

# Lost Nation News

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## President's Message

May is the most important month in the Fagowee calendar, because this is the month we elect our officers and Board of Directors. This is our opportunity to shape the future of the club for the next year **and set the leadership for the club going into the future.** I am very excited this year because we have a slate of candidates that mixes experience with first time candidates that bring fresh perspectives and new ideas to our slate. I believe that we can formulate a board that will bring something new to the running of the club! Good luck to all the candidates, looking forward to the campaign speeches. One of the most important aspects of this is attendance at the May meeting. We need to get as many of our members as possible to the meeting. A strong turnout will ensure we elect the best possible candidates. **SHOW YOUR FAGOWEE SUPPORT—COME AND VOTE!** As an extra incentive on Election Night, we will be providing free appetizers to share starting at 7, so we will see you there. More inside with the Election article.

I want to congratulate our **Fagowee of the Month for March: Ingrid Harris.** Excellent job in putting together **our Bar of the Month at Celtic House for St. Patrick's Day on Mar 15th.** A rousing time was had by all, and we had the chance to partake of some fine Irish Cuisine and enjoy the comradeship of our fellow Fagowees. The lamb stew was great! We had one of the biggest turnouts in recent months with 23 people showing up for our St. Patrick's Day celebration, Erin Go Brah!

We also had an interesting experience at our **April Bar of the Month at Commonwealth Brewing which was on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.** 42 Beers on tap, I have never seen that many taps in a row. They had some of the most interesting beers I have yet tasted. Really good facility with really good food. Very enjoyable!

Of course we have events coming up, our **May Bar of the Month will be at Mill St. Beer Garden in Occoquan.** Really great venue, lovely setting and an outstanding drink selection. This will be on **Saturday the 4th of May starting at 4pm.** Practice your aim before you come because they have all the corn hole you can handle.

Many more events are coming up this summer so watch your newsletter and sign up on the website.

John

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*"Fagowees can pay for most events, activities and trips with a credit card through the website."*



**Member Club  
of the Blue Ridge  
Ski Council**



## Member Meeting & Elections

**\*\* Tuesday, MAY 7, 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

Gather in the Bar: 6:00

**\*\* Free Appetizers: 7:00 pm \*\***  
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**

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Mike Stumpf	mestumpf2@earthlink.net
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**Appointed Officials**

Membership Chair	Sharon Blackwell
Recruitment Chair	Sharon Blackwell
Treasurer	Marc Vignerot
Asst. Treasurer	Tim Gordon
Pin Engraver	John McIntire
Greeting Chair	Sandy McIntire
Secretary	Regina Meade
Activities Chair	John Morrison
Trip Leader Advisor	Vacant
Webmaster	Stacy Hickman
Newsletter Editor	Chris Carlson
Bylaws	John McIntire
Elections Chair	Mary Sloper
Fagowee Store	Molly Stumpf & Marilyn Morrison
BRSC Council	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.

## FAGOWEE STORE

### WINE TUMBLER WINDFALL!!

Hey you all!!! We received a 2<sup>nd</sup> Shipment!

Where the Fagowee?  
Here the Fagowee?



12 oz. Stainless Steel

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

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

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

### *Misc. SALE ITEMS & CURRENT ITEMS Available on the Fagowee Store*

(at DCFagowees.com, on Main menu  
Select MEMBERS-ONLY, Fagowee Store)

**Store Managers**

Molly Stumpf, VentureMom@earthlink.net  
Marilyn Morrison, MarilynMorrison1990@gmail.com  
Call with any questions

**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](mailto:mestumpf2@earthlink.net)

**June Bar of The Month**  
**Locals Tacos and Tequila**

**Where:** 8326 Old Keene Mill Rd  
 Springfield, Va. 22152  
 Cardinal Forest Shopping Center  
 next to Ledo's Pizza

**When:** Saturday, 1 June  
**Time:** 5pm til ????



18 Different Margaritas, awesome menu, a vast array of tacos that you can combine in various platters. A wall of tequilas, if you're in the mood for a shot. Tons of parking right in front. See you there.

Sign up on the website and Contact John at [Long4Tex@aol.com](mailto:Long4Tex@aol.com) if any questions.

Let's Taco 'Bout It!

The DC Fagowees now accept Zelle for payments.



Here are the steps to pay using Zelle.

- 1) Register on the Fagowee Website for your trip/event in order to create an invoice.
- 2) Sign on to your bank account.
- 3) Select "**Transfer and Pay**" on your desktop or mobile app.
- 4) Select "**Zelle**"
- 5) Select "**Send**"
- 6) Enter [dcfagowees@gmail.com](mailto:dcfagowees@gmail.com) as the recipient
- 7) Enter the amount
- 8) Click "**Add Message**" and type the reason for payment and invoice number
- 9) Select "**Review**"
- 10) Select "**Send**"
- 11) In a couple of days, check back with the Website to make sure your payment was credited to your invoice.
- 12) Contact the Trip Leader for follow up questions.

