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Friendship Force of Western North Carolina

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

General Meeting

March 21st at Green Man Brewery
on **27 Buxton Street** in Asheville at
5:00 p.m.

See details on page 2



Dues Reminder

2018 dues are now due.

2018 dues are \$27.00
per person. Please complete the
membership application / renewal
form, one per person, at the end of
this newsletter
and mail your check to:

FFWNC
PO Box 1425 Skyland, NC 28776.

From the Desk of the President

Hello Everyone,

2018 will surely prove to be an exciting year for Friendship Force of Western North Carolina (FFWNC). At our January meeting, Jack Mullen presented an overview of the Friendship Force International World Conference, held in August 2017, in Manchester, England. Jack indicated that it was a successful conference and brought together club representatives from all over the world to share friendship and club experiences. Plenary sessions were held with focus on the following: media relations, photographing journeys, the history of FFI in sound and image, engaging your local community, and many more interesting and thoughtful topics.

Please be sure to attend the March 21st (*a Wednesday*) General Meeting at Green Man Brewery, 27 Buxton Avenue in Asheville at 5:00 p.m. (3rd Floor private room with an available elevator.) We will have a unique opportunity to spend the evening with FFI Board and Staff members from around the world. FFI Board and Staff will be in Asheville for their semi-annual Board meeting and have agreed to have dinner with us and speak with us on a one-to-one basis at this event. FFI will treat us to our first round of drinks, and food will be catered by 12 Bones. (The FFI Board and Staff want to experience Southern cuisine!) The cost of the meal is \$20.00/person. Nonalcoholic and alcoholic drinks are extra. Checks should be written to: FFWNC and sent to: FFWNC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1425, Skyland, NC 28776, *to reach the P.O. Box no later than March 14th.*

Happy 35th Anniversary to FFWNC! We have been an official Friendship Force club since 1982! Please see Jeremi Snook's letter of congratulations, found in this newsletter.

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Open World, April 21 – 25, 2018 – Open World is a cultural exchange sponsored by the Legislative Branch of the US Government. Its purpose is to bring Eurasian leaders to the US to witness democracy in action on a federal, state and local level. FFWNC has participated in this program in the past; most recently in 2015, which brought Ukrainian doctors to us.

The theme we have been given for this delegation is Economic Development. Five or six delegates will spend four days with us. FFWNC will be awarded \$2,500 for sponsoring this delegation. At the time of writing this message, we have not yet learned the delegates' home country.

What we need to make this visit happen is to procure the following, as soon as possible: a Journey Coordinator (we have members who have performed as JC's before for Open World, who will be happy to offer advice), Home Hosts and Dinner Hosts. *We are told all delegates speak English, so please keep that in mind.* Please give volunteering for this important and

very worthwhile opportunity serious consideration.

Be sure to visit our website: www.ffwesternnc.org. There you will find meeting information and many helpful resources. The "Members Only" section requires a password, (email president for password). This is the area that houses updated Membership Directories and approved Board Minutes. Just click on the document link you wish to view.

Interested in photography? FFI has asked that FF photographers (both amateurs and professionals) form Photography Clusters, with at least 3 members/club cluster. We already have two interested FFWNC members – how about joining them, so our cluster can form? The purpose of the clusters is to have photo exchanges with other FF clubs—another venue to get to know one other.

Yours in friendship,

Diane

dtokarski3@gmail.com

Journeys 2018

OUTGOING

April 29 – May 10	Wichita, KS; Albuquerque, New Mexico - Bill Hogan, J.C.
September 14-21	Cornwall, England - Jack Mullen, J.C.

INCOMING

Apr 21 - 25	Open World, Journey Coordinator is needed
May 23 - 31	“Quilting Mountain Style” - Becky Reid and Joan Manfre, J.C.
October 17-22	Northern Illinois - Becky Elston, J.C.

Journey Committee: Susan Harvey, Larry McGaughy, Joe Robustelli and Karen McDonald, Chair

Welcome to Suzanne Englemann

Suzanne Englemann was born in New York City, and resided in Summit, New Jersey, where she attended high school. She currently resides in Tryon, NC.

She attended university and graduate school in Boston. Her first career was in public health and preventive medicine. She later began a second career as a travel photojournalist/travel journalist.

Always curious and adventurous, she began her second career traveling by bus from London to Kathmandu, Nepal. She spent several months crossing Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to Nepal, where she spent a month in Nepal, and trekked to the Everest basecamp.

En route she sold photographs and articles to magazines and made contacts with National Tourist Organizations. Later she was hired by many countries' tourism offices to return and develop tourism promotions.

Suzanne has cherished the personal interactions, the friends she made, and the range of cultures she has experienced. She believes travel allows us make connections and understand that despite differences, all mankind share the same needs and dreams.

We look forward to viewing some of her photographic work at one of our fall meetings! Friendship Force seems like a great fit for Suzanne!



*A photo of Machu Picchu
By Suzanne Englemann*

Quilting Mountain Style Journey

Dinner Host – Looking for dinner host for Friday, May 26th (Please note that this is Memorial Day Weekend) Contact Becky Reid and let her know if you can help and how many people you can accommodate.

