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The Ambassador

President's Message

Al Colville



We are moving ahead at full speed to accomplish the goals we have set for this year's Friendship Force of Central Virginia. In addition to coming up with events each month that will keep our present members active and involved, we hope to find ways to attract lots of new members as well. I do hope that from now on, each member will consider which of their friends are most likely to be interested in sharing the mission of Friendship Force. Make sure to invite them to one of our events and we will do our best to recruit them to our organization.

One good opportunity for this will be the April 30th Farewell Dinner for the Medicine Hat Exchange at the Albemarle Cider Works. Another would be the Theater night being planned for the end of May. Put on your thinking caps and see who you might invite to join us at one of those events.

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Mark These Dates!

St. Patrick's Day Event	Mar. 14
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.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Please join us for an early "St. Patrick's Day" wine tasting event on Monday, March 14 at 1:00 PM
First Colony Winery, 1650 Harris Creek Road, Charlottesville VA 22902.

Wear your green and bring a snack to share.

After the tasting, wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle. We are also encouraging members to invite a friend(s) as we are trying to inform others about Friendship Force and increase our membership.

Click on the link below to let us know if you plan to attend or not. If you can bring a friend or two along with you, let us know their names by using the Comment tab.

<http://doodle.com/poll/cxmwdqwcpcnp7nm>

Medicine Hat Exchange

Bob Schwagerl, Exchange Director

Our Ambassadors arrive on April 24 and depart on May 1. At the request of the Medicine Hat Club the tour of Luray Caverns (Tues., April 26th) has been omitted from the program. In its place, a visit to Montpellier has been added on Friday April 29th.

A meeting of all Committee Members, Home Hosts, Day Hosts and participants in the exchange will take place at Bob & Dee's home on Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 P. M.

This will be the one and only full meeting before the Canadians arrive. PLEASE ATTEND. Directions? Call Bob @ 434-984-1490 or bobadeeva@centurylink.net.

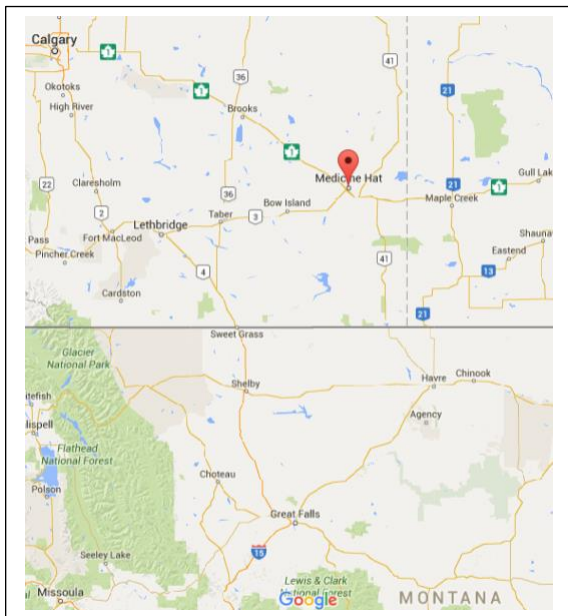
Exchanges are the signature event for Friendship Force and we encourage everyone to participate as they are able. The farewell dinner is most important so please plan to attend that. If you haven't yet signed up for any of the exchange events, please use the form (located elsewhere in the newsletter). We need a form for everyone attending the events **including the home hosts**. Please return the form and any fees to Dee (address on the form) as time is running short. Also, if you are interested in hosting a dinner party one evening or serving as a day host, please contact Monica Notaro. (salandmonie@yahoo.com or (608) 358-0352).

About Medicine Hat

Get off the beaten path and into the genuine Alberta lifestyle of Medicine Hat. Marvel at the unusual landscape of cliffs and rifts, with a lush river valley meandering through it.

Medicine Hat has always been a gathering place. Discover the valley and its waterways that attracted the Aboriginal peoples and the bison since ancient times. When the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived in 1883, the town of Medicine Hat was born – supposedly named after a Cree medicine man's lost headdress.

Tucked into the southeastern corner of Alberta on the Trans-Canada Highway, the prairie oasis of Medicine Hat is two and a half hours from Calgary. Don't forget your sunglasses, you're entering the sunniest city in Canada!



Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

Medicine Hat is a city of 63,018 people in southeast Alberta, Canada. It is approximately 169 km east of Lethbridge and 295 km southeast of Calgary. This city and the adjacent Town of Redcliff to the northwest are surrounded by Cypress County.

Area: 43.25 mi²

Elevation: 2,264'

Population: 60,005 (2011)

Medicine Hat sounds like a great place!
Let's all give our Canadian Friends a warm Virginia Welcome!

Medicine Hat, Canada Exchange April 24-May 1, 2016

Activity Reservation Form - *REVISED SCHEDULE* 3-8-16

Please indicate below the activity in which you wish to participate, fill in the number attending, DO NOT include Ambassadors. Return the reservation form with your check payable to the Friendship Force of Central Virginia and mail to: Dolores Schwagerl P. O. Box 418 Keswick, Virginia 22947

RETURN BY April 2, 2016

Date	Event	\$/per.	# per.	Total \$
Sunday April 24	Arrival – Details on specific pick-up locations to follow.. Dinner with home hosts			
Monday April 25				
9:30 AM	Tour UVa Grounds - Meet at Harrison Small Collection library across from the Rotunda and next to the Alderman Library. Lunch on your own			
2:00 PM	Mayoral reception Town Hall-exchange proclamations. Balance of afternoon free for touring downtown or UVa.			
Tuesday April 26				
10:00 AM	Tour Frontier Culture Museum			
12:30 PM	Depart for picnic area on Blue Ridge Parkway for Box Lunch. Tour replica mountain farm	\$10		\$
Wednesday April 27				
9:00 AM	Arrive at Monticello. Visit museum/movie. Tour that begins at 9:40 sharp. Lunch on your own. Afternoon free			
Thursday April 28		\$10		\$
7:30 AM.	Bus Tour of Jamestown and Yorktown departs Pantops shopping center. Lunch on your own. Limited seating.			
Friday April 29				
9:30 AM	tour of Montpelier	\$16		\$
12:30	Lunch at Michie Tavern	\$20		\$
Saturday April 30				
1:00 PM	Farewell (pot luck) at Albemarle Cider Works. Tasting and Entertainment	\$12		\$
Sunday May 1	Ambassadors depart Pantops Shopping Center			
Total				\$

Note: Nights available for small dinner parties - Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Thursday night, after a long day of bus travel, may be an opportunity for Ambassadors/Host dinner.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Events Committee in Action

Peggy Colville

In February we had a party at the Colville's and Helen Ida Moyer presented her experiences from a tour in Mexico where our 2017 Outbound is scheduled. Helen Ida has studied and taught courses on this subject and has a wealth of information for you if you are interested in taking this exchange. Some of here photographs are below.

Our March event is the Wine Tasting at the First Colony Winery. See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our April event is the farewell party for the Medicine Hat Exchange. Be sure to sign up for that on the form later in this newsletter.



JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair

Because of the snow, our meeting was held on January 30th. At that meeting we had our JAG student from Egypt, Capt. Hassan, give us a presentation on his country. I think we all enjoyed it very much.

In February we had a graduation ceremony at the JAG school to attend for our 3 month student from Egypt. Dave & I attended. Hopefully, we will have Capt. Hassan back for the 9 month Graduate Course in the future.

JAG graduation is on June 2nd. We have been receiving significant recognition at the ceremony for our program of sponsoring the foreign students and we have been treated very well by the JAG school leadership. If you would like to attend the ceremony, please contact me.

If anyone is thinking of joining a committee for the JAG School students please let me know. You can contact me @: toeheadva@yahoo.com or 434-589-8724.

A Nation Divided – America’s Civil War

Dave Burns

See the promotion piece for the Civil War Exchange is later in this newsletter. There are currently 15 ambassadors registered for this exchange. As we learn more about the registration and details we will keep you posted. While we are scheduled to host part of this exchange, it is open to our members to participate in it as well. If you are interested in being an Ambassador, please contact me for information.

