



# friendship force

## CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Changing the Way You See the World

# The Ambassador

## February 2024

### President's Message

Thank you all for being members of this great organization so needed in our contentious world! I am proud to be your President this year, and we are off to a great start. Thanks for everyone who brought soups and salads last month to the Independence where Patty Sclater delivered an excellent slide presentation with comments from all who went to Africa last Fall. The Independence will be the scene for many more events this year, particularly our next one, Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm when our international JAG (Judge Advocate General) students will present their program sharing views on their stay here. Incidentally, Alan and I have heard from our former Israeli JAG students as they cope with war conditions, and they are well, and Chen's baby turns one any day now. They remember fondly the peaceful, happy days in America last year and hope to return one day.

Your Board of Directors met in early January and we were faced with a dilemma concerning sending money to a school in Tanzania we visited last year. We found out from Friendship Force International that sending funds as a club was not allowed. We explained the school our club visited didn't solicit funds, but we wanted to give them much needed help. They said we could give as individuals. If you would like to help, Deborah Winslow will accept checks made out to Deborah Winslow and sent to 883 Aldridge Lane, Scottsville, VA 24590.

I also want to thank Patty Sclater for getting us through the pandemic and up to 2024 as our President during some difficult times. The club has not only survived, it has prevailed. We have 27 paid members and my vision is to have 50 altogether by the end of 2024. Peggy Colville has some wonderful plans on how to do that, so be sure to read her news as Membership Chair.

Also, let's welcome, LeRoy Moyer, our newest Board member as he takes the chair formerly ably held by Josh Hung. LeRoy does a masterful job as our Newsletter Editor and website manager – and now he is a voting member as well on your Board. Please check out our website which now is on a new server LeRoy handled: [www.friendshipforcecv.org](http://www.friendshipforcecv.org). There is up to date information about our club you don't want to miss.

See you at our next meeting, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Independence and bring snacks from a box or a bag – 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Looking forward to a great year where what we love is what we are good at...worldwide friendship!

Willow Drinkwater - President  
434-249-6892

### Club Officers

President: Willow Drinkwater  
Secretary: Deb Winslow

Vice President: Helen Ida Moyer  
Treasurer: David Lea

## THE BIG CHALLENGE!!!

Do you want to have your 2025 FFCV Dues paid for? If so, then pick up the challenge and try to bring in as many new members as possible throughout this year. It is never too early or too late to get started.

### BE THAT WINNER!!

As announced during the January meeting, this challenge is on – whoever gets the most members to join FFCV this year will be given one free membership for 2025.

We will be having a Membership Drive meeting in May, but you do not have to wait until then. In any case, the Big Celebration we have will be like the one we had in 2017 for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We will have a map showing all the trips our club had taken over the years, a souvenir table and each committee chair will speak about what their committees do during the year.

I will need a planning committee for this BIG event, so if you are interested in helping, please RSVP and let's get started.

Peggy Colville  
Chairman of FFCV Membership Committee  
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### HEADS UP ON “MYSTERY LUNCHEON” – Coming EARLY MARCH

**Please RSVP when you receive your email middle of February. Will be looking for “Host & Guest”.**

**Duties for Host** – will be expected to provide an entree and beverage, how many guests can be accommodated, suggest side dishes and establishing a time for guest to arrive. Singles can go together to host this event if desired. Host will be contacted week of the event of the number of guest.

**Guests** – will be contacted and asked to bring either a vegetable, dessert or bread. What is optional would be a bottle of wine for the evening for the host.

**Day Before The Event** – Guest will be contacted on arrival time and address.

We try to have this event to take place on the same day if possible for everyone.

For all new members – this is truly a wonderful event where you can get to know other members in a smaller sitting, rather than a membership meeting.

**The Mystery is** – the Host does not know who is coming, and the Guest to not know who else will be there.

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

It's about time for Fridays After Five at the downtown pavilion! Also, there will be some special concerts with famous performers on evenings other than Fridays. Our club has the opportunity to volunteer at these events by pouring/serving draft beer, serving canned and bottled beer/soda/water, and by checking ID's.

