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President's Message

As the year comes to a close, so too does my two-year tenure as FFCV President. I must say, it's been a wild ride. However, in spite of all the challenges COVID-19 threw us and FFI, we persevered.

I am so proud of the board members with whom I worked. Thanks to their hard work, our club was able to offer members numerous activities in which to participate. International and domestic journeys may not have taken place, but that didn't mean we stayed home. Donning masks and maintaining social distance, members learned about such things as the Bedford Boys' role in Operation Overlord, Jefferson's "getaway" house, the Dooleys' mansion at Swannanoa as well as their formal gardens at Maymont. International JAG students got to take a turn at the helm of Bing's boat at Lake Monticello. There were opportunities for members to enjoy meals together as well as take in a play. Fundraising efforts continued, with 2021 being the most successful in my memory.

I leave my presidency, confident that the year to come is in good hands and the club will continue its good work.

In Friendship,
 Patty Sclater
 FFCV President

Events Committee in Action

A Trip to Maymont Park

On Saturday, November 17th, 13 members and friends of FFCV ventured to Richmond to attend "Garden Aglow" at Maymont Park. This was the 4th year of the park lighting up the Japanese gardens to feature the fall foliage reflecting on their many ponds. The stroll through the gardens was at dusk allowing us to enjoy the special lighting effects. We all came from different directions, but some did run into each other on the path. Peggy Colville and her daughter, Carol Smith, Josh Hung, David Lea, Bob and Laura Keeton and prospective member, Peggy Grove, walked together and then ate at a wonderful Japanese restaurant to keep with the theme. Susan Roberts and friend as well as Margot Carney, Jan Crocker, Janie Kasparson, and Darien Wei also attended and rode together. It was very cold in the morning but warmed up enough by evening for us to enjoy the experience.



Future member events for FFCV will be a trip to Appomattox in the Spring, a trip to Route 5 plantations outside Williamsburg, and a speaker from Poland.

*Laura Keeton,
Chair, Events Committee*

JOURNEYS

It looks like 2022 is having a rocky start.

Outbound 2022:

International: Krems, Austria is scheduled for September. We plan to schedule short excursions to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest surrounding our Club visit to Austria. Let's hope Omicron is gone and a new variant has not taken its place. I will more actively start planning in mid-February (this is the anticipated peak of the present Covid surge.)

Domestic: Our visit to Birmingham, AL is being postponed to April of 2023.

Inbound 2022:

Global: The Global journey to showcase our local wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries is on hold for now.

*Deb Winslow,
Chair, Journey Committee*

JAG School Support

Several members of our organization were invited to attend the recent graduation of Basic Training Course of the Judge Advocate General's School at the University of Virginia. We sponsor students from overseas as they attend courses at the school. This year we sponsored to students (Armenia and Mongolia) and we were pleased to be a part of the graduation. In addition, FFI was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the JAG School's commandant, General Martin. We learned that as much as FFI is fulfilling its mission by sponsoring international students, the JAG School is fulfilling its mission by working local organizations for better community relations.



Bing and Joyce Spitler, representing the JAG Liaison of Friendship Force International Central Virginia receive certificate of Appreciation from JAG School Commandant General Martin.

Bing Spitler
Chair, JAG School Liason

Membership

Would like to thank Bob and Laura Keeton for opening up their home once again this year for our Christmas Celebration party. We had just about our entire membership along with Larry Moore from the JAG School thanking us for our participation with the JAG students. He said they really appreciated us, because we could do things for the students they could not do. We finished out the afternoon with Bob on the organ and Laura leading us in Christmas carols. It was especially fun watching some of our members acting out their parts in the 12 Days of Christmas. We should have had a video going when Bing started acting out the seven “Maids of Dancing” and Carol the six days “something of milking”. We were all laughing so hard I could not hear the words. And of course there were some, like myself who could not stay on key, but that is what makes it so much fun. We also had three new members join our organization, so I guess we were not so crazy as to scare them off.

Looking forward to 2022 and enjoying one another’s company. Thanks to everyone who made it through this year with us and staying with us for another year of service and enjoyment.



Peggy Colville
Chair, Membership Committee

Communications

In recent copies of our FFCV Newsletter, we have carried information on how to use the FFI Login Process. We assume that all of us who want to use that information already have it now so we are not planning to list it in future editions of the newsletter. If you would like to get a copy of that information, please let me know and I will send a copy to you.

Al Colville
Chair, Communications Committee

Member Dates: Jan-Feb



Pam Torrence	Jan 2
Judy Lesiak	Jan 15
Helen Ida Moyer	Jan 31
Walt O'Connell	Feb 28
Peggy Birdsall	Feb 24

MEMBERSHIP APP

*Friendship Force of Central Virginia
2022 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.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 2022. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge).

	Exchange Activities		Other Club Work and Activities
	Go on an Outbound Journey		Serve on Communications/Publicity Committee
	Outbound Journey Planning Comm.		Serve on Fund Raising Committee
	Inbound Journey Planning Committee		Serve on Event Planning Committee
	Inbound Journey Home Host		Serve on Membership Committee
	Inbound Journey Day Host		
	Inbound Journey Small Dinner Host		
			Community Activities and Service
			Sponsor a JAG student
			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