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President's Message

Al Colville



The big news for this Newsletter is the confirmation of next year's leadership for the Friendship Force of Central Virginia. The two major changes that were confirmed by the Board of Director's at their November Meeting is that our new President will be Monica Notaro and our new Vice President will be Patty Sclater. I know that you will give them the same wonderful support that you have given to myself and Linda Burns over the past two years that we were in those offices. The rest of the new Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs are outlined elsewhere in this Newsletter.

I also want to congratulate those members who participated in the recent visits by Friendship Force folks from Cornwall, UK, Russia and Mexico. Those were very successful events for which our club should be proud.

Last, but not least, we are finally making some progress with our plans for a Journey to Japan starting next May. Contacts have been made with both clubs we will be visiting and initial planning has begun in earnest. A meeting will be held shortly of all our members interested in the Journey to work on our specific plans. If you may be interested and have not yet made that known to us, please get in touch with the Ambassador Coordinator (me) right away so you can be included in our planning.

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Events Committee in Action

Patty Sclater, Chair

Our final 2017 club event will be the annual Holiday party, graciously hosted again by Margaret and Mark Dryer. Our own Deb Winslow will once more cater the affair with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Margaret will make her champagne/wine punch, and we'll also have coffee & tea. (If you have another beverage preference, feel free to bring it with you.) Party details are below:

This event is a good opportunity to bring guests who may be interested in joining our chapter. Peggy Coleville will have application forms with her for anyone wishing to join. This is a convenient time to renew our memberships, as well. *(The membership renewal application is at the end of this newsletter. 2018 Dues are \$30 per person)* JAG student sponsors are encouraged to invite their student to join us.

There is no cost for the party. We will, however, be renewing our practice of collecting blankets for the Charlottesville International Rescue Committee (IRC) for distribution to refugees.

Coming soon to an email inbox near you - a Doodle to determine attendance at the Holiday party. Please respond soon after getting it to assist with event planning.

And, speaking of events, the committee is busy planning for 2018. However, this is your club – not the board's, not the events committee's. It is important that our events reflect the members' preferences. Please drop me an email (patriciafromva@gmail.com) or give me a call (434.981.8963) with your thoughts and suggestions for programs. For example, do you prefer a single site for meetings or different locations; a set date and time or a variety; eating out, pot luck or no meal; more subject matter expert speakers, etc? And, of course, we can always use more committee members! Thanks in advance for your input.



Friendship Force of Central Virginia

2017 Holiday Party

Saturday, December 16th

12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

830 Charter Oaks Drive, Charlottesville

Whose Holiday Is it?

It is surprising how many holidays are celebrated in December. Most notable are Christmas and Hanukkah but there are others celebrated by different cultures and religions. Visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_multinational_festivals_and_holidays#December for a more complete list.

As Friendship Force, we welcome the opportunity to break down the barriers that separate people. In this regard, let us join together to recognize the importance of these holidays to other groups and celebrate with them.

Membership Chairman's Report

Peggy Smith Colville, Chair

As I hope you know, our holiday party is one of our events to which you can bring prospective new members. We only ask that you let us know about that when our Doodle Poll comes out. This will help in the preparation for that day.

Also, very important – this is the time of year when we collect **ALL MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK OF \$60 PER HOUSEHOLD or \$30 PER SINGLE MEMBER**. Please print out your application from the last page of this newsletter. We will need a new application form and the 2018 year dues from **EVERYONE**. Since the membership form has changed recently, some new and different information is needed. I will try to have some extra copies on hand – should you forget.

Last but not least, I hope each of you have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Hope to see you on the 16th of December.



Cabin Fever Setting In? Need to Get Away?

Be sure to check the journeys available on the Friendship Force Web site.

