



friendship force

CENTRAL
NORTH CAROLINA

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

October 2021



The classic photo above shows a beautiful path that has a warm and welcoming feeling. This is a gorgeous time of the year and North Carolina is something to behold every year about this time.

Although we have not been able to travel or host during most of 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 we are hopeful for our future.

There is important information to share with you in the next few pages, beginning with a letter from President Ann Barefield.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear FFCNC Members and Friends:

The Annual Meeting of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina will be on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM on Zoom. Our guest speaker will be Jeremi Snook, President/CEO of Friendship Force International. I hope all of you will plan to attend this important meeting to hear about future plans for FFI, hear the Annual Reports from your Board members, hear travel stories from three of our members, and elect the Board members for 2022 and hopefully see all our members (virtually) in one place for the first time in a year. Please mark this date on your calendar.

The Nominating Committee composed of Barbara North, chairperson; and members Tim Prout and Martha Brown have presented the following slate of members for the FFCNC Board: Jane Cauthen, Woody Clinard, Mary Davis, Laura Graham, Charles John, Lucy Kaplan, and Ray Kiszely. Eleanor Stoller has agreed to be reappointed by the Board as the member at large. In order to have a complete slate, it has been necessary to waive the directions of the By-Laws on how long a member may serve on the Board. Also, the By-Laws state that the members do not elect Board members for specific positions. The elected members of the Board decide who will serve in each of the seven positions. Those coordinator positions are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Journey, Communications and Events. You will have the opportunity to vote on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee and make nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. We owe Barbara, Tim and Martha a vote of gratitude for the time they spent putting this slate of Board members together. THANK YOU, Barbara, Tim and Martha!!!

If you have difficulty using Zoom or questions about the meeting, please contact me at abarefield@triad.rr.com or call at 336-408-7492 and I will be glad to talk you through how to download Zoom and get on and try to answer your questions. You will receive the Zoom link and the agenda for the Annual Meeting closer to the meeting date.

If you wish to invite guests who are interested in joining FFCNC to attend the Annual Meeting, you are welcome to share your Zoom link and agenda with them. In the meantime, be sure to let them know the date and time so they can put the meeting on their calendar.

I look forward to seeing each one of you (virtually) on November 13th at 11:00 AM!!

Sincerely,

Ann Barefield, President FFCNC

SURVEY REGARDING 2022 and 2023 TRAVEL

By the end of July we had 24 respondents to our Survey about future Travels and Hosting of Ambassadors. We did not ask for names and we are confident that some of the responses represent a good number of couples.

- Q 1. Are you willing to participate in a Domestic Journey during 2022?
YES=9 NO=1 MAYBE= 14
- Q 2. Are you willing to participate in a Domestic Journey during 2023?
YES=12 NO=1 MAYBE=11
- Q 3. Are you willing to participate in an International Journey during 2022?
YES=7 NO=8 MAYBE=9
- Q 4. Are you willing to participate in an International Journey during 2023?
YES=11 NO=4 MAYBE=9
- Q 5. Are you willing to travel where some of the sites require a face mask?
YES=20 NO=4
- Q 6. Are you willing to be a day host for a Journey during 2022?
YES=20 NO=4
- Q 7. Are you willing to stay in a home where everyone has been vaccinated?
YES=23 NO=1
- Q 8. Are you willing to host Ambassadors that have been fully vaccinated?
YES=18 NO=5

This survey was sent in early July as the Delta Variant of Covid -19 began to take a toll on those yet unvaccinated. Here we are in Early October and although things appear to be improving slightly just now, we still seem to have a wait and see attitude about Journeys in the future.

A report from Charles John, our Journey's Coordinator

Outbound:

22638 There has been some inching ahead on our Greater Cincinnati Journey. GC has named Marianne Mundy Host Coordinator for our visit in week 3 of May 2022.

Santiago, Chile. Inquires remain unanswered. Desired schedule is Oct/Nov 2022.

Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Negotiations resulted in postponement to 2023.

Inbound:

#22627 Lincoln, Nebraska, Suggested tentative for mid to late June 2022

#22759 Stratford-St. Mary, Ontario Canada. Tentative schedule for Sept. 17-24, 2022.

A Report from our Nonagenarian Club Secretary on his Journey!!

I flew to San Francisco Sept. 8 and joined nine other Ambassadors, mostly from the Knoxville FF club, took a shuttle bus to Sonoma where I was picked up by a wonderful hostess, Betz Tyler. As we drove to a welcoming party to her home in Santa Rosa she pointed out the area where in 2017 a fire had destroyed 5,600 homes and less than 50% having been replaced.

We visited the Cartoonist, Charles Schultz Museum, the Author Jack London's "CALL OF THE WILD" 1800 ACRE ESTATE, now a State Park but maintained by volunteers.

We visited a small Redwood forest, historic downtown Sonoma, (pop. 2000). and had small dinners a couple of times. A fill-in day host (Dora) transported me to events one day so I was able to enjoy a different personality.

Although it was a 2 days of travel for five nights in Santa Rosa (197,000 pop), also within Sonoma County, I found the trip rewarding, especially to my self-confidence. I had not flown for 5 years.

I am anxious to make the next journey. I did spend a week at North Topsail Beach, North Carolina where I drove the last of September.

Best to all!
Woody Clinard

Below is a photo of the Knoxville Club with their hosts and Woody (2nd from right)





Woody Clinard visits “Snoopy” at Sonoma, California.

Cartoonist Charles Schultz is world famous for his work that was published all over the world. Although his artwork was simple, his creation of characters is what made his work for profound. “Snoopy” pictured about with Woody Clinard was one of many personalities that people could identify with.



Pictured above is a photo taken by Woody Clinard during his Journey to Sonoma, California with the Knoxville Friendship Force Club recently. This is a baby Redwood tree and the person in the pink shirt is an FF member from Knoxville. The tree cannot be seen in its entirety because it is a Redwood, not camera shy, but pretty darn tall.

A Report from Activities Chairperson Karla Shanahan

We have a Picnic this month in Kernersville on Monday, October 25th at the Harmon-Lions Club Shelter at 152 South Main Street. Bring your own lunch and beverage and special chair if you prefer.

We have reserved the Pavilion from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on MONDAY.

Please RSVP to Karla at 336-659-0215 or karlabrian@aol.com

We hope to schedule a 2022 Spring Picnic at the home/farm of Pat Morgan in Ringold, Virginia. Watch for a future announcement.

Mary Davis' Membership Report has some Good News!!

We have a new member who has joined our club and is looking forward to future travel and hosting with FFCNC. Reverend Julie O'Neal is a United Methodist pastor serving at Burkhead UMC in Winston-Salem, NC. Julie's family has hosted exchange students through the years. She enjoys travel, reading, picnics and earnest conversations.



Julie is a native North Carolinian and is a graduate of NC State and Duke Divinity School. We look forward to seeing Julie in the near future.