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The Ambassador

President's Message

Dave Burns

To begin with I would like to say how proud I am of being a part of Friendship Force Central Virginia (FFCV). The members have gone to bat to support two inbounds in the last couple of months, shown great support for our social, JAG and membership programs, and most importantly to me, taken care of those in our membership who have fallen on hard times.



I write this with much sadness, as since I last wrote to you, we have lost a beloved member of our club, Nancy Moore. Nancy was very active in our club for a number of years, frequently volunteered for whatever was needed, and helped to introduce folks into our club. Many of our members took care of or provided support for Nancy during her illness. Foremost, she was a friend of mine who was so interested in promoting our club and being a major part of it. There will be more written in this edition of the Ambassador, but I would personally like to say I miss you Nancy and know wherever you are you are at peace.

There also are others in our club who are also facing physical and other hardships and you may or may not know who they are. No difference, but please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

The next most important thing to me is the tremendous work that went into organizing and running our last inbound, which just took place in mid-August. This was a tough one as we all know we just hosted a group from Australia and the next thing we know we are hosting another group from Huntsville, Alabama. Considering the hosting we did last year we were all getting burned out to say the least. When this first came up I did not think many of us thought this would ever work, but it did,

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Mark These Dates!

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| September Membership Meeting | Sept. 13 |
| BOD Meeting | Sept. 16 |
| FF World Conference and NZ/Australian Outbound | Oct. 14-31 |
| Annual Meeting/Election | Nov. 18 |
| Christmas Party | Dec. 13 |

and it was primarily due to Monica Notaro and the many other club members who stepped forward to make this work. For those of you who don't know this, it was a very tough inbound for many reasons for Monica, but she made it work and, well to be honest I am very proud of her. This is not to say I do not appreciate the hard work that so many of you put in to make this a very successful inbound however you participated in the exchange. Yes, this was a club effort and all of you were great. Thank you again so much!

On to other things, there are a number of serious issues our club must address in the next couple of months, foremost what we want to do in the coming year(s), who will govern our club, and our finances.

Friendship Force International (FFI) recently advised us to some minor policy changes in how exchanges will be developed starting in 2016 and that we will need to send our preferences for 2016 to them by November 1st. As the majority of the Board will be on FFI-related travel and exchanges for most of October, we will need to address this by the end of October. Al has sent out a questionnaire (a Doodle wouldn't work) and we really need your input on where you think the club should try to go in 2016. We would like to discuss this issue at the next bi-monthly meeting on September 13th so please fill in the questionnaire and be willing to discuss this issue. I also want to assure you the FFI policy changes do not really impact on the club and likely would bore most of you to tears to describe. If anybody wants the details please ask me or the other BOD members.

Another important issue we have to deal with in the next couple of months is to figure out who we want to represent us through the FFCV Board of Directors (BOD) for 2015. I really think we have made some head way this past year and I hope that we will elect officers who can continue, and to be honest, take care of some issues I personally have not been able to resolve during my term as President. We have some really good members in this club and I would hope if you or if you know somebody who would be willing to serve in a BOD position to please contact Al Colville, Walt O'Connell, and Willow Drinkwater, who will try to put together a slate for next year. The voting for our next BOD will be at the annual membership meeting in November.

Finally, I want all of you to know I am very interested in making all aspects of our budget available to all our members and would like a new emphasis on working on a new budget for 2015 more realistic and one that makes the best use of the money we now have and have accumulated over the past few years. A sub-committee is being formed with core members of the BOD and committee chairs involved, but I would like this to be open to any others who would like to be involved. I, as President, will not be part of this committee. Please let me or other BOD members know of your interest.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**ELKS' CLUB - 389 ELK DRIVE, CHARLOTTESVILLE
JUST NORTH OF FREE BRIDGE NEAR DARDEN TOWE PARK
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES AT 2:00 PM FOLLOWED BY
COUNTRY PRESENTATION BY JAG STUDENTS
MARK THE DATE - DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Outbound: New Zealand/Australia

