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## President's Message

Al Colville



Well, we have successfully completed our first exchange for the year. The inbound group from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, has returned home with a much better understanding of the beginnings of our country and have many new friendships established with their hosts from our club. Many thanks go to Bob and Dee Schwagerl for directing this exchange.

But this is just the start. Please read Dave Burns' article in this newsletter about the many new inbound and outbound exchanges that we have planned for the rest of this year and for 2017. Dave is the head of our Exchange Committee that provides overall coordination for our exchange program. As you can see, we do have a busy year and a half ahead of us. We are counting on the support of all of our members to make these new and sometimes different exchanges as successful as possible.

Because of the many exchange opportunities that face us, we do need to work to expand our membership. One of the best

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tools for this is to get your friends and neighbors involved in some of our activities. Please check out our calendar, available in this newsletter, and see what events might interest them. That way, they can learn who we are and what we do. This approach has been very effective for us as a recruiting tool. Please try to use it!

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## **Medicine Hat Exchange**

*Bob Schwagerl, Exchange Director*

On May 1st the Medicine Hat Club left for the next leg of their exchange to Morganton, North Carolina. Their week with us was filled with activity including tours of U.V.A., The Frontier Culture Museum, Jefferson's Monticello, and a bus tour to Jamestown and Yorktown. A word of appreciation goes to Paige Rice, Clerk of the City Council for making the arrangements for a reception of the Ambassadors at Town Hall. We fed the body as well as the mind with two box lunches and continued the experience at Michie Tavern. Finally, we ended the week with a farewell buffet at the Cider Works in North Garden. Dee and Walt O'Connell combined to provide the barbeque and hams for the festivity.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to all of our club members who participated in the exchange. A



special thanks to the home hosts: David Lea, Willow and Allen Drinkwater, Elizabeth & Rob Beck; Mark and Margaret Dryer, Molly Anthony and Barry & Mary Ann Doucette. Leroy Moyer, demonstrating his usual patience, did an excellent job in creating the program. Monica Notaro demonstrated her capable self by administering both small dinner parties and the list of day hosts. Barry Doucette was the ever present photographer and volunteer to help regardless of the occasion. Deb Winslow put the cap on the week by coordinating the farewell dinner. I am sure I have missed any number of people, please accept my apology, and know you are appreciated.

Let us always remember why, as Friendship Force members, we do what we do. With the Medicine Hat members being with us for one week, new friendships have entered a troubled world in need of friends.

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## **Name Tags and Cards**

We have several new members joining us in making new friendships around the world so we will soon be ordering name tags and making business cards. If you need any of these, please drop an email to Walt O'Connell ([walt.oconnell@gmail.com](mailto:walt.oconnell@gmail.com)) and let him know. The order for the hard name tags will be sent in early June.

We will provide a printed name tag in a plastic sleeve to new members (replacements are \$1) or, if you would like a hard name tag they are \$10. For the hard name tag please specify the type of clip (pin, alligator, or magnetic). Business cards are \$1 for 20 cards. In all cases please specify how you would like your names.

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## **New Members**



In recent months we have had several new members join Friendship Force of Central Virginia. We welcome them to our club and look forward to their joining us in keeping the spirit of friendship alive.

*Wayne and Betsy Brady  
Ranny and Ulli Reynolds  
John and Brenda Alluisi*

*Bob and Joanne Harris  
Dave and Lynn Wirth*

## **Events Committee in Action**

*Peggy Colville*

Our original plans for May were disrupted but we are working on an alternative event for this month. Details will be forthcoming.

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## **JAG School**

*Linda Burns, Chair*

We had a short notice request to entertain two short term Pakistani students for a weekend while the school liaison was out of town. Very graciously, the Drinkwater's stepped up and took care of these two students. Following is an email conversation about the weekend: (This is the reason getting involved with JAG sponsoring is so enjoyable. You will have friends for a lifetime.)

