



# The Ambassador

## The Friendship Force of Charlottesville, Virginia

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### Special points of interest:

- **Next Meeting** September 8th at 6:30 PM at the JAG School at UVA
- **2009 Inbound** from New Zealand, September 22-28. Babs Fickes - ED
- The **Annual Holiday Party** will be a luncheon at the Lake Monticello Clubhouse on Dec. 14. More details to follow.
- The **2010 Outbound Exchange to South Africa** is tentatively scheduled for late April. Babs Fickes is the ED.
- **2010 International Conference** is coming to Washington DC Oct. 15-18. We have been asked to participate in the post-conference home hosting.
- **2010 Inbound Exchange** from Somerset, UK is scheduled for Sept 27-Oct 2, two weeks prior to the International Conference (Oct. 8-15).

### President's Message

Friends,

We are quickly approaching the fall of the year and it will be an active time for the club. The next event will be our annual meeting at the JAG School. As you are probably aware, we work with the foreign students that are taking courses at the JAG School so that they get a different view of our country. This year we have more foreign students than usual; 6 students from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Israel, Egypt, Tunisia, and Turkey. Thankfully, enough club members have stepped up again so that these students will see America from a friendship point of view.

Very shortly, September 22 to 28, we have an incoming exchange arriving from New Zealand.

As it turns out this is a bit of a misnomer in that only 2 of the ambassadors are coming from New Zealand. Another 12 ambassadors are coming from the North Bay, Ontario, Canada club that the New Zealand club is visiting before coming here. In any case, we will have a good time and show them some of the many attractions that we regularly enjoy. Babs and her crew are finishing up the details of the program and you should be getting a schedule shortly. Even if you are not hosting an ambassador, you are invited to participate in many of the activities. Hopefully we will see you there.

Coming up at the club meet-

LeRoy Moyer

ing in November will be the election of the clubs officers. During the election, three officers are elected: the vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The president and president elect come from previous elections. As the bylaws state, the president comes from this years president elect who is Walt O'Connell. The new president elect comes from the present vice president who is David Lea. If you would be able to help out the club by being any of these officers, please contact Arlene Bandy who is head of the nominating committee.

On July 11 our club got together with the Richmond club for a picnic on Lake Anna at a mem-

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## Kapiti Inbound Exchange September 22-28

The program for the inbound exchange from Kapiti, NZ and North Bay, Ontario, Canada is almost complete! We are expecting 2 ambassadors from Kapiti and 12 from North Bay. Babs Fickes has prepared a program (see page 3) that should be interesting to ambassadors and hosts alike. If the recent weather trends hold, then we should be in for a very comfortable week.

Babs is still looking for volunteers to pick up some responsibilities (organizing and/or hosting small dinner parties, helping with some of the activities, day hosting, etc.). Please contact her ((589-2186; fickesdb@earthlink.net) or see her at the meeting on Sept. 8th.

Want to learn more about our ambassadors?

Google Kapiti, NZ and North Bay, Ontario, Canada and you will be directed to several informative sites.

North Bay is about 200 mi. north of Toronto on the shores of [Lake Nipissing](#). The area was first explored by [Samuel de Champlain](#) in the early 17th century but wasn't established until 1891 with the arrival of the Canadian National Railway.

The Kapiti Coast District is named for Kapiti Island, a small but conspicuous island about 8 km (5 miles) off the west coast of the lower [North Island of New Zealand](#). The island is the site of Kapiti Island Nature Reserve and is considered one of [New Zealand's](#) most important sites for bird recovery, as well as a major [breeding site](#) for sea birds.



**View of the Kapiti Coast District Shoreline**

All club members will benefit from meeting and sharing with our guest ambassadors and all are encouraged to participate in the program. A sign-up sheet is included on page 5. Please complete it and return it along with a check for the various events to Babs no later than September 14th or bring it to the meeting on Sept. 8th.

