morning belly-dancing class
- Some workshops, breaks and meals outside under the palm trees (weather permitting)
- A sumptuous Moroccan feast in the 11th century Medina on our optional evening out

- Travel the world all in one night at our World Bazaar, under the stars in the hotel gardens
 - Optional half day tours include navigating the maze of souks and the lively Medina, horse drawn carriage rides through Marrakesh's impressive gardens, watching the sunrise from a hot-air balloon, a historical journey through the old city and her monuments, 18 holes for the golf enthusiast, riding a mule up to a stunning perched lunch spot in the Atlas mountains, and - for the adventurous - a chance to zipline across a 700 foot gorge!
 - FFI's traditional "World of Friends" gala banquet
 - High-profile keynote speaker: "Muslim Women in a Changing and Emerging Morocco"
 - Join an exciting pre- and/or post-conference tour around Morocco
 - Participate in a post-conference homestay tour program courtesy of The Friendship Force in Morocco
- *Further details and registration in December***

For questions, contact **Debbie Powell**, World Conference Director, dpowell@thefriendshipforce.org

The Meaning of Friendship Force

Friendship Force of Western Michigan



From left: German visitors Helmut and Barbara Woebbeking and Ursula and Walter Rakebrand-Giere with Kalamazoo hosts Melanie Perry, Jim Cousins and Dave and Lyn Hargreave.

On a Sunday evening in September, 15 Germans arrived by chartered bus at a rural home near Schoolcraft. There they were greeted by an equal number of West Michigan residents who had prepared a scrumptious potluck meal. For the next seven days, the German guests stayed in the homes of their hosts. Together, the visitors and the locals experienced area highlights: the Friends Good Will tall ship in South Haven; dune rides in Saugatuck; the Amish lifestyle in Shipshewana, Indiana; Meijer Gardens, John Ball Zoo, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum, and the King Tut exhibit in Grand Rapids; and Binder Park Zoo, the Air Zoo and the Gilmore Car Museum in the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area.

There was something more to these trips than the tourist aspect: the conversation and connections forged between strangers across cultures. It was the beginning of a new understanding of each other's culture that can foster acceptance and friendships. This "kitchen diplomacy" is the underlying principle of Friendship Force, the membership-based organization that facilitated this visit and arranges many others across the world. Friendship Force members travel from country to country — or within countries — on cultural exchanges that involve home stays with home hosts. The members are citizen ambassadors who share cultural insights, experiences, fun and friendship.

The visit by the German guests was the second part of one of these exchanges. The Germans had previously hosted West Michigan guests who stayed in their homes in Braunschweig and Peine (near Hanover) in the summer of 2013. Through these two-

way visits, those greeting and those being greeted experienced the theme of Friendship Force: “to enter as strangers, become friends, leave as family.” “By meeting people of different cultures from around the world, we get a good perspective that people are more alike than different. They all want peace, and they all love their children,” says Roy Pearson, treasurer of The Friendship Force of Western Michigan, a club chartered through Friendship Force International.

Home hospitality Friendship Force International was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1977 by Wayne Smith, a Presbyterian minister and former U.S. missionary to Brazil. The organization’s vision then, as it is today, is to allow individuals from different cultures to explore new countries and cultures on a personal level. A signature of the program is home hospitality — local hosts welcome international visitors into their homes, sharing meals, conversation and the best sights and experiences of their region.

Since 1977, there have been 225,000 ambassadors and 750,000 hosts who have participated in Friendship Force International programs. Today, 400 chartered clubs in 70 countries boast 18,000 members. Being a volunteer-driven organization, Friendship Force is supported by membership dues, exchange fees, donations and foundation grants. In addition to exchanges, Friendship Force conducts specialized “discover” programs to introduce members to Friendship Festivals and humanitarian/educational experiences in various countries and cultures.

