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The Ambassador

President's Message

Dave Burns



Wait a minute! Did somebody say it will be fall in a couple of weeks! How did that happen as it seems it wasn't that long ago I was applauding the fact that the snow and cold weather, icy roads and long dark days were coming to an end and we had summer to look forward to. And now, well it seems summer has just flown away. I hope all of you had a great summer, got to do some traveling, spending time with family and friends, and otherwise just enjoyed the past few months.

With that said the next few months are something to look forward to. As all of us know fall here in Central Virginia is a great time, weather usually is super, the fall foliage exceptional, lots of chores and things to take care around the house and yard, all sorts of festivals and outdoor activities, and of course plenty of activities to spend with family and friends. So let's all be thankful for where we live and let's all look forward to another four seasons here in central Virginia.

As usual there are a number of issues going on with our club that I need to share with you. Foremost is our on-going efforts to turn our club into a formal non-profit organization (501-C3) and I'm happy to let you know we are really moving ahead on this issue. As mentioned in the past, club member Rob Beck is heading up this effort, pro-bono, and certainly is doing a lot of work to make this come to fruition. We are getting there, with lots of paperwork and angst, but in the not too distant future I believe we will obtain this status, which will work out to all of our advantages. As I have stated in the past, if any of you have any questions or issues you need to have explained in regards to this please contact Rob, me or others Board of Director (BOD) members.

One important issue I would like to address at this time is that your BOD will be selecting a working group/team to work with our membership to come up with those of you who are willing to become

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Mark These Dates!

Bimonthly Meeting	Sept. 25
Santa Barbara Exchange	October 7

members of the 2016 BOD and to hold committee chair positions. This really is an important issue for our club in order to continue on in the future. As most of you know many of us on the current BOD, me included, have held our positions for the past two years which is the first time in our club's history that board members have held their positions for more than one year. For those of you not aware, this was due to a transition from a period where we were trying to redefine our club, get it on track and make it fun. In order to do this, more than one year was required and all of us on the BOD, and I believe all of our membership, would agree this has worked. However, it is now time many of us move on and we need fresh faces to transition into our club's leadership positions. So with that said, if you are contacted and are asked to be part of our club's leadership team please give it serious consideration. And even more importantly, if you are not contacted, but want to be part of the team, please contact a current BOD member.

Before I leave this subject just want to say one thing, especially for those of you fairly new to FFCV. I had been in the club for a year when I was elected Vice President, and to be honest had no clue what I was supposed to be doing or even what FFCV was all about. That first year I sat back, listened and learned, and had some great mentorship by a couple of former FFCV presidents. The next year I was President Elect and certainly was still on a learning curve. I went to a Friendship Force International (FFI) World Conference in New Orleans, met a lot of folks outside our own club, and gradually learned what FFI and our club was all about. The next year I became President, and the first thing I did was get together with many who had been long time members of our club; I sat, listened and slowly learned how to best be the President of our club. In the beginning, I often thought being a BOD member---not to mention President--was way above my capabilities but as time went by, I got the feeling, hey, I can do this! If it were not for these long-time members this club would not be still in existence, and I can only say I thank all of you so much for getting us on track and moving us ahead. So, with that said, again please do not think you cannot help out in a leadership position even if you are fairly new to our club. Take a shot at it, and you'll be surprised at how satisfying that will be!

So now off my soapbox, I'd like to bring up our upcoming Inbound Exchange with the Santa Barbara club. Many, but not all of our membership, are involved with home and day hosting, and event planning activities and know what will be going on but I want ALL of the membership to know that they can and should be involved with the exchange. Most importantly, this means that all of our membership are invited to participate in the various trips we have planned to Monticello, the Frontier Museum in Staunton, and Luray Caverns, and the Welcome and Farewell parties at the Colville's and Cooper's Vineyard, respectively. If you have not received an email in regards to getting reservations to any of these activities please contact me or Paul Hokanson who is the Exchange Director (ED) for this exchange.

Another thing I'd like to mention is to please remember the volunteer activities we are involved with, and that in each we need your help. First is our participation in activities at the nTelos Pavilion, currently headed up by Dale Walden, and our sponsorship of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) school international students, headed by my wife Linda. Both activities are vital to our club (the former is where we obtain most of our funding), and we always need club members to help out. Please keep an eye out for emails and other correspondence related to these activities. And remember, as a club, we agreed some time ago to use "Doodle" polls for club member's to voice their involvement or interest in subjects of interest to the club. If you receive a "Doodle" email from us please respond as requested. Otherwise, we have no idea what your opinion is and we have to go along with what the majority says on a given topic.