<https://www.friendshipforce.org/journeys/>

For a complete list of 2018 journeys
click [here](#)



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<http://www.ffc.avenue.org/>

Friendship Force International

<https://www.friendshipforce.org/>

Inbounds from the UK and Russia

Lynn and Dave Wirth

Wow, did we have a busy week and a half with Friendship Force. On Tuesday October 17th we met our British ambassador Ruth, and then went to the Alluisis for a delicious dinner. Two other folks were staying with John and Brenda. We enjoyed chatting with them too. Ruth is a retired tennis coach who lived in Canada for 29 years. Although she is part of the Cornwall club she actually lives in Wales!

On Wednesday we went to tour Monticello and Historic Charlottesville, lots of walking, good information. Wednesday evening was a dinner at Sal's, fun times. Thursday morning was good-bye.

The following Sunday our Russian ambassadors arrived. We met Mila in Scottsville where they had been to catch a beer at the Scottsville Brewery and take a twilight history tour of Scottsville. Mila is a professor of English at a university so communication was fairly easy. Monday we sent Mila on her way to the Blue Ridge Mt hike. That evening we enjoyed another delicious dinner at the Colville's.

Tuesday was a free day so shopping was on our list. Sasha joined us on this outing. Wednesday Mila did the Monticello/UVA tour. Thursday we drove to Richmond for a tour of the Governor's Mansion and History Museum. Our guides were wonderful and provided very interesting information to our guests.

Friday we toured the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. Again we heard the history of settlement in the Shenandoah Valley given by several costumed folks stationed around the museum.

It was a busy week for all of us but also a very rewarding one. Unfortunately Mila was on a 'working' holiday so evenings kept her busy with personal items. When she did have some time she shared the history of Nizhny Novgorod Russia as well as talking about her job and family. All in all both guests were a delight. We also had the pleasure of meeting Ceci and Gloria from Mexico, fun ladies.

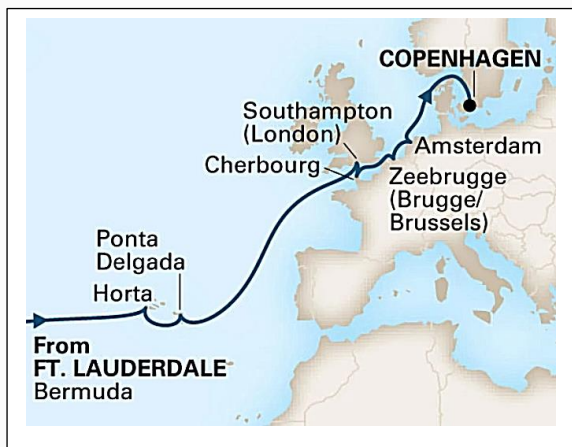


News from FFI



Dear friends,

My name is Jo Custead and I am the incoming Chair for the international Board of Directors beginning in 2018. I am a member of Friendship Force Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and dearly love this organization! I want to invite you to join me aboard the [Festival at Sea](#) cruise taking place April 22 - May 10, 2018 aboard Holland America's [ms Zuiderdam](#) as we travel to Denmark from the U.S., with port stops in six countries along the way. We already have 65 ambassadors from six different countries joining me aboard - will you be a part of this festival too?



During this fabulous 18-day voyage, I look forward to making new friends as we walk the decks of the ship, during afternoon tea or over an evening oceanside cocktail or two! I can't wait to have both serious and not-so-serious discussions about the organization we all love - Friendship Force.

Not only will we have time for camaraderie, but we will also have many opportunities to learn, bringing both skills and information with us to new countries, friends, and our clubs and members at home. **Some of the workshops for the [Festival at Sea](#) will include:**

- **A Case for Peace, A Cause for Friendship** - An exploration of peace, how it's defined, and what it means for Friendship Force today.
- **A New World of Friends: Sneak Peek into FFI's Expansion Plan** - Breaking down


barriers in other parts of the world. An overview of FFI's series of ground-breaking Journeys that will open the mission of FFI in new parts of the world.

- **Domo Arigato, Mr. Roboto** - An overview on the era of exploding technology, what the future could look like, and what we're doing *now* to keep up.
- **Friendship Force in Sound and Image: Then & Now** - Join us for a journey into FFI archives to see how Friendship Force was promoted its early years and to look into the many ways we communicate and share our message and mission now, including a tour of our new website's best features.

