

If you ordered a Fagowees shirt from Molly or Marilyn, they are in. Please come to a meeting to pick up or contact Molly or Marilyn (see Board directory for emails).

President's Message

Greetings fellow Fagowees, I hope that everyone is successfully surviving this brutal summer that we are experiencing. Soaring, hot temperatures then rainstorms and tornados. Wow! In all this is the very important issue of personal safety. Protecting yourself from becoming a heat casualty and keeping an eye on the weather are two things you can do for yourself this summer. Be safe and be careful when you are out of doors.

We are down to just a handful of people who have not renewed their membership! Truthfully, we do lose contact with some of our members from year to year, people moving out of the area, etc. If you know a fellow club member who has not renewed, please urge them to do so! If they are not intending to renew, have them contact Sharon Blackwell, so she can clear them from our books!

Recapping <u>August</u>, we started the month with two events that every year are crowd pleasers. An afternoon at the Kennedy Center to see Moulin Rouge, a production that was dazzling with a lot of great songs. And oh, those sets, they were amazing! Bunco Under the Stars is one thing that members look forward to every year. Thanks to Mike and Mary Sloper for a super event! Even though it was deadly hot, everyone in the photos was smiling. I salute your courage! We finished out Aug with a BOM at The Celtic House on Columbia Pike with live music and Irish food.

We enter the fall with our **BOM** at **Crossroads Tavern in Manassas**, followed by our annual trip to **Ocean City**, then the trip to **Oktoberfest in <u>September</u>** and a **Sunset Kayak Tour** at the end of the month. Then in <u>October</u> we have our **BOM** at **Looney's Sports Bar in Maple Lawn (Fulton)**, **Md**. and **Horseback Riding at Marriott Ranch.** Culminating in our final event of the year, The **Christmas Party, mid-December**.

We have a few events that have just been announced and put on the schedule. November BOM will be Freddies Beach Bar for Beach Blanket Bingo! Remember to bring your dollar bills! We will be going back to Toby's in December for Miracle on 34th St, the musical! And we have received dates for the Canaan Valley trip - <u>February</u> 9-11. Tons of events and much to enjoy. It's all here in the newsletter, so please peruse and pick an event or two.

We are going to close out the year in strong style and 2024 will be even more exciting with ski trips to Maine, Austria and our annual trip to Canaan Valley. A whole host of events yet to be planned! So stay tuned!



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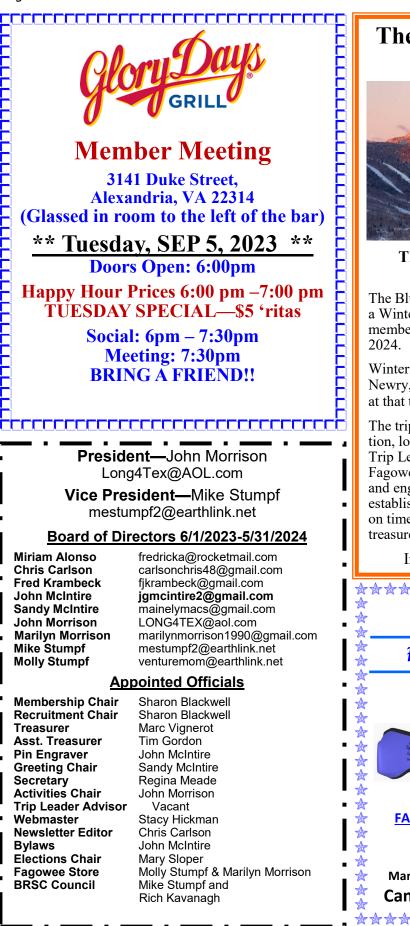
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events, activities and trips with a credit card through the website.





John



The Lost Nation is Looking for a (Trip) Leader



The trip is the Blue Ridge Ski Council's 2024Winterfest.

The Blue Ridge Ski Council along with an outfitter runs a Winterfest every year. We looking for a Fagowee member to lead our crew to the slopes with them in

Winterfest will be March 3 - 8, 2024 at Sunday River in Newry, Maine. There should still be decent snow there at that time.

The trip is already set up by BRSC as far as transportation, lodging, rentals, and lift tickets. The Fagowee Trip Leader needs to market the trip and recruit other Fagowees. They also need to keep our crew informed and engaged, as well as keep track of Fagowee money; establishing a budget, making sure payments are made on time, keeping records, and making payments, via our treasurer, to the Outfitter.

Interested? Contact VP Michael Stumpf





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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

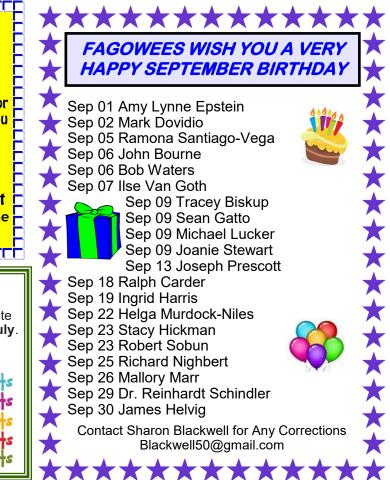
These links and other useful info noted in the on the Back side of this newsletter

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.

