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President's Message

Monica Notaro

The big news for this newsletter is the confirmation of next year's leadership for the Friendship Force of Central Virginia. Two major changes are the election of Patty Sclater as President and Pam Hokanson as Vice President. I know that you will give them the same wonderful support that you have given me these past two years. The rest of the new officers, board members and committee chairs are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

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Membership

Just wanted to touch base with each of you wonderful members to remind you that we hope to collect our Friendship Force dues for next year at our upcoming Holiday Party on December 18th. Friendship Force International in Atlanta has raised its dues by \$5.00, so we will need to pass this increase on to each of our members. With this said, our 2020 dues will be \$35.00 per person. Don't make me look bad. Monica Notaro will be taking over the Membership Committee Chairmanship and I don't want her to have to start off by having to follow-up on this matter with too many of you. I was so proud of all of you at last year's Holiday Party, where almost everyone came with checks/cash and applications filled out. Let's do it again for Monica at this year's party.

Laura Keeton and her Events Committee have some very exciting events coming up and we know you will want to be a part of this upcoming exciting year.

Please come on the 18th of December to Pam & Paul Hokanson's located at 6 Lakeview Circle, Palmyra, with your application filled out completely (even if nothing has changed). That way, we can make sure we have all your latest updates. Also, have your check made out to FFCV. I will be positioned by Pam and Paul's front door so as not to miss you or hold you up from all the festivities. As always, I will have a few extra blank copies of our application form ready for anyone who cannot print one out for themselves. **I will be sending out an email shortly to which the 2020 Membership Form will be attached.**

Thanks for your cooperation on this matter,
Peggy Colville, Outgoing Membership Chairman

Membership Contest

Patty Sclater

Interested in free membership for 2020? Now that we have your attention, the Club will pay the membership fee for the FFCV member who brings in the most new members between now and the end of January. Just be sure that the new member(s) list you as the referring member on their application form.

Fund Raising

Dave Zabransky, Chair

The Club had another very successful year. 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.

Journey Committee

Deb Winslow

Outbounds 2020:

International: We are actively preparing for our trip to Brazil. We leave on March 13 for a tour of the Iguaza Falls from both the Argentina and Brazil side. We are off to our first journey in Campinas on March 18 for a week then onto Blumenau for an additional week. We will finalize our trip to a visit to Rio de Janeiro/Paraty.

There are still openings if anyone is interest. Let me know as soon as possible. This trip will be opened to all of FFI on November 15.

Domestic: We have been invited to Harrisburg, PA for a reciprocal journey. They are suggesting arrival on Thursday May 28 - 4 nights with 3 program days and departure on Monday, June 1st with a limit of 12 people. A doodle will be forthcoming regarding folks' interest.

Inbounds 2020:

Penticton - Okanagan: We are expecting folks from British Columbia mid to late October. There is no new information regarding this journey.

JAG School

Linda Burns, Chair

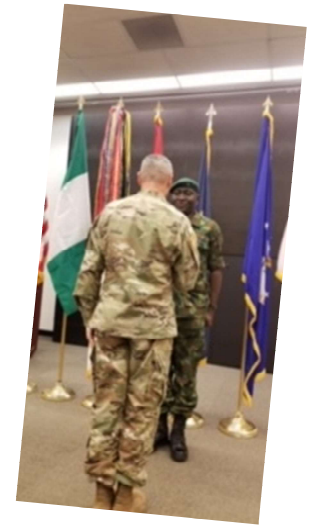
We held a picnic on September 28th for the JAG students at Bing & Joyce Spittler's house. We had 31 people, which included all the current JAG students, Larry Moore, Associate Dean LTC Anderson and her family, along with many other members. Outside of the good food, brought by all, Bing was sure to take everyone that was interested on a boat ride before we all went home.

Other dates to add to your calendar are December 12th, basic graduation, and May 28, 2020, graduate graduation.

JAG Promotion Ceremony

Deb Winslow

I had the privilege of attending the promotion ceremony of Major Samson Okebukola of the Nigerian Army to Lieutenant Colonel at the JAG School on November 5. JAG Commander, BG Joseph Berger presented Major Okebulola with his Lieutenant Colonel insignia. According to JAG records, this is the first time they had the honor of celebrating the promotion of an international partner while at the school. A small reception was held after the ceremony.



Outreach

Carol Donahue, Chair

As part of our Club's comradeship, the committee sends out appropriate recognition to any member experiencing an illness, or sad/joyous event. If you have knowledge of a member in need, please contact Carol at camd68@gmail.com or 434-589-7613.

