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FCRE TRAVELS

by
Doris Patteson, Director of Member Services Tours

On March 24 at the FCRE Office, we had a turnout of 20 people who came to our presentation of our future trips. The deposit date for **Albuquerque Balloon Festival** was March 29, but there are some spaces still open. If you are interested, please give me a call as soon as possible.

Spaces are still open for **Magical Christmas Markets** which rounds out our travels for 2016. The deposit date for this trip is May 27. It is always good to get your reservation in as early as possible on this trip. Don't worry, you will be able to go to these markets for great shopping and still be back to celebrate the holidays at the end of December and the first of January of 2017. Seeing the snow covered Alps in Switzerland will get you in the mood for the holidays! I went on this trip several years ago and loved it. Believe it or not, this trip is truly magical. Get your deposit/insurance in as soon as possible!

Spaces still exist for the **Imperial Cities** for the fall of 2016. Again, get in touch with me, Doris Patteson, as soon as possible. The deposit date has passed, but give me a call, and I will let you know if what is happening with this trip.

Our trips for 2017 have been approved, and we will have some early deposit dates on them.

One of the early deadlines will be for **Three Kingdoms of Indochina**. The deposit date for this trip is July 11, 2016.

Three Kingdoms of Indochina covers Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh city, Hanoi, Halong Bay, Laos, Cambodia. We may have pre-and post-extensions to Hong Kong and Bangkok. Many have had this area of the world on their lists of things to do, This trip will depart on February 16 of 2017, but the deposit/date is this July. Brochures are available and \$250 can be saved by booking early.

CUBA! We will be going on a trip to **Cuba** in April of 2017. This is an Exploration Trip, and it has a limit of 20 people. Brochures are available, and many were picked up at the April Luncheon. Get in touch with me as soon as possible if you are interested in this trip. It would be interesting to see the island 90 miles from our coast which has figured so prominently in our history for so many years. Space is very limited; get your deposits in as soon as possible.

Canyon Lands is planned for May of 2017. This trip will features Arizona, Utah, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Las Vegas, Scottsdale, Oak Creek Canyon, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell.

I can book you on any of our Collette trips through our World Connect Program even if we do not have a group trip scheduled at your location of interest.

We also have the Spotlight Tours where you stay in one destination and tour from that location. We will not be having any newsletters in July and August so please pay attention to the deposit dates coming during the summer.

Give me, Doris Patteson, a call at 703-534-3975 or email me at dpatteson@verizon.net
Remember, we have one more issue of the newsletter for this year. There will be no newsletters for July and August. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible!
Let's travel!

DR. KAREN GARZA!

Dr. Karen Garza will be our guest at our final luncheon on featuring our Ford Foundation Scholarship Winners. Make your reservations as soon as possible for Thursday, June 9, 2016. Telephone: 703-923-9877 or email us at luncheon@fcree.org.

ARE YOU IN THE PINK? IF SO, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!

1. Check the expiration date above your name on your mailing label. If it reads, "Expires June 30, 2016" and is marked in pink, it is time to **RENEW!**
2. It is easy to renew; here is what you do:
3. Write your check (payable to FCRE) for **\$75.00 for a 3 year renewal, or \$30.00 for a 1 (one) year renewal.**
4. Please write your **membership number** (it is on the line above your name on your mailing label) and the word, **Renewal**, on the memo line of your check.
5. Mail your check to:
FCRE
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
P.O. BOX 0682
SPRINGFIELD, VA.22150-0682
6. That's all you do to renew!

THANK YOU!

FCRE would like to take this opportunity to thank the Apple Federal Credit Union for their continued support in our activities. We really appreciate you!

JUNE 9, 2016

NEXT MEMBER LUNCHEON LOCATED AT:

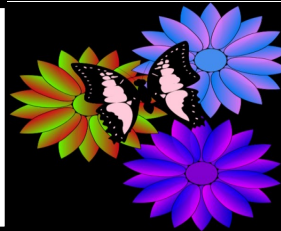
Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd. (Route 50)
Fairfax, Virginia
AGENDA:

VEGETARIANS!

Please be aware that we can accommodate vegetarian choices if you let us know when you make your reservation for the luncheon. We can let Chef Jay know how many vegetarian plates we will need if you tell us when you call, email, or write to make your reservations! Just be sure that you tell us you need a vegetarian meal!

REMEMBER:

FCRE Recommendation: Do NOT under any circumstances withdraw from your Fairfax County Public Schools-sponsored health insurance plan. If you do, you cannot rejoin!



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DETACH THIS FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION. YOU WILL RECEIVE A RECEIPT FOR YOUR TAX RECORDS.

FCPS OFFERS FREE ONLINE GOV DELIVERY SUBSCRIPTION FOR RETIREE BENEFIT NEWS!