Dave Burns

Our club is in the final planning stages of the outbound trip to New Zealand and Australia. I think we did quite well in that there will be 10 members of our club going on these exchanges and we have at least two others who will be joining us. Most of us decided to extend the exchanges by going early to New Zealand and spending a number of days in the South Island of New Zealand for sight-seeing, wine-drinking, etc. before heading north to either the FFI World Conference in Auckland or northern part of New Zealand before heading to our first homestay in New Plymouth. After a week there we will all be flying over to Tamworth, Australia (the country western music capital of Australia) for a week before either heading to Sydney for a few days, spending time with other FF members we met in the past, or simply touring Australia. Looks like a very memorable trip for many of us, and we promise to share the experiences with you when we return. There likely will be many beans and rice meals for an extended period once we return home.



Inbound, Alabama

The inbound exchange with the Huntsville, Alabama club is now history but one that we will remember for a long time to come. This was the Monica Notaro's first time as and ED and she did a great job! Congratulations, Monica and many thanks to all those who participated as home or day hosts, dinner hosts, and food preparers for a great farewell party.

The ambassadors arrived Saturday evening, most after driving to Virginia from Alabama. Everyone met on Sunday for a tour of Michie Tavern including a chance to do the Virginia reel and lunch in the Ordinary. A short trip up to Carter's Mountain for a view Charlottesville and the Blue Ridge capped off a great day.



The rest of the week's program included a visit to Monticello, the Frontier Culture Museum, the Blue Ridge, and Montpelier. And a big shout-out and thank you to Cooper Winery, Molly Anthony, and Leslie Wensel for hosting the wine tasting and farewell party. While we had to dodge the storms, it was a great opportunity for all members to meet our guests and share experiences from the week and past exchanges. This was yet another example of why we choose to participate in Friendship Force.

Membership

Walt O'Connell

We all have different reasons for belonging to Friendship Force but I suspect that most of us enjoy meeting people from different parts of the country and the world, learning about them and their life, making new friends and having fun. Isn't it strange that no matter who we meet, we are more alike than we are different and we all want the same things – a better place for ourselves, our family and our friends? And we probably all have like-minded acquaintances who have not yet been introduced to our organization.

We are always looking for new members who can participate and share our experiences with us. Over the years we have tried many ways to invite new members to join us and by far the most successful has been the personal invitation of a current member. It isn't always easy to identify potential members even among those we know but it is easy to have a conversation about Friendship Force.

On many occasions people (acquaintances and complete strangers alike) will notice my pin, name tag, or shirt and ask "What is Friendship Force". What an opportunity to deliver that "elevator speech". Try starting with this answer: "Friendship Force is an organization that over the last 30 years has made the world a better place." That of course begs the question "how?" and you are now able to explain how we make friends with people we don't know and break down those barriers that separate people.



After this brief introduction to our organization, I give prospects my card that has my email address as well as the Web address of both our club and the International. It also has a brief but all-encompassing description of the organization.

Friendship Force is an organization that is dedicated to a concept—a commitment to world peace by promoting global understanding across the barriers that separate people. To this end, members travel throughout the world meeting and hosting people, sharing experiences, and gaining insight into each other's' culture and lifestyle.

I also try to get contact information from them so I can invite them to join us for an activity. This is the way we can grow our club and make it even more fun.

If you need a pin, name tag or some business cards, please get in touch with me. (walt.oconnell@gmail.com). Be sure to check out our Web site (<http://www.ffc.avenue.org>) and that of FFI (<http://www.friendshipforce.org>). At the end of this newsletter is information for ordering merchandise with our logo. We order merchandise from Queensboro and we have selected some items for our storefront. However, you are welcome to browse all of the merchandise that they offer (<http://www.queensboro.com/>) and if you see something you like, please let me know and I will add that to our storefront.

Let's everyone make an effort to get one new member for our club!