Home Host – We are attempting to home host our quilters in homes of quilters from our quilting guild, however, we know that we will need additional hosts. It is not necessary that you know anything about quilting. We will have day hosts that will take the people you home host to their daily activities. Contact Becky Reid and let her know how many ambassadors you can home host.



Quilts – We are looking for members who may have a family quilt, heirloom or a quilt with a special story. If you do, we would like to display it at our farewell dinner on May 30th. Contact us with your information.

- Becky Reid reidrobustelli@gmail.com Joan Manfre jcmanfre310@gmail.com

Northern Illinois (Chicago)

Incoming Journey - October 17-22

Our club had a wonderful journey to Northern Illinois in May of 2016. We are going to show them our beautiful area and return the favor in October. Sign up sheets for home hosts, dinner hosts and day hosts were at the January meeting. If you missed this opportunity please contact Becky Elston, Journey Coordinator, at beckyelston1@gmail.com or 828-749-1886 or 828-702-9508.

Invite Friends to Learn About FFWNC

We are planning a March **Meet & Greet for Henderson County** as well as one for Buncombe County later in the year. Details (location and time/date) for the March Meet & Greet will be announced in the near future via email as well as on the website and in other media outlets. The purpose, as in the past, is to encourage prospective members to learn more about joining Friendship Force of Western North Carolina. In the meantime, please feel free to share my contact information with anyone you know who might be interested in membership.

Kay Manley: Phone number: 828.280.1303 Email: kmanley99@gmail.com

I will also be happy to reach out first to any folks you believe would welcome a phone call or email.

2018 FFWNC Meeting Calendar

MEETING DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
<i>Wednesday</i> , March 21	Gen'l. Meeting – FFI Board and Staff*	5 pm	Green Man Brewery
Sunday, May 20	Gen'l. Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Skyland Fire Department
Saturday, July 14	Gen'l. Meeting and Picnic	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Mills River Town Park Pavilion
Sunday, September 9	Gen'l. Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Mills River Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 11	Gen'l. Meeting and Election of Officers	5:30 p.m.	Skyland Fire Department

Skyland Fire Department Address: 9 Miller Road S, Asheville, NC – elevator is available

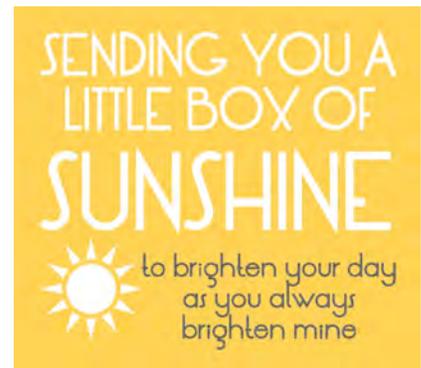
Green Man Brewery Address: 27 Buxton Avenue, Asheville, NC – 3rd Floor – elevator is available

Mills River Presbyterian Church Address: 10 Presbyterian Church Road, Mills River, NC

Mills River Park Address: 124 Town Center Drive, Mills River, NC

“Sunshine”

Judi Wondolowski is our club’s Sunshine Person”. 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 698-0484.





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December 1, 2017

Friendship Force of Western North Carolina
Joan Manfre
482 Gap Creek Road
Zirconia, North Carolina 28790

Dear Friends,

First and foremost, on behalf of Friendship Force International clubs and members worldwide, I am thrilled to celebrate the Friendship Force of Western North Carolina's 35th anniversary with you!

While every year your club participates in Friendship Force exchanges and programs is significant, this anniversary gives you the opportunity to reflect and take record of all the moments you have each experienced with Friendship Force over the years, both as individuals and as a group. It also gives you a milestone moment in time to look around at the friendships that have been forged and, perhaps most importantly, how your perspective of the world has been impacted by these new relationships.

Clubs of your tenure have singularly facilitated numerous worldwide exchanges over the years, brought hundreds of people from diverse cultures together and quietly impacted thousands of lives. Your club and members hold a special place in the Friendship Force family. You are, quite simply, the best example of the force of friendship in action.

As you celebrate these past 35 years, I hope you will also be looking to the future. With the continued work of clubs like the Friendship Force of Western North Carolina around the world, I am convinced Friendship Force International will continue to succeed in helping build a world of friends that can be a world of peace.

