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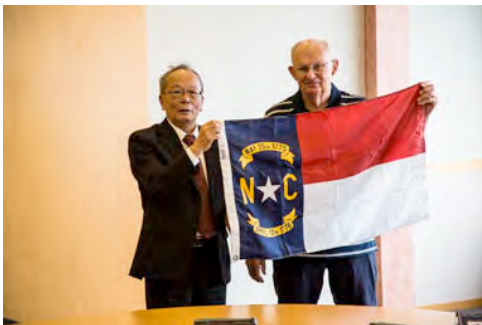
Upcoming Meeting

Sunday, March 19 at 5:30

Mills River Presbyterian Church
10 Presbyterian Church Road
Mills River

Bring International food

Our speakers for the evening will be club members who were a part of the Japan Journey.



CHANGING THE
WAY YOU SEE
THE WORLD

From the Desk of the President

Dear Members

Hope you have all enjoyed our spring/winter weather. The good news I have to share is that our club has received our International "Journey" location for 2018 and it is Cornwall, England. Our domestic "Journey" will be New Mexico. Our incoming Global "Journey" will be "Quilting Mountain Style". We will also host the Northern Illinois club.

This newsletter contains details about our March 19th General Meeting at the Mills River Presbyterian Church. There is a change in location and date of our May meeting, which will now take place on April 24th, so read on for additional information.

Friendship Force is celebrating its' 40th Anniversary this month and included in that celebration is the launch of the new website and an introduction to some changes in terminology. I have given explanations of these new terms "Journey", "Ambassador Coordinator" and "Host Coordinator" later in this newsletter.

Remember to send names to Diane Tokarski for our Meet and Greet on March 23.

In friendship,

Joan

A Special Thank You

We would like to send a special thank you to Peggy Judkins for completing an audit of our clubs finances.

Meet and Greet – March 23rd

Our Meet and Greet date is fast approaching. How about sharing what Friendship Force has to offer with your friends who enjoy travel and meeting people? As you know, this is travel in a unique way, staying in your host's home, learning about a culture and a part of the world new to you, either abroad or within the United States; visiting places that the ordinary tourist would not know about. We, in turn, offer such possibilities to incoming club ambassadors who visit us in Western North Carolina.

We are planning a casual "Meet and Greet" for those who have an interest in learning about Friendship Force on Thursday, March 23rd from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Flat Rock Village Hall on Greenville Highway. If you have someone in mind who might be interested in what Friendship Force is all about, please forward names, street addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers to me, so that we can get an invitation out to them in a timely manner.

Let's spread the word about Friendship Force!

Thank you in advance.

In Friendship,
Diane Tokarski

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Welcome to Molly Sandridge

I love travel and also love having guests in my home, so I am so glad to be able to join your group. We actually hosted one of guests years ago, and we loved doing it.

I grew up in Hampton Virginia, went to Westhampton College, part of at the University of Richmond. I met my husband there. He went to MCV in Richmond, VA, interned in Springfield OH, then did residency at Carolinas Hospital in Charlotte. From there, he was stationed in Heidelberg West Germany for three years, then did a fellowship at Duke. We began our family in Charlotte, had another child in Germany and one at Duke.

I taught school until we had children. In Richmond, I taught 7th grade math and science, and in Springfield, I taught 9th grade math and science. In Charlotte, I worked at Celanese in their Research and Development department. After children, I was a stay at home mother and community volunteer. In 1983, I started Land-Lord, Inc. with a friend, Bill Griffin. The business was sold in 2004.

Our family moved to Asheville in August of 1973, with our three small children, ages 6, 3 and 5 weeks old. My husband was an Ob-Gyn and in started what is now Grace OB-Gyn. He passed away in February 2013, we were living at Lake Keowee at the time. After his death, I returned to Asheville.

I am a widow, with two dogs. I like to walk, travel, enjoy people, love reading, Bible Studies and having fun with friends.



Making a difference – Peru Journey

Very often our international journeys include giving to a worthy cause in the city/country we are visiting. Our journey in May to Peru will include making a donation to a most worthy cause.

I asked the ED for the Nor Peru, Club to suggest a worthwhile charity for us to make a donation. Her club has suggested that we raise funds for their shelter for adolescent mothers in Trujillo, which is a shelter that cares for and protects adolescent mothers who are homeless or who have been victims of sexual abuse. They help with their pregnancy and take care of their children, giving them food, and a place to live. They also teach them some craft like embroidering clothes, weaving, sewing, so that they can develop independently.

