



Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley's FF Journey to Trujillo, Peru in April, 2018.

On the first day our ambassadors joined a parade with new friends from the Nor Peru FF Club (they are wearing the green vests) and marched around the city square behind their banner. Afterwards, this photograph was taken in front of the Freedom Movement statue. The Journey Coordinator, Dennis Murphy, helped raise the Trujillo flag along with Trujillo dignitaries. Wonderful welcome!

MEG – MEET, EAT, GET ACQUAINTED LUNCHEON *BY JANE RAKONCZAY*

The next MEG luncheon will be Wednesday, June 20th, at the Brick and Mortar Café, 221 W. 1st Ave, Suite 4, in Albany, at 11:30 a.m. This will be a good ending of the MEG luncheons before they start up again in the fall. Please contact me if you plan to attend by Friday the 15th.

Calendar of Events

June 6 – 12. Inbound Journey
Central and North Carolina

June 13. 1 p.m. Board Meeting
Albany Public Library
250 14th Ave. SE

June 20. 11:30 a.m. MEG Luncheon
221 W. 1st Ave.
Albany

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by CHRIS DUVAL*

Friends:

Journeys are what Friendship Force is all about – and we have some great journeys coming up. In September, we are planning to visit Oklahoma. Next year, the Atlanta club is coming to see us, and later in the year, we are going on our international journey to New Zealand. These opportunities for travel and hosting are exciting.

What each one of these journeys needs is a Journey Coordinator. Rita is recruiting Host Coordinators and Ambassador Coordinators for these journeys. If you are an experienced Journey Coordinator and are willing to step up and take one of these journeys on, please let Rita know. If you are fairly new or even really new to this, we will pair you with an experienced JC and you will learn as you go. So, please consider giving Rita a call.

There is a lot of support for anyone willing to be a Journey Coordinator. FFI provides written guidance on their website, and we have plenty of mentors in our own club to offer advice whenever needed. If you have not been a Journey Coordinator, perhaps it is time for you to step up. Active participation is an essential part of being a Friendship Force member. And it is important that we get Journey Coordinators for these scheduled journeys as soon as possible so that planning can begin. Contact Rita today!

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

JUNE BOARD MEETING *BY EILEEN MINETTE*

Our monthly board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 1pm, at the main branch of the Albany Public Library, in the large community room on first floor. The address is 2450 14th Ave SE. All members are welcome to attend.

JUNE GATHERING *BY EILEEN MINETTE*

As the Friendship Force of Central North Carolina will be our guests in June there will be no monthly gathering. We hope that you have already signed up to participate in the Journey activities.

JUNE FRIENDSHIP SHARED EVENT *BY CHRIS DUVAL*

There is still room for you to join us for a fun Friendship Shared Cowboy Food and Drinks and Sing-Along Around the Campfire, hosted by Chris Duval. We will enjoy the gracious hospitality of Ted and Rita Powell, as this event will be held at their home in Dallas. The date is Friday, June 29, at 6:30pm. Bring a camp chair and blanket or wrap.

If you haven't signed up yet, let Van know you want to come and send him \$20. We will need a final tally of attendees by June 22nd. Come enjoy a bit of home on the range with us!



UPCOMING JOURNEY

INBOUND Central North Carolina – June 6 - 12

Twenty ambassadors from Central North Carolina (the triad area), Washington, Ohio, Florida, Texas and Alabama will visit us. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host, to day host, to provide dinners, make gift boxes, bake cookies, arrange and help setup activities. So many folks have signed up to participate in the various activities that we had to arrange for a larger bus for the Portland Rose Festival Parade!

Good news: the Albany Carousel will be open on Monday, June 11 for a visit sometime between our tour of Talking Water Gardens and the Farewell Dinner Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your help. Now, let the fun of the Journey begin.

Marilyn Peterson and Kathy Butler, Journey Coordinators

JOURNEYS AND CONFERENCES

Submitted by Rita Powell

2018 Inbound

*September - early: Moscow Russia – tentative
Ketchikan, Alaska inbound, alternatively
JCs Ted Powell & Van Nichols*

2018 Outbound

September – last week: Oklahoma

2019 Inbound

*Atlanta, Georgia
Ambassador JC: John Wilhelm*

2019 Outbound

*October: Whangarei and
New Plymouth, New Zealand*

*May/June: Missoula, Montana
JC: Rita Powell?*

2019 Regional Meeting

April: Olympia, Washington

2019 International Conference

July 23-27: Boulder, Colorado

2020 Inbound

Spring or Fall: Denver, Colorado

2020 Inbound and Outbound

*Mutual requests:
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*



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May 25, 2018

Friendship Force of Central North Carolina Don Sylvester, Club President

Friendship Force of Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley Chris Duval, Club President

Dear Friendship Force clubs,

We recently received a donation of \$150.00 to FFI's 40th Anniversary Campaign from FF Central North Carolina in honor of their Journey with FF Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley. This is a wonderful way to honor the new and renewed friendships between your clubs! Thank you!

