



Mountain Friends

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Friendship Force of Western North Carolina

June 2017

FFWNC
P.O. Box 1425
Skyland, NC 28776
Website: www.ffwesternnc.org

Upcoming Meeting & Picnic

Saturday, July 8, 12-3

**Mills River Park
124 Town Center (off of Route 191)
Mills River**

Our club will provide drinks and chicken. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Remember that we are green so bring your own plates, cups, silverware and utensils.



CHANGING THE
WAY YOU SEE
THE WORLD

From the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

The good news is that our newly-designed website is up and running thanks to the efforts of Diane Tokarski. Please read her message in this newsletter and log on to our new website address: www.ffwesternnc.org

Our annual FFWNC picnic is only weeks away on July 8th at 12:00 at the Mills River Park. Read below for details and hope to see you all there.

The Journey Committee has scheduled a training session on Wednesday, June 28 at 2:00. Please read the details in this newsletter. We are in need of Journey host/coordinators for many of our 2018 Journeys so use this opportunity to get trained.

May your summer include memorable trips with your family, friends and Friendship Force.

In friendship,

Joan

Our new website is up and running!

Our newly-designed website is now online. The new url (website address) is: www.ffwesternnc.org Please visit the site and become familiar with the format. We consider it a “work in progress” and welcome suggestions.

We wish to thank Ron Partin for the many years he piloted the site. Ron has been busy with so many aspects of Friendship Force and finds time to do an exemplary job with all of them.

I look forward to our summer picnic and seeing everyone there!

Diane Tokarski

Membership Chairman
dtokarski3@gmail.com

Kansas Inbound Journey a Hit!

A great group gathered for the Kansas incoming journey. A big "thank you" to everyone who helped make it a success!

- Susan & Larry Harvey



Journey Host / Coordinator Training

The Journey Committee has scheduled a training session for future Journey Host/Coordinators. The date is June 28th at 2:00 at the home of Karen McDonald. Our club is always in need of members to be Journey host/coordinators. The training will help each participant to learn the role of the Journey host/coordinator whether organizing a Journey at our home here in the Blue Ridge Mountains or taking a group of members to another state or country.

Many of our past Journeys have involved two people sharing the role so think about your participation with another club member. There are many experienced club members who have led Journey's and you can find their names listed in the Membership Directory.

Please give this opportunity consideration and contact Karen at machogan2@gmail.com or 828-242-1410. Karen and the committee would like to know your interest by June 23rd so they can prepare materials for everyone.

New Mexico Inbound Journey

The FF New Mexico club is coming to the Mountains of Western North Carolina for a seven-night home stay with our club, September 6-13, 2017. Bonnie Dees and Jan Partin are the "J.C.s" for the journey.

We still could use some day hosts, dinner hosts, and home hosts. Please contact Bonnie at j.dees@morrisbb.net or 692-1993 or Jan at 698-2769 or janpartin@hotmail.com



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NEW MEXICO

Peru Adventure

Jan Partin had worked 10 months planning a Friendship Force exchange to Trujillo, Peru. Unfortunately, their club had to cancel our visit, as their city was devastated by torrential El Nino floods. She had planned the trip to Machu Picchu and Cusco for the following week.

About half the Friendship Force travelers withdrew after the Trujillo cancellation, but nine of us opted to continue with the Machu Picchu trip. Jan & Ron Partin, Chuck Stevens, Pat Maier, & Gregory Bechtel represented our club. We found it to be a most rewarding experience. Ron, Chuck, and Jan also visited the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador.

The highlight of our trip to Peru was the day and a half we spent visiting Machu Picchu. No photos nor words can capture the mystery and majesty of this amazing experience.



To view more photos, go to our Friendship Force of Western North Carolina Facebook page.

2017 Journeys

INBOUND

Sept. 6 - 13

New Mexico – Bonnie Dees and Jan Partin, J.Cs.

Oct. 10-17

Cornwall, England – Larry McGaughy, J.C.

Oct. 30 - Nov. 6

Nagasaki, Japan – Joe Robustelli, Becky Reid, Carol Mullen and Jack Mullen, J.C.

2018 Journeys

OUTBOUND

May

New Mexico (need Journey Coordinator(s))

TBD

(August / September) Cornwall, England (need a J.C.)

INBOUND

May 23 - 31

Global Journey “Quilting Mountain Style”

Becky Reid and Joan Manfre, J.C.

October

Northern Illinois (need a J.C.)

Journey Coordinator Committee: Joy Williams, Joe Robustelli, & Karen MacDonald Chair



Happy feet in Maras, Peru

Friendship Force of Western North Carolina

2017 General Meeting Calendar

Dates & Times	Event	Location
Saturday, July 8 12:00 **	Club Picnic	Mills River Park, 124 Town Center, Mills River - off of Hwy 191
Tuesday, September 12 6:30 **	General Meeting & Farewell dinner for New Mexico group	Mills River Presbyterian Church 10 Presbyterian Church RD, Mills River
Sunday, November 12 5:30 **	General Meeting Election of Officers	Mills River Presbyterian Church 10 Presbyterian Church RD, Mills River
December 5 5:30	Holiday Party	St. Paul Mountain Vineyard

General Meetings are usually held on the third Sunday of the month, however please note changes in week and also changes in the day and times which are designated by **



Peru Our Friendship Force travelers and a little hostess in Cusco. She was shoed way by a policemen, but after he left we called her back and gave her some money. The 10-year old girls are the most successful street vendors. They really know how to negotiate!

Sunshine Person

Judi Wondolowski is the club's Sunshine Person. A special thanks to her for taking on this important task. If you know of anyone that is in need of some sunshine due to illness or a death in the family, please contact Judi so that a card can be sent.

judiwond@gmail.com or 828-698-0484.



Friendship Force Western North Carolina

2017 Board Members

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Diane Tokarski
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Standing Committee Leaders

Membership Chairperson
Directory
Journey Committee

Diane Tokarski
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Communications
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Renee Kumor
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Ron Partin

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Chuck Elston
Judi Wondolowski



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WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA

Membership Application / Renewal

Send to: FFWNC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1425, Skyland, NC 28776
(Separate Application per person)

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- New Membership w/badge \$37 **per person** \$ _____
- Renewal Membership \$27 **per person** \$ _____
- Associate (if you are a member of another FFI club and pay that club's full dues) \$12 **per person** \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Year joined FFWNC _____ Date of Application _____

TALENTS OR INTERESTS YOU COULD SHARE WITH FRIENDSHIP FORCE:

Foreign languages spoken _____

Countries visited or knowledge of _____

Talents and skills _____

Profession (or former) _____