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NORTH CAROLINA

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

July/August 2022

Summertime, Summertime, Sum Sum Summertime!

This 1958 song by the Jamies is stuck in my mind during July and August every year. We have some interesting things happening with FFCNC so be sure to save this Newsletter for future events and happenings.

Message from Lucy Kaplan about Dinner Circles.

Don't be left out of the newest exciting events occurring within our club. We have started Dinner Circles and so far they have been an incredible success! You are missing out on a great chance to get to know your fellow members on a deeper level over wonderful food. The evenings are filled with interesting conversations and amazing amounts of laughter. We offer local groups for people who don't want to travel and mixed groups for those brave enough to cross city lines, with a choice of dinner or lunch groups. Meals are pot luck so hosts don't have burdensome responsibilities. You can choose to host or just be a participant. Be brave and give the dinners a try. Remember there is no obligation to continue if you don't love your first dinner nor is there a problem being mixed into a new group after that.

Contact Lucy at her email OneCake@aol.com.
Or call her at 336-768-7186 for more information.

Bee-ing in Greensboro



Thanks to Ralph and Jane Cauthen for hosting an Apiary Event at their home in Greensboro on Thursday June 23. Originally scheduled as an event for our Inbound Journey from Lincoln, Nebraska, it was a well-attended LEO for our Club Member and Guests. Ralph has been a beekeeper for many years and with the assistance of his son Steve the Cauthen's hosted an informative presentation on beekeeping.

Lucy Kaplan provided an interesting sampling of cakes baked with honey and sugar with a challenge to participants to distinguish which sweetener was used in which cake. A good time was had by the 22 participants. Thank you again Ralph, Jane and Lucy!



Report from Charles John on Future FFCNC Journeys

Presently we have two outbound journeys on our calendar; however both are for calendar year 2023. Scheduling currently is at the discretion of the participating clubs.

You may recall that we had a Journey scheduled for Lethbridge, Alberta Canada for 2020 that was cancelled due to Covid-19. We have been able to reschedule this Journey for a date yet to be determined in 2023. Judy Green and new member Sandra Gramley will be the Journey Coordinators for this program.

Our Club has also been assigned an outbound Journey for Kathmandu, Nepal for 2023. The Journey will take place in the first half of the year.

At the moment we do not have a Journey Coordinator for this Journey.

So, if you would like to consider being a Journey Coordinator please let us know. We have many experienced Club Members that will be happy to help you learn how to handle the task. Contact Charles John by email

Charlesdjohn@hotmail.com or telephone 336-621-5898 for information.



American Leadership Experience (ALEX) is a new short-term program offered by the U.S. State Department and we were originally scheduled to host the students in Feb. of 2022 and it was cancelled due to Covid.

The Good News is that it is back on the schedule for the fall of 2022 and we have been asked to host a Student Group from the Republic of Moldova. Ralph Cauthen has agreed to coordinate this important program and the dates have been announced at November 12 to 20, 2022

Planning is already underway. If you would like to help us with this program as a home host, day host, driver or small dinner host please let us know. Martha Brown is currently gathering information on Home Hosting. If you want to help and get more information please contact Martha at Brownfamily@triad.rr.com or 336-946-0105.