Any Zelle issues, please contact Marc Vignerot at [mavignerot@aol.com](mailto:mavignerot@aol.com)

**FAGOWEES WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY**

- May 02 Carol Eckart
- May 02 Greg Reveles
- May 03 Deb Huber
- May 04 Joe Maloney
- May 05 Edward (Link) Ebeling
- May 10 Miryam Levy
- May 11 Patricia Drummond
- May 12 Pete Cutler
- May 12 Kathy Friedrichsen
- May 13 Frank Sharp
- May 15 Mike Maholchick
- May 15 Albert Makay
- May 19 Gerald Ragland
- May 20 Michelle Hall
- May 24 Michelle Cuttie
- May 24 Dennis Pett
- May 25 Regina Meade
- May 26 Ryan Whetstone
- May 27 John Rutledge
- May 28 Karen Osborne
- May 30 Steve McIntire



Contact Sharon Blackwell for Any Corrections  
[Blackwes50@gmail.com](mailto:Blackwes50@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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.

### **March Fagowee of the Month**

We congratulate our **Fagowee of the Month for March: Ingrid Harris**. Fantastic job on putting together our MAR BOM, Celtic House for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. We had an impressive turnout and one of our most successful events recently with 23 attendees. What's more everyone in the room was officially Irish, for that day! **Great job Ingrid!**





## 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 37<sup>th</sup> street; easy walking distance to the boardwalk. On the grounds is the **Coco-nuts 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 on-site 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:jgmcintire2@gmail.com).

## FAGOWEE ELECTIONS — May 7th, 2024

Make sure you vote in our annual Fagowee election at our next Membership Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The Election includes voting for the President, Vice President and Board of Directors. This is YOUR club – this is your chance to have a voice. Please come and participate.



The following is the slate:

**President** (one-year term): John Morrison

**Vice President** (one-year term): Mike Stumpf

**Board of Directors** (two-year terms): Chris Carlson, Amy Epstein, Ingrid Harris, John McIntire and Austin Morrison.

### *SPECIAL NOTE FROM YOUR FAGOWEE PRESIDENT FOR MAY 7TH*

As mentioned in the President’s Message—Preceding the start of the meeting and election process, we will be providing heavy appetizers and Pizza, which LaFiamma will begin serving starting at 7pm in Vito's room. You will still be able to order from the regular menu if you desire. Business meeting for the election will start as normal at 7:30pm.

If you arrive early, we will be hanging out in the bar area.  
We will proceed to Vito's Room at the appropriate time.

## MAY BAR OF THE MONTH

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

**Revised Date:** Saturday May 4 **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. The beer garden is filled with Adirondack chairs and picnic tables along with pergolas and umbrellas and features fire pits and yard games.



Please be sure to sign up at [DCFagowees.com](http://DCFagowees.com) so we can reserve spots. Contact the McIntires with any questions.

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hickman1928@hotmail.com)

## 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 \$30 Fagowee fee will apply and all cruisers need to be current Fagowee or Blueridge (BRSC) members. This fee is now payable online. 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](mailto: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 [Bill.Steinhour@Yahoo.com](mailto:Bill.Steinhour@Yahoo.com) or [FagoweeCruisers@yahoo.com](mailto:FagoweeCruisers@yahoo.com) with questions or for more information: Also see the FagoweeCruisers Group on Facebook.





# MAY 2024



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<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Apr 26</u>	<u>Apr 27</u>
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## UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE ACTIVITIES

### 2024

- May 4 \* BOM—Mill St Draft Garden
- Jun 1 \* BOM—Tacos & Tequila
- Jun 21-23 \* Float Trip
- June 30 \* Funny Girl / Kennedy Ctr
- July 11 \* RAIN—A Tribute to the Beatles
- Aug 21 \* MJ—The Musical
- Sep 16-23 \* Ocean City Beach Week
- Oct 17-27 \* Mediterranean Cruise

Monthly Meeting: MAY 7, JUN 4  
 Board Meeting Zoom: MAY 8, JUN 11

\* Details in this issue



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**Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.** If you would like to contribute, please email your article as an attached MS Word file to: [CarlsonChris48@gmail.com](mailto:CarlsonChris48@gmail.com)

### 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

Mail form and check made  
payable to Fagowees to:

Fagowees International  
Washington Branch  
PO Box 22516  
Alexandria, VA 22304

### SEND THIS FORM WITH COMPLETED INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS (INFO IS FOR CLUB USE ONLY AND IS NOT SHARED WITH OTHERS)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

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Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Family Memberships (add Spouse or Partner living at same address)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (m/d) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about The Fagowees? \_\_\_\_\_