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President's Message

Spring is starting to show up, I have flowers starting to sprout right outside my door which is amazing since I am lousy at growing things! Spring is a time for renewal and new beginnings and certainly that is true of the Fagowees! Some good events in the first part of the year and we have even more amazing ones coming up. What has really begun is our annual effort to elect the club's officers and the Board of Directors. At our meeting in March, we had nominations submitted so the process has started and is moving forward. We expect more nominations to come in during the meeting for April. We had a modest number of people at the March meeting, so we need to get more of our fellow Fagowees to come out and participate in the election process. The more nominations we have, the broader the slate of candidates we can offer and the better our leadership will be. So, let's come out and nominate!

At the March meeting, we moved our seating location to solve the problem of Happy Hour and the bar menu. This did not work out so, for the April meeting, we will be moving back to Vito's room in the back portion of the restaurant. More room and a better space to conduct business.

I want to congratulate our **Fagowee of the Month for February: Chris Carlson**. Again, this year we had a great trip up to Canaan Valley. A lot of games in the party room and there was even some snow. Good job on putting the trip together, lot of hard work! **Thanks Chris Carlson!**

Our annual observance of St. Patrick's Day was held at The Celtic House on the 15th of March. Traditional music and some of the best Shepherd's Pie I've had yet! A lot of the wearin o' the green and a fun time was had by all. Thank you, Ingrid Harris, for making the arrangements.

Our April Bar of the Month will be at Commonwealth Brewing in Fairfax . 42 Beers on tap and great food, very nice space too. That will be on the 13th of April.

Stand-by for more excellent events this Summer: this year's Float Trip, Funny Girl at the Kennedy Center, RAIN—A Tribute to the Beatles at Wolf Trap, MJ-The Musical, trip, our annual trek to Ocean City, and a Mediterranean Cruise early Fall. Stay tuned! Details inside and on our website.

John





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Member Meeting

** Tuesday, APR 2, 2024 **

La Fiamma Italian Kitchen Vito's Room (in the back) 6124 Franconia Rd Alexandria

lafiammaitalian.com

Beat the traffic, come early, hang out at the Bar for Bar Specials

Social / Dinner: 6pm – 7:30pm Meeting: 7:30pm

President—John Morrison Long4Tex@AOL.com

Vice President—Mike Stumpf mestumpf2@earthlink.net

Board of Directors 6/1/2023-5/31/2024

Miriam Alonso
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Stacy Hickman Chris Carlson John McIntire Mary Sloper

Molly Stumpf & Marilyn Morrison

Mike Stumpf and Rich Kavanagh



In case this is your first newsletter—Be sure to check out our Facebook page. (closed Group-only for the Fagowees), and the

DCFagowees website so you can keep up on all our happenings

These links and other useful info noted in the on the Back side of this newsletter

We're happy you joined and can't wait to meet you and get to know you. Maybe you'll get some of your friends or family to join too.

MEMBERSHIP Tell a Friends

January was the beginning of our annual Membership Drive so it's time to get your friends to join the Fagowees so they get some free months!! The sooner they join, the more FREE months.

If they join between Jan 1 and May 31, their membership will be good thru May 2025.

Direct them to <u>DCFagowees.com</u>, then click <u>Join Us</u> at the top of the page and follow directions. Easy, Peasy !!

Fagowee T-Shirts - TOO LATE



SALE ITEMS

FACE MASKS

Blue with Fagowee Indian Logo Large or Small Adult Size \$20-\$10 (SALE)

KOOZIES—\$1 Each (SALE)

FAGOWEE SKI POLE FLAGS — \$5.00 (SALE)

Store Managers

Molly Stumpf, VentureMom@earthlink.net
Marilyn Morrison, MarilynMorrison1990@gmail.com

Can also order on the Fagowee website

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TIME FOR SOME SPRING CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At 10:00 am on June 8 (weather permitting), the Fagowees are meeting to clean up the storage locker we rent.

Not only cleaning, but also removing and disposal of broken or no longer needed items. When done, we will celebrate at Fairwinds Brewery, just a short distance away.

A few larger SUVs or trucks will be needed to haul away the items.

The storage locker is the Mini U Storage at 7711 Loisdale Road Springfield, VA.

If you can help with this cleanup or you have a vehicle to help with discards Let Mike know ASAP — mestumpf2@earthlink.net

April Bar of The Month



Location: 10426 Main St., Fairfax, VA. CommonwealthBrewingCompany.com

Phone: (703) 865-0603 **Date:** Saturday April 13th

Time: 4pm til ???

A relative newcomer to Fairfax City, Commonwealth is out of Virginia Beach. It has an impressive list of craft brews, 42 at last count! Also available are hard seltzer, wine and specialty craft cocktails.

