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## President's Message

*Monica Notaro*

It certainly has been a busy time for us! We have hosted the club from Bundaberg, welcomed the new JAG students, and participated in the Regional Conference. Now we are preparing for our annual Holiday Party which is always a memorable event. This year we will have the opportunity to be hosted by the Keetons where we had our JAG welcome picnic. If you missed that then be sure to attend the Holiday Party. Look for a Doodle Poll coming soon with details. But in the meantime, save the date... Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This is a great time to invite potential members to join us and learn about what we do. Also it is a great time to renew your membership for 2019. Complete the application and bring it along with your dues to the party. The application is at the end of this newsletter.

I hope you join me at this special time of the year in being thankful for the great opportunities afforded to us as members

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of Friendship Force. By welcoming ambassadors into our homes and visiting theirs we are helping to carry out our mission of furthering peace throughout the world.

I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party.

In friendship,

*Monie*

## **Events Committee in Action**

*Patty Sclater, Chair*

Our final club event for the year is the ever-popular Holiday Party. Bob and Laura Keeton will be hosting the event at their Scottsville home, from noon – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Deb Winslow will once again share her creative touch in catering the affair. Food and light beverages will be provided by the club. If, however, you prefer a stronger libation, you may bring your own.

This event is open to members, JAG students and their families and guests. It is an ideal opportunity to introduce friends to our club.

There is no cost to attend this event. In the spirit of sharing, we do ask that you bring a blanket for donation to the Charlottesville office of the International Rescue Committee (IRC). The IRC, founded at the request of Albert Einstein in 1933, aids refugees and those whose lives have been shattered by disaster.

For those of you who attended the JAG picnic at the Keetons, you know about Bob's music room. If we promise to be nice and not naughty, I bet we can talk him into leading us in some holiday music on his pipe organ.

We'll be sending out a Doodle the week after Thanksgiving to determine how many will be attending. Please be sure to respond if you are or are not attending and if you will be bringing guests. It is important to have an accurate count for event planning purposes.

See you there!

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## **Membership Chairman's Report**

*Peggy Smith Colville, Chair*

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to the Christmas Season.

Your Friendship Force club will be having its annual Christmas Party this year in the lovely home of Laura and Bob Keeton. If you have not been there, you are in for a treat. I am in hopes that Bob will

even play some Christmas music for us and maybe, if you feel festive enough, you can join him in song. Our very own Deb Winslow will be catering this event which takes place on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 3:00 PM. Details to follow.

Also, very important, like in the past, we will be collecting your 2019 Membership Dues at the Christmas Party as we have done in the past. That worked out really well in the past and I want to thank each of you for coming with your checks and applications already made out. New application forms are provided in this Newsletter.

One thing we would like to change over this coming year is to have meals at many of our Membership Meetings like we use to have several years ago. If you would like to work on the committee that organizes these events, please check "Event Planning Committee" on your Application/Renewal Form. Patty Sclater, who has done a fantastic job running this committee, would like to take a breather and is seeking a replacement. She feels that now is a good time to bring new ideas for activities and meeting formats to our club. These meetings could be pot luck dinners either at a public meeting place or in member's homes. It would be nice to have some speakers involved and these meetings could also include short discussions on activities coming up. There could also be sign-up sheets to work on extra activities. These would be excellent times to invite friends and neighbors to come and see what we are all about.

Again, let me say in advance Merry Christmas and I hope to see you there.

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## Eastern Super Regional Conference, Charleston, SC

*Al Colville*

Five of us from FFCV attended the Eastern Super Regional Conference held in Charleston, South Carolina, from November 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. Included were our President, Monica Notaro, along with Dave & Linda Burns and Al & Peggy Colville. The Conference was put together by the Leaders of three of our Regional Organizations along the East Coast, including Dave Burns, who heads up the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region.

One of the opening sessions was a Workshop on "Recruitment and Retention of Members" led by a Panel including Peggy Colville from FFCV, Joan Emrich from FF Sarasota FL and Ann Taylor from FF Birmingham AL. (See picture below) This session was very well received with lots of discussions back and forth on how to get and keep new members.

All in all, the Conference was a very worthwhile event for all attendees. We learned lots of ideas that will help us improve our clubs and the way they operate.



*Panel Members for "Membership Recruitment and Retention"*

*Left to Right: Ann Taylor, Birmingham; Peggy Colville, Central Virginia; Joan Emrich, Sarasota*

## **Fund Raising**

*Dave Zabransky, Chair*

The Club had a very successful year, raising over \$800 in 2018.