In closing I'd like to say I'm happy to say our club is doing well and continues to grow. I'll have a lot more to say about this in my final "President's Message" in November, but really feel our club is

moving ahead and we have a great membership. In the last couple of months we have gained some new members and I'd like to recognize them. They include Julia Guill, Linda and Art Okun, Wayne and Betsy Brady, and Bing and Joyce Spitler. Welcomes aboard, y'all and to our membership please extend a welcome to all of them when you get to meet them.

Social Committee in Action

Peggy Colville

Just wanted to say "HATS OFF" to Linda Burns for her outstanding organization in getting not only our JAG students and their Sponsors, but also a great turnout from our members to the annual JAG School picnic. We had 36 people attend this fun for all event. Thanks to everyone for the great food!!

Next on the calendar will be our September Membership meeting. We are still working on the location but we are shooting for Friday, September 25th in the afternoon. This will not be a dinner meeting. We will be asking people to bring snacks to share and their own beverage, as we have a "round table" informative meeting regarding our Santa Barbara exchange, upcoming exchanges for our club and what our social event will be for October. Please make every effort to attend as we need the membership ideas and wishes known as our club rounds out the year.

DISCOVER MONGOLIA; GLOBAL EXCHANGE TO FF OF ULAN BATAAR, MONGOLIA AND ULAN UDE, BURYATIA, RUSSIA July 9-31.

Dale Walden

Join a fascinating exchange to Ulan Bataar and Ulan Ude, two closely related, yet distinctly different cultures in the Russian Far East and Mongolia.

I decided to go, and since I had to change planes in Seoul, Korea, I decided to leave early and spend 5 days there to have a look around. I arrived in Ulan Bataar (UB) on July 8 and was met at the Genghis Khan airport by the son of a FF member who drove me to "The Best Hotel" where our group was to meet. We were 13 in number and came from Belgium, UK, Australia and the USA. Our Exchange Director was a FFI consultant who worked in Atlanta. We were rather surprised by the hot (100 F) weather.

Next morning some Mongolian FF members delivered 'breakfast boxes' to our rooms and then accompanied us to exchange money and take us to lunch. We were asked by Boyar, the Mongolian ED if we were interested in going to a special party to celebrate the opening of the Nadaan Festival at \$40 per ticket. We all agreed and were picked up by a mini-bus that evening. The event was held in a Buddhist temple located among skyscrapers in the city center. The guests were VIP's of UB and all were very well dressed, while our FF group looked like refugees from a third world country, dressed in tee shirts, jeans and sneakers. I met Piper Campbell, who is the US Ambassador to Mongolia. Tables were laden with wonderful food and drinks and a tour was given in English regarding the temple treasures. We were entertained by a band of 'throat singers' who played ancient Mongolian musical instruments and sang, there were dancers, singers, and contortionists. We returned to our hotel at 1 AM.

The following day we all went to a restaurant for lunch to meet our hosts. Lunch consisted of platters of Mongolian foods for us to try. There were buuzi (meat dumplings), beef, a chittlin-like dish, horse meat as well as beer and wine. We were entertained by a singer and after lunch went home with our hosts.

My hostess was a female MD who was a deputy director of the Mongolian CDC and spoke practically no English. The following morning we went to Nadaam, the most important festival in the Mongolian year for the opening ceremonies held at a stadium. The Nadaam festival consists of the Mongolian national sports of horse racing (15 to 25 miles straight) archery and wrestling. The Harvard educated president of Mongolia gave the opening address followed by displays of marching, dancing and music. Many families were dressed in traditional Mongolian clothes and atmosphere was very festive. There seemed to be few cars in UB as everyone left town to be at the finish line of the horse race. The crowd there was huge and the wind was fierce and blew sand in our faces. The finish line was not visible and our group was invited to the family yurt of my hostess's brother. The yurt was beautiful with hand carved furniture, a big flat screen TV and fine carpets. Solar panels and a TV dish stood outside the yurt. A feast was waiting for us! I drank airag, fermented mare's milk, from a sterling silver cup.

