



FALL NEWS & EVENTS

2019 FFOMWV OFFICERS ELECTED AT AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING *BY CHRIS DUVAL*

At our August Annual Meeting on August 5, 2018, members present unanimously elected the following slate of officers for the year 2019:

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

If these names look familiar to you, they should! These are the same folks who served in these positions during 2018. Thank you to each of them for stepping up to serve another year. President Chris Duval will be contacting all of those in appointed positions soon to see if they too will be willing to continue to serve or if we need to fill any appointed positions, Chris will put the all-call out. It is actually quite fun to participate in the club in these positions. You get to know members better and learn new things at the same time!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 1 P.M. The FFOMWV's Board Meeting will be held at the Albany Public Library Main Branch, 2450 14th Ave SE, Albany, in half of the main floor conference room in which we usually gather. All club members are invited to attend. We will be discussing the options for outbound international journey picks for 2020.

MOONFALL THEATRE PRODUCTION

"FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN" *by Rita Powell*

SEPTEMBER 14, 7 P.M. Moonfall Theatre is producing a show that 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 (they have been FF members). 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!
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) Bring finger foods to share during the intermission.

A limited number of tickets are available. Contact Van Nichols, Treasurer.

NO OTHER SEPTEMBER GATHERING IS SCHEDULED DUE TO THIS EVENT. OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE OCTOBER 21, 2018

OCTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 15, 10 A.M. Join Van Nichols and Ted Powell on this Saturday morning at Mt. Angel for Octoberfest! We will be the guys in lederhosen. If that's not enough to find us, you can play "where is Ted and Van" and get a hint by calling our cell phones of Van or Ted. There will be beverages and brats! For more information see this link:

https://www.google.com/search?q=mt.+angel+oktoberfest&rlz=1C5CHFA_enUS567US568&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj78srUhovdAhWaIDQIHRg8ARUQ_AUICigB&biw=1603&bih=880



ANNUAL END OF YEAR GATHERING

DECEMBER 14, 4 - 8 P.M. Albany Senior Center (SAVE THE DATE!) More information will be sent later.

Sunshine News

Contact Sue Stein, with news.

The deadline for submitting information for the October issue of FRIENDSHIP CONNECTIONS is September 25. Please send copy to Mary Ellen

Thank you!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by CHRIS DUVAL*

Friends:

I am challenged to write something meaningful to you today, because I am jet-lagged from my trip with my daughter to Scandinavia and Europe. It seems to me that as time goes by, I have a more and more difficult time getting over the time differences when I return home. My head is stuffy, I ache all over, I'm extremely thirsty, and I can't seem to sleep at normal times. (I am writing this at 4:30am!) If you have a magic solution to jet lag, perhaps you can share it with our group at a future meeting!

Disappointingly, we were unable to arrange for our Russian friends to visit us this month, nor our new FF club in Alaska. Hopefully we can still get together for the events Ted and Van have planned. Rita was able to put together an outbound journey to Oklahoma, but it was so last-minute that members were unable to make plans to go. So, it looks like this journey is also not to be, at least at this time. So, we will all stay home in September. Well, most of us...

There are so many ways to travel with Friendship Force. Jane Rakonczay and I have signed up to join a Discover Hungary, global journey in September. We will get to meet FF members from around the world and see Hungary up close. We added a personal extension to see Croatia as well since it is right next door to Hungary! If you are a FFOMWV member and have plans to go with FFI on a global journey or a fill-the-seat journey with another club, let us know, so we can highlight your trip in the newsletter too.

Keep your eyes on the Friendship Force International website and you might find a journey that speaks to you. It looks like a number of our club members will be joining the FFI cruise to South America early next year. This too will be a time to meet FF members from all over the world.

Happy travels to those who are out and about, and a happy fall to those who are staying in Oregon to enjoy the wonderful autumn weather and watch the drifting leaves.

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.



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The Friendship Force of Oregon’s Mid-Willamette Valley

JOURNEYS AND CONFERENCES

SUBMITTED BY RITA POWELL

2019 Inbound

Atlanta, Georgia
Ambassador: JC John Wilhelm

2019 Outbound

May/June: Missoula, Montana
14 Ambassadors
Host JC: Michael Flanagan
Ambassador JC: Rita Powell

October: Whangarei and
New Plymouth, New Zealand

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



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: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Mail to: Friendship Force, P.O. Box 1703, Albany, OR 97321

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