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## President's Message

*Monica Notaro*



Our year is getting off to a great start! All of the committee chairs are charging into their programs to create a fun-filled experience for us. The soup and salad meeting was a great opportunity to renew friendships and greet new members as well as three of our JAG students. The Birthday Bash later this month will be another reason to celebrate and introduce prospective members to our group. Be sure to invite your

friends who you think will contribute to and benefit from Friendship Force.

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In April we will be hosting our first inbound journey of the year and we are hoping everyone will take part, especially in the farewell party on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars – details are later in this newsletter.

While specifics are not yet complete, we are scheduled for an inbound and an outbound journey in 2019. Inbound will be from Flathead Valley, Montana and outbound will be to Australia and New Zealand. As soon as details are available we will pass them on to you. Don't forget to check out all of the scheduled journeys at FFI. If space is available you can contact the Journey Coordinator to see if you can join the group. Links are later in this newsletter.

In friendship,

*Monie*

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## **Events Committee in Action**

*Patty Sclater, Chair*

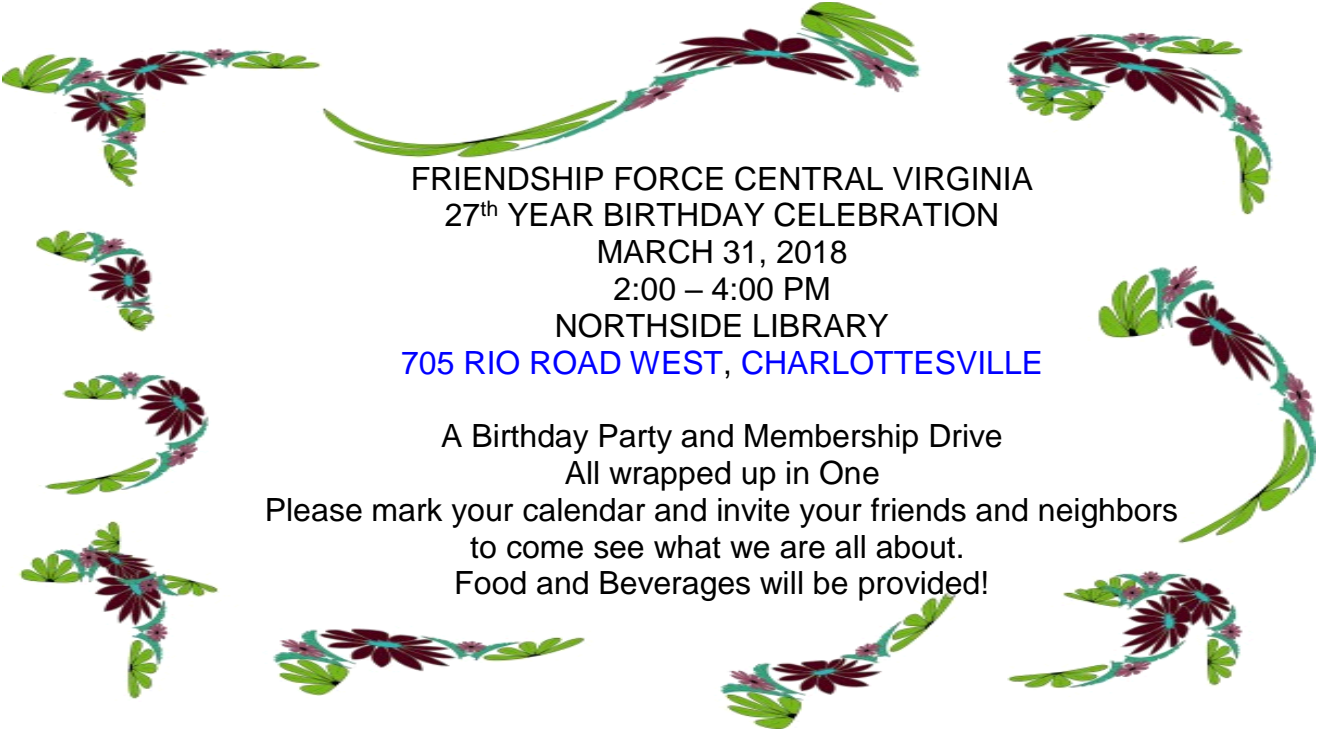
Kicking off the year was the January 27 Soup 'n Salad event at the Nahor Village Clubhouse. The room was packed and, as usual, the food was plentiful as well as delicious.