Our program included visits to temples and museums and later we took light backpacks, boarded a minibus and drove into the countryside. It rained a lot and once we were off the highway, the roads were unpaved. We stopped at a 150 foot stainless steel statue of their great national hero Genghis Khan, whose empire covered all of Siberia, China, India, Iran, Russia and extended to the gates of Vienna. Driving through the countryside we saw the vastness and beauty of the Mongolian steppe, the rugged granite mountains, the high sand dunes, scattered yurts of the nomads, herds of livestock, horses, sheep, goats, yaks, camels and some wild life. We stayed in comfortable yurts for two nights and then returned to UB for one day and the next day we were off to another yurt camp. We stopped at a 13th century theme park where we saw, a Shamans camp showing Shaman's yurts from different regions of Mongolia, typical nomadic herder's yurt, followed by a lunch in the Khan's Tent where we were entertained by musicians and a singer in costumes from the 13th century. We also visited Karakorum, the site of Genghis Khan's ancient capital. We also saw an archeological site with a museum housing relics of 6th century Turkic tribes. A visit to a yurt of a nomadic herder and his family, where the traditions of the past are still practiced, was also included. After our 2 night stay in a yurt camp on the shore of Lake Ogji, we stopped to see the Takhi horses (aka Przewski horses) the original wild horses thought to be extinct but now were being slowly bred into existence. After returning to UB we toured the summer and winter palaces of the last Khan and attended a cultural performance filled with traditional singers, dancers and musicians. Our farewell party was held in a pizza restaurant and the next evening we sadly departed for the Trans-Mongolian RR to Russia and our next 10 days of hosting.

Our train ride lasted 26 hrs. We were stopped at the Russian border for 5 hrs. for inspection. Some of us got off the train and found a small stand that sold fruit and other food to take with us, since only hot water was available on the train. All our compartments were 4 passengers with upper and lower bunks and very fresh white linens.

The Buryat people, though Mongolian in heritage and ethnicity, have been part of Russia for about 300 years, and thus are an interesting blend of eastern and western cultures. We arrived in Ulan Ude after dark and were met at the station by our hosts. My hostess was a retired engineer/economist who had studied English in school but did not speak it.

Since my hostess did not drive, we had to take the small buses which serve the city. After a walking tour of the city, we visited Ivolginskogo, the center of Buddhism in Russia where we ate a lovely lunch and each one of us was ceremoniously presented with a yellow silk scarf. That evening at a lavish 'welcome party' in a restaurant, we were entertained by a family of "Old Believers" who sang old songs from the 17 century and before.

Our group traveled everywhere by mini-bus. We toured an Ethnographic open air museum which included various houses of the "Old Believers", as well as 17 century homes of prominent citizens, and a museum. The next day we visited a Buddhist nunnery. One evening my hostess took me to the suburbs to stay at a friend's house where I unsuccessfully tried my hand at making buzzi. We went home the next morning with bags of fresh vegetables from her friend's garden. We drove to Lake Baikal for an overnight stay. The lake is over a mile deep and holds as much water as all of our Great Lakes. We stayed a rustic resort, ate fresh fish, and had a great time. Upon returning to Ulan Ude we visited an old neighborhood of Russian style log houses and markets. We viewed old icons in a Russian Orthodox Church, where the casket containing the corpse of an old lady was brought in for a funeral service.

Another day was spent with a female Shaman. Our hosts gave us scarves to cover our head and legs and Tatiana, our Russian ED, brought paper, chocolate, cookies, vodka and ariag for the ceremony. The Shaman was a well-nourished woman, dressed in an elaborate robe, which fed a fire with the offerings and conducted a ceremony accompanied by the 3 men in our group. We women stood in the shade as it was also very hot in Buryatia and made wishes for our families. Many Buryatia's are believers in Shamanism.

We were also toured an art museum, a natural history museum, their beautiful opera house as well as a few Buddhist Datsans. Our farewell party was held in a restaurant and after many toasts by our hosts and us, we were also presented with gifts. The following morning we departed for UB.

After arriving in UB in early morning we were again met at the train station and taken to our hotel. We were picked up at noon and taken to one of the UB FF member's apartment where a very lively lunch was prepared for us. The men and women made 3 kinds of soup, roasted fish, pork belly, chicken, beef dishes, buzzi, salads, fruit platters and vodka. They sang Mongolian songs, then we all sang Frank Sinatra songs (karaoke is very popular) a little of Springsteen and we all danced in the kitchen. A good time was had by all. Back to the hotel for a few hours, then on to the airport for a flight home. We were all very impressed by the generosity of these Friendship Force Clubs....we practically did not pay for anything. Their members accompanied us and provided all transportation. The Mongolian FF had many young members who spoke English very well and accompanied us everywhere, even to the countryside. The exchange lasted 10 days in each place and it was the most interesting and fun-filled exchange that I have ever been on!