[Prices for the Festival at Sea begin at \\$1949 USD.](#)

You can find [more details about the itinerary and pricing on the FFI Catalog here](#) or [register directly at this link](#). I look forward to seeing you on the ship!

In friendship,



Jo Custead,

Incoming Chair, FFI Board of Directors



Ed note: to receive news directly from FFI visit <https://friendshipforce.org/resources/>, scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your email address

JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair

On 14 November we were invited to attend an office call to meet Brigadier General Houston, commander of the JAG School. Monica Notaro, Linda Okun, Dave & I went. We had a very interesting conversation with the BG. He is very happy for all we do for the international students. We also spent some time with MAJ Joy Premo, Associate Dean. She also was very interested in listening to what we do for and with the students. We let them both know that we receive as much from the students as they do from us.

We also were invited to go to the ROTC 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner at the Darden cafeteria on 12 November. We shared a table with the international JAG students and Larry Moore. It was a very nice dinner and interesting inputs from the veterans that were attending.

We just received two new students for the Basic course in November. They are 2LT Takumi Yamada from Japan, sponsored by Bob & Laura Keeton and MAJ Sikaaswe from Zambia, sponsored by Art & Linda Okun. Thank you sponsors!

If you have a student during this time, please consider having them over for the holidays. If you cannot, see if they can go with another student to their sponsors, so they will not be alone.

Journey Committee

Dave Burns

Oct 2017 Inbound: Cornwall, England stopover:

As planned, a group of 12 members of the Friendship Force (FF) of Cornwall, England arrived on October 17 for a short stop-over on their way to Washington, D.C. In addition, a member of FF Vancouver, Canada also joined the group. Fellow FFCV members John and Brenda Alluisi, Al and Peggy Colville, Dave and Lynn Wirth, Pam and Paul Hokanson, Dave and Sally Zabransky, Dale Walden, Ann Newmark, and Dave and Linda Burns hosted the visitors. After meeting up with our guests (who arrived in two mini-vans starting out in western North Carolina) at the Comfort Inn at the base of Pantops, we retreated to our homes where we got to know our guests and in some cases participate in small dinner parties hosted by other members. The following day we took our guests to Monticello where they and some members toured in the morning, followed by box lunches at members Helen Ida and Leroy Moyer's house, and in the afternoon took a tour of the original part and downtown mall areas of Charlottesville, sponsored and led by the folks at the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society. And oh yes, weather during the entire day was spectacular. The day was finished off with our guests hosting their hosts at Sal's Italian Restaurant adjacent to Lake Monticello where all had a great time. The next morning, on the 19th we all gathered to get our guests back to their vans where they departed for Washington where most of them would be spending a couple of days. In short, a great time and each and every host I am sure have new friends we will continue to keep in contact with. And, probably most important to all of us is that the FF Cornwall club has made a personal request that our club visit them in 2019. More on this later in this newsletter!

Oct 2017 Inbound: Nizny Novgorod, Russia

As explained in the last Ambassador, due to visa rejections and other issues this was not a sanctioned FF journey, but rather an event with our club hosting only four members of the club who could come to the U.S. as guests or visitors. This did not really matter much as hosts John and Brenda Alluisi, Dave and Lynn Wirth, and Peggy and Orion Birdsall stepped forward to host our new friends. Also, as previously arranged two members of the FF of Mundo Maya, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico club joined us and were hosted by Dave and Linda Burns. Though not a regular FF journey, we treated our ambassadors as we normally would and had a hectic schedule for the week beginning on Sunday, October 22. That evening all of us were guests of the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Scottsville, Virginia who