Our board has authorized the club to match up to \$1000 for this shelter, so we would be very grateful for your generous donation to this cause. You can make checks out to “FFWNC” and give to Jack Mullen or me. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!

- Jan Partin

Sunshine Person

Judi Wondolowski has volunteered to serve as 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 New Terminology

Friendship Force International has researched and selected some new terms to better match what we do as members. We will now be planning a “Journey” which replaces the term “Exchange”. FFI headquarters, strongly feels that a more transformational term “journey” is better suited to the amazing programs members plan and experience.

In line with the incorporation of the word “journey”, FFI has also altered the term Exchange Director to now be called “Ambassador Coordinator” and “Host Coordinator”. Not only does the term “coordinator” translate well into the many languages spoken by our members worldwide, but FFI also believes it reflects the variety of work that our dedicated ambassadors and host leaders undertake in planning a Friendship Force Journey.

Please note that from now on our newsletter and all our information will contain these new terms.

2017 Journeys

OUTBOUND

May 2-16 Trujillo, Peru - Jan Partin, Journey Coordinator (J.C.)

INBOUND

April 18-25 Wichita, Kansas – Susan & Larry Harvey, J.C.

Sept. 6 - 13 New Mexico – Bonnie Dees and Jan Partin, J.C.

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

October Cornwall, England (need a J.C.)

INBOUND

May 23 - 31 Global Journey “Quilting Mountain Style”

May Northern Illinois (need a J.C.)

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

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.

Please contact Bonnie at j.dees@morrisbb.net or 692-1993 or Jan at 698-2769 or janpartin@hotmail.com

Kansas Incoming in April 18-25

Kansas Ambassadors are due to arrive April 18th. All are assigned to home hosts and dinner hosts – thank you. We still could use some day hosts, please contact Susan Harvey if you can help. The itinerary has come together and it should be a wonderful journey.

Please note that the Farewell Dinner will also be our general meeting (replacing our May meeting) and you must sign up to register. It will be April 24 at Carriage Park Clubhouse, 6:30 PM. Catered meal and wine provided, cost \$13 per person. Please mail your check payable to FFWNC to FFWNC PO Box 1425 Skyland, NC 28776.

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Friendship Force of Western North Carolina

2017 General Meeting Calendar

Dates & Times	Event	Location
Sunday, March 19 5:30	General Meeting	Mills River Presbyterian Church 10 Presbyterian Church RD, Mills River
Monday, April 24 6:30	General Meeting and Farewell Dinner for Kansas	Carriage Park Clubhouse 1000 Carriage Square Drive Hendersonville 28791
Saturday, July 8 12:00 **	Club Picnic	Mills River Park, 124 Town Center, Mills River - off of Hwy 191
Sunday, September 17 5:30	General Meeting	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 **

May General Meeting now Monday, April 24

Location: Carriage Park Clubhouse

We will be hosting a farewell dinner for our Kansas Ambassadors on Monday, April 24 at the Carriage Park Clubhouse starting at 5:30. This event will take the place of our May meeting. It will be a catered dinner and will include: appetizers, salad, choice of 2-3 entrees and dessert (Italian cuisine). The cost for members is \$13.00. Wine and soft beverages will be served. Please reserve your meal with Susan Harvey by April 17. You can bring your check or cash to the March 19th General Meeting or mail your check payable to FFWNC to FFWNC PO Box 1425 Skyland, NC 28776.



Friendship Force Western North Carolina

2016 Board Members

President
President-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Past President

Joan Manfre
Diane Tokarski
Kay Manley
Jack Mullen
Jan Partin

Club Directors

2017

Larry McGaughy
Judi Wondolowski

2017-2018

Mary Evers
Bonnie Dees

2017-2019

Carol Mullen
Larry Harvey

Standing Committee Leaders

Membership Chairperson
Directory
Journey Committee

Diane Tokarski
Jack Mullen/Chuck Elston
Joe Robustelli, Joy Williams, & Karen McDonald,(chair)

Communications
Newsletter
Publicity
Website
Facebook

Ron Partin
Renee Kumor
Joan Manfre & Diane Tokarski
Ron Partin

Hospitality
Archives
Sunshine

Meredith Applegate and Carole Reimold
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: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Application _____

Cell Phone: _____ Year joined FFWNC _____

TALENTS OR INTERESTS YOU COULD SHARE WITH FRIENDSHIP FORCE:

Foreign languages spoken _____

Countries visited or knowledge of _____

Talents and skills _____

Profession (or former) _____