The pizza is impressive, and you have the ability to customize your order. The food menu is extensive with many interesting items. There are free parking lots within 1 or 2 blocks of the building. We will have a reserved table on the inside. If you are a Gose lover this is your place!

Be sure to sign up for this event, so you can be included in the count. Contact John Morrison if any questions—Long4Tex@aol.com

FAGOWEE WINDFALL!!

Hey you all!!! We received a 2nd Shipment!

Where the Fagowee? Here the Fagowee?

This beauty needs to be part of your Fagowee travel set. Stainless Steel Insulation will keep your Wine COLD or your Hot Toddys HOT. Bring it to the beach, to Canaan, and everywhere else!



12 oz. Stainless Steel Insulated Tumbler

Cost: \$21.00 each. Several options for Acquisition—Shipped (@ extra cost), Pick Up at the NEXT Meeting or a BOM.

No need to order through a link. If you would like one, please email details to Marilyn Morrison at marilynmorrison1990@gmail.com

FAGOWEES WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

Apr 04 Fred Drummond

Apr 08 Neil Knight

Apr 09 James Fieser

Apr 09 Peter Nygard

Apr 12 Philip Cook

Apr 12 Daria Lepisko

Apr 13 Edward Bauer

Apr 14 Brenda Lickliter

Apr 16 Donna Stoll

Apr 18 Gregory Uhas

Apr 19 Robert Griffiths

Apr 21 Jackie Doven

Apr 22 Joyce Melnick

Apr 23 Colleen Marr

Apr 23 Lori M. Nelson

Apr 24 Diana Ziegler

Apr 26 Austin Morrison





Contact Sharon Blackwell for Any Corrections Blackwes50@gmail.com

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Annual Float Trip down the Shenandoah

Time Again for our float trip! Get ready, patch those inner tubes and break out your tents!

Date: June 21-23, 2024

Location: Low Water Bridge Campground 192 Panhandle Rd., Bentonville, Va. 22610 **Directions:** I-66 west to exit 340 South, Bentonville exit, then right on Indian Hollow Rd., after you go through Bentonville. Check-in to the site can be anytime after 2pm. Check-in at the office and they will direct you to the campsites and there will be Fagowee staff at the site to help. Check-out is 12 Noon.

This will be primitive camping, so you must provide all your own equipment. We will have 5 electrical sites, so power can be provided.

Cost: Adults \$75.00 (16 and up)

Children \$30.00 (7 to 15) / Free (6 & Under)

Meals Included: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Happy hour will be held 3 to 6pm Fri. and Sat., with beer, wine, soda and snacks.

Sign Up at DCFagowees website for the Camping portion. Tubing on the river is at your own discretion and expense. Bring your floats and you can put in to the river right at the campground.

Floats & transportation services are available through the campground office. Tube Rental is \$10, Transportation to put-in upstream or pick-up downstream is \$15 one way. Beer Cooler Float \$10 rent.

Kayaks and Canoes can be rented from Down River Company next door to the campground.

We will need volunteers to help plan and put on the event. We will have a vehicle for signing up. Or you can just contact me at long4tex@aol.com.



The Kennedy Center THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FUNNY GIRL

Kennedy Center Opera House Sunday, June 30, 2024 1:30 p.m.

Join us for Funny Girl, a musical revival of a 1961 show that introduced a very young Barbra Streisand to the Broadway stage. The story centers around Fanny Brice, a vaudeville performer and early movie actress, and her relationship with gambler and entrepreneur, Nick Arnstein.

Tickets will cost \$106 for center orchestra seats. If interested, contact Tim Gordon—niemangordon@gmail.com or by phone at 703-931-7795.

Send checks payable to Fagowees to Tim at 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041 or bring your checkbook to the next meeting. Deadline for signups and payment is May 25, 2024.

February Fagowee of the Month

We congratulate **Chris Carlson**, our Fagowee of the month for February. Even with limited snowfall, everyone had a great Fagowee weekend at Canaan Valley Ski resort in West Virginia due to the hard work of Chris (and her helpers). Thank you and a job well done!

comments from Chris: With an unexpected '3 hour tour' road trip after a quick shopping trip, plus fun and games the whole weekend, we made it through. There were several new attendees this year and some late comers, who couldn't get a room at the resort, but came to join in the evening activities.

A few folks even stayed Sunday to gather for the Super Bowl and finish off most of the snacks. Thanx for everyone's help with prep, set up and clean up.



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Ocean City Beach Week Castle in the Sand Hotel - September 16 – 23, 2024

Come join us for a week of beach fun at Ocean City. Castle in the Sand is located on the beach at 37th street; easy walking distance to the boardwalk. On the grounds is the **Coconuts Beach Bar and Grill**, one of the most popular bars in OC and the only establishment in OC where you are allowed to bring your drinks to the beach. Coconuts will be open with live entertainment from 11am to 11pm daily. The property also includes an onsite breakfast restaurant and an Olympic size pool.

