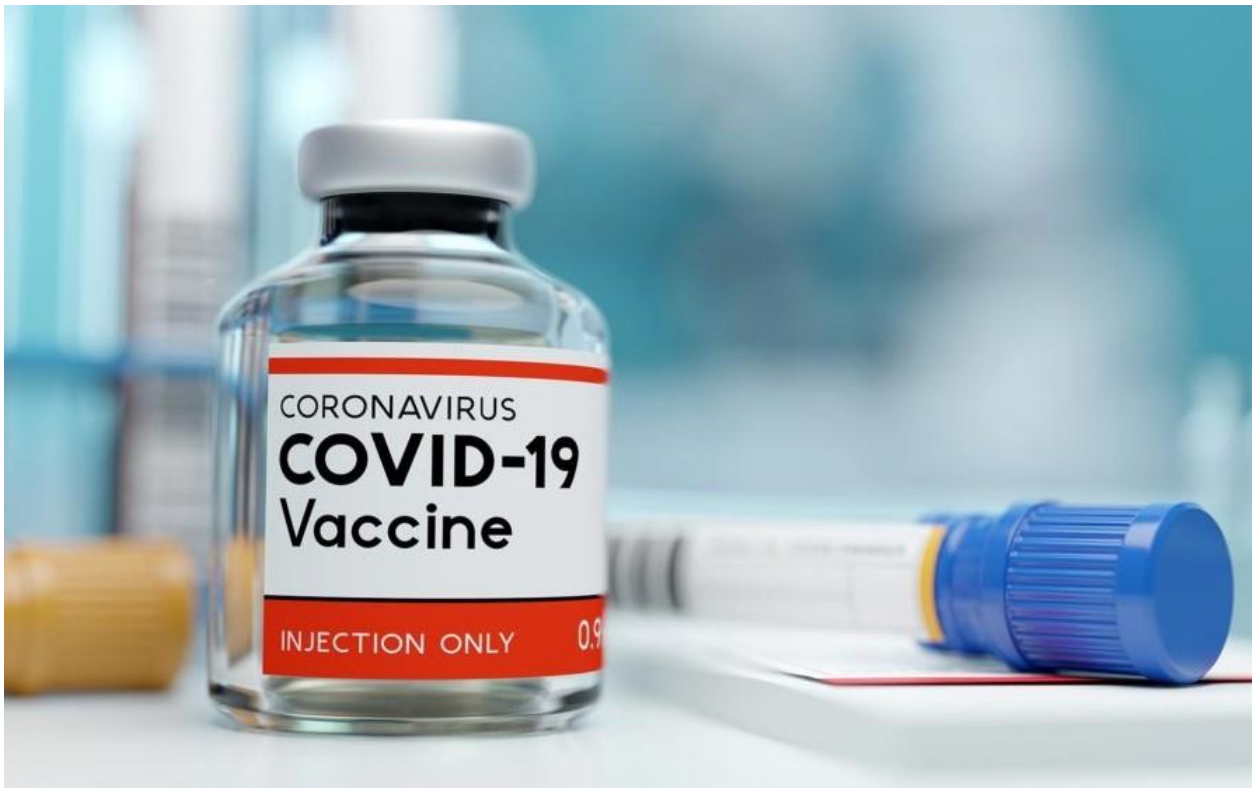




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Our mission is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

January 2021



[Finally a Vaccine becomes available.](#)

At last we have a clearer path to a more healthy future with the development of several vaccines against COVID-19.

Hopefully you will be able to get your inoculations in a timely manner and we look forward to traveling again.

A Message from the FFCNC President

The members of the Board of Trustees of FFCNC hope each one of you have had a very happy holiday season. We have all gone through a most unusual year and 2021 will continue to be unusual until Covid 19 is brought under control. We are very pleased that you have chosen to stay with us as we work to provide opportunities for us to travel and meet virtually until we can actually travel safely.

Friendship Force International (friendshipforce.org) has made many adjustments in order to make it possible for us to be in friendship virtually with our clubs around the world. I hope you have been checking in with the website to take part in the many opportunities they are offering.

Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (ffcnc.org) is also making efforts to provide our club with virtual opportunities. In November, we had the Annual Meeting on Zoom. We have had our Board meetings on Zoom monthly. In January, we had a Zoom meeting with the Lethbridge, Canada club. We were scheduled to visit that club in the summer and could not go due to Covid. We are working on the possibility of having a virtual meeting with the Sydney, Australia club this spring. They were scheduled to visit us in May 2020. We will send you more information about this meeting later.

In this newsletter there are messages from the members of the FFCNC Board about what they are doing to communicate with our club members, keep them informed about possibilities to meet in friendship, and keep our club moving forward during this pandemic.

I thank you for the privilege of serving as your president. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

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Mary Davis, our membership chairperson has announced that we now have 50 members of FFCNC that have renewed their memberships for 2021. This is wonderful news, especially considering the Pandemic. Three long term former members of the Club have “retired” Tom and Donna Lambeth, and Barbara Hughes.



A photo taken at sunset in beautiful Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

With the help of Allison Lindsay of FFI, we had an interesting visit via ZOOM on January 8th with members of our Club and members of the Lethbridge Friendship Force Club.

Our summer of 2020 Journey was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and we are hopeful of making the Journey to Canada a reality in the future, perhaps 2022.

A motion was passed at the January board meeting to plan to execute the 2020 plan to host Sydney, Australia and visit Lethbridge and possibly Santiago, Chile SA in 2022. More details as the year progresses.

Karla Shanahan and the Social Committee are planning Zoom Meetings for 2021 until it is safe to socialize in person.

Our emphasis on subjects will deal with the concept "Friendship", which we will examine, share and discuss.

As we are trying to stay connected we are looking forward to see you on Zoom in the near future.

Some topics for our Zoom gatherings will be Health and Food, Tai Chi, and Civil Rights

Going forward in 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; even after you get your COVID-19 vaccine.

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