Social and Program Committees

Peggy Colville and Al Colville

Mystery Dinner – FUN-FUN BY ALL. We had a total of 24 people signed up to participate and after accidents and illnesses, we ended up with 16. Afterwards, I talked with each of the Hosts and was excited to find out that everyone had a wonderful time. One Host commented –“Not knowing who was coming or what dishes they were bringing was exciting”. Guests were excited not knowing who they would be eating with and some did not even look up the address in our Member List, they just let their GPS take them there. Another comment – “It was great to get to know members that I have never really had the chance to talk with”.

Saturday, September 13 – we will be having our Bi-Monthly General Membership Mtg. at 2:00 PM at the Elks’ Club. This is a first; we are trying to see how many of you are willing to come out during the day rather than at night. We will have some form of refreshments provided. I do not know the cost at this writing but will be getting that information out to you by e-mail as soon as it is available. I would like to ask AS SOON AS YOU get this information would you please let me know if you will be attending so I can get a count to the Elks’ Club.

As previously mentioned there will not be a Wine Tasting in October. Our entire Social Committee will be in Australia. If someone would like to take this on as a project for the Club I would love to hear from you and help you in any way possible before we leave on the 30th.

November 18th – General Membership Meeting with election of officers tentatively scheduled for the Elks’ Club.

SAVE THE DATE – December 13th Christmas Party will also be at the Elks’ Club. This is still in the planning stages but as of now we are tending towards having an afternoon Cocktail Party. More to Come!

Fund Raising

Dale Walden, Chair

There were no fundraising activities in August. I am waiting to hear from n'Tellos how many of our FFCV volunteers they will accept for September 20 for "5th Annual Top Of The Hops Beer Festival. I have submitted 8 volunteers and am awaiting the final word on how many they can use.

If you can help, please call ((434) 975-3591) or Email me at dalewalden@comcast.net!

JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair

Our International JAG students have arrived for this year's 10 month course and one student for the 3 month course. We have students from Ghana, Korea, Turkey, Egypt, Armenia and Mongolia. I am very happy to say that we have sponsors for all of the students. On August 14th we met with our new students for a "Welcome" lunch at the Darden cafeteria. On Labor Day we had a picnic for the students and their sponsors at the Colville's home.

The whole idea of the JAG program is to share our culture with the students and for them to share their culture with us (the FFCV motto).

Remember, we do not host. We are SPONSORS that give these students, and possibly families, a day of sightseeing in C'ville, a dinner, a movie, a picnic in the park, whatever. Just time to be together and share cultures and give them a little time away from the grueling course they are going through.

Keep it in mind and think about if you would be interested and who you would be interested in sponsoring. We will have more students in the future.

If you are interested, please contact me via email: toeheadva@yahoo.com, or phone me at: 434-589-8724.

Outreach Committee

Linda Burns, Acting Chair

As you read earlier, our Chair for the Outreach Committee, Nancy Moore, passed away in August. I was asked to be the Chair for the rest of this year.

Nancy was a very dear friend and an enthusiastic member. She dedicated many hours of her time to our club. She will be missed by so many of us. I have been in contact with Nancy's son and he wanted me to pass on her funeral arrangements to our club. The funeral service is going to be September 13th at 11:00am at the Johnson Funeral Home in Locust Grove. Our club will be sending a donation to the SPCA in Nancy's memory.

Several of our members have had medical challenges during the past few months. One of our members, Freddie Bacher, fell and broke her wrist in August. She has had surgery and is recuperating at home. I'm sure she wouldn't mind having company or phone calls.

As suggested at the BOD meetings, phone calls are being made and cards sent out on behalf of the membership. Thanks to those of you who have alerted us to members who may need our support and assistance.

Please contact me if you become aware that one of our members needs our help –
Phone: 434-589-8724; email toeheadva@yahoo.com

Why Friendship Force

Bob Schwagerl

Many of our members (of recent years) may not be aware that FFI published a magazine every other month. Typically the magazine would carry articles relating to exchanges and topics of interest to FFI. Some years ago, Dee and I were home hosted in Brazil when attending an International Conference. The father (Jorge) of Japanese extraction, the mother (Lilian) a Brazilian Indian), Maria (their daughter) and Fabio (Maria's significant other) were our hosts. I had submitted Maria's letter to Dee and me for publication in the FFI magazine under the title "Least We Forget", a reminder if you will of why we choose FFI for travel. Last evening, with the members of the Alabama exchange, the FFI theme was mentioned a number of times; perhaps it is worth restating in the Ambassador.