Exchange Committee

Dave Burns

As part of FFCV Inc.’s reorganization a new committee known as the Exchange Committee was formed and at present I am the committee chair. The Exchange Committee chair and those on this committee are responsible for developing exchange programs for the Club and the coordination of inbound, outbound and multi-club exchanges. In short, the committee will handle the Club’s efforts to schedule and coordinate future exchanges with FFI and make initial contact with the other clubs involved. Once an exchange has been scheduled and coordinated, the committee will relinquish all responsibilities and involvement in the exchange to the Club’s Exchange Director (ED), once that individual has taken responsibility for the exchange. At present I have been working on one exchange scheduled for 2016 and for outbound and inbound exchanges currently scheduled for 2017. The statuses of the exchanges are as follow:

A Nation Divided: America’s Civil War: The multi-club Civil War-themed exchange scheduled for Sep 20 – Oct 9 is coming together and at least 10 ambassadors have signed up; a maximum of 20 and minimum of 15 are required for the exchange. Our portion of the exchange will require four nights’ homestay and members can sign up for the entire exchange. Once we know how many ambassadors

will be participating we will start looking for home hosts and others willing to participate. Bing Spitler will be the ED for our portion of the exchange.

2017 Outbound: Mondo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico: I and the Des Moines, Iowa club ED have requested FFI change the date of the exchange (originally scheduled for July) be moved to April. FFI sent an email to the Mexican club requesting same on Feb 18th, but I have not seen their response. Deborah Winslow will be ED for the exchange; up to 11 members have stated they want to participate and since this is a joint exchange we may have to establish a waiting list, depending on how many slots we are given. Please contact Deb if interested.

2017 Outbound: Domestic: We are still hoping to establish an outbound exchange with Santa Barbara, CA in 2017 but this is still being coordinated. Other domestic exchanges may be possible.

2017 Inbound: Nizhny Novgorod and Kirov Oblast, Russia, November 2017: We have let FFI know we have no objection to hosting ambassadors from the two clubs and I will be contacting the EDs to work out details. More info to follow.

2017 Inbound: Themed exchange: FFI has requested we host a three or four day exchange sometime in 2017. We have suggested possible themes of "Central Virginia's Early American Presidents", "Wineries & and Micro Breweries of Central Virginia", and "The Civil War in Central Virginia". More details to follow in the coming months.

Outreach

Linda Burns, Chair

I would like to "Thank" everyone who sent cards and or flowers to me while I was ill. They were greatly appreciated. "Thank you" very much.

We had a family member go in for surgery in January. He is doing well now. I would like to thank everyone who helped deliver meals during his recovery time. We had another surgery on one of our members for her rotator cuff. She looks to be doing well also. We also had a member's daughter go in for surgery. We don't know her, but we know Mom & Dad very well. She is out and back home now.

Pete Almonte is now at Our Lady of Peace. He is no longer able to drive but would appreciate hearing from you or visits. His phone number is 529-8099.

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

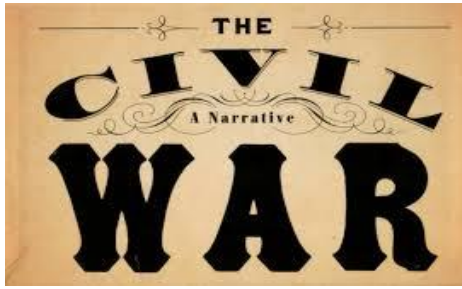
Pam Hokanson, Chair

We have been scheduled for two Friday after Five events this summer: June 17th (6 volunteers) and August 5th (8 volunteers). We may also have an opportunity to work other events on short notice.

Because the short notice events require immediate response, we will accept any that come our way and then contact you to see if you can work them.

Look for a Doodle poll where you can indicate your ability to work the scheduled events or be asked on short notice to work other events.

This is the major fund raising event for our club and we appreciate your helping us.