The Friendship Force of Western Michigan was started by Ann and Larry Mesbergen and Curtis and Jennette Parkhurst of Hopkins, who read about Friendship Force International in a magazine in the late 1980s. Curious, they and a few others traveled with the Inkster club to Mexico in 1988. A year later, they traveled with a Cincinnati club to Australia. While there, they invited their hosts to visit West Michigan, and, soon after, 17 Aussies came here. Those experiences motivated the founders to obtain a charter and establish a local club in 1990.

The local club celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015. Today, the club has roughly 50 members, ranging in age from about 40 to 90. They live in or near Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Holland. Annual dues are \$35. Most Friendship Force members are middle class to affluent, educated, curious about life in other lands and, says local club president Dave Hargreave, “willing to invite strangers into their home.” A typical exchange trip lasts three to seven days, but clubs often plan two or three exchanges back-to-back to create an extended journey, especially to distant destinations. Therefore, many members “are looking forward to retirement, when they have time and resources to travel,” Hargreave says, Yet, thanks to home hosting, traveling with Friendship Force can be less expensive than traditional travel abroad. In addition to airfare, there’s a \$164 per week administrative fee paid to Friendship Force International, plus a minimum of \$100 paid to the host club to cover items such as admissions to museums, monuments and other venues. There is a cost for some meals, but, because of the home hosting, often many of the meals are covered.

Members of The Friendship Force of Western Michigan annually host 15 to 20 ambassadors who come from such countries as Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Mexico and New Zealand. The club members have traveled together to some of these countries as well as to the Northwest Territories, Taiwan and several domestic destinations. Joining with other Friendship Force clubs, some have also visited Central

Europe, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, England, Peru, Romania, Russia and Tanzania. For 2016, The Friendship Force of Western Michigan is planning outbound exchanges to Nebraska in March to view the sandhill crane migration and to Australia in October. The club will welcome inbound ambassadors from Japan in June.

Friendship Force clubs also generate “global exchanges,” or themed exchanges, through which like-minded people travel to places to enjoy a shared interest such as gardening, birding, history or ecological preservation. The West Michigan club is partnering with clubs in Detroit, Cincinnati and Dayton to create an “Underground Railroad” exchange that will follow the path of escaping slaves from Kentucky to Michigan, and a “Planes, Trains, Automobiles” exchange that will introduce visitors to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, the Gilmore Car Museum and expansive model railroad setups created by home hobbyists.

‘I remember the people’. While seeing the sights and learning about the history of other places is great, it's the personal connections that Friendship Force members treasure most, West Michigan members say. “I can only stand to see so many old buildings, but I remember the people — that’s the most powerful aspect,” Jim Cousins says. “Travel is a totally different experience when you stay with a family,” Pearson says. “They talk about their lives. They take you to their favorite places. You become like a member of the family. You don’t get that when you travel with a tour group.” Hargreave recalls host families in northern Germany introducing their guests to *boßeln*, a game in which players roll a ball the size of a croquet ball along a path to a predetermined goal. “We had been with these people for maybe two hours before we’re walking around in a cool mist, drinking schnapps and playing a game we didn’t know existed,” Hargreave says. “But that’s Friendship Force — you do things you would never experience when you travel on a tour.”

Marcia Ellis says she likes “the insider’s view” to gain greater knowledge of local monetary, medical and political systems. On a 2014 Friendship Force trip to Brazil, Ellis was witness to that country’s national election. “Voting was mandatory,” she says, “and people who don’t vote pay a fine. Yet it was very casual, almost a social event. People milling around. No line to stand in.”

Fred Giddings admits to being nervous before a trip to Russia in 2015. “I was born in the 1950s, and my parents wanted to build a bomb shelter because they believed Nikita (Khrushchev, the leader of the Soviet Union at the time) was going to bury us,” he explains. “But the people I met in Moscow were very gracious, and within the first hour I could tell the exchange was going to be nothing like what I had imagined.”

In Germany in 2013, Mary Giddings gained a different perspective on World War II from her host, a retired teacher who shared historical books and newspaper clippings to explain the situation in his homeland during that era.