In friendship,

Jeremi Snook
President / CEO

March 21, 2018

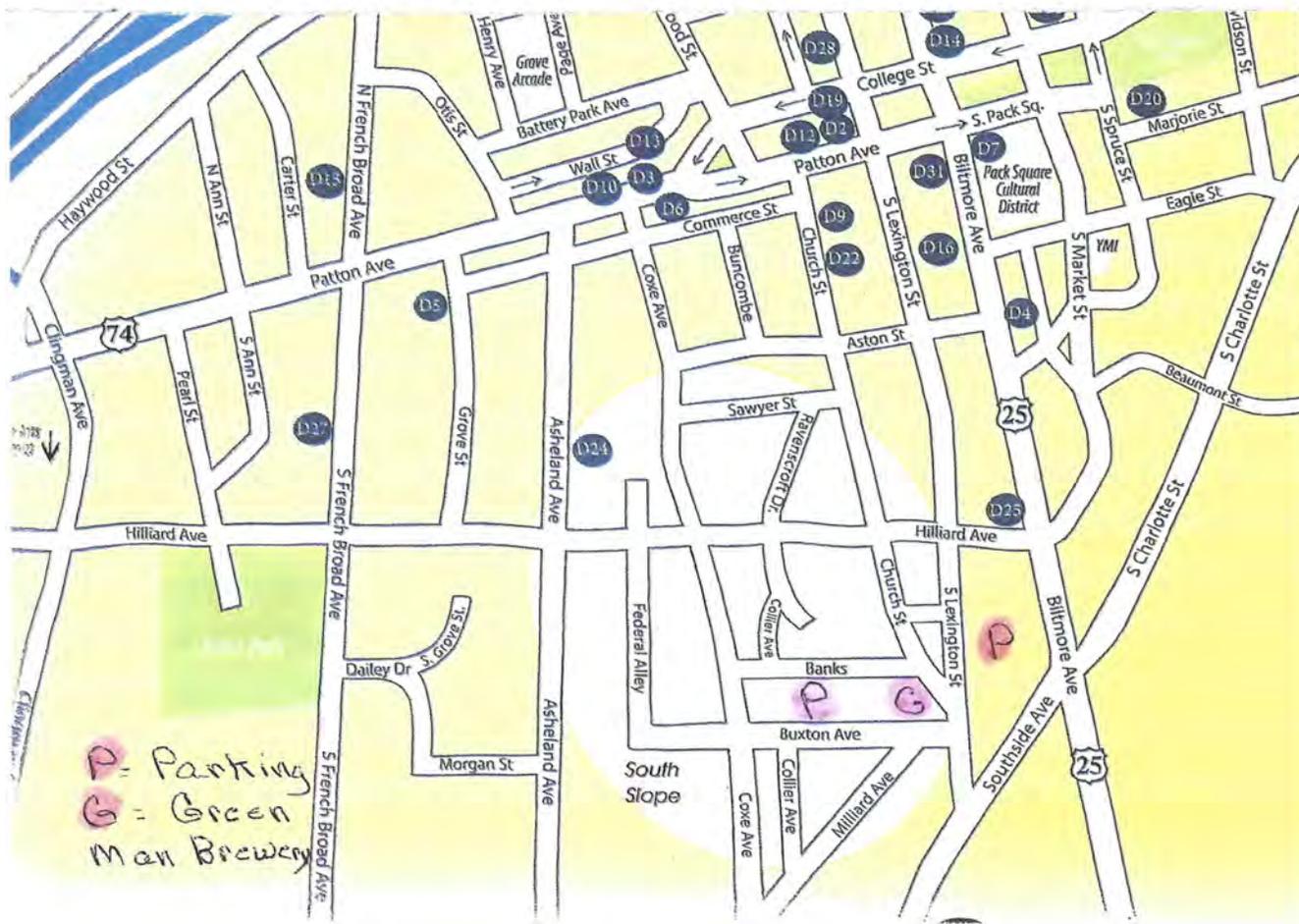
General Meeting

The FFI International Board of Directors will be holding its semi-annual Board meeting in Asheville, arriving on March 18 and departing on March 23. The FFI staff will be in Asheville from March 21 until March 25 for a staff retreat. All FFI Board members and staff members will be in Asheville on March 21. We have invited them to join us for our March general meeting and they readily agreed. The meeting will be at the Greenman Brewery on 21 Buxton St. Asheville, NC 28801. www.greenmanbrewery.com starting at 5:00 PM. 12 Bones will be providing the food. The cost of the evening is \$20. We will be using the 3rd floor (yes there is an elevator) area for our private event. There will be a cash bar where beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages may be purchased.

There are three parking options: 1) on street parking available; 2) just west of the Greenman building there is a parking lot between Greenman and the French Broad Chocolate Factory buildings and 3) there is a parking lot east of Greenman between Lexington Ave and Biltmore Ave. That entrance is on Lexington Ave.

This will be an excellent opportunity for club members and club leaders to get to know the staff on a one to one basis, like putting a face to a name. Also, a chance to meet Board members from around the world.

Make your \$20.00 per person check payable to FFWNC and mail to PO BOX 1425 Skyland, NC 28776. Reservation deadline is March 14, 2018.



Friendship Force Western North Carolina

2018 Board Members

President:	Diane Tokarski
President-Elect:	Kay Manley
Past-President	Joan Manfre
Secretary:	(needed)
Treasurer:	Jack Mullen

Club Directors

2018	2018-2019	2018-2020
Mary Evers	Carol Mullen	Chuck Stevens
Bonnie Dees	Larry Harvey	Nancy McGaughy

Standing Committee Leaders

Membership Chairperson: Kay Manley

Directory: Jack Mullen/Chuck Elston

Journey Committee: Susan Harvey, Larry McGaughy, Joe Robustelli and Karen McDonald, Chair

Communications

Newsletter	Ron Partin
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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) _____