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President’s Message

“Hope Springs Eternal,” and I’m hoping for the end of COVID-19 and opportunity to get together with friends soon. Hopefully, by the time you receive this, all club members will have gotten their vaccinations.

Proverbially, Friendship Force International (FFI) has not let any grass grow beneath its feet. During this time when physical travel has not been possible, it has been offering numerous virtual travel opportunities. It has undertaken an organizational rebranding project, including a major rework of its web site. Of particular interest is the development of **Friendship Force Online (MyFF)**.

The Friendship Force online experience was developed with you in mind. FFI wanted something to complement how it already works with members. The result is a simple, clear tool that will eventually house all member resources and exclusive member-only content. It will also keep you up to speed with news from FFI and around the world.

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Sign up is easy - the minimum information to sign up will be your name and email address and club name. You'll be hearing more about **Friendship Force Online (MyFF)** in the near future.

Dave Burns, FFCV member and FFI regional representative, recently shared an amazing web site with us. Here's the link: <http://radio.garden> . The green dots on the Google Earth map represent radio stations all over the world. Click on any one of the dots, and you will immediately hear that station with very good reception. Dave found a station in Ireland playing pub music. Reminiscing about your hometown, want to musically visit it or numerous other radio stations across the globe, here is a great opportunity.

Happy Spring!

Patty Sclater
FFCV President

Events Committee in Action

Due to the Covid-19 Virus problems, we are planning events on a month-by-month basis. In February, a Doodle Poll was sent to all members by Linda Burns. As a result, 10 of us were able to celebrate a lovely Valentine's dinner at Shadwell's with our sweethearts and friends.

We are working on an Event for St. Patrick's Day. I will be sending out an email to let you know all the details. So be on the lookout for my March Event real soon.

In April, I am planning another trip to the quarry garden and picnic as we did last year. The owners have agreed to April 24, meeting at 12:00 for your individual picnic in their pavilion, followed by a walk through the quarry. Details to follow.

Laura Keeton,
Chair, Events Committee

JAG School

The JAG School at UVa has announced that two new students have arrived for the Basic (Three month) Course. They are CPT Yusuke Kigami from Japan and MAJ Wesam Yousef Souliman Haddad, from Jordan. Both are currently in Charlottesville going thru quarantine. We believe there will be more students on the way and our plan is much the same as last year with limited contact.

We have received very favorable comments for our efforts from the JAG school including comments from the administrative officers and the students. We are excited to see our relationship grow despite the restrictions of Covid-19. Perhaps as further into the year, we'll be able to make better contact. Bing has elected to be the sponsor of these students unless a sponsor comes forward. If you wish to sponsor a student contact Bing at (434) 207-3023 or bspitler@spitlergroup.com.

Bing Spitler,
Chair, FFCV JAG Committee

JOURNEYS

Inbound and Outbound 2021

It looks like our scheduled in-person travel will not be happening this year.

Outbound 2022

International: Krems, Austria has agreed to postpone and save a spot for us to visit next year. We plan to schedule short excursions to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest surrounding our Club visit to Austria.

Domestic: A reciprocal visit to Flathead, Montana is still to be determined.

Inbound 2022:

Global: Our Club will be providing a Global journey to showcase our local wineries, breweries, cideries and distillery. Dates still to be determined.

A planning group has begun to plan for all the fun ahead. Stay tuned.

*Deb Winslow,
Chair, Journey Committee*

Membership

Hello! Hope you all have been able to get your Covid-19 shots by now. Al and I have gotten both of ours and we are very pleased that we did not have any bad effects from either of them.

I am also happy to announce that we have on roll a total of 41 members to start out this new year. Thanks go to Josh Hung, David Lea and Dave Burns who brought in 3 new members for us. We had one returning member after being gone for a year and we still have 2 Honorary Members, Dee Schwagerl and myself. By the way, if you would like the latest copy of our Membership Roster with names, addresses phone numbers and email addresses, please let me know and I will get one to you.


With that up-to-date news, I am looking forward soon to being able to have some activities in which we can all gather safely and get to renew old friendships. Until then "Take care and stay safe".

Peggy Colville
 Chair, Membership Committee
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 Home: 434-589-2844

Outreach

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.

Member News




**Happy
 Birthday!**

Dave Burns	3/11
Barry Doucette	3/12
Linda Burns	3/25
Pam Hokanson	3/29
Darien Wei	4/11
David Winer	4/15
Patsy O'Connell	4/24
Willow Drinkwater	4/26
Paul Hokanson	4/27

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

The BOD meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month starting at 3:00PM. During the pandemic, they will be Zoom Meetings. Contact President Patty Sclater if you would like to join in any of them. We welcome your participation.



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Walt & Patsy O'Connell	3/14
Al & Peggy Colville	3/17
Bob & Laura Keeton	3/20

**Friendship Force of Central Virginia
2021 Membership/Renewal**



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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County*: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone (landline): _____

**Note: in city = C'ville; else Albemarle, Fluvanna, etc.*

Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____ New Member Sponsor _____

For Family Application: Partner's Name: _____ Email: _____

Partner's Cell: _____ Preferred Badge Name: _____

We like to recognize our members on their special days if you choose (month and day only, we overlook the year).

Your Birthday: ____ / ____ . Partner's birthday: ____ / ____ . Anniversary: ____ / ____ .

It is important that you have a good understanding of The Friendship Force, what we do, and what to expect. The Web site for Friendship Force International is a good source of information about the history and mission of our organization. Please review the information at www.friendshipforce.org, paying particular attention to the tabs "Who We Are /History and /Mission" and "FAQs" and our club at www.ffc.avenue.org. If you don't have access to the Web, please contact a member for information about FFI and our club.

To make our club successful, all members contribute as they are able to our various activities. Please check the activities in which you would like to participate or learn more about in 2021. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge).

Exchange Activities		Other Club Work and Activities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Go on an Outbound Journey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Communications/Publicity Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outbound Journey Planning Comm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Fund Raising Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Event Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Home Host	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Membership Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Day Host	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Small Dinner Host	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Community Activities and Service	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor a JAG student
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Work on a Community Outreach Project

Annual Dues: \$35 per member. Please include a check made out to **FFCV with your application**. Please submit application/renewal and dues to membership chair, Peggy Colville, 315 Village Blvd. Palmyra, VA 22963.