ACCOMODATIONS - All units are oceanfront efficiencies in the Waverly building (as previous years). We have blocked all 10 units on the ground floor (which opens directly to the beach behind the dunes) as well as several upper floor efficiencies with balconies. If you want a clear view of the beach over the dunes, be sure to ask for 3rd floor or above. All units are identical and have two queen beds, a pull-out sofa, and a small kitchen area (including refrigerator, oven, and microwave). We also have access to a large interior party room on the lower level. Waverly is located directly on the beach adjacent to Coconuts, and has curbside access for loading/unloading, elevators, and vending machines on each level. Free private parking is provided.

LODGING – **Lodging** prices are on a **per efficiency** basis. There is no up-charge for additional people per room. Pick your roommates, pick your dates, and have one person call the hotel. Just be sure to indicate your preference for ground level vs. upper level when you make your reservations.

LODGING DATES AND RATES - Paid directly to the hotel

Full Week: Monday, Sept 16 – Monday, Sept 23: \$1213.23 **per efficiency** (tax included) Weekend Only: Friday, Sept 20 – Sunday, Sept 22: \$608.28 **per efficiency** (tax included) Extended Weekend: Fri, Sept 20 – Mon, Sept 23: \$729.27 **per efficiency** (tax included) Weekdays Only: Monday, Sept 16 – Friday, Sept 20: \$483.96 **per efficiency** (tax included) **PARTY FEE**: \$25 **per person paid to the Fagowees** via on-line registration at DCFagowees.com.

NON-MEMBER GUEST FEE: \$35 per person (\$25 party + \$10 non-member fee)

BEACH PARTY – We have a beach party starting at 3:00pm on Saturday. Party food and drinks (wine, beer, soda) will be provided. In case of rain, party will be held in the Waverly party room.

PAYMENTS & CANCELLATIONS: To guarantee availability, make your reservations no later than August 19th. A deposit equal to the first day's rent is due to the hotel at sign-up. To make a hotel reservation, contact Patricia Smith (groups@castleinthesand.com; 410-289-6846), tell her you're with the Fagowee group, and reserve your room. (Payments are refundable if you cancel at least two weeks prior to arrival date.) Then, have each person in your group register on the Fagowee website and pay the party fee.

BOOKING REWARD COUPONS: The Castle Hotel will send you a booking confirmation which includes a link to reward coupons. Be sure to check this out and download your coupons before you arrive at the beach.

Any other questions: Contact John or Sandy McIntire, jgmcintire2@gmail.com.

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FAGOWEE ELECTIONS — May 7th, 2024

Final Nominations – April 2nd

The following positions are open this year:

• **President** (one year term) – Tribe Chief

• **Vice President** (one year term) – Second in command and responsible for chairing Board meetings.

• **3 Board Members** (two-year terms) – These are the leaders who set the direction for the club, approve activities, and manage Club finance and administration. Board members are expected to actively participate in Board meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If the current President is reelected, **1 Board Member** (one-year term)

Nominations at the March 5th meeting:

The following Fagowees were nominated:

President: John Morrison Vice President: Mike Stumpf

Board of Directors: Miriam Alonso, Chris Carlson, Ingrid

Harris, Fred Krambeck, and John McIntire.



For President, John Morrison has **accepted** the nomination. For **Vice President**, Mike Stumpf has **accepted** the nomination. For **Board of Directors**, Chris Carlson, Ingrid Harris and John McIntire have **accepted** the nomination. Miriam Alonso has **declined** the nomination. All those nominated at either meeting are requested to indicate whether they accept or decline their nominations by April 5th (three days after nominations are closed).

Additional nominations will be accepted at the April 2nd regular meeting and then nominations will be closed.

Nominees must be members in good standing for the past 12 months, have been a member for at least 18 months total, be age 21+, and live in the DC metro area.

Elections: May 7, 2024 regular meeting by secret ballot of all members present.

Absentee voting: Requests for absentee ballots must be made **in writing** on or before the April 2nd regular meeting. The requests may be via snail mail, e-mail, text, or handed in person to the Elections Chairman, Mary Sloper, on or before the April 2nd meeting. Be sure to include your home mailing address with your request. Ballots will only be delivered through snail mail.

Mary's contact info: 4801 Polk Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304; Mary.Sloper@comcast.net; 703-975-3454.

MAY BAR OF THE MONTH

Meet John and Sandy McIntire at the Mill St Draft Garden for our May BOM.

Date: May 2 Time: 4pm or after Location: 200 Mill St, Occoquan (across from Madigan's)

They have a great beer selection and good pub food including tacos, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken wings, plus other sandwiches, salads and desserts. They also have wine and cocktails. Please be sure to sign up at DCFagowees.com so we can reserve spots.