Dear Dee and Bob:

I believe that one of the most known things of life is that each person who passes by someone else's life has a job to accomplish, one mission, which many times is not known consciently what it is, but it really does exist.

One thing extremely visible was the different experiences and situations destiny reserves to us and how God put people in our way

I believe I can tell for all people in this house you don't even imagine the amount, mainly, quality of lessons we've learned during this short period of 4 days compared to a whole life.

First we realized that life too wide than the life we were used to know. Afterwards, we saw it as extremely possible, probable and natural that a person we've never met before, we never thought he or she could exist, suddenly is in our room, sitting on our sofa, talking and laughing like we've known them since childhood.

It is difficult to synthesize everything that I am thinking now, but it's perceptible, under the main theme of Friendship Force mission, there are missions of each person here on earth, the learning each one can learn with the other, who is not necessarily a childhood friend but will be a friend for the rest of your life.

All I can say to you now is that, after analyzing this experience, I dare to say that our concepts have changed our critical sense about our life and what we expect in the future.

I must thank you for all that you have done for us.

We miss you so much and expect to be happy and satisfied about what you thought Brazil would be. I hope we can see each other soon.

Yours,

Lilian, Jorge, Maria and Fabio.

(Lilian's letter has not been edited. Portuguese is her native language)

Travel Through FFI

Dave Burns

I have written about this before but figured it was time to repeat this again. Many of us joined FFCV with the idea of having folks from different countries and cultures stay with us and for us to do the same. As travel costs and other factors have increased significantly since the formation of Friendship Force we are all looking for cheaper ways to keep with the mission of our organization. Once upon a time it was not difficult for our or any other club for that matter to put together a fairly large group of members to go to wherever sounded interesting and worth the deal. That has changed significantly. Let us take a look back at the history of our club. In 2011, we had a trip to Georgia and Azerbaijan where although some of our members participated in the trip it also included others from outside FFCV; we had a great outbound trip to both the United Kingdom and Germany in 2012 but certainly could have used more Ambassadors; in 2013 we were presented with an exchange to Brazil, but could not find enough ambassadors to go; but in 2014 we have 10 club members and at least 2 others from out of state going to New Zealand and Australia. In 2015 we do not have an international outbound scheduled at all. Bottom line is that how FFCV participates in the core type of trips FFI offers us is all over the map. Maybe the time has come where those who want to travel to take a hard look at what other clubs are going---my recommendation is those clubs that are in our region—and to look at the special trips FFI offers. The following link is where you need to go for information where other clubs are going and what FFI is offering.

<http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/site/exchanges>

In my opinion, we in our club have very similar interests in travel and meeting other cultures and we need to talk about these things and how we can enhance our club and FFI as a whole. These are the things I would also like to see discussed at our bi-monthly meetings and I hope you will voice your opinion(s).

An Alternative Travel Opportunity for Seniors

Dave Burns

A few months ago Arthur Frommer, the noted travel expert, penned an article concerning great deals for seniors who want to travel at reduced or “budget” rates throughout the U.S. or many foreign countries. While I agree traveling with a Friendship Force club or group is the best way to see the world, this is not always possible, especially for singles or couples who want go on their own and try to save as much money as possible, but at the same time also get to know their hosts. Unbeknown to me there apparently are clubs that have evolved over the past few years that by their very nature mimic Friendship Force, though in a limited way. These are venues that cater to senior singles and couples who want to spend a night or two at somebody’s home as opposed to a motel/hotel with like people who want to do the same; similar to what we do in Friendship Force. Mr. Frommer cited two clubs that cater to those who are interested in this type of thing. The deal is you pay an annual fee of about \$65 a year to stay wherever there is an opening, with a charge of \$20-25 a night, with the catch being you have to offer a room or lodging at your own home. For those of you who want to travel around spending no more than a night or two at a place, this is great. Plus of course you get to be a host for others coming through your neighborhood, much like Friendship Force, but only for a night or