Fundraising is done to supplement the Club's income for the purpose of community service and activities that build camaraderie within the membership in support of FFCV goals and principles.

The Board of Directors would like the memberships' input as to where these funds might be best used. Please watch your email for further communications from the Board regarding the Club's charitable activities.

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## **JAG School**

*Linda Burns, Chair*

We have received two new students for the 3-month course. They arrived this week. They are, 1LT Kimura (Japan) sponsored by Duncan & Deborah Nixon and CPT Palay (Nigeria) sponsored by Beverly Stewart. Welcome students!

We attended an ROTC Veterans Day appreciation dinner at UVA in the Newcomb Hall building on 14 November. Also, with Dave & I the Keeton's and David Lea attended. It was very nice and we also were able to see and talk to all the JAG students again, as well as meet the two new students.

Holidays are coming up. If you can include your student in some of your activities, that would be nice.

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## **Outreach**

*Carol Donahue, Chair*

*Linda Burns*

We had some people out this period with medical problems and or surgeries. Cards were sent to Carol Donahue who had knee surgery, Sal Notaro, who is recovering, and a card to Bob & Dee for their son, who was in a very bad accident but is home now and recovering. Keep them all in your prayers.

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

## **F/F Journey to Central Virginia, Central North Carolina & Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA**

*Kevin Huxham, Bundaberg Ambassador*

*Our flights took us from Bundaberg to Brisbane, Los Angeles, Washington DC, then Charlottesville, Virginia, with a flying time of almost 18 hours and around nine hours waiting in airports, so we were a little tired at the commencement of our first of three stays.*

*There were nine of us on the journey, although we travelled independently to our arrival destinations, six members of Bundaberg F/F and three from Adelaide F/F, who quickly jelled together.*

*All three clubs had quite full itineraries for us to pursue, with lots of social activities, many winery visits, many homes of famous American politicians and statesmen, and we now have a much better understanding of the Civil War.*

*All of our hosts went out of their way to ensure we had a wonderful time, and nothing was too much trouble. Our first club based around Charlottesville, took us to Tuckahoe Plantation, the original boyhood home of Thomas Jefferson, constructed in 1733.*

*The following day we were taken to Lexington to the Virginia Military Academy and Lee Chapel and Museum, for a very informative visit.*

*Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, his home constructed and extended by he and his 600 slaves over 40 years, was truly magnificent. The same day we visited Carter's Mountain Orchard, growing apples, peaches, cherries and all sorts of pumpkins, as well as apple cider, for a delightful lunch with a view.*

*Thankfully the club had built in a rest day on Saturday, then Sunday we were off then underground at Luray Caverns, fabulous tour!*

*Another early start, this time to the University of Virginia built by Thomas Jefferson in his later years, a true statesman who left behind a wonderful legacy. A mayoral reception in the Council chambers, a farewell dinner at Spring Creek Tavern on the Green, for our last night.*

*Our hosts in this club resided on one of 4,200 homes on half acre blocks amongst the trees in a gated community, surrounding Lake Monticello, on which we did a couple of punt tours with club members. The following day we said our sad farewells to our hosts, whom we hope to see in 2019 when their club returns our visit and come to Bundaberg, and we boarded our Amtrak train to Greensboro, North Carolina.*

*Our second hosts collected us at the railway, and took us to their home, and the following day our program commenced with a welcome brunch, where we played a game of cards to find our seating companions. We then visited Reynolda House & Gardens and Museum of American Art built in 1917 as the home of R J Reynolds of Winston-Salem fame, a tobacco baron, which was initially on 1000 acres, encompassing an entire village for its workers.*

*The following day we visited the Old Salem Visitors Centre to view a video, then a tour of a museum of early southern decorative arts, and the Moravian Church Township. That was the day that hurricane Michael decided to pay us a visit, but it passed by in around three hours whilst we were taking a nap, with only one large tree crashing down on our host's property, flattening a section of fence. It did leave around 492,000 homes without power, and some of our group were without power for the majority of their stay.*

*Another early start to for a Quaker history talk, to follow their migration from Pennsylvania and Virginia in 1740 to Guilford County, which quickly became a leading centre of Quakerism. They are pacifists, anti-slavery, and from a very early point, advocates for social justice.*