FOM July—Miriam Alonso

The Fagowee Board of Directors wishes to congratulate **Miriam Alonso as our Fagowee of the Month for July**. She planned and coordinated an excellent event at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia, Maryland

Those in attendance saw a wonderful production of Jimmy Buffett's, "Escape to Margaritaville." Everyone was entertained & the seats were great. Wonderful cast and the food was great. Once again Miriam, you have knocked it out of the park. **Great job!** congrats congrats congrats congrats congrats



MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET The Musical

Do you believe?

"This musical adaptation of the classic film is the holiday tale of a young girl who doubts the existence of Santa Claus until a very special, white-bearded old man changes her mind. Recreating the magic of the classic story,"

Miracle on 34th Street" is a joyous, heartwarming musical, the perfect holiday treat for the entire family. Dreams do come true, if you believe!

We'll enjoy a classic dinner theater atmosphere with live music. Come for the great fellowship, extensive quality brunch buffet.

Event: "Miracle on 34th Street" Musical Date: Sunday, December 17,2023 Brunch: 10:30am-11:50am Show: 12:30pm-3:30pm Location: Toby's Dinner Theatre 5900 Symphony Woods Rd, Columbia, MD (Tel. 410-730-8311) Tickets Paid via Fagowee Website: <u>https://dcfagowees.com/</u>

Ticket Prices: \$78 per adult; \$67.40 per child ages 5-12 (no children under 5) Limited to 35 people (We must have a minimum of 20 adults) **Price includes:** Brunch buffet, iced tea, coffee/tea, show, taxes, and gratuity for meal and show. (Sodas/drinks available for purchase.)

Additional information: Free parking. No nearby Metro access. No refunds once paid. Venue has a few steps to get to dinner tables. Let Miriam know if special accommodations such as wheelchair or walker accessibility are needed (Toby's can accommodate) Website: <u>https://tobysdinnertheatre.com/</u>



Deadline to register and pay is Nov 17, 2023.

POC: Miriam Alonso, fredricka@rocketmail.com





Join other Fagowees for a great week of skiing and lots of activities off the slopes, all while staying at the 4 star Metzgerwirt Hotel in the charming alpine village of St. Veit im Pongau, just 60 km south of Salzburg. Local arrangements by Siegi Tours.

Skiing A single ski pass will give skiers access to the interconnected ski resorts of the Salzburger Sportwelt as well as other resorts in the larger Ski Amadé Alliance. A free ski bus connects St. Veit to the gondola base at St. Johann/Alpendorf, where the rental shop is located and where lessons and ski safaris meet. Nancy can provide details about the ski slopes.

Pricing To give you an idea of pricing, Siegi Tours has created a basic special VIP – Fagowee Package that includes 6 nights, 6 breakfasts and 6 4-course wonderful dinners at the 4 star Metzgerwirt Hotel. Any aspect of this package can be customized for you.

Included in all packages are: access to events at the Siegi Tours private bar Rustica Stadl (drinks extra), free access to the hotel's wellness center, and a ski locker with boot warmers for each hotel room. There is a free shuttle to/from the ski area.

2024 rates are not out yet, so expect a minimal annual adjustment to the 2023 rates. The 2024 prices will be available in early fall, and deposits will be due after that.

Basic Package: €998 per adult (double occupancy) with a single supplement of €18 per night.

For skiers, any combination of lessons and a ski safari are possible and their cost is added to the Basic Package. Examples include:

Ski Package A: 3 days of lessons/fine tuning plus 1 day guided ski safari	€1,028 per adult *
Ski Package B: 1 day of lessons/fine tuning plus1 day guided ski safari	€998 per adult *
Ski Package C: 1 day guided ski safari	€968 per adult *

* Lift Passes are extra

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Activities Off the Slopes: There are many more than those listed below. Skiers will want to take days off so as not to miss out. Here are some of the many activities to keep non-skiers and skiers on their non-ski days busy. No car needed! Prices are approximate. Round Trip taxi to Schwarzach/St. Veit train station €10.

* Tobogganing and Snow-tubing €12	* Evening sleigh ride €110 per sleigh (holds 8)
* Alpendorf Gondola (for lunch, drinks or sitting on the slopes) €23 round trip	* Alpentherme hot springs resort €43/day, €36/4 hours (round trip train €13)
* Exploring Salzburg (round trip train €29)	* Salt Mines Tour €22 (round trip train €32)
* Sound of Music Tour €60	* Nordic Skiing (rentals at Alpendorf)
* Eagle's Nest Tour (check tours online)	* Shopping and cake at Café Schiebel in St. Johann

Meals: The Metzgerwirt provides a hot and cold breakfast buffet (complete with Austrian breads and pastries) as well as a leisurely gourmet dinner. Lunch is on your own at either one of the many restaurants dotting the ski slopes or a town café.

Everyone will arrange and pay for their own travel to and from St. Veit im Pongau. St. Veit is easily reached by train from Salzburg and Munich. Round trip flights between Dulles and Munich were about \$1,000 dollars in early summer. Nancy can provide options on getting from your airport to St. Veit.