You'll recall that one of the suggestions the Events Committee received from members was to involve our JAG students more. By inviting the students to attend some of our events and make presentations, all club members have an opportunity to interact with them, not just their sponsors.

Accordingly, we were joined by three JAG students: Lt. Yamada, hosted by Laura and Bob Keeton, is from Japan; Major Jung, hosted by Peggy and Al Colville, hails from Korea; and Col. Saloma, hosted by Peggy and Orion Birdsall, was accompanied by his wife and three children. Col. Saloma's presentation on Egypt reinforced that, while we are distinct, our countries have much in common. If you wish to revisit or see the presentation for the first time, it can be found at

[Egypt Presentation - Col Hatem Saloma.pptx](#)

The meeting concluded with a quick review of planned events for the remainder of the year. A copy of the calendar, as well as articles on the February trip to see the Terra Cotta Soldiers exhibit and upcoming Birthday Celebration and Membership Drive can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



FRIENDSHIP FORCE CENTRAL VIRGINIA  
27<sup>th</sup> YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
MARCH 31, 2018  
2:00 – 4:00 PM  
NORTHSIDE LIBRARY  
705 RIO ROAD WEST, CHARLOTTESVILLE

A Birthday Party and Membership Drive  
All wrapped up in One  
Please mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors  
to come see what we are all about.  
Food and Beverages will be provided!

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## Membership Chairman's Report

*Peggy Smith Colville, Chair*

Just a gentle reminder that our 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration/Membership Drive is coming up on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope that each of you have already marked your calendars and are planning on attending this event. It will take place from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Northside Library at 705 Rio Road West in Charlottesville. Heavy hors d'oeuvres with punch will be available at this event.

If you have not already replied to the Doodle Poll that was sent out for this event, please do so now by clicking on the link below. Please let us know whether you plan to attend or not. For those of you who are sponsoring a JAG student, please invite them as a guest for this event. And if you do plan to bring one or more guests, please add a comment on the Doodle Poll and let us know their name(s) so we can have a name tag ready for them when you arrive. That way we will also have an accurate count on the number of attendees for ordering the food.

<https://doodle.com/poll/nhhptkqtrww3k8bg>

Thank you for supporting your Central Virginia Friendship Force Club. And don't forget to wear your own name tag!

## Trip to See the Terracotta Army

*Joanne Harris*



On February 16<sup>th</sup> the Friendship Force took a trip to Richmond to see the Terracotta Army exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The Terracotta Army is the legacy of the first emperor of China, Ying Zheng. When Ying Zheng died in 210 B.C. he was interred in a mausoleum complex that measures approximately 38 square miles. He was accompanied into the afterlife by an army of nearly 8,000 life-size clay soldiers, horses, and chariots organized into battle

formation and equipped with a full arsenal of weapons. More than 700,000 workers constructed the mausoleum complex over years of Ying Zheng's reign.

The empire, under Qin's reign, adopted a universal writing system, a national currency, revised weights and measurements, and built a new network of interstate roadways. In only eleven years as emperor, he brought significant political and cultural reforms, unified the nation, and reshaped Chinese national identity in ways that have resonated for 2,200 years.



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After viewing the exhibit, the group stopped for lunch. It was a great way to spend a rainy day!

## Fundraising

*Sally and Dave Zabransky*

The Sprint Pavilion has assigned FFCV to work at a yet to be announced event on July 21, 2018 from noon to 5 P.M. We will need 10 volunteers to work this event. We will provide more information when it becomes available, but please consider marking your calendars for this fun event.

Also, please respond to the Doodle poll <https://doodle.com/poll/vcm4gu8y7si39tkr> so that we can develop a list of volunteers who are available to work various events. The Sprint Pavilion will start scheduling events in March, and we will follow up with further details at that time.

### Poll Questions

- I am available to work Friday After Five events
- I am available to work ticketed events
- I am available to work on short notice

Click on the link below and check the boxes that let us know your availability and then click on the SAVE button. If you want to leave a comment for us, you can do that also. If the link does not work, just cut and paste into your browser.