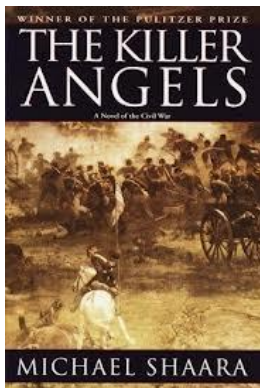


Theme: A Nation Divided - America's Civil War **Dates:** 9/20/16 – 10/9/16

Experience a historical adventure on this 20-day exchange where you will learn about both sides of America's Civil War. Five Friendship Force Clubs from the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Region of the USA are hosting this event. **Cost includes transportation, entry fees, lodging and most meals for \$2,075.** An online application is available at: http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/northamerica_more/a_nation_divided_-_americas_civil_war/ Information can also be obtained by email: burnsdsinva@yahoo.com, 434-589-8724

FF Greater Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (5 nights home hosting):

- The exchange begins with a Welcome Gala and "Civil War Ball" led by [Victorian Dancers](#).
- The historical significance of Harrisburg and the railroad during the Civil War.
- Tour the [National Civil War Museum](#).
- [Gettysburg National Civil War Battlefield](#) tour with a National Park Guide to learn about the 3-day battle. Stop at the Civil War Cemetery where President Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address.
- Lecture by the associate director of the Civil War Institute and Underground RR historian.
- Tours at historical locations that provided a refuge for Freedom Seekers along the Underground Railroad.
- Tour a farm that was used as a Civil War hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg.



Transition Segment (1 night hotel)

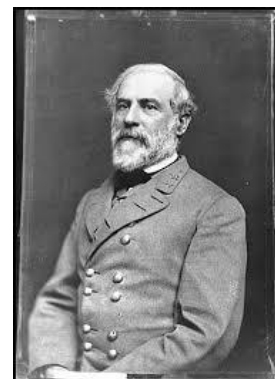
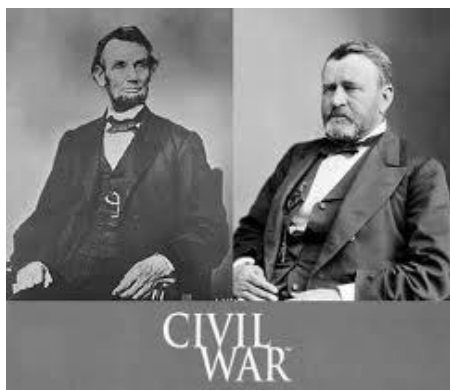
- Tour [Antietam/Sharpsburg battlefield](#), the bloodiest battle on American soil w/author, Bing Spittler
- European-style Sunday brunch at the [Bavarian Inn](#)
- Tour [Harpers Ferry](#), WV and Winchester to learn about their significance to the Civil War
- Tour the [Lee Chapel](#) on the campus of Washington and Lee University where General Robert E. Lee served as university president after the Civil War and where Lee, his family and his beloved horse, Traveler are buried.
- Walking tour and museum at the [Virginia Military Institute](#)
- Lunch at the [Greenbrier Resort](#) with Civil War history provided by local historian.

FF Charleston, West Virginia (2 nights lodging with day/dinner hosting)

- Tour state capital of WV and listen to lecture “WV becomes a State” and “Kanawha Campaign”
- Southern style lunch and tour of the [Craik Patton House](#), home of a Confederate commander killed in battle at Winchester. Grandfather to Gen. Patton WWII
- Tour historic salt works. In the 1800’s salt was mined by slaves.
- Tour [Glenwood plantation](#), home of the Summers family who supported the Union during the Civil War. An 1864 Lincoln campaign poster was recently found in the attic of the house.
- Stop at the [New River Gorge](#), Virginia Chapel (served as Confederate hospital and Union Stable during Civil War) with slave cemetery in back, and Kanawha Falls

FF Central Virginia (Charlottesville): (4 nights home hosting)

- Battlefields and the significance of the Shenandoah Valley
- Sites and stories from Stonewall Jackson’s 1862 campaign
- Massanutten Mountain, the Virginia Museum of the Civil War and New Market Battlefield,
- [Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Chancellorsville](#) battlefield tours and [Battle of the Wilderness](#)
- Tour [Appomattox Courthouse](#) and grounds where General Robert E. Lee (CSA) surrendered the confederate troops to General Ulysses S. Grant (USA) on April 9, 1865.