Your support of the 40th Anniversary Campaign's goals will help Friendship Force International adapt to our ever-changing world and deliver our mission of global peace across the barriers that separate us. We are honored by your philanthropic endorsement of FFI and your belief and investment in the future of the organization. With the help of your donation, we will be able to support and expand our clubs and membership, invest in programs for youth and families, and introduce FFI to a new audience by offering more opportunities to become involved, travel, and host.

We look forward to updating on the projects and initiatives of the 40th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Thank you again for your generosity to Friendship Force International – we are building a successful future with the help of friends like you.

In friendship,

Jeremi Snook CEO

FFOMWV Board Minutes March 14, 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 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the February Board meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. **MSP** (Eileen, Mary Ellen)

Treasurer's Report: Checking account is reconciled; value of CD to be included in future reports. A new State of Oregon CT-12 form to be completed later this year. Peter conveyed the updated membership numbers as 58 renewed.

Journey Coordinator Reports:

Dennis: Nor Peru/Chile departure will be April 2nd. Dennis gave Chris the deposit for the trip; Chris will give the deposit to Van.

Marilyn: North Carolina: Journey is full. Arrangements are made for a 32-passenger bus with microphone; there will be 12 seats available for FFOMWV members.

Rita (on behalf of Ted) Incoming trip has been canceled; Brazil club's Journey will be to L.A. only.

Committee Chairperson Reports:

- ❖ Journey Organizer: Rita conveyed that the Moscow, Russia, Club will visit Ketchikan, AK, the first week of September, 2018 and would like to include a visit to FFOMWV. Accept Moscow Russia Club in lieu of Brazil Club cancellation. **MPS** (Marilyn/Eileen) Rita is exploring options for our Outbound domestic Journey for 2018. **2019 Matches:** Inbound: Banjarmasin, Kembang Island, Indonesia, in July, 2019 (Indonesia Club also going to Sacramento, CA.) Outbound: Whangerai, New Zealand. Board accepted both Inbound and Outbound Journeys. **MPS** (Marilyn/Kathy)
- ❖ Journey Treasurer: Van's report by Chris; she will follow-up on a couple of questions.
- ❖ Membership: Articles in Albany and Salem newspapers were cited.
- ❖ Internet Communication: Marilyn prepared a rudimentary website prototype. She is working on possibilities for safe Facebook/Blogs during Journeys.
- ❖ Newsletter: No April newsletter due to Outbound Journey; Marilyn will send email out in May in lieu of newsletter. Mary Ellen will send out the May newsletter a little later in the month.

Old Business:

- ❖ Archives/Historian: Chris conveyed that a small group meeting was very productive. Russ Karow is working with the State of Oregon archivist related to storage. It was noted that our club presently has no specific process in which the Archivist will receive records (e.g. Minutes).
- ❖ By-laws and Policy Updates: Chris conveyed this process is underway.
- ❖ Associate Membership Category: Chris indicated findings that FFI accepts dual membership, indicating that FFI only needs to receive dues once. Peter will draft a policy statement related to dual membership; Marilyn will review draft. Mary Ellen will change Membership form in newsletter accordingly.

- ❖ Journey Overage Funds Policy: Chris recommended that our club develop a policy on this as there is presently not one in place.
- ❖ Journey Accounting Record Keeping: Chris noted that each Journey will keep its own record and submit it to the board at the conclusion of the journey.
- ❖ Hospital Art Update: Process of identifying placing of artwork is underway.

New Business:

- ❖ Chris will present a Travel Talk on March 24th, in Dayton, along with Caye Poe and John Francis.
- ❖ Secretary of State Records Update: Eileen will update this on-line record with the names of our current officers.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ❖ March General Meeting, 3/19/18, Elmer’s Restaurant, Albany: A Breakfast Scramble in Celebration of World Friendship Day.
- ❖ April: No Board Meeting as members will be on South American Journey.
- ❖ Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th, 2018, 1:00, Albany Public Library.
- ❖ May Gathering will be on Sunday, May 20, at 2pm, Albany Public Library.
- ❖ June Gathering will be the North Carolina Farewell Party.
- ❖ July Gathering may be a picnic with Columbia Cascade Club; plans underway.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:13 p.m.

(Post Adjournment: Marilyn reviewed draft of website.)

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)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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