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## Upcoming Meeting

**September 18, 5:30**

General Meeting  
at the Skyland Fire Department

Bonnie Dees will be sharing details on the exchange to China that she and Roberta Newman completed last spring.



## From the Desk of the President

Greetings,

I hope you have had a fun and rewarding summer so far. We have two more exchanges this year in October: an International outgoing to Japan, Jack Mullen, E.D., and an Incoming exchange from Sarasota, Florida, Joy Williams, E.D. Our Exchanges for 2017 are shaping up nicely – sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

- Outbound international exchange to Trujillo, Peru in May, Jan Partin, E.D.
- Inbound international exchange from Devon, England in mid-October, Larry McGaughy, E.D.
- Inbound domestic exchange from FF of Kansas Club, date TBD, Susan Harvey, E.D.
- Inbound Domestic from New Mexico in mid September, E.D. needed!

The nominating committee is beginning to seek nominations, so if you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Joan Manfre at 692-6833.

The Asheville Global Event has been moved to October 2 from 1-5:30. It will be held at the new Grail Movie House, 45 South French Broad Avenue in Asheville. If you would be willing to help man or woman a booth for an hour please let me know! It should be a good way of getting word out about Friendship Force.

Just a reminder, Jay Harris is having an organizational meeting for those who are interested in going to Jordan - probably in March, 2017. It's being held at the Jerusalem Garden Café in Asheville, 78 Patton Avenue on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30. Jay has been there a number of times and brings with him a wealth of knowledge about the

Tom Laggy, our field representative for the Southeast, reports that FFI is encouraging us to get back to our roots with our People Mission and our Cultural Experiences. This is what sets us apart from other organizations, and the fact that we connect with Friends around the world in fairly small groups. A one sentence explanation of us could be: "We are an international organization that promotes cultural sharing and home hosting in 63 countries." Brief, but effective!

Please join us for our September 18th General Meeting at the Skyland Fire Department at 5:30.

Yours in friendship,

*Jan*

[janpartin@hotmail.com](mailto:janpartin@hotmail.com)

## Sarasota Incoming

Thanks to those who have responded to our call for help with the October 10-15 exchange. The Sarasota ambassadors are excited about our program and are looking forward to seeing our fall color. (I have warned them that we can never predict when the leaves change, but we will go higher as needed in search of color.)

Tuesday morning, Oct. 11, at 9 AM we will be hosting our Welcome Brunch at the Skyland Fire Station. The hosts will be fixing and bringing food, but it would be wonderful if one or more of our members who are not home hosting would come early to start the coffee, set up the tables, etc. This will give you the opportunity to meet our guests and let them experience the wonderful spirit of our club. If this is something you might consider, contact Joy Williams at 692-0276 or [nanajcw@bellsouth.net](mailto:nanajcw@bellsouth.net).

Our farewell dinner will be Friday night at Blue Ghost Brewery for our ambassadors and everyone who has been involved with the exchange. We'll have a bluegrass band, 12 Bones BBQ, and lots of fun. Reservations should be made by Oct. 11. Dinner will be \$15 with a cash bar.

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## Our Sunshine Person

Mary Ann Davis has volunteered to serve as the club's Sunshine Person. If you know of a club member who is seriously ill, please let her know, so she can send a card with well wishes from our club. Thanks to Mary Ann for taking on this important responsibility.



## Check Us Out on Facebook

Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can access our page by pasting the following into your browser:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Friendship-Force-of-Western-North-Carolina/117478548384215](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friendship-Force-of-Western-North-Carolina/117478548384215)

Or just type: "Friendship Force of Western North Carolina Facebook" into any search engine. Once you access our page, it helps if you "like" our page. This increases our visibility, helping others become aware of what we have to offer. Any questions? Contact Ron Partin at [rpartin@bgsu.edu](mailto:rpartin@bgsu.edu)

Check back often, as we frequently add photos and club news to our Facebook page. It is easier to keep updated than our web site. View the new albums from our most recent exchanges.

## Membership News

Our club sponsored Meet and Greet events on June 2nd and August 25th, and they were both successful.

I'd like to thank club members who contributed names of people and who attended these meetings. A special thanks to Diane Tokarski for helping to plan, present and organize refreshments. Look for our newest members at our September 18th and November 13th club meetings.

*Joan Manfre*  
Membership Chairperson

[Thanks to Joan for organizing these successful events!](#)

## 2016 Exchanges

### OUTGOING

Oct. 11 – Nov. 1            Japan - Jack Mullen, ED

### INCOMING

Oct. 10-16                Sarasota, FL - Joy Williams

## 2017 Exchanges

### OUTGOING

May                        Trujillo, Peru - Jan Partin, E.D.

### INCOMING

Oct.                        Devon, England - Larry McGaughy, ED

Exchange Director Committee: Joy Williams, Joe Robustelli, & Carol Mullen, Chair

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## Friendship Force of Western North Carolina 2016 General and Board Meeting Calendar

Dates & Times	Event	Location
Sun., Sept. 18 5:30pm	General Meeting	Skyland Fire Dept.
Tues., Sept. 20 3pm	Board Meeting	Community Foundation of Henderson Co. 401 N. Main St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl., Hendersonville
Tues., Oct. 18 3pm	Board Meeting	Skyland Fire Dept.
Sun., Nov. 13 5:30pm	General Meeting Election of Officers	Mills River Presbyterian Church, 10 Presbyterian Church Rd, Mills River Marty and Suzanne Strauss on Peace Corp
Tues., Nov. 15	Board Meeting	Community Foundation of Henderson Co. 401 N. Main St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl., Hendersonville
Dec. ? TBA	Final Board Meeting	TBA

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3pm, either at the Skyland Fire Department or the Community Foundation office in Hendersonville.

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# Friendship Force Western North Carolina

## 2016 Board Members

President  
President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Past President

Jan Partin  
Joan Manfre  
Bernie Fox  
Jack Mullen  
Bill Hogan

## Club Directors

2014-2016  
Becky Elston  
Marlene Grasberger

2015-2017  
Larry McGaughy  
Judi Wondolowski

2016-2018  
Diane Tokarski  
Bonnie Dees

## Standing Committee Leaders

Membership Chairperson  
Directory  
Exchange Committee

Joan Manfre  
Jack Mullen/Chuck Elston  
Joe Robustelli, Joy Williams, & Carol Mullen (chair)

Communications  
Newsletter  
Publicity  
Website & Facebook

Ron Partin  
Renee Kumor  
Ron Partin

Hospitality

Chuck Stevens

Archives

Chuck Elston



# 2016 Membership Application / Renewal

## Friendship Force of Western North Carolina

FFWNC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1425, Skyland, NC 28776

### PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Single Membership w/badge \$37 | <input type="checkbox"/> New Family Membership w/badge \$66 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Single Membership \$27     | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Family Membership \$46     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Single Membership \$12   | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Family Membership \$21   |

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name for Badge Name for Badge

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email 1 Email 2

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Cell  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone 1 Cell Phone 2

### TALENTS OR INTERESTS YOU COULD SHARE WITH FRIENDSHIP FORCE:

Foreign languages spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Countries visited or knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_

Talents and skills \_\_\_\_\_

Profession (or former) \_\_\_\_\_