“The more enlightened and understanding we are about others, the more that will hopefully lead to peaceful actions by our Congress and all the way up to world leaders,” she says. Lyn Hargreave, the West Michigan club vice president and a member of the Friendship Force International board, says the club’s mission is “to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.” “Before Friendship Force, we

used to walk along streets in foreign countries and wonder what's behind their window curtains," she says. "Now we know."

Members point out that, with the aid of voice-activated translation apps on smartphones, language is no longer a barrier to conversations with their hosts and others abroad. Plus, many people in other countries speak passable to excellent English. Once friendships have been established, social media is the favored means of keeping in touch. "I look on Facebook and see people I know in other countries," Ellis says. "I comment on their pictures. They respond. So we don't need to write letters."

Whether members are just keeping in touch or orchestrating a faraway exchange, the key principles of Friendship Force prevail: "Explore your world, understand its people, serve the cause of peace." - See more at: <http://www.encorekalamazoo.com/force-friendship#sthash.OSXbNq4T.dpuf>

Member News

*Do you need a name tag or
business cards?*

Drop an email to Walt
(walt.oconnell@gmail.com)
and let him know what you need.

The minutes of the BOD meetings and copies
of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on
our Web site, www.ffc.avenue.org

A colorful graphic with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" in large, multi-colored letters. The word "HAPPY" is on the top line and "BIRTHDAY!" is on the bottom line. Each letter is a different color (yellow, red, green, blue, purple, orange, pink, red, blue, purple). There are two yellow stars on either side of the word "HAPPY".

Harriet Kuhr	1/14
Judith Lesiak	1/15
Helen Moyer	1/31
Walter O'Connell	2/28

2015 Calendar Meetings and Events

Month	Date	Event
January	23	JAG Presentation
February	9	BOD Meeting
	20	Membership Soup and Salad
March	5	Ambassador Input Due
	8	BOD Meeting
	15	St. Patrick's Day Party
April	12	BOD Meeting
	24-5/1	Medicine Hat Exchange
May	7	Ambassador Input Due
	10	BOD Meeting
	21 or 22	Shakespeare Theater
June	14	BOD Meeting
	25	Mystery Dinner
July	9	Ambassador Input Due
	12	BOD Meeting
	19	Paramount Theater Tour and Meal at the Omni
August	9	BOD Meeting
September	5	FFCV/JAG Picnic
	10	Ambassador Input Due
	13	BOD Meeting
	16-19	FFI World Conference
	28-10/2	Civil War Exchange
October	11	BOD Meeting
	29	Halloween Party
November	9	Ambassador Input Due
	9	BOD Meeting
	19	Annual Meeting
December	13	BOD Meeting
	17	Christmas Party

Show Your Club Logo with Custom Merchandise



Embroidery

You now have the ability to purchase quality merchandise with our club logo *embroidered* on it from Queensboro. Some of us have purchased this merchandise in the past and have found it to be very good quality.

We have our own “store front” that uses our approved logo and ordering products through it is quite easy. Go to <http://ffcvgbstores.com> and to see the selection of products. To make a purchase, set up an account and then select from the products available, specifying your size and color preference.

A flat fee of \$6.50 per order applies regardless of the order size so team up with a friend and consolidate your orders.

Queensboro offers many more products than we have placed in our store front. If you are looking for something in particular you can view their entire site at <http://www.queensboro.com>. You can order directly from that site but you won't have access to our logo. If you see an item you would like with the logo, let Walt know (walt.oconnell@gmail.com, 434-591-0532) and he will add it to the store front.



Embroidery

Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Dryer Residence – 830 Charter Oaks Drive, Charlottesville, VA

Board Members Present:

President Dave Burns, First Vice President Al Colville, Third Vice President Rob Beck, Treasurer David Lea and Secretary Margaret Dryer.

Board Members Absent:

Second Vice President Dale Walden.