We will be collecting loose change at the Birthday Celebration on March 31. So please come with your pockets and purses filled with any loose change you may have collecting dust around the house. We will also be collecting \$1 from any member not wearing their I.D. tag at meetings, selling Friendship Force pins and mugs, and continuing with our 50/50 raffles. At the January Soup-n-Salad event we raised \$20 from the 50/50 raffle.

If you have any other ideas, please let us know. We are always looking for new and fun ways to raise funds.

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## Upcoming Lecture

All are welcome to the free and open gathering of the local United Nations Association which educates about and advocates for the United Nations, March 25, 2018, at 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist, [717 Rugby Road, Charlottesville, VA, 22903](#). See [www.una-brc.avenue.org](http://www.una-brc.avenue.org).

Blue Ridge Virginia Chapter of the United Nations Association invites all to hear Ahmed H. al-Rahim, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Virginia's Department of Religious Studies. He studies and teaches medieval Islamic intellectual history, particularly the philosophical reception of Avicenna (d. 1037) and classical Islamic ethical thought, as well as aspects of the ideological development of political Islam in the modern age.

The title of Professor al-Rahim's talk is "Political Islam and Jerusalem."

For information, please contact [sgwroberts@gmail.com](mailto:sgwroberts@gmail.com)

## News from FFI



Travel the world. Be welcomed into someone's home. Immerse yourself in their local culture. Invite travelers from other places into your own home and proudly share your culture with them.

View upcoming journeys at <https://mailchi.mp/friendshipforce/february-journey-catalog?e=8913fd189e> and view all journeys at <https://friendshipforce.org/journeys/> . You can also see the FFI eFlyer at [https://friendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018\\_US\\_eFlyer.pdf](https://friendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018_US_eFlyer.pdf) .

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### **JAG School**

*Linda Burns, Chair*

We have three new students that just arrived the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February. They are: CPT Huang from Taiwan sponsored by Dave & Linda Burns, CPT AbelRahman from Egypt sponsored by Deb & Duncan Nixon and CPT Husban from Jordan sponsored by Bing & Joyce Sptitler. "WELCOME!" You might be seeing some of them at the birthday party in March.

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### **Journey Committee**

*Deb Winslow*

A flurry of activity is about to begin. There is traveling afoot both coming and going.

#### ***Inbound: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 18-22 April, 2018***

In less than a month the first of several reciprocal journeys will begin. Our friends in Harrisburg will be spending a few days with us in order to experience some of our more interesting areas such as Monticello, Montpelier, the Blue Ridge, and of course our famous wineries.

### **2018 Outbound: Mie and Ota-Gunma, Japan, May 2018**

While Al Colville remains in contact with the hosts at both locations, nothing significant has transpired regarding the journeys. Al is waiting to hear from the EDs at both places to determine costs and other information regarding these journeys and will pass that info on. Some of the group is extending their stay in the region with short visits to South Korea and Taiwan.

### **Inbound: Des Moines, Iowa 13-18 June, 2018**

Last year a number of our club members combined with the Des Moines FF club to have a joint journey to Chiapas Mexico and a number of their members requested they visit our club in 2018. So, an agreement was made for us to host them this coming June and to show them some of the places we talked so much about during the Mexican exchange. We expect 14 ambassadors coming on this journey. We will need a number of hosts for this journey so get ready to be contacted regarding the visit.

### **Outbound: Des Moines, Iowa TBD, August 2018**

The folks in Des Moines recommended we visit them in August when the Iowa State Fair is underway (August 9-19) and Des Moines celebrates Restaurant Week, usually in the last half of the month. We still need a few more responses of the Doodle to determine: 1) if you are interested in going; and if so 2) what dates you would prefer. In any case, the journey will be about four or five days.

### **2018 Inbound: Bundaberg, Australia, 2-9 October 18**

As previously noted this journey is in conjunction with the Bundaberg's multi-week visit to the U.S. which will include our club, one in central North Carolina, a few days in Nashville, and finally the FF club in Baton Rouge, LA. At last word, the group should not include more than 16 ambassadors. Like the other inbounds expect to be contacted soon over what role you can play in this journey, i.e. host, day host, dinner party, etc.

We have received our official inbounds and outbounds for 2019.

**2019 Inbound:** FF Flathead Valley, Kalispell, Montana in the spring of 2019.

**2019 Outbound:** I have not gotten all the specifics yet, but a fall trip to the Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg, Australia and Marlborough, New Zealand has been approved.