Incoming Exchange from Santa Barbara, CA

Paul Hokanson

Our club is hosting an incoming exchange from Santa Barbara, CA Oct. 7th through Oct 12th. Planned Activities for SB Exchange are:

Date	Event	Time
Wed.10/7	Ambassadors arrive	

	Welcome Party - Colvilles	4:00 pm
Thurs. 10/8	Frontier Culture Museum	9:15 am
	Depart for Blue Ridge Parkway& box lunch picnic	12:15 pm
Fri. 10/9	Monticello and Lunch on your own at visitor center	9:00 am
	Tour UVA grounds. Time on your own, downtown C'ville	2:00 pm
Sat. 10/10	Luray Caverns	9:30 am
	Lunch at Uncle Buck's	1:00 pm
	Skyline Drive	
Sun. 10/11	Free time - a list of sites & activities in the area will be provided	
	Wine tasting & Farewell Party at Cooper Vineyards & Winery	6:00 pm
Mon. 10/12	Departure	

We invite all members to participate in this exchange and encourage you to attend the Welcome and Farewell parties. About a week before the exchange there will be a "Doodle" for both the welcome and farewell. Please be on the lookout for these and fill them out in a timely manner so we can get an accurate count of how many will attend.

Upcoming Event

Susan Roberts

Sunday, September 20, 2015, 3:00 pm at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church, the local United Nations group, Blue Ridge Chapter Virginia, welcomes the community to learn and support the United Nations' efforts to build a better world through education and advocacy. The talk, World War I: How a Movie and a Book Delivered Insightful Lessons About That Tragedy, by Professor Robert Brent Toplin, begins a series of six meetings, all open and free to all. 717 Rugby Road, 22903 is the site of these meetings. Call Susan Roberts, 434-409-0264, for further information. Also visit the chapter web site: www.una-brc.avenue.org.

SEPTEMBER **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Details are not yet finalized for the September meeting however Peggy asks that you "save the date" of Friday, Sept. 25th.

This won't be a dinner meeting but members are asked to bring a snack and their own beverage. Details will follow when they are available.

JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair

We attended graduation for the two Basic Course students (3 month course) from Zambia & Armenia on July 30th. Attending were their sponsors, Monica Notaro & Judy Lesiak, respectively, Dave & Linda Burns and a new member of our Club, Linda Okun (welcome). It was a very interesting graduation as they were also holding a Change of Command ceremony. The outgoing Commander was Major Heidi Steele and the incoming was Captain Steven Szymanski. Afterwards, the students went out with their sponsors for lunch and, I believe, returned home the following day.

We have four new students that arrived for the Graduate Course (10 month course) on August 10th. They are from Israel, sponsored by Julia Guill, Korea, sponsored by Freddie Bacher, Turkey, sponsored by Willow Drinkwater, and Jordon, sponsored by Molly Anthony. Thank you sponsors! Enjoy your time with your students. It goes by quickly.

We hosted a Labor Day picnic on September 7th for the JAG students, sponsors and other FFCV members that wanted to attend. It was held at the Colville's house. There were 36 attendees! We had fried and roasted chicken catered, and everyone else brought a dish. More food than we could eat. Thank you everyone! We swam, went on boat rides (thank you Al Colville), ate and shared time together. We thank the Colville's very much for their hospitality. It was a great Labor Day. See the photos on the next page.

Please keep in mind that we will be hosting more Basic Course students here shortly. Please think about volunteering as a sponsor. You will not regret it! Contact me @ toeheadva@yahoo.com or 434-589-8724.

Outreach

Linda Burns, Chair

Mary Ann Doucette is battling a staph infection in her right hand. She would appreciate prayers from members, as it is very serious. I spoke with her and right now she is in no need of assistance. I will keep everyone informed.

We have a member who is going to have surgery this month. I might be looking for food preparation and or car transportation. I will get more information and pass it on.

Also, we have a member who is moving from the Lake into Charlottesville to a much smaller house. He is going to have to downsize his personal items and may need help with this gigantic chore. I may be asking for help here, and also in the move itself. I will keep you informed. 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.



Serving as a Home Host?

Friendship Force Long Island (Edited for FFCV)

The most important thing to remember is that you are hosting Friendship Force members who share the same interest in learning about different cultures. They will surely enjoy their trips to the beach, museums, and nearby attractions, but meeting your friends and family and understanding your lifestyle will enrich their travel experience. Hosts might consider taking them to their place of worship, the grocery store, the library or even the post office. Walks through your neighborhood, bike rides, or a backyard barbeque with neighbors --- these everyday experiences might be the best memories of their visit to your club.

