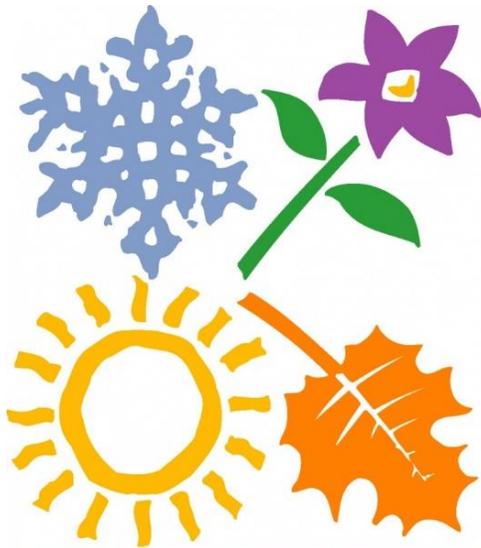


AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING *BY CHRIS DUVAL*

Our By-Laws provide for an annual meeting of the club to be held during the month of August each year. Sometimes we celebrate by having a festive picnic. However, this year, we just had a picnic in July, honoring our friendship with our sister-club, Columbia-Cascade, from the Portland area. The board decided instead of having two picnics in two months, we would have our annual meeting in the cool confines of the Albany Public Library. Quiet and cool. Sounds just right for the hot month of August.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 5, at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact any one of the board members and we will work to arrange a ride for you.



One of the important activities of the Annual Meeting is to vote on a new slate of officers for the club for 2019. As you will see from elsewhere in this newsletter, we have a full slate of officers from last year who are willing to serve another year. However, we also welcome nominations from the floor as well. Just make sure you have the permission of the nominee before putting their name forward.

The other important element of the Annual Meeting is actually a lot of fun. It is the selection of potential outbound Journeys for 2020. Come prepared to offer your ideas about where you would like to travel and what clubs you would like to visit. Even if you are not currently a traveler, you can contribute to the conversation with information about where you have been in the past and whether it was a valuable experience.

ANNUAL MEETING

We ask that all members bring some finger foods or snacks to share at the Annual Meeting. We will have drinks for everyone.

Please come and join us as we celebrate another year of Friendship Force of the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Calendar of Events

August 5 at 2 p.m.

Annual Gathering / Meeting
Albany Public Library
250 NE 14th St.

No August Board Meeting

No Meet, Greet, Get acquainted
(MEG) Luncheon

Sunshine News

Contact Sue Stein with news.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by CHRIS DUVAL*

Friends:

It's time for our Annual Meeting. Due to some of the board members' absences in late August, it was decided to move the Annual Meeting up to Sunday, August 5. We may still miss out of some members' attendance because of busy summer schedules, but we hope to have many in attendance.

Our incoming journey from Moscow, Russia was unfortunately cancelled due to visa issues. It's disappointing, but we hope to host Moscow in the future. In the place of this incoming journey, we have offered to do a mini-journey for Ketchikan, Alaska. They are a brand-new FF club and it would be great to meet them. Ted and Van are working on a plan for activities.

We are still seeking a Journey Coordinator for our outbound New Zealand Journey to take place in late 2019. Please let Rita know if you can help in this regard. We need a team of two.

Our new banner has arrived and it is a beauty! Keep an eye out for it near the door of our meeting room at the library. It is definitely eye-catching. Also, we have new business cards which you can pick up at the Annual Meeting. Let's spread the news about Friendship Force!

In friendship,

Chris

Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission. That mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. I can make a difference.

This Issue of Connections, and more information about our club, may be found on our website: <http://www.fforegon.org>

Contact us at: fforegon@comcast.net or PO Box 1703, Albany, Oregon 97321

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rod and Raylene Sell

Rod Sell. Retired, Public Works Maintenance Manager in Lebanon

Raylene Sell. Retired, Elementary School Teacher in Lebanon



Now both enjoy volunteering. Rod is Chairperson for local non-profit organization called Build Lebanon Trails. He writes grants for local parks projects.

Rod and Raylene own, manage and maintain rental units in Lebanon.

Special interests and or activities.