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RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles At Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

The Magical Mystery Tour is waiting to take you away" to relive the timeless sounds of the fab four with RAIN: A Tribute to The Beatles. This mesmerizing concert traverses The Beatles' iconic eras of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and Magical Mystery Tour, plus all your favorite hits. Sing along as the band weaves an unforgettable performance complete with vibrant costumes and psychedelic visuals.

Show: RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles **Date:** Thursday, 11 July, 2024 @8pm

Tickets: You obtain your own tickets directly through Wolftrap.org, via phone at 703.255.1868. Lawn uncovered outside with no seat \$35; Covered seating starting at \$45. (**Processing fees**: an additional \$8 per ticket + \$4 per order apply. \$0 processing fee if tickets are purchased in person directly at the box office).

Tickets will sell out... if you're interested get them now! Tickets are not available through the Fagowees website, but please register (just like a BOM) after you've purchased your tickets, so we know who to look out for..

Location: Filene Center

1551 Trap Road Vienna, VA 22182 Phone: 703.255.1868



Free Parking

Contact Miriam Alonso at fredricka@rocketmail.com if you have any questions.

MJ-The Musical At The National Theater

When: Weds, August 21, 2024

Time: 7:30pm—10:30

Location: National Theater 1321 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004

Cost: \$105 per ticket



Join us for a night of music with MJ the Musical. The show is a jukebox musical based on the life and career of the King of Pop Michael Jackson. The show features 25 songs and moments from his catalog. We have 30 tickets to the show in the Center Mezzanine. Deadline to sign up is July 20, 2024.

Please send your checks made payable to "The Fagowees" and send to Stacy Hickman, 2059 Huntington Ave #210, Alexandria, VA 22303. Any questions, contact Stacy at hickman1928@hotmail.com

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Fun in the Sun VII Cruise



Mediterranean Cruise from Trieste Italy visiting Venice, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Turkey and Greece!

Oct 17-27, 2024 NCL Dawn 10 Days, 10 Ports!

We currently have 20 people signed up for the cruise!

Join the tribe on a once in a lifetime cruise from Venice (Trieste) to Athens on the NCL Dawn! Group pricing will include the unlimited open bar, two specialty restaurant experiences, 150 minutes of internet, \$25 per person, per port shore excursion discount, \$100 per cabin ship board credit, and all ship based tips, gratuities, port fees and taxes. NCL May also provide early signups and group discounts tbd by NCL in the future. Non drinkers can opt out of the drink package to save approx. \$200 in tips, but ALL cabin mates have to be of the same drink status.

A \$60 Fagowee / T shirt fee will apply and all cruisers need to be current Fagowee or Blueridge (BRSC) members. This fee will be payable online soon. The pre cruise party in Trieste has been removed from the itinerary due to some members flying in on day of departure. Fagowee fee above reflects this reduction.

NCL can provide discounted airline tickets, ground transfers, and pre/post cruise extension accommodations. Contact Samantha for current rates and availability. What's not included is your RT airfare, transportation from airport to ship, pre/post accommodations, meals, shore excursions, etc. *Travel insurance through NCL or other carrier is highly recommended.*

Group pricing fluctuates as inventory goes down and your final price will be determined by when you sign up! Contact and reserve directly with Samantha McVay (contact info below). Once booked, email me with your cabin and booking/reservation number. Refundable until June 1, 2024.

Andrea and I will be staying in Venice for several days pre-cruise at the Hotel Commercio & Pelligrino near St. Mark's Square. Current rates are apx. \$225/night with breakfast included but are limited in availability. We will be staying at the You.Me Design Hotel in Trieste the night of the 16th. We have not made post cruise reservations at this time. Pre/Post extensions are NOT included in the cruise package pricing.

To make your cruise deposit and payments with NCL directly, contact Samantha at smcvay@ncl.com OR 954-233-6335 or 877-416-9722 ext 36335 reference Fagowees or Steinhour Venice Cruise Oct 2024 / Group # A2724526

Let Bill know when you have made your deposit(s).

Contact Mr Bill at <u>Bill.Steinhour@Yahoo.com</u> or FagoweeCruisers@yahoo.com with questions or for more information: Also see the FagoweeCruisers Group on Facebook.

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UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE ACTIVITIES

Monthly Meeting: APR 2, MAY 7 Board Meeting Zoom: APR 9, MAY 16

2024

Apr 13 * BOM—Commonwealth Brewing

Jun 21-23 * Float Trip

June 30 * Funny Girl / Kennedy Ctr July 11 * RAIN—A Tribute to the Beatles July 11 Aug 21

* MJ—The Musical

Sep 16-23 * Ocean City Beach Week Oct 17-27 * Mediterranean Cruise

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New Member-one year*

Individual \$30 Family \$40

Includes monthly Newsletter and member pin

* A member year is June-May

Renewal

Individual \$25 Family \$35

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