threw us a welcoming party at the Scottsville Brewery, followed by a twilight tour of Scottsville which included period actors and actresses giving us an overview of the history of Scottsville. The next day we attempted a tour and guided hike of a trail off Skyline Drive, led by John Alluisi, with the group battling through fog and rain (ugh!) followed by a relaxing time at the Veritas winery. The rest of the week the weather cooperated and we were able to go on trips that included visits to Monticello, UVA in Charlottesville, the Governor's Mansion, State House, and Virginia Historical Museum in Richmond, the Frontier Culture Museum and downtown Staunton followed by a free day where our guests could sleep, shop and do whatever they wanted. Most, if not all of them also enjoyed boat trips around Lake Monticello thanks to several of our members. At the end of the week we had an informal "farewell party" at the Villages of Nahor, close to Lake Monticello where all of us, our guests, and two of our sponsored JAG students got together to say farewell to our new friends. What stands out at this event was that the two groups of international folks FFCV has contact with—FFI ambassadors and JAG students—were able to meet each other and see the two very different, though similar, cultural exchange programs FFCV is involved in. It was truly nice to see one of our JAG students from Afghanistan spending a lot of time talking with our Russian guests and our Korean JAG student spending time with them and our Mexican guests. As somebody said, this is what Friendship Force is all about. Again, thank you to all the hosts, day hosts, dinner party hosts, Patty Sclater (who coordinated the farewell dinner) and the rest of you who supported this effort!

2018 Outbound Japan: Al Colville is coordinating this journey. If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact Al.

2018 Inbound Australia:

The folks at FF Bundaberg, Australia have confirmed they plan on coming to visit our club on 2-9 October 2018. In the next couple of months we will be reaching out to the membership for somebody to be the "Host Coordinator" (HC) for their visit. We used to call this the "Exchange Director" or ED but apparently somebody took exception to that acronym. In any case, we will be looking for a member to take this position, so beware if you receive a call from me.

2018 Domestic Exchanges:

- As I wrote in the past expect one or more of these in the coming years. Our next domestic exchange will be with the FF of Des Moines, Iowa club which will occur in June, 2018, exact dates to be determined but will be a 5-day exchange starting mid-week. Again, watch out for a call from me looking for an HC for this journey. Basically, our friends from Iowa want to get a general overview of Central Virginia and what we have to offer, and it should be fun and no stress. More info as we go along. So in return for the Des Moines club visiting us, we have been invited to visit their club and we have agreed to do so in August, 2018 when they are having the Iowa State Fair and Restaurant Week in Des Moines. Again, I will be looking for folks who want to go on this journey and somebody to lead the group. Trust Me. phone calls are coming.
- The FF club in Harrisburg, PA really wants to spend a long weekend with us and wants us to do the same with them and I am working out a plan to schedule this in the coming year. What we are talking about is a long weekend; say three or no more than four days. I really think this is a good idea and I'll be sending out more information on this as we work things out.

2019 Outbound:

- For those of you who like to travel this could be interesting as for the first time in years we have requested two separate exchanges. Ooops I mean “journeys” as they are now called. And each is to a different part of the world.
- First is a return to Australia and New Zealand. The Australian club we hosted a couple of years ago, the FF of Sunshine Coast, has requested we visit them in 2019 as has the club in Marlborough, New Zealand. As such, given the distance involved we have asked FFI to include a third week in the region in either Australia close to the Great Barrier Reef or on the South Island of New Zealand. We will not know whether or not FFI agrees to this until around January but since both the Sunshine Coast and Marlborough clubs requested we be there and we told FFI we wanted to go this should work, but we’ll see. More later.
- As noted earlier, the Cornwall, England club really wants us to visit them and we have requested a second 2019 journey which would include them and another club in Europe, which based on our membership survey would be Austria or Hungary. Again, no promises from anybody but think our chances of getting Cornwall and another place somewhere in Europe is pretty good.
- And of yes for those trying to figure all this out, we have requested a late October/November timeframe for the Australia/New Zealand journey and maybe May/June for Europe. Let’s all keep our fingers crossed.

Outreach

Linda Burns, Chair

Just want to let you know that after Patsy O’Connell’s hip surgery she went thru rehab, but I am glad to say that she is now home and returning to “normal”. Welcome back Patsy!

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.

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.

Member News

Please welcome our new officers, board members, and committee chairs for 2018.