Outdoor activities: Hiking, Bicycling, Snow Shoeing, Kayaking, Snorkeling, Scuba Diving, Camping, Walking on the beach or in the mountains, Reading, History. They enjoy staying active!!

PAT RONGEY

Pat "Currier" Rongey was born and reared in Newberg, Oregon. Her grandmother came from Romania. She has a 5-generation picture of her personal family. Pat married and had two girls. She is the grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 3.

Pat's job choice was in the medical field. It included x-ray, lab, office nursing, operating a hearing aid shop and 8 other businesses. Pat says she liked the everchanging work atmosphere.

Pat volunteered for 3 ½ years with the local police department doing fingerprinting, feeding "guests" in jail, and training others on how to direct traffic. She says that at age 77 that is a lot of physical work!

Pat has a passion for "knocking down" brick walls in family searches. She specializes in searching for adopters and adoptees.

Pat is a master recycler. She enjoys living near the beach in Florence.



LAST FRIENDSHIP SHARED EVENT FOR THIS YEAR

BY VAN NICHOLS

This final Friendship Shared event of 2018 took place at Ted and Rita's ranch and was hosted by Chris Duval. A group of friendly folks were rounded up to enjoy good grub from the cook house. Chips, dip and little sausages along with a choice of beverages helped keep the crowd under control until the dinner bell rang.



Ted Powell made a small campfire. There were too many of us to cook over the campfire. We had to make do with homemade shepherd's pie, corn bread, beans and fruit from the house. While the cooking and dishing up went on inside, the eating happened outside. We all had to hold on to our napkins with the strong wind a blowing. Root beer floats added a finishing touch to the meal.

Next up was a sing along around the campfire. The campfire at this point did not have a lot of fire but plenty of smoke. I had to leave my smoky clothes in the garage until laundry day once I got home. We missed an opportunity to sing a couple of

songs to fit the scene. "Don't Let the Smoke Get in Your Eyes" would cover the moves made by various guests (the pretty ones) trying to avoid the smoke. Then there is my Dad's favorite from 1950, "Heap Big Smoke but no Fire". Never mind the smoke we all sang along to some favorite old folk songs.

We rounded out the evening with s'mores. Marshmallows were served up along with forks for roasting over the campfire. The campfire had a good set of coals. Folks had no trouble roasting and, in many cases, burning their marshmallows. Bring on the graham crackers and chocolate to complete the s'mores. Did cowboys have s'mores?

Thanks to Chris for hosting, to your daughter, Sarah for cooking, and Ted and Rita for providing a perfect place for a wonderful gathering of friends.

JOINT PICNIC WITH COLUMBIA CASCADE FRIENDSHIP FORCE

BY CHRIS DUVAL

Saturday, July 21st, dawned beautiful and sunny, but not too hot – just right for a mid-day picnic with our friends from the Portland/Vancouver area. We had around 50 attendees, some attired in their finest Friendship Force tees and vests. Near the two pop up canopies were banners celebrating both clubs. The potluck offerings were varied and delicious, with refreshing hibiscus tea from Rita Powell, and lemonade from the Columbia Cascade folks. The dessert table rounded out the offerings, and most items were eaten up!



The Champoeg Park picnic area was shady and there was a nice breeze so we didn't get too hot. We were treated to a welcome by the Presidents of both clubs. President Gwen White of Columbia Cascade, and President Chris Duval, of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, posed by the two clubs' banners for a warm photo together.

Laural Engeman spoke to the group about the history of the area and shared a book written by her brother about Oregon. Georgia Bailey gave a spirited talk about the local area's history and tales of the flood that happened at Champoeg back in the day. After the talks, it was time for some members to take part in a tour of the historic houses on the site, and for others to visit a bit more and then pack up and call it a day.

This was a fun event between our two clubs. Special thanks to all the folks who participated on the planning committee from both clubs. Eileen Minette was FFOMWV's point person for planning and a huge thanks goes to her efforts. I am not sure who was the leader of the FFCC group, but I do know that Laural Engeman brought a van-full of canopies, chairs, tablecloths, banners, coolers, and other items.

Thanks, Laural! Now we can put names to faces and perhaps take part in journeys and other activities together in the future.