A home host provides a comfortable bed, preferably in a private room, for an ambassador throughout the duration of an exchange. You may opt to host either a couple or a single person, and may specify if you prefer to host a woman, a man, or either.

In addition to providing a place to sleep, as a host you are responsible for *providing* breakfast daily--- providing, not serving. Remember, you are not a B&B. Ambassadors are to be treated as if they were a member of your family. They are expected to serve themselves, clean up after themselves, and to assist you.

Organized activities are pre-planned by our club for most of the days of an exchange. You have the option of accompanying your ambassador(s)---with the entire group---on any or all of the days. The ambassadors have prepaid for their activities. You will need to do so, in advance as well. You are encouraged to participate in as many of the daily activities as possible, though keep in mind that this can cost you up to a hundred dollars. The more you participate, the stronger the bond you will create with your ambassadors.

If you choose to opt out of any of the day's activities, you **must** inform the day host coordinator (prior to the exchange), and a day host will be assigned to take your place. It is advisable to introduce your ambassadors to their day hosts at the welcome dinner or whenever possible at the earliest time. If you are hosting a dinner in your home, you are encouraged to invite your day host(s). It is also an opportunity to introduce friends and family to your ambassadors. It is an excellent way to expose them to the world of Friendship Force.

Expect to be asked to provide a bag lunch for your ambassador(s) for several of the days during the exchange. It is fun to involve them in preparing the bag lunches assembly line style. It is also an experience to bring them to a supermarket to select the food for the bag lunches.

Our exchanges traditionally include a welcome dinner, a farewell dinner, a mix/match dinner and maybe a dinner at a local restaurant. If you are home hosting, one member of your household is entitled to attend, at no charge, either the welcome or farewell dinner. (The ED will decide if this is one or both). It is also customary for ambassador to treat you to dinner or lunch one day during the course of the exchange.

In many exchanges, but not all, one of the exchange days is called a "free day". On that day, only, you and your ambassador(s) may choose to either stay home and relax, or explore a place of mutual interest together. Be flexible. Keep in mind you are representing the USA and your club and you want them to have a positive experience.

It is customary to exchange small gifts (preferably made in the USA) with you ambassadors. Suggested gifts: a picture book of the local or state area, handmade crafts, a tea towel printed with a map of the local area or state, a club baseball cap, or other memorabilia from the local area. In addition to any gifts you provide to your ambassadors, the club will put together a bag with various mementoes, pamphlets, maps, etc.

How Do I Make an Ambassador Comfortable?

It is very important to communicate with your ambassador(s). Once you receive the “match” from your ED, contact the ambassador by email (or snail mail) to invite them to your home. It is customary to tell them about yourself in this introductory email. You might want to attach pictures of yourself and your home in the initial email. If you don't hear from them with a reasonable amount of time, try once more. **If you still receive no response, communicate this to the ED.**

When you communicate with them, ask them about special interests so that you can plan the free day activity in advance. Let them know if you have WIFI in your home. And let them know whether or not they will be able to use your washer and dryer. It will aid them when they pack for the trip.

Be Sure to Ask Your Ambassadors about Allergies and Physical Limitations

Though they should have, they might not have listed these on their applications. It is also customary to ask them about their food preferences as it relates to breakfasts and lunches. If they are willing to experiment, introduce them to regional foods such as barbeque, fried chicken, etc.

If you have pets let them know what and how many you have. They should have noted any allergies or problems with pets on their applications but you want to make sure this will not be a problem.

Once they arrive at your home, give them a tour. They will be curious about your home, garden, neighborhood, etc. especially if they are from a foreign country. Show them to their room and give them privacy so they can settle in. If it is early in the day, this would be the ideal time to take them to your local supermarket.

At a supermarket let them know what you and the club plan on providing for the week and ask if there are any other items they would like to purchase for the time they will be staying with you. You might also want to ask if your ambassador likes beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages and tell them what you can provide and if they want anything else you will take them to a place where they can purchase them.

After the first breakfast, give them a tour of your kitchen; showing them where the breakfast food is, where the plates, cups, etc. are, and how to operate the microwave, the toaster, coffee maker, etc. Most Friendship Force members understand they will be on their own for the rest of their stay, unless you offer a special hot breakfast, i.e. bacon and eggs, or other option. Again, remember you are not expected to be a B&B.