President	Monica Notaro		Board Member	Dave Burns
Vice-President	Patty Sclater		Board Member	Linda Burns
Secretary	Pam Hokanson		Board Member	Al Colville
Treasurer	David Lea		Board Member	Walt O'Connell
			Board Member	Deb Winslow
Events	Patty Sclater		Journeys	Deb Winslow
Fund Raising	Dave Zabranski		JAG School	Linda Burns
Membership	Peggy Colville		Outreach	Carol Donahue
Communications	Walt O'Connell			

We extend our thanks to Al Colville who has served as our president for the last two years and to Margaret Dryer and Rob Beck who have served as board members. While their leadership will be missed we welcome their continued contributions to our club. We also extend our thanks to those who will be continuing their leadership roles with FFCV through 2018. We truly appreciate what you do to keep our club energetic and meaningful.

Dave Burns Appointed Field Representative for the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region

Congratulations to Dave in his recent appointment to this important position. In this role Dave will act as intermediary between clubs in the regions and FFI in terms of policy and other guidelines and provide assistance in coordinating journeys and facilitating activities between clubs in the region. Clubs in the region include those located in New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and the greater Washington, D.C. area.

This appointment reflects the confidence that FFI has in Dave's ability to serve both the National Organization and Regional clubs. In the past Dave has been instrumental in coordinating several successful journeys and most notably the recent Civil War Exchange. Dave has also been an important member of our club's leadership team for several years. We wish Dave all the best in this assignment.

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

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



Bing and Joyce Spittler 12/27

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

David Lea	11/2
Ann Neumark	11/3
Brenda Alluisi	11/5
David Wirth	11/12
Dale Walden	11/15
Mark Dryer	11/24
Orion Birdsall	11/25
Robert Schwagerl	12/15
Bob Keeton	12/24
Carol Donohue	12/26
Robert Beck	12/29
Bing Spittler	12/30

**2017 Calendar
Meetings and Events**

<u>Month</u>	<u>BOD Meeting</u>	<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Participants</u>
December	5	Sat, 12/16	Christmas Party - Dryer Residence, Charlottesville	FFCV Members, Their Guests

Show Your Club Logo with Custom Merchandise



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.



BOD Minutes

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2017, 3:00-5:00 PM
Clubhouse at Villages at Nahor, Palmyra, VA**

Board Members Present:

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

Guests:

Membership Chair Peggy Colville, Events Chair Patty Sclater, Mark Dryer

Call to Order: President Colville called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

President's Comments: none.

Secretary's Report:

May, June, and August minutes were approved as amended

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved as presented with a balance in the checking account of \$5380.90

Old Business:

Review Status of Upcoming Journeys

Cornwall: Dave reported that the ambassadors from Cornwall are driving up from North Carolina on Oct. 17. Oct. 18 the group will go to Monticello in the morning followed with a box lunch at the Moyers, then a tour of Charlottesville followed by the ambassadors treating their hosts to dinner. They will leave on the morning of Oct. 19.

Russia: Dave Burns reported that the Russians had a problem obtaining their visas. Four people will be coming for a visit. Due to the small number coming this will be considered a visit and not a journey. They are arriving on Oct. 21, along with 2 people from Mexico. Plans will be made to host them at a potluck at the Nahor clubhouse.

Japan: there is nothing new to report on the May 2018 Outbound Journey to Japan.

Harrisburg: They want to come in November and have us visit in the spring.

Iowa: they want to come here in June and want us to go there in August for the state fair.

2019: Dave is talking with Australia and New Zealand about possible exchanges in 2019. It is in preliminary stages with details to be worked out.

New Member Briefing is planned for Sept. 22, but only a small number of new members can attend. The briefing will consist with Al presenting the responsibilities; Walt presenting information on journeys, both upcoming and in the past; Peggy discuss home hosting; Monica will discuss day hosting and fund raising; and Patty will present the calendar of events and JAG.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Communications: Walt asked for all information to be turned in ASAP so he can get the newsletter out. The September newsletter will be late. It was decided to keep the newsletter coming out every other month. Walt needs the information for the November newsletter by the first week in November.