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**Did you know?**

...that we have club members that are willing to speak to groups about The Friendship Force? Do you belong to a group that would like to have a speaker present a 15 minute talk about who we are and what we do? If so, contact Lee or Walt with the details.



**Birthday Wishes to**

Walt Lindenmann  
Gary Ziemer



**Happy Anniversary to**  
Alan and Willow Drinkwater



**Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

- To those who worked the Fridays After Five event on August 14th
- To all those involved in planning the joint picnic with the Richmond club.

**THANK YOU**

**Outbound Exchange to Cape of Good Hope, April, 2010**

Babs

The Outbound to Cape of Good Hope is still ago!. We are expected in Cape Town on April 26th for a 7 day exchange.

As of now, I am working on 2 alternative programs: the first is an 8 or 12 day Safari, the price determined when we decide how many days. Joe from Chazen will be here, in Charlottesville in late September and I will get more information at that time.

As an alternative we could have a tour for 4-5 days in Johannesburg and Pretoria. I do not have prices yet.

The air fare is \$1,300 Rd Trip ( includes flight from J'Burg to Capetown and return)

As of now, I have 4 persons with ? and 5 persons "yes". The Richmond club has 5-7 persons very interested. This is enough for me to proceed in getting prices and commitments. Others interested?, PLEASE get in touch with me. ((434) 589-2186; ficksedb@earthlink.net) Babs

**September Meeting**

Plan to attend the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 PM at the JAG school (600 Massie Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22903 - From Rt. 29 just south of the Barracks Road Shopping Center, Take Arlington Blvd to the top and turn right.) If you would like to meet with friends for dinner before the meeting, Carmello's and the Millmont Grill are both convenient.

This will be an important meeting as we will be discussing the events planned for 2010 which will include an outbound and an inbound exchange and the home stay after the international conference to be held in Washington, DC.

**HELP WANTED**

Local organization looking to make the world a better place is seeking members to help with this daunting task. Must be fun-loving, committed, outgoing, willing to meet new and interesting people and make friends. Opportunities for world-wide travel and hosting visitors from other countries in your home abound as well as occasions to simply get together and enjoy each other's company.! Flexible time commitments. Referrals welcome. For more information visit <http://avenue.org/ffc/> or email [ffc@avenue.org](mailto:ffc@avenue.org).

**HELP WANTED**

Local organization looking to make the world a better place is seeking motivated people to serve in leadership capacities including committee chairs, vice-president, and secretary. Time commitments are minimal and support from other members and leaders available. For more information contact Arlene Bandy at (434) 591-0889 or [arlenebandy@embarqmail.com](mailto:arlenebandy@embarqmail.com).

## President's Message

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ber of the Richmond club. There was, as usual, much too much good food to eat, boat rides on the lake, and plenty of good conversation. I was glad to see such a good turn out from our club and hope that we will do this again in the future.

We are disappointed that the Japan exchange had to be canceled. It is not unusual this year as many must forego their travel plans.

Just to remind everyone, a bit further into the future we have an exchange to South Africa in April with ED Babs Fickes, then the incoming exchange from Somerset, UK with ED Helen Ida Moyer, and finally, the International Conference attendees that will be visiting after the conference with the ED for this being Bob Schwargel. All of this activity will need the active participation from the club members so if you are interested in any of these please contact the ED before they come looking for you.

In Friendship  
LeRoy Moyer

Do you have an announcement or special event in your life that you would like included in the newsletter?

Send it to Walt O'Connell (waltoc@embarqmail.com or 434.591.0532). We promise not to mention your age on your birthday!



