



friendship force

CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Changing the Way You See the World

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President's Message

I hope you have had a pleasant summer. The changing leaves announce the start of autumn. It's hard to believe we're already in the fourth quarter of the year. Your club has not let any grass grow beneath its feet. In spite of COVID-19, we have had a membership activity most every month. (See Laura Keeton's Events article for recent and upcoming happenings.)

In addition to the two scheduled Friday's After Five, when the call went out for two additional fundraising opportunities, club members once again volunteered. (See Linda Gehle's Fundraising article.) These efforts have resulted in our club earning just over \$500. As is our practice, we make contributions to organizations sharing our philosophy of breaking down cultural barriers. With the influx of Afghan refugees, the FFCV Board of Directors has voted to send the International Rescue Committee, located in Charlottesville, \$500. We recently bid farewell to Dave and Linda Burns, who have relocated to Savannah until their house in "Margaritaville," SC is built. Both were active FFCV members and integral to the success of the club. Dave's already talking of starting a Friendship Force club in their new area.

Aug-Sept-Oct 2021

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Soon the nominations committee of the board will be looking to fill positions for 2021. The board meets monthly and sets the direction for the club. This is your club, and we need your involvement. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair, please let me know.

*In friendship,
Patty Sclater
FFCV President*

Events Committee in Action

Just a brief synopsis of our outings during this crazy, COVID time of our lives. We have tried to keep active and in touch with one another.

In May we visited the D-day memorial in Bedford, followed by the trip to Montpelier and lunch at the depot.

On July 31, we visited an Italian Mansion right here in our own backyard. Swananoa was built during the turn of the century in Afton. The train magnate, James Dooley, built Swananoa as a summer retreat away from their Richmond mansion, Maymont. We had a guided tour by the owner who spent over 2 hours sharing personal, as well as historic, history with our group.



After our wonderful tour, we went to Child's Orchard for peach ice cream and purchases of peaches and other farm items.

Our next trip will be to the other Dooley estate, Maymont, in Richmond. We will visit the Japanese gardens at dusk to view the beautiful leaves reflected on the various ponds. It is a well, lit path but I recommend walking sticks. I will check on wheelchair accessibility. I believe there might be an alternate for wheelchairs or walkers.

*Laura Keeton,
Chair, Events Committee*

JOURNEYS

It looks like our scheduled in-person travel will not be happening this year, 2021.

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. Our journey to Krems is scheduled for September 7-14. Anyone interested in going on this journey or joining the planning committee please contact me.

Domestic: We have been assigned to visit Birmingham, AL. The journey is scheduled for April 23-28 or 29. Anyone interested in going on this journey or joining the planning committee please contact me.

Inbound 2022:

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

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

*Deb Winslow,
Chair, Journey Committee*

Fundraising Activities

Our club has provided volunteers for events at the Pavilion for three events so far this year:

July 9, 2021: Margot Carney, Patty Sclater and Steve, Susan Roberts, Mary Dreyer and I worked at the draft beer truck at Fridays After Five.

August 3, 2021: Peggy and Al Colville, Susan Roberts and Carol Donohue worked at a ticketed event.

August 27, 2021: Laura Keeton and her sister-in-law, Brenda, Susan Roberts, Patty Sclater and Steve, Deborah Winslow and I checked ID's at Fridays After Five.

On Friday, October 16, 2021, Al and Peggy Colville, Darien Wei and I will work at a beer truck station for the UVA Young Alumni Reunion.

So far we have earned \$550 plus \$89.24 in tips, according to our Treasurer, David Lea! Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who gave their time and energy to benefit our club and our community!

*Linda Gehle
Chair, Fundraising Committee*

Membership

What a wonderful turn out for our October Potluck Membership Meeting held in the Avenmore Apartment's Club House "Independence". Thanks go out to Joshua Hung and David Lea for making all the arrangements. We not only had a great turn out of members, but we also had three visitors. As always, the food was delicious and plenty of it. They even had a sunny patio in which some our members took advantage of while enjoying their lunch. Here are a few pictures I took while running around talking to some of our members that we had not seen for some time.



*Peggy Colville
Chair, Membership Committee*

Member Dates: Oct-Nov



Patricia Sclater	10/3
Mary Ann Doucette	10/5
Joyce Spitler	10/5
Deb Winslow	10/22
David Lea	11/12
Margaret Dryer	11/24
Margot Corney	12/3
Bob Keeton	12/24
Carol Donohue	12/26
Bing Spitler	12/30

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



Willow Drinkwater	10/6
Mary Ann & Barry Doucette	10/29
Bing & Joyce Spitler	12/27

MEMBERSHIP APP

*Friendship Force of Central Virginia
2021 Membership/Renewal*



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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County*: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone (land line): _____

**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.friendshipforcecv.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.

FFI Login Process



As the world evolved and organizations incorporated higher levels of technology into their business practices, Friendship Force International has continued to operate on a system based on trust and goodwill amongst our members. Although this system continues today, it is important that we improve the organization with technology and processes that ensure greater security, privacy and confidentiality. As we grow, the steps we take together now will help ensure the integrity of what it means to be a member of Friendship Force International.

