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NORTH CAROLINA

Our mission is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

January 2017



2017-18 Upcoming Events

2017	January 12 th , Board Meeting
2017	June 10-25, Outbound to Brazil
2017	July 31 - August 7, Inbound Global Exchange, "Summer in the City of Art"
2017	November – Inbound from Moscow
2017	August 24-28, 40 th FFI World Conference, Manchester, UK
2018	Domestic Outbound to Oregon

New Leadership Council Club Structure Approved

At the October 27, 2016 annual meeting, members voted to suspend those articles of the bylaws which defined our current structure and to implement a Leadership Council form of organization for a trial period of one year. The leadership council consists of seven members elected by the club members who will then decide among themselves who will fill each of the specific roles of the Council. The council positions consists of a Council Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Events Coordinator, and Exchange Coordinator. The following members were elected at the annual meeting to the new Leadership Council: Charlotte Hamlin, Marylin Johns, Ray Kiszely, Criket (Lois) Mendezoff, Barbara North, and Martha Brown. A seventh member, Zella Harris, was approved in November. The new Leadership Council will be meeting in January to discuss roles and responsibilities. A meeting of the Board, which includes the Leadership Council, Standing Committee Chairs, current ED's, and past president will be meeting on January 12th to discuss plans for 2017 and beyond.



Members gathered on October 27th at 6 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville to hear Peter Villella, Associate Professor at UNCG, talk on northern Brazil history.



September LEO - A Lesson in History

The "Let's Eat Out" (LEO) for the fall was held at the Charlotte Hawkins Brown at Historic Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, NC on September 24, 2016. This excursion was a Lunch and Learn guided walking tour, beginning at 11 AM.



North Carolina proudly claims a multitude of African American citizens such as Charlotte Hawkins Brown. To recognize those citizens, the Department of Cultural Resources has established North Carolina's first state historical site honoring the contributions of its African American citizens.

Sedalia, North Carolina, has a rich and diverse history. In 1901, the American Missionary Association hired a

young woman, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, to teach at a small school in eastern Guilford County. In 1902, she established the school in a converted blacksmith's shop and named it in honor of Alice Freeman Palmer, her mentor and benefactor. Ms. Palmer also was the second president of Wellesley College in Massachusetts.



Ophelia Fuller Jones, current secretary of FFCNC, was the coordinator of this LEO and was born in the small town of Sedalia. "My parents were great friends with Dr. Brown, my father passed when I was very young. My mother at the age of 30 with 6 children, graduated from A & T State University. I have been the former Mayor of the Town of Sedalia and am now a councilwoman. Some of the resources concerning Dr. Brown

will be found in *Charlotte Hawkins Brown and Palmer Memorial Institute* by Charles W. Wadlington and Richard F. Knapp and the *Black American Series- Sedalia and the Palmer Memorial Institute* by Tracey Burns-Vann and Andre Vann some of my family's pictures are contained in this book also."

If you haven't had a chance, be sure to visit this state historic site in our own area and learn more about the amazing person of Charlotte Hawkins Brown.

Submitted by Ophelia Jones



FFCNC 2017 membership fees are due if you have not already renewed. All members should have received notices by mail and/or email. Please send your membership form and money to Judy Greene, 155 Plantation Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. Because of an increase in the FFI membership fee, FFCNC membership fees were increased to \$25 per person for 2017.

IT'S A FIRST!!

It's our first inbound global exchange and our first inbound themed exchange all wrapped up into one scheduled for July 31-August 7. This exchange led by Judy Greene will include visual and performing arts in Winston-Salem and coincides with the National Black Theatre Festival. Home hosts and committee volunteers are needed to assist with planning the details for this exchange. Please contact Judy Greene at 336-768-1732 or judygreene155@gmail.com if you are available to help.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP FORCE NEWS

Happy 40th Anniversary to FFI in 2017

- Registration for the 40th Anniversary Conference in Manchester, UK is now available on-line.
- FFI is now offering a Travel Protection Plan, underwritten by Nationwide Mutual Insurance, designed exclusively for FF participants.
- FFI Board recently approved raising the recommended host club program fee from \$100 to \$150 USD.
- The FFI Board has endorsed the concept of establishing a global membership option for those individuals who do not have access to a local club.
- The FFI Board approved reducing the frequency of the FFI World Conference to take place every other year.

Don't forget to check out the FFI catalog for global exchanges and exchanges with other FF clubs. One of our members recently participated in a global exchange to Finland, one traveled with another club to Japan, while another participated in a domestic exchange with a quilting theme.