Save the date: September 14, 2018 for “FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN” BY RITA POWELL

Moonfall Theatre (run by one of our own FF members, Marlene Cox) is producing a show late this summer. We are fortunate enough to be one of the groups honored to take part in this enjoyable fundraiser once again!

Moonfall Theatre began about 30 years ago in a small farm house as entertainment for friends. It blossomed into a community theater format when it was seen to be an ideal setting for non-profit groups to raise funds. By happy circumstance, this coincided with the building of Marlene and Michael Cox's beautiful Victorian style home in the country. A small theater was built onto the house! Since then, various local groups have enjoyed a drive down the country lane for an evening of good food, good friends and great entertainment in the intimate setting of a private home. The program is always an eclectic mix of comedy skits and fine singing much like the Music Hall shows of bygone years. The Friendship Force has held an annual event there for at least 15 years and is the longest lasting supporter of the theater's efforts . . . and, their oldest friends.

The action starts at 7 pm; we get ourselves seated at 7:20 pm. And the show begins at 7:30 pm!

Wine will be available at \$3/glass. Ted Powell is providing the wine. Proceeds will add to what we make through the sale of tickets. Ted and Rita are bringing food for the cast to eat after their performance.

There are a number of things that we need from our members:

- 1) Buy tickets! We have 50 seats to fill. The tickets are \$20 apiece. The money will help fund our club's inbound and outbound journeys.
- 2) Plan to bring friends. You may sell tickets, too, of course. Van Nichols will be collecting the money; tickets can be sent to you, or, if you purchase them at a meeting, you'll get them then.
- 3) We need a ticket collector. ☺ S/he must arrive before 7 pm. Bring finger food for the intermission. These must be already on a plate or other fancy serving dish. (No paper/plastic plates, please.) You may bring items with toothpicks, if you like. Plan to bring enough to serve 10-12 people. Paper plates and napkins will be provided.
- 4) Anyone want to bring a table decoration??

Thank you for taking part in this wonderful event! You may contact Rita Powell if you would like to sign up for any of the above needs. Won't this be fun?!!

POLICY REMINDERS *BY CHRIS DUVAL*

Following the recent Central North Carolina Journey, feedback indicated that we need a reminder about a couple of important FFI/FFOMWV policies. According to the FFI website:

“FFI has a 40-year history of bringing people together in friendship across the barriers that separate people. We think of ourselves as "citizen ambassadors," each of us having the power to promote good relations at a personal level. A Friendship Force Journey offers an opportunity for people from different parts of the world to share their lives with each other in the spirit of friendship.”

In light of FFI's mission, we all must make efforts to avoid potentially divisive discussions of partisan politics, religion, or other topics that may separate us.

Additionally, FFOMWV has a policy that reads as follows: “Sale of items not benefitting the Friendship Force and its activities is not allowed.”

Thanks for working side by side to further the FFI mission.

NEW JOURNEY POLICY *By Chris Duval*

Residual Funds in Journey Accounts: If there is a residual amount of funds remaining after all expenses of an inbound or outbound Journey have been paid, the overage will be resolved as follows:

- a) If the overage amounts to \$10 or more per ambassador, the funds will be divided among the number of ambassadors and refunded to them.
- b) If the overage amounts to less than \$10 per ambassador, the funds will remain in the Journey treasury to be used in furtherance of future Journeys.

POLICY REVISION *BY CHRIS DUVAL*

At the June board meeting, the board voted to increase the amount of donation made on behalf of visiting and visited clubs, from \$50 to \$150. This money comes from our club funds, not the journey funds. It is given to FFI, either to the annual fund, or the 40th Anniversary fund, to honor our fellow club. The original amount of \$50 has been a policy since 2015 and the board deemed it time to increase the donation amount. Other club's donations to honor our club, have been similarly increased.

The old and new wording of the policy is as follows:

Club to Club Journey Gifts: (06/13/18)

A ~~(\$50)~~ **\$150** donation to the appropriate FFI ~~(Annual)~~ fund, paid from the club treasury, will be made in honor of each hosting or visiting club. However, if the hosting club wishes to support a local cause, the ~~(\$50)~~ **\$150** gift can go to this cause rather than to the FFI ~~(Annual)~~ fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At our August Annual Meeting we will be voting for the slate of 2019 club officers. Our present slate of officers have agreed to continue another one year term. Nominations from the floor will also be taken at the meeting prior to voting. Members may nominate themselves. Please get permission before nominating others.