You can opt to receive online messages from the FCPS Office of Benefit Services by registering your email with **News You Choose (GovDelivery)**. This is a great way to receive the latest information and notifications specific to retiree benefit news and updates.

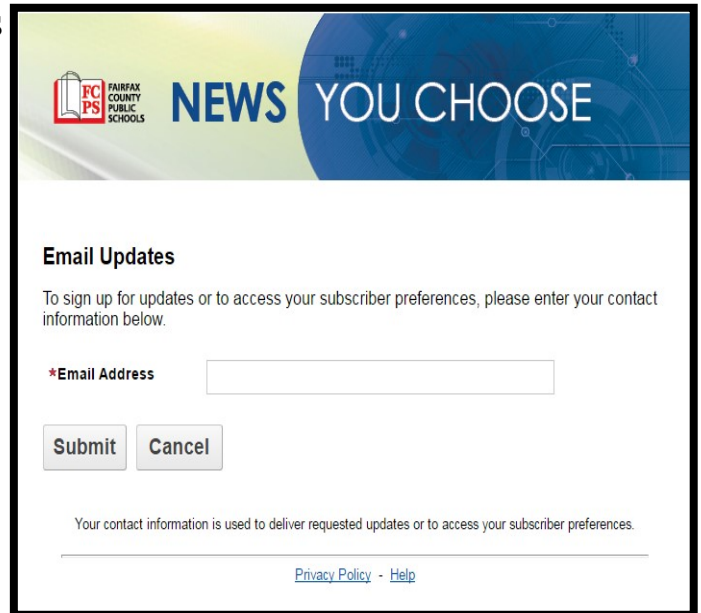
We encourage all FCRE members with an email address to sign up for this service. You are certain to keep informed of any changes/updates to your FCPS retiree benefits by doing this! And it is **FREE!** All you need to do is supply your email address!

To register: go to:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/VAEDUFCPS/subscriber/new> and enter your email in the space provided.

Click on the "Submit" button. You will be prompted to re-enter your email on a second screen. (See the example on the right.)

After re-entering your email, you can choose how subscription updates are delivered to you and provide an optional password for added security. Click the "Submit" button when done.



The screenshot shows a web form for 'Email Updates'. At the top left is the FCPS logo (Fairfax County Public Schools). The main heading is 'NEWS YOU CHOOSE'. Below this, the text reads: 'To sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences, please enter your contact information below.' There is a text input field labeled '*Email Address'. Below the field are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Cancel'. At the bottom, there is a line of text: 'Your contact information is used to deliver requested updates or to access your subscriber preferences.' and two links: 'Privacy Policy' and 'Help'.

On the third screen, you will be prompted to subscribe to various topics. You may opt to receive notifications from any subscription that may interest you; however, you will want to check the box next to "Retirees" (under Employees/Retirees) to receive notifications specific to Retiree benefits. Just click the "plus" sign in front of Employees/Retirees to see the Retirees option. Once you have selected your topic(s), click the "Submit" button, and you may leave this webpage. You will receive a confirmation email shortly, confirming your subscription topics and explaining how to update those topic in the future, if needed. I just subscribed! Easy!

FCRE TO SEND TIME SENSITIVE INFO TO MEMBERS VIA EMAIL

Some FCPS retiree benefits or general information that we receive in our office does not always make the publication deadline of our newsletter, the Advocate.

In our efforts to keep all FCRE members informed of any time sensitive information not already provided in the Advocate, the FCRE Board of Directors has approved of the following method to reach our members: when important information or notifications come to our attention and need member input/action in a timely manner, we will send out a mass email to all members for whom we have an email on file.

If you **DO NOT** wish to receive these emails from FCRE, we ask that you complete this **OPT-OUT** form:

I, _____ (please print full name)
request that my email address be removed from the list that will be used to inform FCRE members of time sensitive information regarding FCPS retiree benefits or general information.

Send this Opt--Out Form to FCRE, PO. Box 682, Springfield, VA, 22150



MEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR MAY



by

Barbara Marshall, Director

BOOK GROUPS

- Annandale Book Group--Dottie Addison, coordinator. Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 12 noon in various locations. Call Dottie at **703-971-8479** for more information.
- Fairfax City Group--Sue Williams, coordinator. Meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd Friday in Barnes and Noble at Fair Lakes. The selection for May is *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson.
- Vienna Tuesday Book Group--Joey Graves, coordinator. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at the Providence Community Center. The May book selection is *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar
- Vienna Retired Ladies Group-The next meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Oakton Library. **The contact person for this group is now Dee Hardtke.** Dee's email is dmhardtke@gmail.com