After a busy day's activities, take your cues from your ambassadors. They will be with you 24 hours a day. If they need “space” and alone time, so be it.

Have fun sharing your community, your country, and your culture. Compare and contrast differences and similarities. In our area, a trip to Walmart, Costco, and even Lowe's are an adventure. If they

like to garden, a trip to a local nursery will fascinate them. An avid reader would love to visit your local library or one of the many bookstores in and around Charlottesville.

Home hosting need not be complicated. Above all, relax and enjoy this unique experience of learning about another culture or part of our country, and sharing your lifestyle with them.

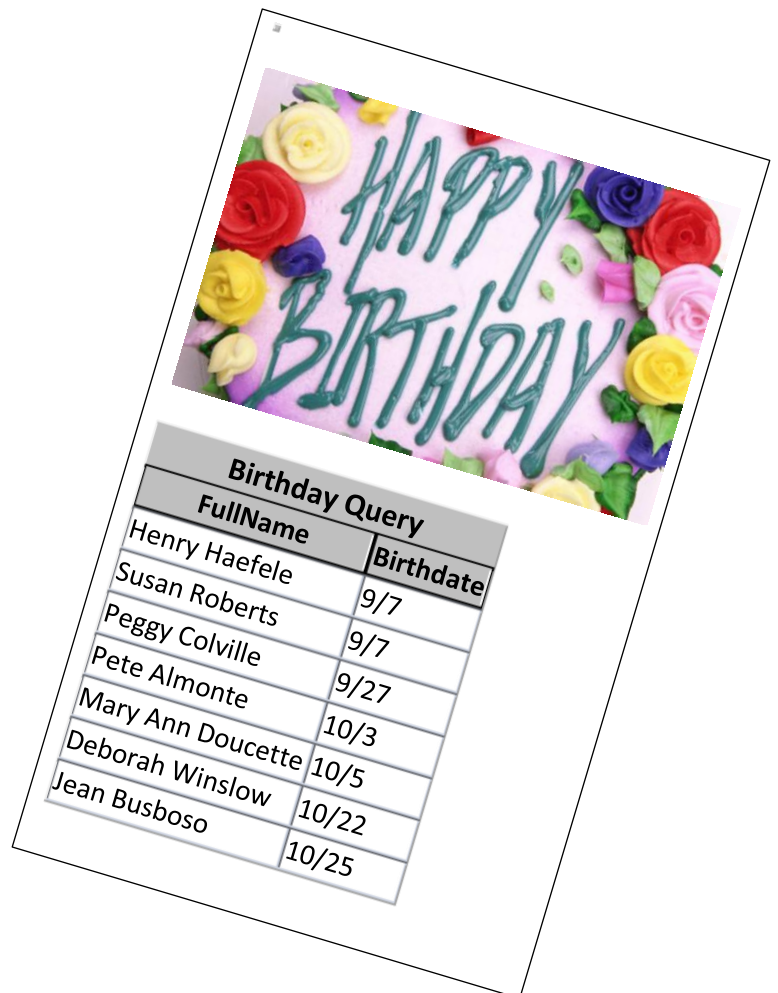
A final note, if you encounter a problem with your ambassador(s), whether personality or medical, etc., it is important to communicate with the ED. He/she and his/her counterpart ED will work through the issue. Let them handle it.

Fund Raising

Dale Walden, Chair

We are continuing to work at the n'Tellos Pavilion and will need volunteers for upcoming events in September and October. Please sign up on the new Doodle to help out.

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.

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



New Members
Julia Guill, Wayne and Betsy
Brady, and Bing and Joyce Spittler

2015 Calendar Meetings and Events

Month	Date	Event
July	25	Bi-monthly meeting
October	7	Santa Barbara Inbound begins
	13	BOD Meeting
	20-24	Social Event TBD
November	8	Articles for Ambassador due
	10	BOD Meeting
	21	Annual Membership Meeting
December	8	BOD Meeting
	15-19	Christmas Party TBD

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://ffc.v.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 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 15, 2015
Colville Residence – 25 Whippoorwill Lane, Palmyra, VA 22963

Board Members Present: President David Burns, First Vice President Al Colville, Treasurer David Lea and Secretary Margaret Dryer.

Absent: Second Vice President, Dale Walden.

Guests: Rob Beck, Linda Burns and Bob & Dee Schwagerl.

