



friendship force

CENTRAL
NORTH CAROLINA

*Our mission is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.
(Despite the arrival of the Covid-19 Corona Virus)*

May 2020



Staying protected and protecting others.

Where will we go from here? Social distancing, as some of the restrictions on going out are lifted will still be important.

As of now all of our 2020 scheduled journeys have been cancelled. The board has been meeting regularly via Zoom, and we hope to use Zoom or similar virtual online platforms for virtual Journeys before the year end.

In our club's April Bulletin we let you know that Friendship Force International in Atlanta asked for our financial support to help alleviate the hardship that the Corona Virus Pandemic has caused the organization.

Many of our Club Members responded with their generous contributions to FFI. Our Club donated \$3,000 for our Club Treasury to help the cause. We received several thank you notes to our club and our members. Two are shown below.

Dear friends in Central North Carolina:

I wanted to personally thank you and your club for their recent \$3000 donation to FFI. Your club's generosity will help FFI survive this pandemic and ensure it will be there when the world is ready. If there are any questions that I can answer for you or your members, please let me know. I am also very glad to jump on a virtual call if helpful.

Take care, stay healthy and safe!

Best regards,

*Jeremi Snook
President/CEO*

Dear members of FF Central North Carolina,

I am reaching out to you all, on behalf of the FFI Board of Directors, to warmly thank you for your kind response to our 'Continuing the Journey' appeal. Your very generous donation is most appreciated and will certainly contribute to keeping our doors open and our staff working for your benefit.

Without wonderful members like you our future would be much less hopeful – you are truly appreciated.

Please stay safe in these turbulent times – we want to be able to meet you on a journey, somewhere in the world, very soon.

Sincere thanks, in friendship

*Bobbie Mulholland
Chair of FFI Board of Directors
Adelaide, Australia*

News you may have missed about FFCNC members.



Legacy Club Members, Harley and Virginia Affeldt celebrated Harley's 94th Birthday. The photo and a lovely article about the Arbor Acres residents were featured in the Winston-Salem Journal on April 2, 2020. Congratulations to The Affeldt's

Sadly we also need to report the death of a former FFCNC Member who was well known in the Winston-Salem area and the Triad.

Larry Womble, a retired Democratic member of the North Carolina General Assembly, passed away on May 14th at the age of 78. Details of a Funeral or Memorial Service are not known at this time.



Larry Womble

Keeping up with your Club Board of Directors and our recent meeting, here are the minutes of the May 11th meeting as record by Woody Clinard, Club Secretary:

Council Chair Ann Barefield called the 10:00 o'clock meeting to order, reporting that Karla Shanahan and Laura Coker had personal conflicts and that Woody Clinard was participating by phone.

MINUTES OF 4/13/20 zoom Meeting were amended to show the Wells-Fargo Checking account to be \$2672.06 then approved after a motion by Ray, seconded by Mary.

TREASURER: Laura Graham reported \$5339.08 in the W-Fargo checking, from which \$3,000 was sent to FFI, will soon be withdrawn. The WS Foundation balance is now \$13,769. The report was unquestioned.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary reported that Christa Douthit had paid \$30 Renewal Membership, making our total membership at 66.

JOURNEYS: Charles said that trips are still on hold. He proposed that the goal of FFI is to promote friendship and understanding between clubs and that this goal might well be facilitated through inter club Zoom meeting. After much discussion about which club to explore this, Sydney or Oklahoma, it seemed to be that Ann and Charles are to check this out with the OK Club. The majority seemed reluctant to host OK Club in October. Woody thought we should wait until July to further discuss. A motion was passed to pursue the former – virtual with OK Club. Ray thought he would join an International Visitor Program to learn its operations.

Barbara North and Ray were to collaborate in the OK Club exploration of virtual visiting.

COMMUNICATIONS; Ray is planning to send a newsletter to the membership and including our Council minutes was suggested. Ann suggested that Mary divide the membership among Council for phone contact. Laura Graham was to check with Jeremi Snook at FFI about a letter of contribution acknowledgement to include in a newsletter. Ray spoke about the possible outbound trip to Chile and shared his very positive impression from his cruise visits in past years.

L Graham introduced a letter from Anne Garvey of W-S Foundation about setting up a 'grantable' fund account into which the quarterly distribution from the "Endowment" account would be transferred. It was thought that this would make it easier to withdraw funds when needed. A motion was made to do this and it was seconded by Ray.

Because of one negative vote by Woody, the motion was withdrawn allowing further study until the succeeding meeting. No objection was made to this.

WEB SITE; Ray is to check with Barbara North on its status and will report in June.

No mention of the By Laws report was made.

A motion to adjourn was passed without objection with the next meeting to be 6/8/20.

Expediently,

DE Woody Clinard, Jr.

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Planning for our future.....

We are hopeful for a future Inbound Journey in 2021 or 2022 from Sydney, Australia.

We are equally hopeful for a future Outbound Journey to Lethbridge, Canada. Fees paid to FFI by our Club Members have been refunded.

Currently we still have on the schedule an Outbound Journey to Santiago, Chile in April, 2021.

With a future date to be determined for 2021, we hope to host the Greater Lansing, Michigan Club.

Going forward in 2020 and 2021, as a club, will require creativity, patience and a willingness to try new ways to communicate with our Members and the rest of our Country and the World.

Using Zoom and other online platforms to talk to one another, will be challenging and interesting. If you have experience, even a little, and would like to work with others in the Club to help us achieve Virtual Programs please let us know.

Stay safe, keep you distance, wear a mask when out in public, wash your hands; call your friends often to check on them.

Remember our website has the Club Membership Directory for your convenience. The password is (all lower case) wearefriends