*Two consecutive nights in a row we attended the famous North Carolina Theatre, firstly to see the Piedmont Land Conservancy Land Jam, a fabulous evening of entertainment by the Steep Canyon Rangers, Darrell Scott and Laurelyn Dossett, and the following night to witness the Fred Astaire live dance performance of WOW! with 61 individual dance performances, by about 75 participants!*

*A memorable visit was to the Civil Rights Museum in the old Woolworths store where four college freshmen sat down in the "whites only" lunch counter and challenged the institution of segregation, and it is said that the courageous actions of these men ignited a movement that changed a nation and inspired the world, a superb museum and tour!*

*The majority of our group then flew to Memphis for two nights in hotel accommodation taking in a day visit to Elvis Presley's Graceland home, which is apparently the second most popular house in America after the White House, according to our bus driver!*

*This proved to be a good break and a rest whilst taking in some of the Mississippi River history, and some of the Memphis music scene dining at the Jerry Lee Lewis Diner called the Drunken Chook, whilst listening to a great live rock band!*

*Limo ride back to Memphis Airport, return to Atlanta Airport to change planes, and south to Baton Rouge for our final week with our hosts. And if we ever get the last row of seats in another plane, we will protest, as our domestic flights found us in the last two rows on all flights!*

*Arrival in Baton Rouge to a big F/F banner in the airport at 5pm, home for a quick tub then off to a huge Lutheran Church for our welcome social attended by about 65 members including the Cajun Steppers Dancers, who took us through second line dance, conga line and line dancing, as well as a smorgasbord.*

*Next morning off to Alma Plantation, a working sugar mill that processes sugan cane from 470,000 acres, that don't do public tours, but the F/F connection made it possible! Did a tour through the West Baton Rouge Sugar Museum as well, then onto the banks of the Mississippi River for a view towards Baton Rouge.*

*Following day we were taken to Houmas House Plantation & Gardens for a tour and a lovely smorgasbord lunch of a lot of local foods. This was a sugar baron's home which had 550 slaves for production.*

*Sunday to the House of Blues Gospel Brunch for fantastic entertainment and a smorgasbord, then walked the French Quarter in New Orleans. Baton Rouge F/F club has a Friendship Forrest where we had a tree planting and dedication there the following day, and a BBQ on the lake, and we got to play bean bag toss and take a walk.*

*A highlight with the club was a swamp tour with Champagne Cajun Boat Tours for 1 1/2 hours, which was very informative although because it was overcast, there were only two alligators to be seen, but many birds!*

*Baton Rouge has a lady mayor and we were treated like royalty at a meeting with her in the City Hall, presented with certificates of our visit, participated in a flag raising ceremony, sang our National Anthem, and had our photographs taken. We then visited the current State Capital Building completed in 1932 and at 450' tall and 34 stories, it is the tallest state capital in America!*

*On our departure day we were taken to New Orleans once again, to visit the WW2 Museum for four hours which explained America's involvement in the second world war, which was again excellent. Dropped at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport for the commencement of our trek home, from what has been a very memorable and exciting exchange with fantastic people, over 3.5 weeks!*

*One thing that does come to mind is that each journey co-ordinator in the three host clubs had a solid committee of four to six people assisting in making these journeys function so well! A very memorable exchange with terrific hosts and club member's involvement!!!*

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## **Getting an Outbound Journey**

*Dave Burns*

Speaking as the Friendship Force International (FFI) Field Rep for the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region, and not just as a member of Friendship Force of Central Virginia (FFCV) I'd like to pass on some information regarding matching outbound journeys that I've shared with your BOD and other clubs in our region. First off, getting the journeys you want is not as simple as you think. Each year by November 1, your club is required to send in your "wish list" for journeys two years out. For example, the lists submitted recently were for journeys in 2020, matches for 2019 were selected a year ago. There are certain rules, some official, some not that FFI takes into consideration with assigning outbound exchanges, some of the more important ones are:

- ✓ If you have visited a country or area, especially a club in Europe, in the last three years you will not get another journey there.
- ✓ Many of the more desirable countries have very few clubs located in them, most only one, and many, many clubs try to go to them.
- ✓ All clubs, including ours, are required to submit their inbound requests by August and can comment on who they are willing to host. To be honest, many international clubs prefer hosting clubs from other than the U.S. for the simple reason that they can visit the U.S. with ease, but not Guadeloupe, New Caledonia, South Africa, South America, Thailand, and so on. These they want to host, not the U.S., as they hope to have reciprocal visits.