Guests: Linda Burns, Pam Hokanson, Dee Schwagerl and Bob Schwagerl

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 1:15pm by President David Burns. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded and followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors unless otherwise noted.

President Burns welcomed everyone and expressed his thanks to everyone who helped make this year a productive one.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of October 20, 2015 were adopted.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lea reported that there is a balance of \$6846.76 in the checking account as of October 28, 2015. He showed that we are within our budget for the year. A c Budget Committee is required to meet before the next Board of Directors Meeting to create a budget for next year. We now have a Post Office Box for FFCV located at the main post office at 1155 Seminole Trail, Charlottesville, VA 22906-9998, which was opened on October 23, 2015. It is PO Box 7921.

Unfinished Business:

Non-Profit Status (501C3): Committee Chair Rob Beck Announced that we are now a 501C3 organization. We will need to pay an annual fee to the state and we will need to file annually in January with the IRS.

New Committee Chairs: First Vice President Al Colville reviewed the committee chairs and members with the board and asked for suggestions to fill these positions.

2016 Budget: Treasurer Lea will call a meeting to create a budget for the 2016 year.

Medicine Hat Club, Alberta, Canada Exchange 2016: Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl reported that he has been dealing with there exchange director. The Medicine Hat Club are looking at early to mid April (Garden Week). We have suggested 20 persons.

Civil War 2016: Exchange Director Dave Burns reported that we will be hosting on September 30, 2016. More information will be forthcoming.

2017 Outbound Exchange: President Burns reports that we will have results after the new year.

New Business:

2015 Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be held November 21, 2015 at the Northside Library between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. The newly elected Board of Directors and Officers are requested to be present. All attending are requested to bring your own snacks. A JAG student and family will be present and will give a presentation.

Committee Reports:

Member Relations Committee (Social): First Vice President Al Colville reported That our Christmas Party will be held at the Hokanson's home on Saturday December 12, 2015 at 12 noon. A doodle will be sent out to the members. A suggestion was made to invite all past presidents to the party.

Membership Committee: Committee Chair Dee Schwagerl said that there was no report. There are at this time 45 members. She will be working with a committee.

Outreach Committee: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that Pete Almonte is in Our Lady of Peace, Dee and Bob Schwagerl will visit and report back.

Communications Committee: Committee Chair Walt O'Connell has sent out the Ambassador to all the Membership.

Fund Raising Committee: We have received a check from the Friday's After Five participation for \$270. It was suggested that we look into sponsorship in the area for what the Club does.

JAG School: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that there two new 3 month students in from Japan and Egypt.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held at the Burns home on December 9, 2015 at 10:00am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 – 10:00am
Burns Residence – 5 Austin Drive, Palmyra, VA**

Board Members Present:

President Dave Burns, First Vice President Al Colville, Second Vice President Dale Walden, Third Vice President Rob Beck, Treasurer David Lea, Walt O'Connell and acting Secretary Linda Burns.

Board Members Absent:

Secretary Margaret Dryer.

Guests: Dee Schwagerl, Bob Schwagerl,

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 11:13am by President David Burns. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded and followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors unless otherwise noted.

President Burns welcomed everyone and expressed his thanks to everyone who helped make this year a productive one.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of November 10, 2015 were adopted.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lea reported that there is a balance of \$6051.00 in the checking account as of today. He showed that we are within our budget for this year.

Unfinished Business:

Non-Profit Status (501C3): Committee Chair Rob Beck reported that he and Dave Burns met to discuss a minor problem with the state. It has been resolved.

New Committee Chairs: First Vice President Al Colville reviewed the committee chairs and possible members for each committee.

2016 Budget: Treasurer Lea reported a Budget Committee meeting was held on 1 December to create a budget for 2016. David Lea presented it to the BOD and it was approved.