*"Dear Ma'am*

*I and my friend Maj Qaswar are so happy to have spent yesterday evening in your nice company and had a guided tour of the residency of a former President of the US. In the end we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with your husband. He is such a nice, graceful and handsome gentleman that I haven't come across. I would cherish this wonderful trip in the life to come.*

*Thank you very much  
Lt Col Sohail Paracha"*

*(From Willow) "We both had a wonderful time meeting you yesterday as well. Thank you for my lovely necklace. I will wear it always thinking of our delightful time with you both. Alan came in wearing the handsome hat you gave him, and his brother and I smiled in surprise. He looked very Pakistani!*

*I will cherish the pictures we took, and are forwarding a thank you also, to our JAG coordinator, Linda Burns to say thank you, Linda, for arranging this forever memorable day.*

*Warm regards,  
Barbara (Willow) Drinkwater"*

We have graduation for the 9 month students coming up on 2 June. The JAG coordinator is also planning on having a dinner the night before and we are invited. If you are interested in going, and have not told me, please let me know. Also, if anyone is thinking of joining a committee for the JAG School students please let me know. You can contact me @: [toeheadva@yahoo.com](mailto:toeheadva@yahoo.com) or 434-589-8724.

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## **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 18 ambassadors registered (and paid their deposits) for this exchange and there is a chance that a few more will sign up. We will shortly be asking members to indicate their participation as hosts. Look for more details as they are available.

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## **Exchange Committee**

*Dave Burns*

2016 Inbound: Open World Program – Tajikistan: As President Colville has announced we will be hosting 5 delegates from Tajikistan, a bi-lingual facilitator, and a translator November 4-12 through the congressionally sponsored Open World Program, which brings emerging leaders from participating countries to the United States in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of democracy and free enterprise. There will be 15 Friendship Force clubs participating in the program, and the delegates specifically requested visiting our club as Virginia is the Partnership for Peace/National Guard sister state for Tajikistan. More information will follow in the coming months.

2016 Inbound: A Nation Divided – America’s Civil War: There currently are 18 ambassadors registered for this September exchange, a mix of both international and domestic folks. Registration cut-off is June 1<sup>st</sup> and since we are only two ambassadors short of the maximum allowed it appears the exchange will indeed happen. As previously stated our club will be responsible for hosting the group for five days and four nights and we will shortly be looking for hosts and others to support this exchange. Two of the five days are abbreviated with us picking up the ambassadors after 5 pm on Day 1 in Staunton and turning them over to the Richmond club mid-day on Day 5 in Appomattox. Hosts picking up or bringing ambassadors to Staunton and Appomattox, respectively, will be compensated for meals and mileage. Day 2 of the exchange is a “free day” for the ambassadors, but we have offered them the choice of either: a visit to Monticello and Michie Tavern for lunch; or trips to three local wineries and lunch at Trump Vineyards; or a tour of Charlottesville and lunch at the Omni Hotel; or a day of relaxation. The ambassadors will have to pay extra for these activities and we may need day hosts to support them. Please help us make this a great exchange experience!

2017 Outbound: Mondo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico: The Mexican club has agreed to change the date of the exchange to April which is great news as the weather then is much better than August! 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 as I previously reported 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: Nothing new has happened in regards to this exchange as previously mentioned, 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: As previously reported, 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.

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## **Outreach**

*Linda Burns, Chair*

I would like to say, the family member who went in the hospital in January is doing well now. There were some complications after surgery, but he has gotten through that and is now on the way to recovery.

We are aware that a granddaughter of two of our members passed away this month. We are so sorry to hear about this. A card and an offer for helping were sent, but no request for help was made.

If you know of any other member who needs an "outreached hand" please let me know. You can contact me @ [toeheadva@yahoo.com](mailto:toeheadva@yahoo.com) or 434-589-8724.

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## **Fund Raising**

*Pam Hokanson, Chair*

We have only two assignments to work Fridays After Five this summer. Many more organizations are learning about this fund raising opportunity and the assignments are being spread over many groups now so we will have fewer assignments scheduled but we may be called upon for short notice assignments.

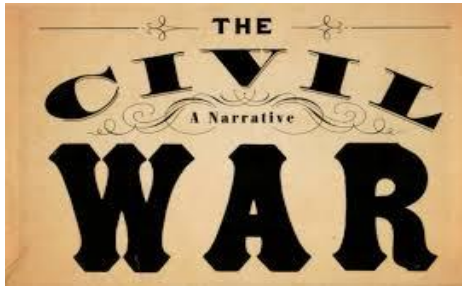
We need volunteers for "Fridays After Five" on 6/17/16 for the Bottle Beer Carts (6 volunteers) and on 8/5/16 for checking ID's (8 volunteers). We may bring 2 extra volunteers to each event to provide a break if we want to. We would like at least 8 volunteers for 6/17 and 10 volunteers on 8/5 as well as a list of 10-12 volunteers who would be willing to be called at the last minute for other events.