- ✓ In the past many clubs were making “deals” for agreed upon journeys and stated this on their inbound and outbound requests, FFI usually blessed these agreements. This essentially blocked anybody from getting those assignments. After 2020, FFI will not recognize these agreements.
- ✓ That said, if a club say one in Israel (by the way only one club there) goes to Atlanta this year, then Atlanta will have preference in going there in 2020. This is considered a reciprocal journey and happens a lot.

Along with the outbound request form your club must be submit by November, there is another working aid that tells the clubs what countries have clubs, how many are located there, the maximum number of ambassadors they can host, and how many journeys they will accept. This is to give the clubs an idea of their chances of getting a journey to a given country. Analysis of this information reflects the following which I have passed to your and other club BODs which I will share with you.

- ✓ If you have gone to a geographical area such as Europe or Taiwan in the past 3 years you likely will not get another journey there in 2020.
- ✓ If you limit your choices to countries that have only 1 or less than 5 clubs your chances of getting them is not real good.
- ✓ I have broken down international destinations into five "tiers" based on the number of clubs in their country (see below).
- ✓ Suggest your choices include at least one country in what I call Tier 1 or 2, and the other(s) in the other three; I would not recommend two in Tier 5.
- ✓ Please note the Netherlands were not going to host anybody in 2019 and were evaluating their future plans.
- ✓ There is nothing that says you cannot put in for two or more sets of destinations and only accept one if you are lucky enough to get more. If you do put in for two journeys, include different destinations.

Tier 1	Over 20 clubs	Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, New Zealand
Tier 2	Over 10 clubs	Germany, Russia
Tier 3	Over 5 clubs	England, Indonesia, Mexico, Thailand
Tier 4	2-4 clubs	Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Hungary, Peru, Romania, So. Africa, Taiwan, Hawaii
Tier 5	1 club	Azerbaijan, Burundi, Czech Republic, Colombia, Cyprus, Eqypt, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guadeloupe, India, Israel, Kenya, Korea, Liberia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Caledonia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda



## Journey Committee

*Deb Winslow*

**2019 Inbounds: FF Flathead Valley, Kalispell, Montana** will be arriving April 30, 2019 for seven days. We are in need of a host coordinator with assistance from a committee to help plan an exciting journey. Anyone interested in participating please contact me. I can also get you in touch with previous coordinators to answer questions and learn more about how it all works. There will be a doodle coming out shortly.

**Saratov, Russia** will be visiting us starting September 16. Keep your eye out for news in the near future.

**2019 Outbounds: Harrisburg Pennsylvania** has invited us to visit them next year. The tentative mini-journey will be in June, 2019. A doodle poll will be provided to determine interest.

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. The journey will take place in October/November.

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## News from FFI

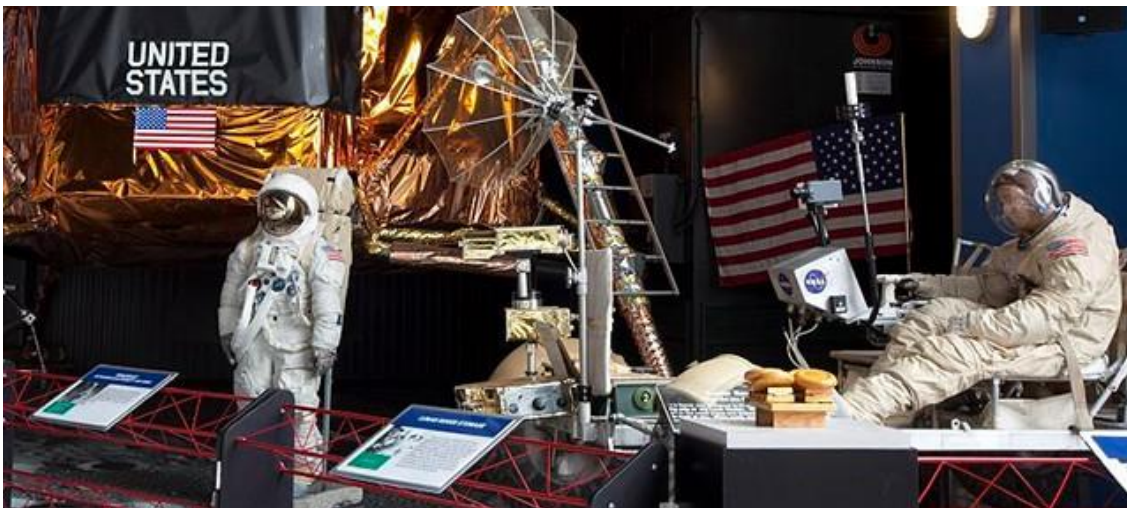
OCTOBER JOURNEY CATALOG



## White Christmas in Saskatoon, Canada

December 21 to December 26, 2018

[Discover More](#)



## Rocket City Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Mission

July 14 to July 21, 2019

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## Searching for Journey details?