*"A joy shared is a joy doubled. A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved."*

## Kapiti/North Bay Exchange Program

Babs Fickes

Below is the program for the upcoming inbound exchange. All members are encouraged to attend any or all events. A sign-up form is included in the newsletter (page 5). Please submit your form no later than September 14th.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST	NOTES
Sept. 22 Tuesday	Ambassadors arriving in separate cars at separate time.	All day		( Maps included for all places )
Sept.23 Wednesday	Michie Tavern Tour Michie Tavern Lunch Monticello Visitor Center Tour Monticello Tour	11:00 11:45 1:45 3:10	\$4.00 \$18.80 \$15.00 (Group Rate)	Meet in front of Tavern 10:45 for tour @ 11:00 Lunch @ 11:45 Visitors center tour Meet @ticket office 2:25 for 3:10 Tour
Sept. 24 Thursday	Richmond, VA Capital Tour Governor's Mansion  Lunch  Lewis Ginther Gardens	10:00 11:00  12:00  3:00	Free  On your own  \$11.00	Meet @entrance 9:45 Cap. Tour ends at top of hill. Walk to Governor's Mansion. Walk 3 blocks down to E. Carey St. or eat in snack bar Includes wine tasting@ 5:00.
Sept.25 Friday	UVA Tour UVA Museum ( Bayly on Rugby RD.) Downtown Historical Tour		Free	Begins @ Christ Episcopal Church To view Tiffany Windows
Sept 26 Saturday	Drive on Skyline drive picnic lunch			
Sept. 27 Sun	C'ville Symphony	3:30	\$27.00	Monticello H.S.
Sept 28. Mon	Boat ride LM Farewell Dinner Ashlawn Grille	3:30 5:00 6:00	\$22.00	Social Cash Bar

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**FRIENDSHIP FORCE of CHARLOTTESVILLE  
Bi-Monthly Minutes  
July 11, 2009  
Location: Home of Peggy Smith, Lake Anna**

The Charlottesville and Richmond Clubs enjoyed a picnic get together at Lake Anna on July 11, 2009.

There was not a formal meeting but members did join in a group discussion. LeRoy Moyer, Arlene Bandy, and Jane Dorrier from FCC discussed the Koriyama, Japan exchange and encouraged participation.

Willow and Alan Drinkwater brought along a guest from Macedonia, Blagoj Lamnjov, who shared his talent of music by playing clarinet solos.

The Richmond Club had prepared a skit entitled, Little Red Riding Hood—our own Bob and Dee played parts (Bob as Poppa Bear).

It was a good experience—special thanks to Bill Smith and Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Bandy, Substitute Secretary

### **The Friendship Force Pledge**

**As a member of The Friendship Force  
I recognize that I can make a difference.  
I recognize that I have a mission.  
That mission is to be a friend  
to the people of the world.  
As I embark upon this adventure,  
I know that others will be watching me.  
I know that through my example to my own  
fellow citizens and the people of other nations,  
the cause of friendship, love and peace  
will be furthered.**

**I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

All members are encouraged to participate in the Kapiti/North Bay Inbound Exchange and attend any or all events. Please complete the form below indicating the number of people attending each event and calculate the total cost. Please return the completed form with a check for the total amount to Babs Fickes, 51 out of Bounds Rd. Palmyra, VA 22963 no later than September 14th.

	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b># ATTENDING</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
<b>23rd (Wednesday)</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Michie Tavern Tour</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>		
	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Michie Tavern Lunch</b>	<b>\$18.80</b>		
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>Monticello Tour</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>		
<b>24th (Thursday)</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>On your own</b>		
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Lewis Ginther Gardens &amp; wine tasting</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>		
<b>25th (Friday)</b>		<b>UVa/Charlottesville</b>	<b>Lunch on your own</b>		
<b>27th Sunday</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>C'ville Symphony</b>	<b>\$27.00</b>		
<b>28th Monday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Cash Bar</b>		
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>					

Member(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (434) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## Useful Web Links

- The Friendship Force Home Page <http://thefriendshipforce.org/>
- FFC Home Page <http://avenue.org/ffc/>
- Cape of Good Hope Club Home Page <http://www.thefriendshipforce.org/clubs/details.aspx?cid=238>
- Attractions in South Africa <http://www.infohub.com/Destinations/Africa-&-Middle-East/South-Africa/9104314.htm>
- Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve <http://www.infohub.com/Destinations/Africa-&-Middle-East/South-Africa/9104314.htm>

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