Why log in to Friendship Force online?

- 1. An online member experience ensures that information shared between members and clubs is secure and private.**

Currently, information shared related to Journeys, payment transactions and clubs is sent by email or accessed through a publicly accessible page on the website. Although FFI has worked hard to ensure that this method of information sharing is safe, it remains unnecessarily vulnerable to cyberattacks and public exposure. Shielding this information behind a login and password drastically enhances the security of information sharing amongst members and clubs.

- 2. Adhering to the highest level of data protection means it is your data, not ours. And signing in to FFI online ensures this.**

In 2017, Friendship Force International made a significant commitment to protecting “GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)” and as a global organization with clubs where GDPR law applies, FFI is responsible for meeting these standards. What this means for you as a member is: a) your information will never be shared outside of Friendship Force with third parties, b) you will always have access to all the information being held by

Friendship Force related to your membership, and c) Friendship Force is committed to handling your data with care.

Better communication with Friendship Force International, the global network and within your club. Your online member experience is being built **in nine languages**, eventually with Friendship Force news streaming from the world and your region right to your dashboard. Whether it is highlighting a remarkable Journey story, promoting an upcoming conference, or getting updated on the latest news from your headquarters, signing in ensures you are always aware of what is happening within the Friendship Force.

1. In development: Journey and club management tools!

A future update will allow members to easily join Journeys or request information, communicate with Journey participants, and manage personal forms and financial information related to upcoming trips through the dashboard. Journey Coordinators will be able to approve participants who request to join a Journey and manage participant information as well as work more efficiently with FFI staff in promoting and organizing the Journey. Clubs will have the benefit of managing their own publicly visible information and be able to communicate virtually with their members.

2. **FFI Virtual Experiences** from educational webinars to online social gatherings with international friends
In development: Accessiends.

3. Obtain your unique membership number that confirms your status as an **active member with Friendship Force International whose membership is in good-standing.**

Your Friendship Force member number accompanies every Journey, club and financial transaction and helps ensure that all your information is connected to you and a part of your member profile. Your membership number also enables your club, Journey coordinators and hosts to ensure that only those members who are active within the network and in good standing are participating in our programs.

***Active* means the member has paid their membership dues and is currently participating in local and international programs.**

***In good standing* means that their membership has not been suspended, rejected or otherwise compromised. This important feature adds a layer of safety for traveling and hosting members by ensuring that only those who follow the code of conduct and embody the meaning of Friendship Force, are participating in the program.**

How do I sign up?

Go to: my.friendshipforce.org

Click on the purple SIGN-UP button on the bottom right of the screen.

From there you will be guided through a few short questions to establish your online account. You are welcome to upload a picture and share as much information about yourself as you wish. The minimum information required for your account is (1) your name, (2) club/country of origin, and (3) a valid email address.

Frequently Asked Questions

A) *Is it compulsory to sign-on to my.friendshipforce.org?*

No, but it is highly recommended. Minimally, creating a sign-on will later allow you to view your current and future Journeys as well as manage your communication preferences.

B) *Will I still be able to join a Journey if I don't sign-in?*

Yes, FFI will create a member ID for you on receipt of your first financial transaction and this ID will be tied to your Journey participation.

C) *How will others know I am an active member in good standing if I don't sign-in to FFI online?*

If you don't create a member number by signing in, one will be created for you by your club or by FFI Staff upon receipt of your first financial transaction.

D) *What information will be shared publicly when I create my online account?*

Only information *you choose* to make public on the FF global directory, once it becomes active. By default, only FFI staff and your club's Club Admin will have access to this information.

E) *Will others be able to change or edit my profile information?*

FFI staff and your club's Club Admin will be able to update certain aspects of your account - information on your behalf, for example, if you request us to change your address or email.

F) *What if I don't sign up for my account online? Will an account be created that others can see?* Yes, however only FFI staff and your club's Club Admin will have access to this information, which is your name, club and email address.

G) *I am not comfortable with technology. Can I still join in club and Journey activities?*

Yes! This new platform is meant to *enhance* your membership experience, not interfere with what you're comfortable with. Members in your club and our staff are always available to help. There will also be alternative processes, similar to how FFI currently operates, that will be available to those not comfortable with signing up.

H) *Will I be able to edit my profile right away once I'm signed up?*

No, first your club's Club Admin will need to verify you are a member of the club. After that, there will be a button in your account allowing you to edit your profile

I) *I didn't get the password reset email / automated confirmation email asking me to confirm my email address. What do I do?*

First check your spam and trash folders in case it is there. Gmail users should also check a folder called "Promotions". If you don't see the email then go back to my.friendshipforce.org and there are links on the log in page to request a new password reset / confirmation email.

K) *Who do I contact if I have other questions?*

Our staff are ready to help you, so contact us any time.