Please respond to this Doodle Poll to indicate your willingness to help out

<http://doodle.com/poll/z23xr6zismwxvmrr>

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# Civil War Exchange

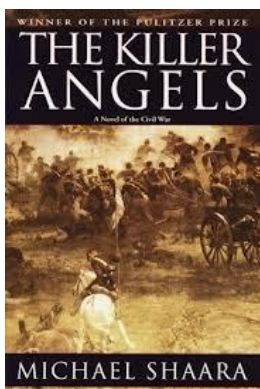


**Theme:** A Nation Divided - America's Civil War    **Dates:** 9/20/16 – 10/9/16

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/](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](mailto: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 Spitler
- 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](#)

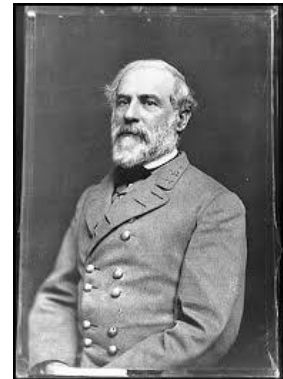
- Lunch at the [Greenbrier Resort](#) with Civil War history provided by local historian.

### 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 [Tredegar 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



**News from FFI**



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

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

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**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](mailto:dpowell@thefriendshipforce.org)

## Member News

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

Drop an email to Walt  
([walt.oconnell@gmail.com](mailto: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.fccavenue.org](http://www.fccavenue.org)

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



Dave and Linda Burns	5/9
Mark and Margaret Dryer	5/16
John and Brenda Alluisi	5/27
Pam and Paul Hokanson	6/12
Bob and Dee Schwagerl	6/16

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

Frederica Bacher	5/5
Bill Smith	6/13
Al Colville	6/16

## 2016 Calendar Meetings and Events

Month	Date	Event
May	TBD	Member Event
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](mailto:walt.oconnell@gmail.com), 434-591-0532) and he will add it to the store front.



Embroidery

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

## Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday March 8, 2016

Dryer Residence – 830 Charter Oaks Drive, Charlottesville, 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, Dale Walden and Walt O'Connell.

### **Board Members Absent:**

Rob Beck

**Guests:** Bob Schwagerl

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 10:05am 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. He wishes to focus on committee structure. He asked the board to hear Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl report first.

**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 requested a change in the schedule of events to remove the Luray Caverns. It was replaced with a trip to Montpelier. He is concerned that responses from the Home Host and members have been slow. There was discussion on the issue.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Lea reported that there is a balance of \$5426.29 in the checking account. He reviewed the member roster and reported that there were still two or three outstanding dues. He needs to meet with Dave and Al to have a signing exchange at the bank.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Regular Board of Directors Meeting of February 9, were adopted.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Civil War 2016:** Exchange Director Dave Burns reported that we will be hosting on September 28 to October 2, 2016. There are now 14 ambassadors registered to attend. He will soon be looking into Home Hosts.

### **New Business:**

**Procedures Manual Committee:** The Committee will meet after the board meeting. Dave Burns created a draft which will be used. Margaret Dryer will review and report to the committee members.

**Committee Structure:** President Colville feels that the Committee structure need revision. He will attend the Procedures Committee meeting to further address this.

**Exchange Committee:** Chair Dave Burns reports that we were assigned the 2017 Outbound exchange from FFI to Mondo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico. Deborah Winslow will be ED for the exchange. The 2017 Inbound we were assigned is from Nizhny Novgorod and Kirov Oblast, Russia, November 2017. Domestic

Outbound for 2017 – we are hoping to establish an exchange with Santa Barbara, CA. FFI is requesting another themed exchange. Topics were discussed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events Committee:** Pam Hokanson reported for Chair Peggy Colville, that the committee is planning a St. Patrick's Party in March at the First Colony Winery on March 14 at 1:00pm, a doodle pole was sent. April's event will be the Farewell Party for the Medicine Hat Club. May will be a theater event, date to be announced.

**Membership Committee:** In the absence of Chair Dee Schwagerl there was no report.

**Fund Raising Committee:** Chair Pam Hokanson reported that we have been assigned two dates June 17 for 6 persons (beer stand) and August 5 for 8 persons (ID check).