We earn funds (usually we're paid between \$9-13/hour for each volunteer) that our club donates at the end of the year to a worthy cause related to our mission of promoting peace and friendship internationally. Last year we sent around \$500 to the International Rescue Committee which resettles refugees here in Charlottesville/Albemarle.

Please watch for emails from me inviting you to volunteer at various events, usually beginning in April. You'll have the opportunity to contribute to our community as well as enjoy various performers! So far some of us were present at a Joan Baez concert as well as a Willie Nelson event while volunteering!! Thanks so much for considering helping out!

Linda Gehle – Fundraising

## Upcoming Exchanges

### Outbound 2024:

**International:** We will be doing a 2 week Journey to Peru - Lima and Northern Peru. We will visit Lima June 4-11 and then on to Tarapoto June 11-18. Plans are also in progress for a 4 day stay around Machu Pichu prior to our journey.

### Inbound 2024:

**Domestic:** We will be receiving the club from Montana that was postponed from 2023. They will be arriving April 24 for 7 nights. We have started planning, if you are interested in helping with the planning of this journey or hosting let me know.

### Outbound 2025

- We have submitted our outbound requests for 2025. We should hear about our match this spring.

Deb  
Chair, Journey Committee

Winslow

## Upcoming JAG Events

This year, The JAG School has posted the following dates for your consideration:

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| February 17 | Meeting, Independence Hall, JAG Students invited                                                   |
| February 28 | Basic Course Graduation (Maj Alshebl and Lt Ito)                                                   |
| May 27      | Basic Course, Start of three-month course to be completed on August 24. (Two candidates confirmed) |
| May 30      | 72 <sup>nd</sup> Graduate Course Graduation (1LT Bellil, Maj Yoo, and Maj Abubakar)                |
| Sept 2      | JAG Picnic (Spitlers) Students, FFI Student Sponsors and Board Members)                            |

Two of our students, Lt Abigail Contreras (Mexico) and LtC Oscar Daconceico Pauling (Angola) recently graduated from the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course on December 14, 2023. Hosts are invited to attend the ceremony and at the graduation the students were given an opportunity to speak where thanked our club for being friends. New students are coming all the time from countries around the world and we would love to have you get to know them better. Please consider volunteering to host a student.

Bing Spitler – JAG Coordinator



## Committee Chairmen

Membership: Peggy Colville  
JAG Coordinator: Bing Spitler  
Outreach: Patty Sclater  
Journey Coordinator: Deb Winslow

Fundraising: Linda Gehle  
Communications: LeRoy Moyer  
Events: Helen Ida Moyer

## Christmas Party – December 9, 2023

Just wanted to share with you some of the pictures I took at our FFCV Christmas Celebration. As usual we had an abundance of good food and great singing. Between Willow at the piano and Helen Ida leading us, we did not realize we could sound so good. We had a great turn out and a bonus with Janice Silk becoming our very first new member of 2024, thanks to Linda Gehle as her sponsor.

Here is what you missed if you could not make it.



Willow Welcoming Everyone



Plenty of Good Food



Helen Ida Directing 12 Days of Christmas



Willow playing the Piano



## FFCV Soup & Salad Event - January 20, 2024

What a wonderful event – lots of good food shared with 20 of our members present along with 3 visitors. We had good hot soups, many salads, corn bread, cookies and brownies. What more could one ask for on such a cold and wintry day.

Patty Sclater gave a wonderful presentation on the club's trip to Africa, with lots of pictures. I understand she had to go through 3000 pictures and narrow it down to 50. Great job Patty!!! Susan Roberts came all dressed up in clothing she had brought back from Tanzania. This really helped set the mode to hear about that country. They also had a table of souvenirs our travelers had brought back with them. Comments from Deb Winslow, Tom and Linda finished out the afternoon, with us all wishing we too had been able to go. They really inspired us with slides and facts, most of us did not know about Africa. It seemed they all had great host and the slides were educational and beautiful as well as a little sexy. (All of you who were there, know what I mean).

I have also included some pictures that Willow Drinkwater provided. I hope you will enjoy all of them.