FF Richmond, Virginia: (3 nights home hosting)

- Tour Hollywood Cemetery where Jefferson Davis and 2 US Presidents are buried
- Tour [Tredgar Iron Works](#) and Belle Island where a prisoner of war camp was located during the [American Civil War](#). Between 1862 and 1865, the island was home to about 30,000 POWs.
- Tour the [State Capital building](#) designed by Thomas Jefferson and featured in the film, *Lincoln*.
- ‘Happy Hour’ at the [Jefferson Hotel](#)
- Tour the town and grounds where the siege of [Petersburg, VA](#), location of a series of battles between generals Ulysses Grant (USA) and Robert E. Lee (CSA) during the 9 ½ month Richmond-Petersburg campaign from June 1864 – March 1865 including a tour of the Crater.
- Travel by train from Richmond to Alexandria, VA

FF National Capital Area (Washington DC): (4 nights home hosting)

- Tour [Arlington National Cemetery](#) and Arlington House (aka Custis-Lee Mansion), Robert E. Lee Memorial, and civil war graves including that of James Madison Cutts, Jr.
- Tour [Manassas](#) (Bull Run) Battlefield and the Brawner Farm
- Lecture: “The Class of ’61 - West Point At the Outset of War”
- Tour Ford’s Theater Museum where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated
- Tour [Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office](#) with lecture on Civil War Medicine
- Tour of the [Lincoln Memorial](#) with a National Park Service guide
- Learn about the defense of Washington DC with a guided tour of Fort Ward Park
- Tour Lincoln’s Cottage where President Lincoln found respite from life in the White House
- Exchange ends in Washington, DC with a Farewell Gala



**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

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

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

David Burns	3/11
Barry Doucette	3/12
Elizabeth Beck	3/24
Pam Hokanson	3/29
Linda Burns	3/25
Patricia O'Connell	4/24
Barbara Drinkwater	4/26
Paul Hokanson	4/27



Walt and Patsy O'Connell	3/14
Al and Peggy Colville	3/17

2016 Calendar Meetings and Events

Month	Date	Event
March	5	Ambassador Input Due
	8	BOD Meeting
	14	St. Patrick's Day Party
April	5	BOD Meeting 2:00 PM at the Dryers
	24-5/1	Medicine Hat Exchange
May	3	BOD Meeting
	7	Ambassador Input Due
	21 or 22	Shakespeare Theater
June	7	BOD Meeting
	25	Mystery Dinner
July	5	BOD Meeting
	9	Ambassador Input Due
	19	Paramount Theater Tour and Meal at the Omni
August	2	BOD Meeting
September	5	FFCV/JAG Picnic
	6	BOD Meeting
	10	Ambassador Input Due
	16-19	FFI World Conference
	28-10/2	Civil War Exchange
October	4	BOD Meeting
	29	Halloween Party
November	2	BOD Meeting
	9	Ambassador Input Due
	19	Annual Meeting
December	6	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://ffcv.qbstores.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, January 12, 2016
Colville Residence – 25 Whippoorwill Lane, Lake Monticello, VA

Board Members Present:

President Al Colville, First Vice President Linda Burns, Second Vice President Pam Hokanson, Treasurer David Lea, Secretary Margaret Dryer, Dave Burns, Walt O'Connell.

Board Members Absent:

Rob Beck and Dale Walden.

Guests: Peggy Colville Dee Schwagerl and Bob Schwagerl

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 10:10am by President Al Colville. 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 Colville welcomed everyone and directed Past President Dave Burns to a special chair to show our appreciation for his two years of leadership. He said the focus of this meeting will be to develop a calendar for the year.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of December 9, 2015 were adopted as corrected. He thanked Linda Burns for recording in the absence of the Secretary Margaret Dryer.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lea reported that there is a balance of \$5644.29 in the checking account as of December 22, 2015. He showed that we are within our budget for the year 2015. He reviewed the member roster and reported that there were still some outstanding dues. He will follow up with a note to those individuals.

Unfinished Business:

Medicine Hat Club, Alberta, Canada Exchange 2016: Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl reported that he has been dealing with their exchange director. The Medicine Hat Club had 16 persons and now are down to 14. He said that we would not accept less than 10. He has not been able to go forward until he knows how many are coming and has received some monies from them.