The present slate:	President:	Chris Duval
	Vice President:	Eileen Minette
	Secretary:	Sharon Harr
	Treasurer:	Peter Harr

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Powell, Nominating Committee



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Deadline for September issue of Friendship Connections is August 25. Please send copy to

Mary Ellen Lind.

THANK YOU!

JOURNEYS AND CONFERENCES

SUBMITTED BY RITA POWELL

2018 Inbound

September: Ketchikan, Alaska

Host JCs: Ted Powell & Van Nichols

It was Blumenau, Brazil coming and they cancelled. Then it was Moscow, and they couldn't get visas in time for a Journey that included Ketchikan AK and MWVFF. The latest notion is to help mentor the newly formed Ketchikan club by having a smaller shorted "sandwich" Journey where they would arrive at our club Thursday Sept. 13th and we would hand them off to Lower Columbia on Sunday Sept. 16th which is also our scheduled FF meeting. Van and I await confirmation from Ketchikan and from Lower Columbia. Likely this will only be four hosting situations, if you are interested in hosting please contact Van. This is the Journey that just never seems to get it's legs! We are giving it our all. Comment by JC Ted Powell

2018 Outbound

September 18-24: Oklahoma

President: Geneva Hancock

Domestic JC: Kay Bickman

Ambassador JCs: Rita Powell & Eileen Minette

2019 Inbound

Atlanta, Georgia

Ambassador: JC John Wilhelm

2019 Outbound

October: Whangarei and
New Plymouth, New Zealand

May/June: Missoula, Montana

14 Ambassadors

Host JC: Michael Flanagan

Ambassador JC: Rita Powell

2019 Regional Meeting

April: Olympia, Washington

2019 International Conference

July 23-27: Boulder, Colorado

2020 Inbound and Outbound

Reciprocal visits Spring or Fall:

Denver, Colorado (plus Pikes Peak/2021)

Lynn Dawson

2020 Inbound and Outbound

Mutual requests: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

John Yule, Angela Seer

FFOMWV Board Minutes

June 13, 2018

Present: Kathy Butler, Chris Duval, Peter Harr, Sharon Harr, Mary Ellen Lind, Eileen Minette, Dennis Murphy, Marilyn Peterson, Rita Powell

Absent: Van Nichols, Ted Powell

President Chris Duval called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes of the March Board meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. MSP (Rita, Eileen)

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account

Journey Coordinator Reports:

Peru/Chili Outbound Int'l: Dennis has a book to mail to Santiago J.C.; he will complete the Journey report; travel insurance claim underway.

North Carolina/Inbound Domestic: Marilyn & Kathy: report to be submitted; host coordinator's final report to be filed with Journey Organizer. Marilyn will evaluate keeping existing walking microphone vs purchase of new walking microphone.

Moscow/Inbound Int'l: September Journey decision pending. Ted & Van working with Ketchikan; no update yet from Moscow.

Oklahoma/Outbound Domestic: Last week in September, 2018. Rita Powell's J.C. application submitted and accepted. MSP (Marilyn, Kathy)

Committee Chairperson Reports:

Marilyn submitted a journey report for the Central North Carolina journey. It will be maintained with journey records by Rita.

Journey Organizer: Rita sent e-mail with summary of Journeys.

- Inbound Domestic: Atlanta, Georgia, wants to visit in 2019.
- Outbound Domestic Journey to Missoula Montana: May or June 2019 with 14 ambassadors: Rita & Eileen approved as coordinators. MSP (Marilyn, Kathy).
- New Plymouth, New Zealand/Outbound Int'l, October, 2019: J.C. needed for this in next month.
- 2019 Inbound Int'l, Indonesia, has cancelled; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, may be interested reciprocally.
- 2020 Reciprocal/Denver, CO, Spring/Fall; Pike's Peak, CO may join Journey.
- Central North Carolina wants us to come; Florida Suncoast is interested in us visiting them; nothing formal received.
- 2019 Regional Meeting, April 2019, Olympia, Washington.
- 2019 International Conference, July 23-27: Boulder, CO.