FFCV Leadership for 2020

Al Colville

At its November Board Meeting, the following were elected to serve as Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs for FFCV for the next term:

President: Patty Sclater

Vice President: Pam Hokanson

Treasurer: David Lea

Secretary: Joanne Harris

Board Members: David Burns, Al Colville, Peggy Colville, Deb Winslow, Peggy Birdsall

Communications Committee Chair: Sally Zabransky

Events Committee Chair: Laura Keeton

Fund Raising Committee Chair: David Zabransky

JAG School Committee Chairs: Linda Burns and Bing Spitler

Journey Committee Chairs: Deb Winslow and Susan Roberts

Membership Committee Chair: Monica Notaro

Outreach Committee Chair: Carol Donahue

Trivia Questions




1. When was the JAG promotion ceremony held?
2. Who is the 2020 Club President?
3. Where is the Club going between May 28 and June 1?
4. Who is hosting the holiday party?

Find the answers to the above questions and be the first to email Monica at: salandmonie@yahoo.com for a prize.


Member News

Copies of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on our Web site, www.friendshipforcecv.org

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



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



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

Did we miss your special day?

*Let Peggy Colville know so we can update our records
434-589-2844 peggy-smith1@hotmail.com*

Events Committee in Action

Committee Members: Peggy Colville, Linda Burns, Mary Ann Doucette, Patty Sclater, Joyce Spitler and Dale Walden

Holiday Party

Mark your calendars for our annual holiday party! Pam and Paul Hokanson have graciously agreed to host the event at their Lake Monticello home. Take in the lake views while enjoying delicious food and convivial conversations. The party will be on Wednesday, December 18th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 6 Lakeview Circle, Palmyra, VA 22963.

The club will provide meat, seafood, vegetables and non-alcoholic beverages (water, punch). Members are asked to bring sides (cheese and crackers, dips, fruit tray, dessert, etc.) to round out the meal. Attendees are to bring their own alcoholic beverage of choice, if desired. As in the past, members are asked to bring blankets to donate to the Charlottesville International Rescue Committee (IRC). For those unfamiliar with IRC, it is the largest non-sectarian private voluntary agency assisting refugees worldwide. The Charlottesville office provides resettlement and employment services to refugees legally admitted to the United States for political, racial or ethnic persecution.

The holiday party is always a popular event and a great opportunity to bring potential members as guests. And, of course, JAG student sponsors are encouraged to invite their student to join in the festivities.

We'll be sending out a Doodle right after Thanksgiving to determine the number attending. Please respond by Monday, December 9th, indicating if you can or cannot attend, names of any guests you are bringing, food item you will provide and whether you need to be called into the Lake Monticello gate. An accurate count is essential to ensure that we have sufficient food and supplies.

Events Calendar

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER (if applicable)	LOCATION	COORDINATOR
January	19	3:00	SOUP/SALAD KICKOFF	BOARD	NAHOR CLUBHOUSE	LAURA KEETON
February	16?		VA.MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS			PATTY SCLATER
March			OUTBOUND TRIP TO BRAZIL			
April	19	1:00	LUNCH AT TAVERN ON JAMES THEN QUARRY GARDEN TOUR	BERNICE THIEBLOT	SCOTTSVILLE, SCHYLER	LAURA KEETON
May	17	3:00	SWAP		NAHOR	LINDA BURNS
June	13		D-DAY MEMORIAL, BEDFORD		BEDFORD	LAURA KEETON
July	19	3:00			NAHOR	PEGGY BIRDSALL
August			TRIP TO ABINGDON/BARTER THEATER			PEGGY COLVILLE
September	20	3:00	JAG SPEAKER	STUDENT	NAHOR	LINDA BURNS
October			INCOMING AMBASSADORS			
November	15	3:00	SPEAKER FROM POLAND		NAHOR	LAURA KEETON
December	20	3:00	CHRISTMAS PARTY		KEETON HOME	

Club 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://fccv.qbstores.com> and to see the selection of products. To make a purchase, set up an account and then select from the products available, specifying your size and color preference.

A flat fee of \$6.50 per order applies regardless of the order size so team up with a friend and consolidate your orders.

Queensboro offers many more products than we have placed in our store front. If you are looking for something in particular you can view their entire site at <http://www.queensboro.com>. You can order directly from that site but you won't have access to our logo. If you see an item you would like with the logo, let Walt know (walt.oconnell@gmail.com, 434-591-0532) and he will add it to the store front.



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