Call to Order: A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President David Burns. All actions taken by the Board were done upon motion duly made, seconded and followed by discussion and carried by a majority vote of the Directors unless otherwise noted.

President Burns thanked Walt O'Connell for a great job on the Ambassador. He asked Rob Beck to lead the meeting to terminate the unincorporated FFCV, (hereafter referred to as the CLUB) and create the new FFCV, Inc.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the June 9, 2015 board meeting were adopted as presented and a copy of the approved minutes were ordered attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer David Lea reported that we have \$6,503.80 in the checking account and that there are 43 paid members. The Treasurer presented copies of the CLUB Balance Sheet at June 30, 2015 and Statement of Income & Expenses year to date, June 30, 2015 to the meeting ("Financial Statements, June 30, 2015"). The Financial Statements, June 30, 2015 as presented to the meeting were adopted and approved and copies of the same were ordered attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

Transfer of CLUB assets and operations into Friendship Force Central Virginia, Inc. ("FFCV, Inc.")

Approved.

Messrs. Burns and Beck presented to the meeting a proposal for the CLUB to terminate its operations and transfer all its assets and on-going business into the newly incorporated FFCV, Inc. As part of the consideration and plan to convert the CLUB into an organization capable of securing status as a Federal Internal Revenue Service Section 501C3 qualified charity.

The CLUB president is hereby authorized and directed to offer all of the assets, operations, and on-going business of the CLUB of every Nature and kind to FFCV, Inc. for the purpose of carrying on the charitable purposes and operations of the CLUB within FFCV, Inc. This offer shall be deemed accepted by FFCV, Inc. and the transaction completed upon the acceptance of the offer by the Board of Directors of FFCV, Inc. on whatever additional terms or conditions deemed appropriate by FFCV, Inc. The Officers and Directors of the CLUB are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions which they deem appropriate, including the expenditure of the CLUB funds, to complete this transaction as contemplated by this action without need for further approval or action by the CLUB BOD. Upon completion of this transaction and as of its effective date, the positions and terms in office of all current Directors and Officers of the CLUB shall be terminated and all operations of the CLUB shall be terminated and passed to CLUB, Inc. **The Resolution was adopted.**

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary, Secretary of the Meeting.

Certification: I, Margaret Dryer, Secretary of the CLUB, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the CLUB BOD minutes of July 15, 2015.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary

Attachments:

Approved Minutes for June 9, 2015

Approved Financial Statements, June 30, 2015

**Friendship Force Central Virginia (FFCV, Inc.)
Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 15, 2015
Colville Residence – 25 Whippoorwill Lane, Palmyra, VA 22963**

Board Members Present:

David Burns: Director, Chairman of the BOD

Rob Beck: Director, Secretary of the Meeting

Board Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Al Colville

Margaret Dryer

David Lea

Linda Burns

Dee Schwagerl

Bob Schwinger

Call to Order: David Burns acted as Chairman of the meeting. Rob Beck, then by Margaret Dryer, acted as Secretary of the meeting. The Secretary announced that a quorum was present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30am. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded and followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors unless otherwise noted.

1. Transfer of Friendship Force Central Virginia (an unincorporated Virginia charitable organization referred to as the “Club”) assets and operations into Friendship Force Central Virginia, Inc. (FFCV, Inc.)

Accepted and Approved.

Background. Messer D Burns and R, Beck presented this matter to the BOD. The Club has been operating for some decades as a Virginia unincorporated organization independent franchise chapter of the Friendship Force International (“FFI”). The Club's initial name was “Friendship Force of Charlottesville, Virginia” which name was changed to the current Club name. The Club wishes to transfer all its assets and on-going business and operations into the FFCV, Inc. as part of the consideration and plan to convert the Club into an organization capable of securing status as a Federal Internal Revenue Service 501C3 qualified charity.

The Club, by its board of director action on July 15, 2015 authorized the Club President to present an offer on behalf of the Club, to transfer all Club assets, business, and operations to FFCV, Inc. Mr Burns presented the Club offer to the meeting. A copy of the July 15, 2015 Club board of directors action, certified by the Secretary of the Club, was ordered attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.

Actions. FFCV, Inc. hereby accepts the offer of the Club to receive all the assets, business, and operations of the Club under the following terms and conditions;

1.1. This transaction shall include any and all assets whatsoever of the Club as of June 30, 2015 and shall include, but not be limited to all cash, investments, receivables, revenue and assets disclosed on the Club Balance Sheet at June 30, 2015, the Club Statement of Income and Expenses for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 (copies of which, Certified by the Treasurer of the Club, are ordered to be made a part of these minutes); all tangible and intangible assets including Good Will, the Club Internal Revenue Service EIN Number 55-791440; all trademarks, trade-names and related assets; and the Club membership charter with FFI. And all Club/FFI memberships and related assets.