Journey Treasurer: Van submitted report via e-mail. Chris to ask Van to produce a report.

Membership: Eileen proposed FFOMWV business cards be developed to offer others' expressing interest to learn more about our club. Picnic at Champoeg Park: members welcomed to bring friends; Eileen to prepare map and directions for newsletter.

Internet Communication: Marilyn said that the website will be on-line within next month. Marilyn wants to be sure that security can be assured. She requested \$72 from club to pay for extension of hosting service. MSP (Eileen, Mary Ellen)

Newsletter: Mary Ellen requested an article on hospital art (from Sharon Harr) and photos and articles from North Carolina Journey. Russ is exploring a location to store archives.

Old Business:

Archivist and Historian Records: Review project will wrap up at June 18 meeting. (Committee Members: Kathy Butler, Russ Karow, Rita Powell, Ann Sickles, Rosella Workinger)

By-laws and Policy Updates: Review of Minutes to follow Archivist & Historian meeting.

Associate Membership Category: New Policy only applies to a few members who are members in more than one FFI club: A FFOMWV member shall be classified as an "Associate Member" if they have a primary membership with another FF club and pay their FFI dues through their primary FF club. Associate Member dues shall equal FFOMWV dues minus FFI charter renewal individual fees. Associate Members shall retain the same membership privileges as full FFOMWV members. MSP (Kathy, Marilyn). Chris to prepare related article for newspaper.

June Board Minutes, continued

Journey Overage Funds New Policy: Chris to work on language to differentiate between Inbound and Outbound Journeys.

Journey Accounting Record Keeping New Policy: Chris reviewed new policy consistent with FFI Journey Guidelines: At the conclusion of every Journey, the Journey Coordinator will provide the board with a financial accounting of the Journey, accounting for all funds, consistent with the FFI Journey guidelines and the records of the Journey Treasurer. MSP (Kathy, Peter)

Journey Guidelines: At the conclusion of every Journey, the Journey Coordinator will provide the board with a brief written report, detailing:

- Journey Number and Name
- Pertinent Journey issues and resolutions
- Copy of booklet or program, if available
- Copies of incident reports, if any.

MSP (Eileen, Kathy) Chris to write article for newsletter.

Hospital Art Update: Sharon to prepare an article for July newsletter; schedule date for members to see installed art at Grace Center, Corvallis; look into possibility of community newspaper coverage.

New Business:

Business Cards: Chris presented a design for new business cards. Board approved purchasing the new cards for distribution to members.

Retractable Sign: Chris presented a design for a new retractable sign and approved purchase of the sign.

Increase in Donation Amounts Revised Policy: Marilyn proposed an increase to \$150 as Club to Club Journey gift from club treasury. Club to Club Journey Gifts: A \$150 donation to the appropriate FFI fund, paid from the club treasury will be made in honor of each hosting or visiting club. However, if the hosting club wishes to support a local cause, the \$150 gift can go to this cause rather than to the FFI fund. MSP (Marilyn, Rita) Chris to write article for newsletter.

Policy on Sales of items not benefitting FFOMWV: Chris to draft a newsletter article reminding members about this policy, as well as advising members to be cautious about discussions of religious or political issues.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Board Meeting: July 11th, 1 p.m.
- July Gathering Joint Potluck at Champoeg Park with Columbia Cascade Club, Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Carpooling encouraged.
- August Board Meeting: No board meeting in August
- August Gathering/Annual Meeting: Sunday, August 5th, Albany Library. Date of Annual Meeting moved up due to travel schedules of a number of board members.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Harr



APPLICATION FOR NEW OR RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

Please complete one form for each member. Annual dues cover the cost of the monthly newsletter and expenses for Journeys and activities of the Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, as well as membership in Friendship Force International, which provides discounted prices on Journey travel and other benefits. Memberships expire on December 31, each year. Please PRINT clearly.

Annual dues: Individual: \$30.00

This is a NEW _____ or RENEWAL _____ application.

Name: _____ (one person per form, please)

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