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Springtime in the Triad

For 2020 it mean social distancing, staying at home, avoiding others, washing your hands, and canceling non-essential activities.

2020 Upcoming Events	
2020	May 7-13, International Inbound from Sydney, Australia
2020	June 23-20 Outbound to Lethbridge, Canada

APRIL FOOL!!! Just Kidding, it is now two years later and we have **GOOD NEWS** to **REPORT!!**

The above photo and announcement was the cover of our April 2020 Newsletter, and for the most part the news was all BAD! We had just cancelled our inbound Journey from Sydney, Australia and our outbound Journey to Lethbridge, Canada.

The Good News for us is that we are finally returning to something that may seem as a new normal. Turn the page and read all about it!!!!



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

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As I assemble this Newsletter I am awaiting a call from Judy Greene, Journey Coordinator for our Inbound Journey from Northern Colorado. We need to discuss some of the final details of our hosting Ambassadors in Central North Carolina for the first time since 2019. It feels good to be doing the positive things about FFCNC and not reporting a series of cancellations.

[Inbound Journey Report for Northern Colorado](#)

We expect about 10 Ambassadors to arrive on Wednesday, April 20 for a five night stay in the Triad. Their visit will include a picnic lunch on Thursday, April 21 at the home of FFCNC members Pat Morgan and Don Ethington in Ringgold, Virginia. The same evening we will be traveling to Greensboro's new Tanger Center for a performance of "Hamilton", the musical. Friday we will visit Guilford College for a lesson in the Underground Railroad, followed by a tour of the Civil Rights Center in Downtown Greensboro.

Saturday we will meet with a member of the W-S City Council followed by Lunch at Cugino Forno Pizzeria, then on to Reynolda House for a tour with our very own docents Pam Kahl and Lucy Kaplan.

Small group dinners are being arranged for Friday and Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon we will have a Farewell Potluck Dinner at Harmon Park Shelter in Kernersville. Then an opportunity to visit the Ciener Botanical Gardens across Main Street from the Park.

Monday we will take our Ambassadors to their next Journey location with the Raleigh Friendship Force Club. We will meet up with Raleigh members at the Saxapahaw General Store for a luncheon with Ambassadors and Club Members. Then we will say good bye and good luck to our Visitors.

Outbound Journey Report for Greater Cincinnati, Ohio

Thanks to the efforts of Martha Brown we are also happy to announce that we are working on an Outbound Journey to Greater Cincinnati in May of 2022. We have not worked out all the details of the Journey, but we expect to have about 10 Ambassadors traveling to the famous Southern Ohio city, famous for its own brand of Chili and home to some of the most fabled sports club, such as the Cincinnati Reds Baseball team and the Bengals NFL pro football team.

Some of our Ambassadors will be flying to Cincinnati and others will make the 7 to 8 hour drive as part of the adventure. If you would like to join us for this 7 night Journey starting on May 15, 2022 contact Martha Brown at 336-946-0105 or Charles John at 336-621-5898.

Here is a brief report we received from the Friendship Force Club in Cincinnati about their city:

Cincinnati is located in Hamilton County, which was a center for prehistoric Indian cultures. The area is rich in mounds earthworks and extensive ancient burial grounds. Important Indian trade routes and trails traversed the Cincinnati Area.

General George Rogers Clark erected the first buildings at the site of Cincinnati in August of 1780 while pursuing marauding British troops and Shawnee Indians. The buildings were block houses used for military fortifications. The first permanent settlement was across from the mouth of the Licking River and was known as Losantiville. The name lasted a little over a year. Losantiville was renamed Cincinnati in honor of 5th Century BC, the Roman General Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus.

Cincinnati, as early as 1826, became known as the “Queen City of the West.” This title was popularized by the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem “Catawba Wine.” Cincinnati is also known as “Porkopolis” because of the pork packing industry during the 19th century. The development of Cincinnati was greatly influenced by German immigrants. In fact, the first mayor, David Ziegler, was born in Heidelberg, Germany.

In 1888 one-third of the city’s population was of German ancestry and brewing beer had become an important business. One of Cincinnati’s festivals held annually is “Oktoberfest” which celebrates our German heritage. Cincinnati is home to the oldest continuing choral music festival in the Western Hemisphere, the “May Festival.” The Music Hall, which is today the home of the Cincinnati Symphony, was built in 1878 for the “May Festival.”

Greater Cincinnati includes parts of the states of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, and has a population of over 2,000,000. The city of Cincinnati has a population of a little over 300,000 and is located on the banks of the Ohio River, the border between Ohio and Kentucky

We will be sending out separate announcements in the coming days inviting members to join us for the Welcome Picnic in Ringgold, Va. and the Farewell Potluck in Kernersville, NC .