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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonjour encore, les amis....

As we near the end of this strange summer, we admit that living within the confines of the coronavirus pandemic has been disappointing for FSCA: No festive celebration of Bastille Day in Market Square....none of the excitement of hosting a group of Frejus students....no planning for 40th anniversary activities, including the "giant omelet" in September, etc. However, these fun and meaningful activities haven't disappeared; they are only postponed until 2021 and will be rescheduled as conditions allow. FSCA board members will work with the Jumelage in Frejus to plan for our delayed celebration and we count on all FSCA members to join in when the program can be safely rescheduled.

In the meantime, you might stay tuned to French culture by trying some French recipes ("Salade nicoise" is perfect for summertime) or by checking out some French-themed reading such as "The Lost Carousel of Provence" by Juliet Blackwell or "The Last Collection" by Jeanne Macklin.

We'll keep you posted on upcoming activities and hope to see many of you soon.

A la prochaine fois,

Judy Hansen

Sister Cities International Notification: “Celebrate International Youth Day, we extend a huge congratulations to the winners and finalists of the 2020 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS)! This year's theme was "One World: Out of Many, We Are One" which highlights the importance of unity and community to transcend the differences. Students were encouraged to draw inspiration from their experiences with Sister Cities, travel, exchange programs, international friendships, and the many ways that people cultivate relationships across cultures”

The Grand Prize winner in the photography category, and recipient of a \$1,000 cash prize, is **Carolyn Ervin of Norfolk, Virginia.**

NEWS FROM FRÉJUS



Maryse Rigoulot
Director of Fredericksburg Section

Dear friends, July and August - like April, May and June - have been exceptionally quiet months in Fréjus for the Jumelage, as all the events were cancelled. Jumelage President Rigoulot had some hope for the making of an omelette in September but the Safety instructions of the Prefecture du Var are so drastic that it would be impossible to follow them while keeping the festive spirit. So there will be no Festival de l'Omelette Géante until September 2021, to be optimistic...

Many Fredericksburg people know Laurence who does so much for the Jumelage. We regret to report that her father passed away a few days ago. Laurence, only daughter in the family, has gone to the Anjou region where they lived.



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



Remembering the good times. With hope that What is Past is Prologue

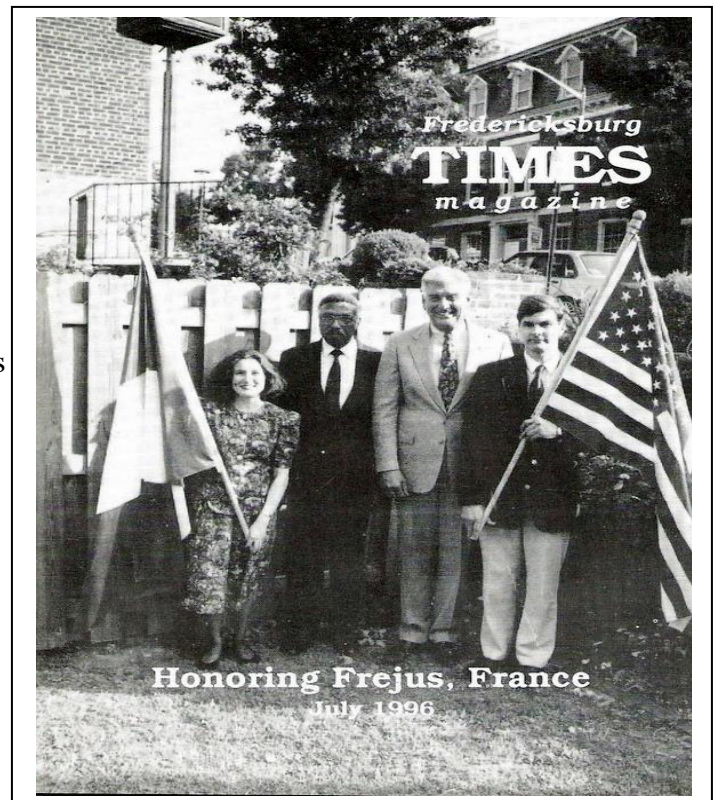
Oooops – last month I missed a good one from 1996. Here it is:

In 1996 The Fredericksburg Times Magazine was a popular monthly publication. It was an honor to have a Sister City activity featured on the front cover. The story about the cover read:

The flags of the United States and France join in Front of the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center marking the forthcoming dedication of the area as Frejus Place, honoring Fredericksburg's Sister City, Fréjus, France.