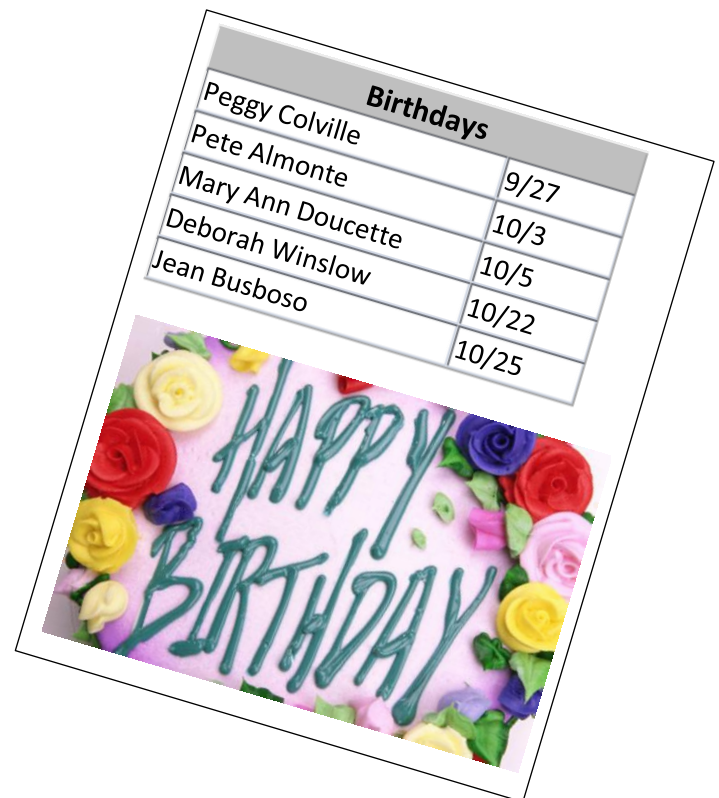
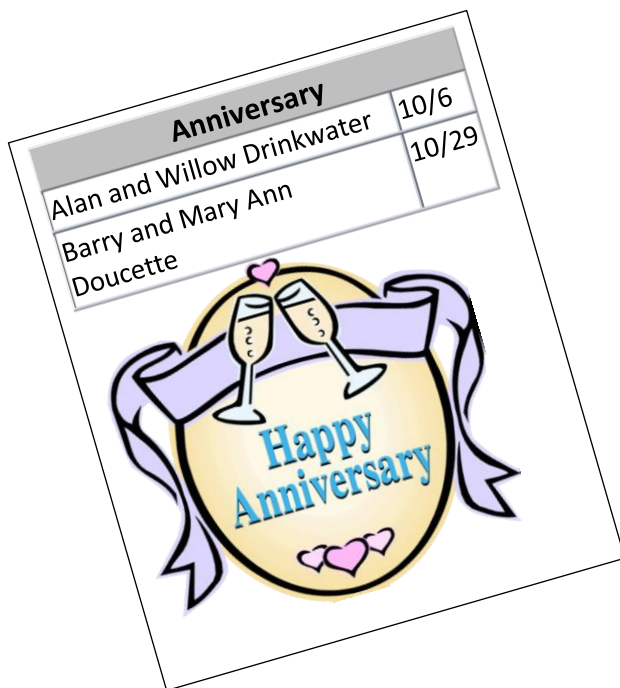
two. Both of these sites are primarily for “senior” citizens and require a pretty extensive registration form so everybody knows who everybody else is and there is a sense of security in who is who. If you are interested the two sites are: the Evergreen Club <https://www.evergreenclub.com/> and the Affordable Travel Club <http://affordabletravelclub.net/index.html>

Do You Want to Go On an Outbound Exchange?