Events: Patty Sclater reported that a trip to Staunton for glass blowing and wine tasting will be Nov. 9. The Christmas Party will be at the Dryers and Deb Winslow will be asked to cater it again. They are considering having more potlucks with the JAG students giving their presentations.

Exchanges: This was discussed under old business.

Fund Raising: Monica reported that we have had many cancellations this year, but are scheduled to work a 5 hour event, Top of the Hops.

JAG: Linda reported that we were recognized at the JAG graduation for our support of the students in the program. We also received a thank you note from the JAG School Dean Col. Bagwell for hosting them at the picnic.

Membership: Peggy reported about the new member orientation under old business.

Outreach: A sympathy card will be sent to the Bradys on the loss of Wayne's dad.

Next Board Meeting: the next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th, possibly a working lunch at Wegmans to check out the facility. Al will let everyone know place and time later.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hokanson, Secretary

Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 6, 2017
Villages at Nahor Clubhouse, Palmyra, VA

Board Members Present:

President Al Colville, Chair of Meeting, Treasurer David Lea, Secretary of Meeting, Rob Beck Walt O'Connell, Dave Burns and First Vice President, Linda Burns

Board Members Absent:

Secretary Pam Hokanson, Margaret Dryer

Guests: Peggy Colville and Monica Notaro

Call to Order: Chair Colville announced that a quorum was present the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded, followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors, unless otherwise noted.

President Report: President Al Coville reviewed the major events since the last BOD meeting.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer David Lea reviewed the Treasurer Report for the month of May 2016 previously provided to the BOD and answered questions from the directors. **ACTION.** The Report was approved and a copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

Club Membership Records: The BOD reviewed the current way new and renewed club memberships are handled. It was decided that the current system was cumbersome and needed improvement. **ACTION.** The BOD requested the Treasurer, Secretary, the Chairs of the Communications and Membership Committees, and Rob Beck to look into this matter and make a report to the BOD by the August BOD meeting with their joint suggestions for improvement.

Secretary Report: No report made. Approval of the minutes for the FFCV BOD May 2017 was deferred until the next BOD meeting.

Exchange Committee Report: Dave Burns reported on the status of all exchange activities. The BOD reviewed and discussed all current and planned exchanges and took the following action.

2017 Russian Exchange: **ACTION.** Approved expansion of open exchange slots to 12.

FFI Club of the Year Award: Dave Burn reported on the successful status of discussions and paperwork associated with seeking this award for our club.

Membership Committee Reports: (Peggy Colville, Chair) Peggy reviewed the status of activities in the Membership and Events areas. The main topic for discussion was whether the Club should pay all or part of the costs of potential new Club members who attend events which at least in part are aimed at attracting new members. This matter has been discussed in the past, but apparently no approved BOD actions or guidelines are available. **ACTION.** The BOD requested the Chair of the Membership Committee look into this matter and provide the BOD with recommendations for actions and guidelines on how to handle this subject.

Fund Raising Committee: (Monica Notaro, Chair) Monica reported current event efforts are on line and she will be contacting the other committees for recommendations for future fund raising events or sources.

JAG School: (Linda Burns Chair) Linda reported on the recent JAG graduation ceremonies, there will be 7 new students this coming semester and Linda is looking for hosts. **ACTION.** It was also suggested that the Chair invite the military head of JAG to attend a future Club event and provide an update of JAG to the entire Club.

Outreach Committee: (Linda Burns, Chair) Linda reported on people updates especially Margaret Dryer.

Communications Committee: (Walt O'Connell, Chair) Walt reviewed current events. No actions required.

Next BOD Meetings: ACTIONS: The July BOD regular meeting was cancelled. The next BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 3:00pm at the Villages at Nahor Clubhouse.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Rob Beck, Secretary of the Meeting



2018 Friendship Force Central Virginia

Membership/Renewal Application

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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

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

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

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

Partner's Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____

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 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.