Medicine Hat Club, Alberta, Canada Exchange 2016: Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl reported that the date has been set for the exchange. It will be April 24 thru May 1. He has not received the Ambassador forms yet, but hopes to have them by the end of the year. He will be setting up a committee to help with the planning of the program and matching Ambassadors to Hosts.

Civil War 2016: No discussion.

2017 Outbound Exchange Domestic: President Burns reported that another doodle poll went out and Santa Barbara is still the number one choice.

New Business:

BOD Turn-Over/Actions Required: Our current President and First Vice President need to work on a tentative calendar for 2016. They will do this before the New Year.

Committee Reports:

Member Relations Committee (Social): First Vice President Al Colville reported that our Christmas Party will be held at the Hokanson's home on Saturday December 12, 2015 at 12 noon. Right now we have 51 people signed up. Past Presidents were invited, and many are coming. The food is going to be catered by our member, Deb Winslow.

Membership Committee: Committee Chair Dee Schwagerl said that there was no report. She will be working on recruiting members for her committee.

Outreach Committee: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that Dee and Bob Schwagerl visited with Pete Almonte at Our Lady of Peace. Pete is very happy to have visitors. He has been invited to our Christmas Party and says he is coming.

Communications Committee: Committee Chair Walt O'Connell reported the Ambassador will be out in early January.

Fund Raising Committee: Treasurer Lea received a letter from nTelos thanking the organizations that worked this year, and also stating that the 2016 schedule to sign up will be sent out in February. Treasurer Lea will pass on Pam Hokanson's email address, as she will be the contact person.

JAG School: Committee Chair Linda Burns reported the students that were home for Thanksgiving were invited to their sponsor's house. Thank you sponsors.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held at the Colville's home on January 12, 2016, at 10:00am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Linda Burns, Acting Secretary



2016 Friendship Force Central Virginia
Membership/Renewal Application

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County*: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone (land line): _____

**Note: in city = C'ville; else Albemarle, Fluvanna, etc.*

Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____ New Member Sponsor _____

For Family Application: Partner's Name: _____ Email: _____

Partner's Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____ Children Under 21 _____

We like to recognize our members on their special days if you choose (month and day only, we overlook the year).

Your birthday: ___/___/___ Partner's birthday: ___/___/___ Anniversary: ___/___/___

It is important that you have a good understanding of The Friendship Force, what we do, and what to expect. The Web site for Friendship Force International is a good source of information about the history and mission of our organization. Please review the information at www.friendshipforce.org, paying particular attention to the tabs "Who We Are /History and /Mission" and "FAQs" and our club at www.ffc.avenue.org. If you don't have access to the Web, please contact a member for information about our FFI and our club.

To make our club successful, all members contribute as they are able to our various activities. Please check the activities in which you would like to participate or learn more about in 2015. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge). **Do you want to:**

	Exchange Activities		Other Club Work and Activities
	Go on an Outbound Exchange		Serve on Communications/Publicity (newsletter or press)?
	Outbound Exchange Planning Committee		Serve on Fund Raising including Fridays After Five?
	Inbound Exchange Planning Committee		Be on Social Program Planning and Organizing?
	Inbound Exchange Planning		Help Plan Bi-monthly Club Meeting Programs?
	Inbound Exchange Home Host		Serve on Membership Committee?
	Inbound Exchange Day Host		Be nominated for Exchange Director
	Inbound Exchange Small Dinner Party Host		
	Community Activities and Service		
	Invite an International Student to Dinner		
	Sponsor a JAG student		
	Work on a Community Project (e.g., International Refugee Committee, World Friendship Day, or outreach to community?)		

What areas of the world are of particular interest for an Exchange?

Asia___ Canada___ Europe___ Eurasia___ Latin America___ Middle East___ Africa___ South Pacific___ USA___

Annual Dues: \$32 for single, \$60 for a household. Please include a check made out to **FFC with your application**. Please submit application/renewal and dues to our treasurer, David Lea, 139 Stribling Ave., Charlottesville, VA 22903 or at a meeting.

