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CENTRAL VIRGINIA

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President's Message

Patty Sclater

Happy New Year!

I need to begin by looking back. First, on behalf of the club, I want to thank Monica Notaro, who has led our chapter for the last two years and will be a hard act to follow. Monica will continue to lend her talents, however, focusing on marketing and increasing membership.

Pam and Paul Hokanson generously opened up their home for our annual Holiday Party. And speaking of generosity, the blankets members brought to the party for donation to the International Rescue Society, filled up Executive Director Harriet Kuhr's trunk and more.

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The coming year will be action-filled, as we'll learn at our annual kick-off meeting on January 19th. There has been a lot of behind-the-scenes planning by your board. However, this is your club. To be successful, we need your involvement and support. The FFCV has a reputation as a strong club. Please consider sharing your talents and volunteer to serve on a committee to make it even stronger.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year!

Membership

Monica Notaro, Chair

Don't forget about our membership contest. 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

Our 2019 fund raising efforts totaled \$777.14. Thanks to all who helped make this possible. The Club has been contacted by the Sprint Pavilion and will be signing up to do events during the 2020 season. We will notify you of events and seek volunteers once the events are scheduled.

Journey Committee

Deb Winslow, Co-chair

Outbounds 2020:

International: We are in final preparation for our trip to Brazil. On March 14, our group heads for a tour of the Iguaza Falls from both the Argentina and Brazil side. Then 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 with a visit to Rio de Janeiro/Paraty.

Harrisburg, PA: We are invited to do a reciprocal visit in May. Please see Al & Peggy Colville's article with all the details.

Inbounds 2020:

Penticton - Okanagan: We are expecting folks from British Columbia early to mid-October. The President of the Club, Judith Single, will be the Ambassador Coordinator. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the planning committee for this Journey. (da.winslow1@gmail.com)

Join Our Journey to Harrisburg

Submitted by Al & Peggy Colville

In April of 2018 we had an Inbound Journey from Greater Harrisburg Friendship Force Club. Many of our members hosted them and helped them visit the Presidential highlights that we have to offer in our area. Now they want to return the favor and have us join them for a brief three-day Journey to their area at the end of May.

Highlights of this visit include:

A day at Hershey Chocolate World and the Pennsylvania State Capitol

A flex day with multiple interesting options

A day at Gettysburg including the Cyclorama

Also included are a wine and cheese welcome event and a potluck wine and cheese farewell party.

The overall fee for this Journey is \$210 per person, \$60 for FFI and \$150 for the Greater Harrisburg Club for their expenses.

While they can only accommodate 12 of us on this Journey, there are a number of openings still available. Please let us know of your interest as soon as possible by clicking on the link to our Doodle Poll below:

<https://doodle.com/poll/ue258dxdx8yy4257>

We hope you can join us.

JAG School

Linda Burns, Co-Chair

We had the Basic Graduation on December 12th. Bing & Joyce and Dave and I went. Graduations are always interesting to go to.

We are receiving a new student for the 210th OBC. He is 1LT Kobayashi coming from Japan and will arrive on February 14 and graduate on May 8. Judy Lesiak has asked to be his sponsor. Thank you, Judy.

Make sure you mark your calendar for May 28, 2020. That is the date for our graduate students' graduation.

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.

Events Committee in Action

Laura Keeton, Chair

Our first event of 2020 will be the annual soup 'n salad kick-off meeting. It will be Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 PM at the Nahor Village clubhouse. You'll hear about our club's planned activities for the year, including the outgoing international journey to Brazil and domestic journey to Harrisburg, PA, and incoming exchange from Canada. Additionally, we'll learn how to access other clubs' and global journeys.

The February meeting will be Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 PM at the Nahor Village clubhouse. Patty Sclater will give a presentation on her global Friendship Force journey to Russia in 2018. In addition to giving us a virtual tour of the sights and sounds of Moscow and St. Petersburg, she will share her reflections on the people she met and general perception of the enigma that is Russia.

The club will provide very light fare. You are welcome to bring your beverage of choice, if you desire anything other than water. Ice and glassware will be provided. We look forward to seeing you at these and other meetings as well as club activities throughout the year!

2019 FFCV Christmas Party

Submitted by Peggy Colville

First of all, let me thank the Hokanson's for opening up their beautiful home for this year's annual Holiday Party. Many thanks are also due to everyone who came to celebrate and remembered to bring their 2020 dues and renewal application. I am sure Monica, our new Membership Chair, appreciates your thoughtfulness.

I do believe everyone had a great time. If good conversation and good food are any indication that everyone was enjoying themselves, that was a given. Thanks to Willow for warming us up with her piano playing of Christmas carols before Bob and Laura lead us in singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas." What a hoot!!!

Poor Laura, it was like herding cats trying to get us organized, but she did. Even those of you who were not picked for a special role, please watch out and practice. You might be up next year.

So, it was great fun for everyone and if you were unable to make it this year, I do hope you will be able to come next time around. Let's all be ready for the 2020 encore, you never know who might take the spotlight.

Thanks to Peggy Birdsall for the pictures, she was the only one who thought to bring a camera.



FFCV CALENDAR FOR 2020

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER (if applicable)	LOCATION	COORDINATOR
January	19	3:00 PM	SOUP/SALAD KICKOFF	BOARD	NAHOR VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE	LAURA KEETON
February	23	3:00 PM	RUSSIAN FFI TRIP PRESENTATION	PATTY SCLATER	NAHOR VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE	PATTY SCLATER
March	14 - April 5		OUTBOUND TRIP TO BRAZIL			DEB WINSLOW
April	19	12:00 NOON	LUNCH AT TAVERN ON THE JAMES THEN QUARRY GARDEN TOUR	BERNICE THIEBLOT	SCOTTSVILLE, SCHUYLER	LAURA KEETON
May	28 - June 1		OUTBOUND TO HARRISBURG PA (reciprocal journey)			AL AND PEGGY COLVILLE
June	13		D-DAY MEMORIAL, BEDFORD		BEDFORD	LAURA KEETON
July	19	3:00 PM	SPEAKER TBD		NAHOR VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE	PEGGY BIRDSALL
August	TBD	TBD	THEATER TRIP			PEGGY COLVILLE
September	TBD		JAG PICNIC	STUDENT(S)	TBD	LINDA BURNS
October	TBD		INBOUND FROM PENTICTON-OKANAGAN, CANADA			
November	TBD	TBD	SPEAKER FROM POLAND	SLAWEK WITKOWSKI	NAHOR VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE	LAURA KEETON
December	20	3:00 PM	CHRISTMAS PARTY		KEETON HOME	LAURA KEETON

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FFI – FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL

TBD – TO BE DETERMINED

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NAHOR VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE (2-3:30 PM DURING EASTERN STANDARD TIME; 3-4:30 PM DURING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME). ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Member News

Copies of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on our website:
www.friendshipforcecv.org

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



Lynn Wirth	1/6
Judith Lesiak	1/15
Helen Moyer	1/31
Peggy Birdsall	2/24
Walter O'Connell	2/28

Did we miss your special day?

*Let Monica Notaro know so we can update our records
608-358-0352 or salandmonie@yahoo.com*

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

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

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



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