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## **Harrisburg Inbound Journey**

*Dave Burns*

The group from the Harrisburg FF club along with a couple others from other clubs plan on being here as promised for a so-called "Mini-Journey", arriving in the afternoon of Apr 19 and leaving the morning of Apr 23, giving them three full days with us. Right now there are 10 or 11 ambassadors coming and thanks to those who have volunteered to fully or day host our visitors. We can always use others to volunteer for these duties, especially new members, since it will be a relatively short visit and certainly no language problems. It's certainly a great chance to prepare to host our international visitors in the future. We are still working on the agenda for their visit but want to share what it looks

like at present. We hope to have both hosting assignments and a full agenda by the end of the month. Here is what the agenda looks like at present.

DATE	<p align="center"><b>FF Central VA Journey - Charlottesville</b></p> <p align="center">There is no better place than Charlottesville to learn about some of our most fascinating historic figures. Home to America’s Founding Fathers, our destination provides endless learning opportunities, all in a gorgeous setting in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Charlottesville area is the birthplace of American wine.</p>
<p><b>Thurs April 19</b></p>	<p>1:45 p.m. Begin this journey by arriving in Charlottesville for a <a href="#">guided walking tour</a>            GPS address: TBD            After the walking tour – drive to home hosts to relax and have dinner</p>
<p><b>Friday April 20</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast with home hosts</b>  <b>Discover Monticello</b>, home of President Thomas Jefferson (UNESCO World Heritage site). Although Jefferson is best remembered as the author of the Declaration of Independence, he was also a scholar, writer, scientist, architect and America’s “first distinguished viticulturist”.  <b>9:00 Tour of the home – first floor 10:00 Tour of the Grounds and Gardens</b>  <b>11:00 Tour of the slave quarters</b>  <b>Noon – 1:00 Depart Monticello</b> with hosts and minutes later arrive at <b>Michie Tavern Ca. 1784</b> for an 18<sup>th</sup> century-style midday fare. After lunch, explore the historic buildings around the tavern where you may find some Virginia-made treasures at one of the unique shops.  <b>Afternoon:</b> Free time with home hosts which could include wine tasting at <b>Cunningham Creek</b> (optional \$10) or other interesting sites nearby  <b>Evening</b> - Dinner with home hosts (or small dinner parties)</p>
<p><b>Saturday April 21</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast with home hosts</b>  <b>9:30 Morven Gardens</b>, Garden Week Tour  <b>Lunch at Trump Winery</b> (owned by THE Donald!) (soup/salad included) Optional: wine tasting \$12  <b>Afternoon:</b> Free time to experience history with local battlefield tour, explore more local wineries or another event on the Garden Week schedule.  <b>Evening:</b> take hosts to dinner independently</p>
<p><b>Sunday April 22</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast with home hosts</b>  <b>9:30</b> Discover <b>Montpelier</b>, in the charming town of Orange, home to James and Dollie Madison, refurbished to its original style of the 1820’s.  <b>12:30:</b> Lunch on your own at the <b>BBQ Exchange</b> (\$8-\$12)            Stop and see the ruins at <b>Barboursville</b>. Optional: taste award- winning Virginia wines at <b>Barboursville Winery</b> \$7  <b>Time TBD: Tour the University of Virginia Rotunda and Grounds</b> (UNESCO World Heritage site designed by Thomas Jefferson)  <b>Evening:</b> Farewell gathering with FF Central VA Club members at <b>Lake Monticello</b></p>
<p><b>Monday April 23</b></p>	<p><b>Departure Day: Independent departures after breakfast with hosts</b></p>

**NOTE: Planned activities are listed in blue**



## **East Coast Super Regional Conference, Charleston, SC, Nov 7-9**

*Dave Burns*

Suggest you really think about attending this as it should be very interesting. For those not familiar with how these things work, in past years there were annual conferences in each FF region, which largely was for club leaders, and those who were really into Friendship Force. Well things have changed as World Conferences, previously held every year around the world, will now be every two years and we now will have so-called "Super Regional Conferences" those years when there is no World Conference. Our region, the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Region will be combining forces with both the Florida and Southeast Regions. Having this first Super Regional Conference in Charleston is a really good deal as in addition to workshops, speakers and the like we also will have plenty of time to sightsee and wander around the Charleston Historic District where the conference will be held. Conference organizers, of which I am one, just started planning the conference and we are only in the early stages of putting it together. Since I am a member of this club I will be keeping everybody up to date on what is going on. But again put some serious thought into participating.