From left to right are Carol Shelkey, formerly of Frejus; Fredericksburg Mayor Lawrence Davies; Fredericksburg Mayor-elect H. William Greenup and Charles Sieracki, president of the Fredericksburg-Fréjus Sister City Association.

Fréjus officials and residents will join Fredericksburgers for formal public dedication ceremonies which will be held at 10a.m., Thursday, July 25.



Fréjus previously honored Fredericksburg by naming a major traffic circle, “Rond Point de Fredericksburg”.

A nice stone commemorating the event remains at the Fredericksburg Area Museum site. Stop by sometime and check it out. [Be sure to wear your mask]

And now on to events in

1997



In June Mayor Greenup, City Manager Marvin Bolinger and Cathy Beard with the Tourism Office made an official visit to Fréjus. A Charter to promote economic development between Fréjus and Fredericksburg was signed on July 22.

Fredericksburg Student exchange group was also here during this time. Chaperones were Cathy Bolinger and Charlie Sieracki

Signing the Charter are Left to right: Charlie Sieracki, Mme Michele Guillermin, Mayor William Greenup and Mme Elisabeth Andre

Artist, Cathy Herndon, had an exhibition of her art during the visit. Here Mme Elisabeth Andre and Artist Thierry Winum welcome her at the opening of her exhibition



Examples of her work at this exhibition:



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October 1998 The entire month of October 1998 was proclaimed "Celebrating our French Connections Month". The Mayor of Fréjus and the President of the Fréjus Sister City and a delegation of 16 people attended this celebration.

FSCA co-sponsored with The Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts an exhibition of paintings by Fréjus artist Thierry Winum.



Artist – Thierry Winum



Mayor Brun and Mayor Greenup with Thierry and Other guests at the opening reception

An "Evening in Provence" Gala/Fund raiser was another Main event.

Area restaurants featured French foods and wines. Other businesses, colleges, museums, and civic groups also participated in this month-long event with special exhibitions.

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July The dedication of the “Fréjus Plaza” beside the Visitor Center in Fredericksburg was a cause to celebrate. Materials and work were donated by three Fréjus men with businesses in Fredericksburg at that time - Benoit Sansone, Guy Masquefa and Christophe Diout.



Mayor Bill Greenup officiated at the dedication. Lydie and Tom Mann were among the members who attended the event.



Views of the plaza

L-R Lydie Mann; Christophe Doiut; Benoit Sansone; GuyMasquefa; Mayor Bill Greenup; Tom Mann and a tourist who stopped by to enjoy the festivities. Stop by the plaza sometime and enjoy the interesting tile work by Christophe. [Be sure to wear your mask.]

More History Highlights in future editions of your newsletter

And now a special treat for you this month:



Salade Niçoise

This salad was inspired by a classic with many variations. The one offered here today is a compliment by Judy Hansen – one of her favorites:

*Line a large platter with Lettuce (I like Butter lettuce, but your choice)
Arrange servings of the following around the platter:*

- *Canned Tuna (I like Albacore, packed in water)*
- *Potatoes, cooked until firm and sliced 1/4", marinated briefly in French dressing*
- *French-style green beans (cooked or canned), marinated as potatoes*
- *Tomatoes - sliced, also marinated briefly*

*Garnish with black olives, sliced hard-boiled eggs, rolled anchovies
Sprinkle lightly with mixture of olive oil, wine vinegar, capers, and herbs (basil, oregano)*

Enjoy and think of Frejus!, Judy

Suggested Pairing from your editor: For an elegant evening on the patio, why not pull out all the stops and enjoy a festive rosé Champagne with this classic salad. Champagne's deceptively high acidity will contrast with the richness of the tuna while standing up to the dressing's vinegary tang.

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