Civil War 2016: Exchange Director Dave Burns reported that we will be hosting on September 30, 2016. He said that he knew of three international members who are interested. There will be a video conference the end of February.

2017 Outbound Exchange: Exchange Committee Chair Burns reports that Santa Barbara is a possible go. He should know more about the outbound exchanges in the near future.

New Business:

2016 Calendar of Events: President Colville presented a draft of the calendar for board discussion. The reviewed it and suggestions were made. The revised calendar will be sent to the board.

BOD/Committee Responsibilities: The president pointed out the need for officers and committees to understand what is expected of them. A committee was created to work on the procedures manual. Margaret Dryer and Dave Burns were appointed to the committee.

Committee Reports:

Member Relations Committee (Social): Chair Peggy Colville said that there was no report.

Fund Raising Committee: Chair Pam Hokanson requested information on contact persons so she can move forward.

Communications Committee: Chair Walt O'Connell needs information for the next edition as soon as possible.

JAG School: Chair Linda Burns reported that the party for the JAG student's baby was a great success. She thanked Dale Walden for hosting.

Membership Committee: Committee Chair Dee Schwagerl began a discussion on mentoring new members.

Outreach Committee: Committee Chair Linda Burns Reported that Monica Notaro's husband will be having surgery in the next few days and the committee will be helping with supplying food for them. She will send out an email to the members for assistance in this.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held at the Colville home on February 9, 2016 at 10:00am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary

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President Colville welcomed everyone. He wishes to focus on an overview of all the committees.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of January 12, 2015 were adopted,

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lea reported that there is a balance of \$4969.29 in the checking account. He has paid our dues to FFI. He reviewed the member roster and reported that there were still some outstanding dues.

Unfinished Business:

Medicine Hat Club, Alberta, Canada Exchange 2016: Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl reported that he has been dealing with their exchange director. The Medicine Hat Club has 14 ambassadors set to come and they have been assigned to Home Hosts. The schedule of events is being worked on.

Civil War 2016: Exchange Director Dave Burns reported that we will be hosting on September 30, 2016. He reported that there are only 6 ambassadors registered to attend.

New Business:

Procedures Manual Committee: The Committee requested input from the officers and the committees. Dave Burns will sent an email requesting committee and officer assistance as to how they see their duties.

Committee Reports:

Events Committee: Chair Peggy Colville reported that there were 17 attendees at the last meeting. The committee is planing a Soup & Salad Pot Luck Lunch on Saturday, February 20 at the Colville's home. Helen Ida Moyer who will give a talk about Mexico. A doodle pole will be sent with the information. The committee is planing a St. Patrick's Party in March at the First Colony Winery. May will be a Four County Players, date to be announced. June they plan a Mystery Dinner and in July a tour of the Pharmount with dinner at the Omni.

Exchange Committee: Committee Chair Dave Burns Reported that our 2017 outbound exchange will be to Mexico possibly in July. The 2017 inbound will be coming from Russia. There is a possibility of domestic outbound in 2016 to Santa Barbara and Medicine Hat.

Membership Committee: Committee Chair Dee Schwagerl suggested that we invite guests to our venues and exchanges. Ideas and discussion followed. Advertising was also suggested.

Fund Raising Committee: Chair Pam Hokanson reported that she had been in contact with the Friday's After Five leaders. She suggested some areas of possible sponsorship for our events.

JAG School: Chair Linda Burns reported That we had a very informative presentation by the JAG student Captain Husan. She also reported that the three month student will be graduating on February 11, 2016. The long term students will graduate in May.

Outreach Committee: Committee Chair Linda Burns Reported that Monica Notaro's husband is back in the hospital. She thanked all those who sent cards and prayers for her while she was in hospital.

Communications Committee: Chair Walt O'Connell gave his deadline for the next Ambassador by March 2, 2016. He has consented to take on the advertising for the Club if the committees send him the info they want advertised.

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be held at the Dryer home on March 8, 2016 at 10:00am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary



2016 Friendship Force Central Virginia
Membership/Renewal Application

**CHANGING THE WAY YOU
SEE THE WORLD**

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.