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### **Outreach**

*Carol Donahue, Chair*

You can contact Carol @ [camd68@gmail.com](mailto:camd68@gmail.com) or 434-589-7613.

Concerned about traveling in these uncertain times?

You might want to check out this article

. <http://www.wendyperrin.com/7-keys-traveling-without-fear-despite-terrorist-attacks/>

## Help Wanted

We are getting organized for 2018 and one of our goals is to encourage our members to play an active role in the affairs of the club. While some positions require a bit more time and effort (such as Exchange Director) there are many that only require a couple of hours a month (e.g. contributing to the newsletter, helping maintain our Web page, helping to plan an event, or working on one of the committees). You will find that if you participate actively you will have a lot more fun and add your ideas to making our club even better.

If you are interested in making a difference and getting a better return on your investment, contact one of the directors or committee chairs. They are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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

Business Cards and Name Tags are available from Walt. New members receive a supply of cards and a paper tag. Metal tags can be ordered and the cost is \$10 +/- depending on shipping. Additional cards are available for \$1 for 20. If you are interested let Walt know.

[walt.oconnell@gmail.com](mailto:walt.oconnell@gmail.com)

434.591.0532

# Member News

The minutes of the BOD meetings and copies of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on our Web site, [www.ffc.avenue.org](http://www.ffc.avenue.org)

The BOD meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. We welcome your participation



Alice DeWitt	3/7
Bob Booth	3/10
David Burns	3/11
Barry Doucette	3/12
Sal Notaro	3/16
Elizabeth Beck	3/24
Linda Burns	3/25
Pam Hokanson	3/29
Sally Zabransky	4/4
Betsy Brady	4/13
David Winer	4/15
Patsy 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
Laura & Bob Keeton	3/20
Wayne and Betsy Brady	3/30

*Did we miss your special day?  
Let Peggy know so we can update our records  
[peggysmith1@hotmail.com](mailto:peggysmith1@hotmail.com)*

## 2018 Calendar Meetings and Events

Month	Board Meeting		Date	Events	Participants
	Date	Time		Event Details	
March	3/13/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	31-Mar-18	FFCV Birthday Celebration/ New Member Recruitment	FFCV Members, JAG Students, Guests/Prospective Members
April	4/10/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	April 19 - 23	Harrisburg, PA Inbound Journey	FFCV Members, Harrisburg Visitors
May	5/8/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	May 10 - 24	Japan Outbound Journey	FFC Members
June	6/12/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	June 13 - 18	Des Moines, Iowa Inbound Journey	FFCV Members, Des Moines Visitors
July	7/10/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	July, Date TBD	Mystery Dinner	FFCV Members
Aug	8/14/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	August, Date TBD	Des Moines Outbound	FFCV Members
Sept	9/11/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	September 3 - Labor Day	JAG Picnic	FFCV Members, JAG Students, Guests Prospective Members
Oct	10/9/2018	3:00 - 5:00 PM	October 2 - 9	Australia Inbound	FFCV Members, Australia Visitors
Nov	11/13/2018	2:00 - 4:00 PM	November 8 - 12	Harrisburg, PA Outbound Journey	FFCV Members
Dec	12/11/2018	2:00 - 4:00 PM	December, Date TBD	Holiday Party - Keeton Home, Scottsville, VA	FFCV Members, JAG Students, Guests/Prospective Members

## 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](mailto:walt.oconnell@gmail.com), 434-591-0532) and he will add it to the store front.



Embroidery

# BOD Minutes

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Clubhouse at Villages at Nahor, Palmyra, VA**

**Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:**

President Monica Notaro, Vice President Patty Sclater, Secretary Pam Hokanson, Treasurer David Lea, Deb Winslow, Linda Burns, Dave Burns, Al Colville,

**Board Members Absent:**

Walt O'Connell

**Committee Chairs and Guests:**

Membership Chair Peggy Colville, Fund Raising Chair Dave and Sally Zabransky

**Committee Chairs Absent:**

Outreach Chair Carol Donahue

**Call to Order:** President Notaro called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

**President's Comments:** Monica welcomed new members to the board. She said she wants to keep the good work going and to be able to build on it. She wants us to set measurable goals and is looking forward to a good year.