**JAG School:** Chair Linda Burns reported that she sent a copy of the Ambassador to the JAG student that spoke at our last meeting, it was also sent to the Israeli student and family and a very nice thank you note was sent back. She attended the graduation of the short term student and reported that FFCV was praised and thanked for all we do for the foreign students.

**Outreach Committee:** Committee Chair Linda Burns thanked all those who helped with food for those in need of our help. She went on to thank everyone for all the cards, calls etc. when she was in hospital.

**Communications Committee:** Chair Walt O'Connell has sent out the Ambassador. He feels that the deadline needs changing to be earlier in the month so we are not reporting things that have already happened. President Colville is changing the calendar for this year to hopefully make things more timely.

**Announcements:** The next Board meeting will be held at the Dryer home on April 5, 2016 at 2:00pm.

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

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Margaret Dryer, Secretary

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.**  
**Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday April 5, 2016**  
**Dryer Residence – 830 Charter Oaks Drive, Charlottesville, VA**

**Board Members Present:**

President Al Colville, First Vice President Linda Burns, Secretary Margaret Dryer, Dave Burns, Dale Walden and Rob Beck..

**Board Members Absent:**

Second Vice President Pam Hokanson, Treasurer David Lea and Walt O'Connell.

**Guests:** Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl and Exchange Treasurer Dee Schwagerl.

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 2:05pm 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. He reviewed the changes made in the BOD meeting dates on the revised calendar. He requested that board members notify him if they could not attend.

**Treasurer Report:** In the absence of Treasurer Lea his report was postponed to the next bod meeting. President Colville reported that there are at least 6 new members.

**Secretary Report:** The Minutes of the FFCV, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting of March 8, 2016 were adopted.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Medicine Hat Club, Alberta, Canada Exchange April 24 to May 1, 2016:** Exchange Director Bob Schwagerl reported that he had a good meeting of the Home Hosts and Committee members on April 2, 2016. It is confirmed that there 14 Ambassadors arriving at different times and different ways of travel. The Home Hosts have made individual arrangements to meet them.

**Civil War 2016:** Exchange Director Dave Burns reported that we will be hosting on September 28 to October 2, 2016. There are now 18 Ambassadors registered to attend. He will soon be looking into Home Hosts.

**Procedures Manual Committee:** Margaret Dryer reviewed the document and felt that it needs to be in less formal language. She will try to revise to be more user friendly. It was suggested to check Exchange Directors reimbursement.

**New Business:**

**Exchange Committee:** Chair Dave Burns reports that 2017 Outbound exchange to Mondo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico Have changed their date to April 2017. Deborah Winslow will be ED for the exchange. At the moment there are 12persons interested in going. The 2017 Inbound we were assigned is from Nizhny Novgorod and Kirov Oblast, Russia, November 2017. We have not heard from them as yet. Domestic Outbound for 2017 are still in the early stages.



## **Committee Reports:**

**Events Committee:** President Colville reported for Chair Peggy Colville, that the April event will be the Farewell Party for the Medicine Hat Club. May is still in the planning stages.

**Membership Committee:** The BOD reviewed the membership list and deleted those that had not shown interest nor paid recent dues. It was suggested that a special list be created to include past presidents and others that have served the Club in the past.

**Fund Raising Committee:** In the absence of Chair Pam Hokanson the President confirmed her last report that we have been assigned two dates June 17 for 6 volunteers (beer stand) and August 5 for 8 volunteers (ID check).

**JAG School:** Chair Linda Burns reported that there will be a going away dinner at Sakura Japanese Restaurant on June 1, 2016. Anyone interested should let her know. The graduation is June 2 at 10:00 am at the JAG auditorium.

**Outreach Committee:** Committee Chair Linda Burns reported that cards were sent to Dee Schwagerl, Monica Notaro for Sal and the Moyer's who lost a grand-daughter.

**Communications Committee:** Chair Walt O'Connell has set a deadline of May 7, 2016 for the next Ambassador.

**Announcements:** The next Board meeting will be held at the Dryer home on May 3, 2016 at 3:00pm.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

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Margaret Dryer, Secretary





**2016 Friendship Force Central Virginia**  
**Membership/Renewal Application**

**CHANGING THE WAY YOU  
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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](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 2015. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge). **Do you want to:**

	<b>Exchange Activities</b>		<b>Other Club Work and Activities</b>
	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		
	<b>Community Activities and Service</b>		
	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.