Peggy Colville  
Chairman of FFCV Membership Committee



## Volunteer List:

### **Outbound Journey-Deborah Winslow**

Tom Baughn & Linda Gehle  
Peggy Birdsall  
David Lea  
Susan Roberts  
Janice Silk  
Susan Sutherling  
Dale Walden  
Deborah Winslow

### **OBJ Planning Committee**

Susan Roberts  
Janice Silk  
Susan Sutherling  
Dale Walden  
Deborah Winslow

### **Inbound Planning Committee**

Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
Susan Roberts  
Patricia Sclater  
Janice Silk  
Deborah Winslow

### **IB Journey Home Host**

Tom Baughn & Linda Gehle  
Peggy Birdsall  
Al & Peggy Colville  
Mary Ann & Barry Doucette  
Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
Dale Walden  
Deborah Winslow

### **IBJ Day Host**

Peggy Birdsall  
Al and Peggy Colville  
Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
David Lea  
Patricia Sclater  
Susan Sutherling  
Deborah Winslow

### **IBJ Small Dinner Host**

Peggy Birdsall  
Al & Peggy Colville  
Patricia Sclater  
Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
Judith Lesiak  
Deborah Winslow

### **Communication/Publicity-LeRoy Moyer**

Mary Ann & Barry Doucette  
Willow & Alan Drinkwater

### **Fund Raising- Linda Gehle**

Peggy Colville  
Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
Susan Roberts  
Dale Walden

### **Event Planning- Helen Ida Moyer**

Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
Lita Flowers  
Janice Silk

### **Membership – Peggy Colville**

Willow & Alan Drinkwater  
Janice Silk

### **Outreach-**

Linda Breslau  
Patricia Sclater

### **JAG- Bing Spitler**

Tom Baughan & Linda Gehle  
Peggy Birdsall  
Al & Peggy Colville  
Alan & Willow Drinkwater  
Judith Lesiak  
Patricia Sclater  
Susan Sutherling  
Dale Walden  
Deborah Winslow

### **Community Outreach Project-**

Peggy Birdsall  
Janice Silk  
Deborah Winslow

**Friendship Force of Central Virginia Current Roster for 2024**

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## FFCV Calendar for 2024

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/PROGRAM (if applicable)	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COORDINATOR
January	20	Noon – 3:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Africa Journey Presentation – Patty Sclater	The Independence	Club Members, Guests	Peggy Colville
February	17	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Membership Meeting	JAG Students' Presentations	The Independence	Club Members, Guests, JAG Students	Bing Spitler, Helen Ida Moyer
March	TBD	Noon	Mystery Lunch		Member Hosts' Homes	Club Members	Peggy Colville
April	24 – 5/1 (Tentative)		Incoming Journey – Flathead, Montana Friendship Club			Club Members	Deb Winslow
May	18	TBD	Membership Drive			Club Members, Guests	Peggy Colville, Membership Committee
June			Outgoing Journey - Peru			Club Members	Deb Winslow
July			Summer Break – No Program				
August	17	TBD	Summer Picnic		Gordonsville	Club Members, JAG Students	Willow Drinkwater
September	2	Noon	JAG Picnic		Lake Monticello	9-month JAG Students, Sponsors	Bing Spitler
October	19	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Peru Journey Presentation – Deb Winslow	The Independence	Club Members, Guests	Helen Ida Moyer
November	16	Noon – 3:00 PM	"Friendsgiving" Meal		The Independence	Club Members, 9-month JAG students	Helen Ida Moyer
December	14	Noon – 3:00 PM	Holiday/Christmas Party		The Independence	Club Members, 9-month JAG students	Helen Ida Moyer





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*Friendship Force of Central Virginia  
2024 Membership/Renewal*

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](http://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](http://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 2024. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge). **Do you want to:**

**Exchange Activities**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Go on an Outbound Journey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outbound Journey Planning Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Home Host
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Day Host
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Small Dinner Host

**Other Club Work and Activities**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Communications/Publicity Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Fund Raising Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Event Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Membership Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Out Reach Person (Sending cards to various members)

**Community Activities and Service**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor a JAG student
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work on a Community Outreach Project

**Annual Dues:** \$40 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. If you have any questions please call 434-589-2844.