Many members aren’t able to participate on our club’s outbound exchange but would still like to enjoy this great benefit of membership. It is easy to do. Most exchanges sponsored by other clubs have space available for members of other clubs to join them. Several members of our club have done this and can report excellent experiences. If you are interested, here is what you do:

1. Select an exchange from the many that are available and posted, even those originating in another country. Click [here](#) to get to a page where you can explore many of the exchanges available to you.
2. Contact the Exchange Director to check for space available and whether they are interested in your joining the exchange
3. Complete the Ambassador Application and send it with a deposit to the ED. If the ED is doing their job, they will also request a recommendation from our club president. Click [here](#) and select Exchange Documents to access the Ambassador Application and other documents.

Member News



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

Drop an email to Walt
(walt.oconnell@gmail.com)
and let him know what you need.

Going to Volunteer at our Fundraising Events?

Get your uniform - White Woman's Short Sleeve
FFCV shirt - brand new size Medium (more like a
size 12 dress top) Bargain priced at \$15. Write
mollyanthony087@gmail.com for pick-up

The minutes of the BOD meetings and copies
of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on
our Web site, www.ffcv.avenue.org

2014 Calendar Meetings and Events

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| September | 13 | Bi-Monthly General Membership Meeting 2:00 PM at the Elks' |
| | 16 | BOD Meeting 3:00 PM Dryers, 830 Charter Oaks Drive, Charlottesville |
| October | 14-16 | Friendship Force International Conference, Auckland, NZ |
| | 17-31 | Outbound New Plymouth, NZ and Tamworth, Australia |
| November | 1 | 2015 Newsletter Inputs/2015 BOD Slate sent to Walt |
| | 11 | BOD Meeting 3:00 pm (TBD) |
| | 18 | Annual General Membership Meeting/Election of BOD |
| December | 9 | BOD Meeting 3:00 pm (TBD) |
| | 13 | FFCV Christmas Party |

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.gbstores.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.

FFCV Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
July 8, 2014
Colville Residence –25 Whippoorwill Lane, Lake Monticello

Attendance: President Elect Al Colville, Vice President Dale Walden, Treasurer David Lee and Secretary Margaret Dryer. Committee Chairs: Peggy Colville, Walt O’Connell, Monica Notaro and Rob Beck. Not Present: President Burns

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by President Elect Al Colville.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer David Lee stated that there is \$5,959.23 in the bank.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the June 10, 2014 were adopted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Social/ Programs Committee: Chair Peggy Colville reported that the outing on Jun14th at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center in Fork Union was a success. She thanked Deborah Winslow for organizing this outing. The FFCV Picnic on July 19th will be held at the Colville residence at Lake Monticello at 3:00pm. Please let Peggy Colville know if you intend to attend and what you will bring as a desert. If you bring a guest to the picnic also let her know. The committee is planning a Mystery Dinner on August 23. Peggy will be coordinating this. Further information will be presented at the picnic.

Membership Committee: Chair Rob Beck reported that there were no new applications. There was a discussion on various ways to attract new members. It was suggested that Rob Beck set up a speaker’s bureau to reach out to local originations for recruits and that the board members and committee chairs send Rob their suggested contacts at potential originations.

Membership Outreach Committee (Sunshine): Vice President Colville reported that committee chair Nancy Moore is ill.

Communications Committee: Chair Walt O’Connell reported that the July Ambassador has been sent out. The deadline for the September issue is August 29.

Fundraising Committee: Chair Dale Walden reported that were not needed for the July 4th event at Friday’s After Five, however the Club took over for the Alzheimer club who had to leave. The Sarah Mc Lachlan concert on July 27th is covered.

JAG School: Vice President Colville reported for Chair Linda Burns that there was an email with a doodle poll was sent to the membership asking for sponsors for the JAG students arriving on the 14th of July.

Unfinished Business:

Inbound Huntsville, Alabama 2015: Exchange Director Monica Notaro reported that there will be 16 persons coming to this exchange. She presented and reviewed an itinerary. She has most things covered at this point.