Simply click on the "Itinerary" and "Details" tabs underneath the main Journey photo.



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### *Overview*

Join us on a spectacular Journey that begins with a four-night homestay with FF Moscow, followed by four nights of city exploration and with hotel accommodations in St. Petersburg! The anticipated destinations offer opportunities to connect with Friendship Force members in Russia, to see beautiful sites and views, and to learn about Russian history, culture, and art.

[VIEW A LIST OF ALL JOURNEYS >](#)

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/>

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.

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# Member News



David Lea	11/2
David Wirth	11/12
Dale Walden	11/15
Mark Dryer	11/24
Robert Schwagerl	12/15
Bob Keeton	12/24
Carol Donohue	12/26
Bing Spitler	12/30

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



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Charlotte Meadows Vern Buchanan	11/25
Bing and Joyce Spitler	12/27

*Did we miss your special day?*

*Let Peggy know so we can update our records  
 peggysmith1@hotmail.com*

## 2018 Calendar Meetings and Events

Month	Board Meeting		Events		Participants
	Date	Time	Date	Event Details	
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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, October 16, 2018, 3:00-5:00 PM  
Clubhouse at Villages at Nahor, Palmyra, VA**

**Board Members Present:**

President Monica Notaro, Vice President Patty Sclater, Secretary Pam Hokanson, Al Colville, Dave Burns, and Linda Burns.

**Board Members Absent:** Treasurer David Lea, Deb Winslow, and Walt O'Connell.

**Committee Chairs Present:**

Membership Chair Peggy Colville, Fund Raiser Chairs Dave and Sally Zabransky.

**Guests:**

Beverly Stewart

**Call to Order:** President Monica Notaro called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm and welcomed new member Beverly Stewart.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Lea emailed the report. Linda had questions about the JAG expenses. In light of David's absence, it will be discussed next meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Al Colville moved the September minutes be approved. Second by Dave Burns. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Feedback from Bundaberg Inbound Journey:** Everyone felt it was successful. The ambassadors enjoyed the activities. It was agreed that the payment for the hosts at the farewell was a little unclear at the time. It was suggested that a template for evaluation of journeys be used.

**Email list:** It was suggested that all old email lists be discarded. Walt has one email list for the newsletter containing those who have dropped their active membership from the club, but want to receive club news. Membership Chair Peggy Colville keeps the official list of the current membership. When communication with the membership is needed, Al Colville should be contacted for the current list. Those lists will include the date when it was last updated.

**New Business:**

**Outbound Journey Destinations for 2020:** After some discussion and input from Dave Burns about the journey selection process, it was decided to request the following choices:

1. Canada – 2 weeks
2. Brazil – 2 weeks
3. South Africa – 1 week, followed by Tanzania – 1 week

It was brought up that the membership needs to be informed how the selection process works and that they can go to the FFI website to request an e-flyer and journey catalog for additional trips that are available to members. Monica asked Dave Burns to write an article for the newsletter about the process and include the link to the FFI Journey Catalog.

Dave Burns brought up that a new description of our club needs to be submitted to FFI by the end of the year. He also said we need to be thinking about applying for Club of the Year and nomination of members from our club as Member of the Year.



A question about the status of the tax return being due by October 30<sup>th</sup> was raised. Monica will contact David Lea about this.

**November Travelogue:** Patty Sclater reported it is planned for Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Downtown Library on Market Street. Al Colville will lead the presentations from our recent journey to Japan. Members will be encouraged to bring guests and light refreshments will be served. A Doodle will be sent out to members and Patty will advertise it, but word of mouth from members seems to get the best response.

**Holiday Party:** Patty Sclater reported this year's party will be held at the Keetons on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00. Deb Winslow has agreed to cater. Members are encouraged to bring interested guests. It was suggested to again bring gifts for IRC.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Peggy Colville said that collecting applications and 2019 dues at the holiday party worked well last year and plans to do it again this year.