BRIDGE GROUPS

- 2nd and 4th Monday Group--Meets 2nd and 4th Monday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Contact person is Barbara Marshall at 571-203-0375 or bmarshall12@verizon.net. This group will meet at the Vienna American Legion this month. The Legion is located at 303 Center St., Vienna, VA 22180.
- Tuesday Morning Group--Coordinator is Sandy Smith. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in homes.
- Third Monday Evening Group--Coordinators are Claudette Coffey and Joey Graves. Meets in homes at 7:00 p.m.
- 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday Bridge Group--Coordinator is Nancy Smagala. Meets at David R. Pinn Community Center on Zion Road in Burke at 9:45-12:00. Players do not stay for lunch. Email nsmagala@aol.com for more information.
- **NOTE:** The Review Bridge Group led by Dave Meadows will not meet again until the fall of 2016. Watch for the September issue of the *Advocate* to find out when this group begins its new year. Many thanks to Dave Meadows for all his work with this group. Have a great summer, DAVE!

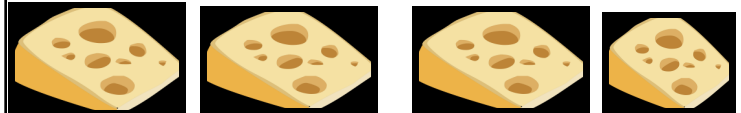
CINEMA ARTS GROUP!!!!



Meet your friends at the Cinema Arts Group which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cinema Arts Theatre in Pickett Shopping Center across from Woodson High School.

Join your friends for a good movie and lunch at the First Watch Café to discuss the film.

Contact person is **Alicia Clelland** at clellaap@cox.net Email Alicia if you would like to be included on the email list for the next film.



GIVE US SOME CHEESE!!!



We are still in need of pictures to represent the wonderful organized activities available for FCRE members! The second semester photo book is under way, but we are missing photos of the book groups, movie group, and bridge groups!

We are asking for a few a few photo shots from each group in order to create an appealing spread of photos or two.

Camera photos are definitely preferred for better printing!

Please contact the Fcre Office at **703-923-9877** for information or send your photos through email to **Linda Beuhring** at lebeuhring@verizon.net

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES FOR THE PHOTO BOOK!



**PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR
FAIRFAX COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

**W. HAROLD FORD
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.
Budget - Fiscal Year 2017
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
RETIRED EDUCATORS, INC.
Budget - Fiscal Year 2017
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

INCOME:

Dedicated Donations	
FCRE	\$ 2,000.00
Apple Fed. Cr. Union	2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler Trust	2,000.00
Bobbi Vest Memorial	4,000.00
Raffle & Table Donations	400.00
Individual Donations	1,100.00
Fundraising Event	600.00
FCRE Admin. Fund	900.00
Interest – Apple FCU CDs	300.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 13,300.00

EXPENSES:

2017 Scholarship Awards	
FCRE	\$ 2,000.00
Apple Fed. Cr. Union	2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler	2,000.00
Bobbi Vest	4,000.00
W. Harold Ford	2,000.00
Administrative costs	900.00
Tax preparation	400.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 13,300.00

**NOTES TO THE BUDGETS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2016 TO
JUNE 30, 2017**

The budgets will be voted on by the membership
at the June 9, 2016, luncheon meeting.

INCOME:

1. Membership Dues	\$ 20,000.00
2. Member Services	0.00
3. Interest—Apple FCU Accts, CDs	300.00
4. Miscellaneous Income	0.00
5. Transfer from Reserves	9,845.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 30,145.00

EXPENDITURES:

11. Information & Publications	\$ 4,000.00
12. Postage—Info & Publications	4,000.00
13. Copy Equipment—Supplies	500.00
14. Copy Equipment—Maintenance	350.00
15. General Office Supplies	600.00
16. Post Office Box Rental	160.00
17. Telephone Services	2,200.00
18. Computers—Programs and Main.	700.00
19. Tax Preparation & Audit	600.00
20. Corporation Liability Insurance	2,500.00
21. Internal Website & ISP	350.00
22. Miscellaneous	10.00
23. Annual State Incorporation Fee	25.00
24. Office Manager	5,800.00

OFFICERS & DIRECTORSHIPS:

31. President's Fund	\$ 1,000.00
32. Remembrance	400.00
33. Government Relations Team	1,300.00
34. Membership Development	500.00
35. History & Photography	300.00
36. Scholarship Director	900.00
37. Directors & Committees	200.00
38. Legato School Museum	150.00
39. W. Harold Ford Scholarship Fund	2,000.00
40. Luncheon Set-ups & Programs	900.00
41. Members Services—Tours	500.00
42. Change and Petty Cash Fund	200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 30,145.00

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Last luncheon of the year!
Thursday, June 9, 2016

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