1.2. The date of this action shall be the date on this meeting, but the effective date of the transaction shall be June 30, 2015.

1.3. The FFCV, Inc. Chairman of the BOD and all other Directors are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions which they each deem appropriate, including the expenditure of FFCV, Inc. funds, to complete this transaction without further approval or action by FFCV, Inc. BOD. **Actions 2.1., 2.2.,and 2.3. were adopted.**

2. Directors of FFCV, Inc. Appointed.

The following individuals are hereby immediately confirmed or appointed as the Directors of FFCV, Inc. for a term of office beginning on July 15, 2015 until December 31, 2015 or until their successors shall have been appointed and assumed office.

Dave Burns (Chairman of the BOD)
Al Colville
Margaret Dryer
David Lea
Dale Walden
Rob Beck

Officers of FFCV, Inc. Appointed.

The following individuals are hereby immediately confirmed or appointed as the Officers of FFCV, Inc. for a term in office beginning July 15, 2015 until December 31, 2015 or until their successors shall have been appointed and assumed office.

President	Dave Burns
1 st Vice President	Al Colville
2 nd Vice President	Dale Walden
Secretary	Margaret Dryer
Treasurer	David Lea

Rob Beck stepped down as Secretary of the meeting and Margaret Dryer assumed that position. All appointed Directors and Officers assumed their respective positions.

3. Transfer Accepted of FFCV Club to FFCV, Inc. Confirmed.

The BOD of FFCV, Inc. hereby in all respects confirms and affirms the transfer of FFCV Club to FFCV, Inc. actions taken by FFCV, Inc. BOD taken earlier in this meeting.

4. Actions to incorporate FFCV, Inc. and seek IRS Sec 501C3 taken by FFCV Club BOD Adopted.

The actions taken by the FFCV Club to incorporate FFCV, Inc. and pursue approval of FFCV, Inc. by the IRS as a Sec 501C3 charity are hereby in all respects confirmed and adopted.

5. Banking and Check Signing Authority Approved.

The following shall be the FFCV, Inc. Policy regarding banking accounts, check authority, and related matters:

5.1. The BOD shall approve the opening, or administration of all bank or related financial accounts and in such approval shall authorize the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or such other Officer of FFCV, Inc. to take whatever actions may be needed to carry out the BOD action.

5.2. Check writing authority shall be as authorized and delegated by the BOD as follows:

<u>Checks up to \$500.00</u>	One (1) signature of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.
<u>Checks over \$500.00</u>	Two (2) signatures of the Treasurer and any other Officer.

President Burns chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Santa Barbara, CA Inbound Exchange: Exchange Director Paul Hokanson reported that the exchange is will on the way. The committee have put together an interesting program for the exchange. There will be 17 ambassadors coming on October 7th. A Welcome Party is planed at the Colville home with boat rides on the lake. They will be assigning Ambassadors to Hosts soon.

2016 Exchanges: President Burns reported that there has been no change form the last report.

Brochures: President Burns reported that we now have brochures and that they will be handed out at the Picnic.

Committee Reports:

Social/Programs Committee: The July Picnic to be held at the Doucette's home on Saturday, July 25, at 1:00pm. The result of the doodle poll shows that there are 24 persons attending so far. Directions can be found in the Ambassador. Linda Burns is planning a picnic for the JAG students on September 7th (Labor Day).

Outreach Committee: Chair Linda Burns reported that cards were sent to Sal Nataro and Patsy O'Connell. Please let her know of anyone who may need her outreach.

Communications Committee: Chair Walt O'Connell reported that the Ambassador has been sent out. The board thanked him for a great newsletter.

Fund Raising Committee: It was reported the the July last Friday's After Five was canceled.

JAG School: Chair Linda Burns reported that there will be 7 new students are arriving on August 10th. Please read the ambassador for all the information. All are welcome to the picnic.

Announcements: The next Board of Directors Meeting will be September 8, 2015.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary, Secretary of the Meeting.

Certification: I, Margaret Dryer, Secretary of FFCV, Inc. hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the FFCV, Inc. BOD minutes of July 15, 2015.

Margaret Dryer, Secretary

Attachments:

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