**Treasurer's Report:**

David reported as of Dec. 31, 2017 we had \$6,072.84. David and Deb Winslow will work on a budget for 2018 and present it to the board in February.

**Secretary's Report:**

Patty Sclater moved the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Al Colville.

**Old Business:**

Patty Sclater went over final details for the Soup and Salad Event for Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Monica led a discussion/ brainstorming session to help set goals in each of the committee areas. She will send out a summary of the goals.

There was discussion about covering the event costs for our JAG students. Al Colville moved that when a JAG student does a presentation at an event, all JAG students will be invited and the club will cover the expense. Seconded by Deb Winslow. Motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting:** the next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 PM at the Clubhouse at the Villages at Nahor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Hokanson, Secretary

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Clubhouse at Villages at Nahor, Palmyra, VA**

**Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:**

President Monica Notaro, Secretary Pam Hokanson, Deb Winslow, Linda Burns, Dave Burns, Al Colville,

**Board Members Absent:**

Vice President Patty Sclater, Treasurer David Lea, Walt O'Connell

**Committee Chairs and Guests:**

Membership Chair Peggy Colville, Fund Raising Chair Dave and Sally Zabransky, Outreach Chair Carol Donahue, Paul Hokanson, Charlotte Meadows, Verne Buchanon

**Call to Order:** President Notaro called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

**President's Comments:** Monica stated that the Soup and Salad Event was a success with about 30 people in attendance. She suggested that the maximum for this type of event at the Nahor Clubhouse is about 30. If the event is a cocktail party perhaps we could have 40-50 people. Once again there were some technical issues and she suggested that we do a dry run of the presentation or have it sent to Walt ahead of time.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report; David is traveling.

**Secretary's Report:**

Al Colville moved the minutes be approved. Seconded by Dave Burns. The minutes were approved as written.

**Old Business:**

Monica passed out and reviewed the notes from the committee goals and brainstorming ideas from last month.

**New Business:**

Dave Burns reported that the 2019 outbound journey for our club will be 2 weeks in Australia – the Sunshine Coast and Bundaburg and 1 week in Marlboro, New Zealand. Incoming journeys in 2019 will be Russia and Western Montana.

Dave also brought up the Charlottesville Sister City Program and the board approved Dave making contact with Charlottesville to explain who we are and what we do and explore the possibility of setting up Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, for another sister city and also perhaps Dushambe, Tajikistan.

Dave also reported that there will be a Friendship Force Eastern Super Regional Conference in Charleston, South Carolina November 7-9, 2018.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Peggy reported that as of the meeting we had 46 paid members and probably 5 additional members who had not yet paid. She wants to have the finalized list to Walt by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Birthday Bash will be held March 31 from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Northside Library in Charlottesville. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members.

**Fund Raising:** Dave Zabransky reported that they had looked into the events at JPJ and that it was not feasible fundraiser for our group. He will fill out and submit the paperwork for volunteering for the Sprint Pavilion Fridays After Five events. Additional sources of fund raising will be to continue the 50-

50 at our events, asking for loose change, and charging members \$1.00 if they forget to wear their name tag at an event.

**Journeys:** Deb Winslow said she would be sending out a doodle for dates for the outbound journey to Des Moines. Harrisburg is coming in April.

**JAG:** Linda reported that graduation for the 3 month students is Thursday, Feb. 15.

**Outreach:** Carol Donahue was welcomed as our new Outreach Person.

**Events:** Patty Sclater is traveling and Peggy reported on the birthday Bash under Membership.

**Communications:** No report

**Next Board Meeting:** the next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Clubhouse at the Villages at Nahor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Hokanson, Secretary





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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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](http://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 2018. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge). **Do you want to:**

**Exchange Activities**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Go on an Outbound Journey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outbound Journey Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Home Host
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Day Host
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Small Dinner Party Host

**Other Club Work and Activities**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Communications/Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Fund Raising including Fridays After Five
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Member Meeting Organizing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Event Planning and Organizing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Membership Committee

**Community Activities and Service**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor a JAG student
<input type="checkbox"/>	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:** \$30 per member.. Please include a check made out to **FFC with your application**. Please submit application/renewal and dues to membership chair, Peggy Colville, 315 Village Blvd. Palmyra, VA 22963.