



friendship force

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NORTH CAROLINA

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

January 2020



Warm Winter Wishes to all our Members and Friends

2020 Upcoming Events

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| 2020 | May 7-13, International Inbound from Sydney, Australia |
| 2020 | June 23-30 Outbound Journey to Lethbridge, Canada |
| 2020 | October 15-25, Domestic Inbound from Oklahoma City, OK |

A report on our first Club Activity of the New Year.

On Friday, January 17, 2020 a group of about 15 members went to learn about the services offered by the Trellis Supportive Care (formerly Hospice) of Winston-Salem. We had a brief tour and an in depth explanation about the services offered. They include Grief Counseling, Palliative Care, Hospice and Family Support. Our Presenter Heidi College is the Volunteer Coordinator for the organization.

We also learned that this non-profit organization relies heavily on financial and volunteer support within the Community. A description of volunteer opportunities was given and our members received brochures and information about both volunteer opportunities and services offered including special programs for Veterans.

Trellis has 4 locations in the 13 County area surrounding Winston-Salem. They are Stokes, Davie, and Rowan Counties.

We visited the Winston Facility at 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem.



Following our visit we had a delightful lunch at The Bleu Restaurant located at 3425 Frontis Street, Winston-Salem.

Judy Greene and Brenda Humphrey gave us a presentation about our future outbound Journey to Lethbridge, Calgary, Canada which is scheduled for late June of this year. They are developing an optional land tour of the Canadian Rockies that will precede the Lethbridge Friendship Force Club homestay. More details will be available On Saturday January 25th at the J&S Cafeteria, 5835 Samet Drive, High Point, NC at 11:00 a.m. All interested members are invited.

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness”

Mark Twain



Barrie Howard as Mark Twain

Mark Twain was our special guest on Saturday October 12, 2019 at our Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Salemtowne. Our members were informed, entertained and delighted to meet with one of America’s most beloved writers. This was a first for our club and it was a lot of fun.

The caterers at Salemtowne prepared a delicious luncheon for us and the weather was perfect for us as well. We had our annual election of club leaders and you will find information about our new leadership later in this bulletin.

A Report of the Business meeting during our Annual Luncheon on October 12, 2019

As required by the bylaws of our Club, an election of Club Leaders was held during the annual Meeting. The membership voted and approved the slate of 7 Council Leaders presented by the Nominating Committee. They are Dr. Ann Barefield, Woody Clinard, Mary Davis, Laura Graham, Charles John, Ray Kiszely, Karla Shanahan, and Laura Coker was elected as a Member at Large.

The Membership also voted to continue to incorporate the Council Leadership model as compared to the Traditional Board and Officer model. The result being, that the newly elected Leaders will decide which role each will play in our organization. That decision was made at the December 12 Leadership Meeting at The Piedmont Triad Leadership Council in Kernersville, NC.

Results of the December 12, 2019 Leadership Meeting

The Leadership Council meeting was divided into two parts. The first part included both the 2019 and 2020 Council members and regular business was conducted, details of the meeting are contained in the Minutes of the Meeting and will be posted to our Club Website. The second part of the meeting was with the 8 members of the 2020 Council.

After some discussion the Leadership Council of 2020 decided that the following Leaders have assumed the working roles for our Club. Dr. Ann Barefield, Chair; Woody Clinard, Secretary; Mary Davis, Membership; Laura Graham, Treasurer; Charles John, Journey Coordinator; Ray Kiszely, Communications; Karla Shanahan, Events; Laura Coker, Member At Large. Below is a photo of our happy group.



We would like to thank Don Sylvester, Patti Gilmour-Sylvester, and Barbara North for their tireless efforts and a job well done as they leave the Leadership Council.



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Pat Morgan & Don Ethington

Pat Morgan and her husband of almost 30 years, Don Ethington are new members of FFCNC. Pat first joined Friendship Force in 1978 and she is excited to become involved again. Her Background includes 26 years in the field of Higher Education at Louisburg College, Elon University and at Averett University. After leaving education, Pat started her own business, which helped small businesses with employee benefits. Since retiring she loves volunteering in the community, woodworking, and art painting, camping, hiking, and working with computer graphics. Don taught college/university math for more than 53 years and retired from Averett University where he was also the department chair. He and Pat live on more than 30 mostly wooded acres. As they reduced their vegetable gardens to one (just for their consumption) they increased the number of flower gardens to 17 and counting. Don has taken 2 Friendship Force Journeys in the past, the most recent being to Brazil in 2018. Now that he is retired, he is looking forward to participating more with FFCNC and creating more new memories together.