Sign Ups and Cancellations

Once we announce the 2024 rates, you can sign up on the Fagowee event page and pay the \$25 Fagowee fee. Once you've registered on the Fagowee website, Nancy will send you details about contacting Kerstin at Siegi Tours. Kerstin will assist you with paying the €200 deposit, customizing your trip, and making further payments.

All payments are fully refundable, less a €20 handling fee, up to 30 days before arrival. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Nancy will also send you the refund schedule for cancellations within 30 days of arrival.

Trip leaders are Nancy McMahon, <u>mcmahon.nk@gmail.com</u>, and Mary Ellen Feldcamp, <u>Maryellen.feldcamp@gmail.com</u>. Both have skied with Siegi many times.



Nancy says: One of the places I feel most alive is skiing with Siegi's!"

Bunco Highlights and Pics More pics on Fagowees Facebook Page

The Fagowees had another great **BUNCO** night at the Slopers on Aug 12th. **Thanks Mike and Mary** for your perfect venue and great hospitality. Also congratulations to our winners: <u>Peggy Polomcean</u> (First Place Wins), <u>Sandy McIntire</u> (Second Place Wins), <u>Karen Osborne</u> (Third Place Wins), <u>Manny Rafaele</u> (Most BUNCOs), <u>Mike Stumpf</u> (Second Most BUN-COs), <u>Ingrid Harris</u> (Third Most BUNCOs), <u>Frank</u> <u>Sharp</u> (On the Fence), and our biggest loser <u>Ra-</u> mona Santiago-Vega (Booby Prize).



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Ocean City Beach Week

Castle in the Sand Hotel - September 18 - 25

For two years running, this has proven to be a winner. It's a great venue with a fantastic staff. 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 9 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 had a small kitcher seat (in the important for average). 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 euroside 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. So, determine how many you want to have in your 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 18 – Monday, Sept 25: \$1213.23 per efficiency (tax included) Weekend Only: Friday, Sept 22 – Sunday, Sept 24: \$608.28 per efficiency (tax included) Extended Weekend: Friday, Sept 22 – Monday, Sept 25: \$729.27 per efficiency (tax included) Weekdays Only: Monday, Sept 18 – Friday, Sept 22: \$483.96 per efficiency (tax included)

BEACH PARTY – We have a beach party starting at 3:00pm on Saturday. Party food and drinks (wine, beer, soda) will be provided.

PARTY FEE: \$25 per person paid to the Fagowees via on-line registration.

PAYMENTS & CANCELLATIONS: 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. Then, have each in your group register on the Fagowee website to pay the party fee.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN SEPT 4. A deposit EQUAL to the first day's rent is due to the hotel at sign-up. Payments are refundable if you cancel at least two weeks prior to arrival date.



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

* Only drinks purchased at Coconuts are allowed on the beach.



Nov BOM—Drag Queen Bingo at Freddie's Beach Bar

Nov 8, 2023 Time-7pm-10pm

Where: 555 23rd Street South Arlington, VA (aka Crystal City)

Join us for a night of Bingo & a show at Fabulous Freddie's Beach Bar. Free to play Bingo with Ms. Regina Jozet Adams followed by karaoke at 10pm

Happy Hour until 8pm. 1/2 price burger night. Street Parking & Fabulous Bingo Prizes

RSVP via the Fagowee website by Nov 7, so you can have a seat at the table.



Questions? Contact Stacy at Hickman1928@hotmail.com



mile Uber ride away, have rooms with a single King bed or two Queen beds, and will serve you that hangover breakfast in the am. To book call 703-385-2600 (select option 2 – tell them its for the night of 12/15 under the Fagowees, Group Code TFC). Rate including tax is \$134.47. Recommend booking early to assure guaranteed availability and price.

If you would like to make a Holiday basket or a gift contribution toward our party prizes and giveaways, or know of an individual or business who would be willing to do so, please contact one of our party planners as follows: Chris Carlson (<u>CarlsonChris48@gmail.com</u>) or Sharon Blackwell (<u>blackwes50@qmail.com</u>).





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<u>Oct 1</u> O'Fest	<u>Oct 2</u> <u>O'Fest</u>	<u>Oct 3</u>	<u>Oct 4</u>	<u>Oct 5</u>	<u>Oct 6</u>	<u>Oct 7</u>

UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE ACTIVITIES

<u>2023</u>

Sep 9	* BOM-Crossroads Tabletop Tavern
Sep 18-25	* Ocean City
Sep 22-Oct 2	
Sep 30	* Kayak Tour
Oct 7	* BÓM—Looney's
Oct 28	* Horse Trail Ride
Nov 8	* BOM-Freddie's Beach Bar
Dec 15	* Christmas Party
Dec 17	* Toby's-Miracle on 34th St
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<u>2024</u>

Jan 26—Feb 4 * Austrian Alps Ski Trip Feb 9-11 Canaan Ski Trip (Save the Date)

Monthly Meeting: SEP 5, OCT 3 Board Meeting Zoom: SEP 12, OCT 10



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