**Fund Raising:** Dave Zabransky reported we received a total of \$799.00 in checks and tips from our volunteer efforts at events.

**Journeys:** No report.

**JAG:** Linda Burns reported we have 2 new three-month students coming Nov. 12. One student is from Japan and one is from Nigeria.

**Events:** Discussed under new business.

**Communications:** No report.

**Outreach:** A card needs to be sent to Bob and Dee Schwagerl. Their son has been hospitalized for several weeks following an accident.

**Next Board Meeting:** the next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Clubhouse at the Villages at Nahor. Note change in meeting time, as we will be off daylight savings time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Hokanson, Secretary

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

**Board Members Present:**

Vice President Patty Sclater, Secretary Pam Hokanson, Treasurer David Lea, Al Colville, and Linda Burns.

**Board Members Absent:** President Monica Notaro, Dave Burns, Deb Winslow, and Walt O'Connell.

**Committee Chairs Present:** Membership Chair Peggy Colville, Fund Raiser Chairs Dave and Sally Zabransky.

**Guests:** none

**Call to Order:** Vice President Patty Sclater called the meeting to order. She informed the board that she was planning to go off the board, but would still be an active member.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Lea reported a balance of \$8,066.73.

**Secretary's Report:** The October minutes were approved

**Old Business:**

**Southeast Regional Conference:** Al and Peggy Colville, Dave and Linda Burns, and Monica Notaro attended. They reported on several ideas that were shared and Al will write up a summary for the newsletter.

**World Conference:** Everyone was reminded that it will be in July, 2019 in Colorado and is encouraged to attend.

**New Business:**

**November Travelogue:** This has been postponed until next year. Patty said there will be an Events committee meeting after Thanksgiving to reschedule and plan this event.

**Holiday Party:** This year's party will be held at the Keetons on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00. Deb Winslow has agreed to cater. Members are encouraged to bring interested guests. Patty will be writing an article for the newsletter and sending out a doodle poll for the event. Patty has gotten no response from the IRC as to what they might need. She will try once more and if she still gets no response, gifts will be donated to the SPCA instead.

**Florida and North Carolina Journeys:** There are openings for both of these domestic journeys. Dave Burns has asked Monica to send out information to club members.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Peggy Colville reported there has been no change and will be collecting applications and 2019 dues at the holiday party. Applications will be in the newsletter and members are asked to complete it and bring it to the party along with their annual dues.

**Fund Raising:** Dave Zabransky reported we made \$800 this year and we are done with fund raising except for possible 50/50 sales at some events. He suggested we need to be thinking about where we want to donate these funds. Peggy would like to have input from the membership and said we need an article in the newsletter asking the membership for ideas as to which non profit organizations

we might consider. We have no promotional merchandise except for the club pins (Peggy Colville has the pins) so we might want to think about items we might like to purchase to make available to club members.

**Journeys:** Next inbound journey will be Montana April 30 – May 7. It was mentioned that Dave Burns was asked to write an article for the newsletter explaining the journey selection process.

**JAG:** Linda Burns reported we have 2 new three-month students, one from Japan and one from Nigeria. She has sponsors for both students.

**Events:** The committee will meet after Thanksgiving to begin to plan for 2019. The mystery dinner has been a huge success and Peggy would like to organize a mystery trip in 2019 to go away to a mystery location for one night on a weekend. This event would be just for members and invited guests.

**Communications:** Walt O'Connell needs all articles for the newsletter by next Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Articles needed include a summary of the SE Conference, Journey selection process, and the Holiday party.

**Outreach:** Linda Burns sent cards to Carol Donahue and Bob and Dee Schwagerl. She mentioned that former members Shirley and John Webster are both having health issues and could probably use some prepared meals.

**Next Board Meeting:** Discussion was held about the next meeting as several members had conflicts. AI will send out a Doodle Poll to determine the best day and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Hokanson, Secretary

# Friendship Force of Central Virginia 2019 Membership/Renewal



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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 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 2019. (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 Comm.
<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 Host

### Other Club Work and Activities

<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Communications/Publicity Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Fund Raising Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Event Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Membership Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Community Activities and Service

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor a JAG student
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work on a Community Outreach Project

**Annual Dues:** \$30 per member. Please include a check made out to **FFCV with your application**. Please submit application/renewal and dues to membership chair, Peggy Colville, 315 Village Blvd. Palmyra, VA 22963.