Outbound New Zealand & Australia Exchange Director Dave Burns had a meeting on July 7th with the Ambassadors from our Club that are going on the exchange. Plans are being finalized.

Procedures Manual: Chair Margaret Dryer said that there was nothing to report.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements: The next Board Meeting will be August 12, 2014

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Secretary,
Margaret Dryer

**FFCV Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
Tuesday August 12, 2014
Burns Residence – 5 Austin Drive, Lake Monticello**

Attendance: President Dave Burns, President Elect Al Colville, Vice President Dale Walden, Treasurer David Lea and Secretary Margaret Dryer. Committee Chairs: Peggy Colville, Walt O’Connell, Linda Burns and Rob Beck.

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 2:15pm by President Dave Burns.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer David Lea stated that there is \$6108.54 in the bank. He presented an updated list of paid members. It was suggested that there be follow up contacts by Rob Beck for those on the list who are still delinquent in their dues payment.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the July 8, 2014 were adopted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Social/ Programs Committee: Chair Peggy Colville reported that the FFCV Picnic on July 19th held at the Colville residence at Lake Monticello was a success. The committee is planning a Mystery Dinner on August 23, there are 22 persons participating. The plans for an October wine tasting has been canceled due to the International Conference in New Zealand and the exchange following to Australia which most of the leadership are attending. The committee will next be planning for the Christmas Party in December.

Bi-Monthly General Meeting: Al Colville reported that the meeting is being planned for September 13 at the Elks Club. He will research a speaker for the meeting.

Membership Committee: Chair Rob Beck reported that there are two prospective member who will attend the dinner for the Huntsville inbound. He has researched possible originations that we could speak to about FFCV. The Rotary Club has a 7:30 breakfast meeting that we could ask to speak at. He suggested that President Burns and or Vice President Colville join him as the speakers.

Membership Outreach Committee (Sunshine): Linda Burns has taken over the committee for Nancy Moore. She reported that cards were sent to Nancy, Willow Drinkwater and Eileen Seaman.

Communications Committee: Chair Walt O’Connell reported that the deadline for the September issue is August 29. Please send your information to him as soon as possible.

Fundraising Committee: Chair Dale Walden reported that on July 4th “Fridays After Five” the Club took over for the Alzheimer Club who had to leave. She made a motion **“That FFCV donates \$50 to the Alzheimer Club because they rescinded their spot at Fridays After Five and we were able to use it.”** The motion was passed. There was discussion on possible venues for fund raising during the winter months.

JAG School: Chair Linda Burns reported that there is a “Welcome” luncheon at the Darden School for the JAG students and sponsors. She said that a picnic for the sponsors and the JAG students is being planned for Labor Day at the Colville’s house.

Unfinished Business:

Inbound Huntsville, Alabama 2015: Walt O’Connell reported for Exchange Director Monica Notaro. He is assisting her with the final stages of the exchange. A draft of the program was reviewed. The Ambassadors will be arriving on Saturday, August 16th.

Outbound New Zealand & Australia Exchange Director Dave Burns reported that there are eight of our members attending and 2 from New York.

Multi-Club War Themed Exchange 2016: President Burns reported that FFI has informed him that the exchange is going forward. There is a possible 2-4 days for our Club participation.

Procedures Manual: Chair Margaret Dryer said that there was nothing to report.

New Business: President Burns reported that the new Regional Director may be visiting FFCV. The only possible venue this year is the September Bi-Monthly Meeting.

2016 Exchange Possibilities: President Burns reported that the Club needs to decide on the possible exchanges for 2016. A doodle pole will be sent out and it will be discussed at the September Bi-Monthly Meeting.

Nomination Committee: The Board appointed the Nomination Committee. Chair Willow Drinkwater, President Elect Al Colville and member Walt O’Connell. Their report will be presented at the September meeting.

Announcements: The next Board Meeting will be held at David Lea’s home on September 16, 2014 at 2:00pm. There will be no FFCV Board Meeting in October.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Secretary,
Margaret Dryer