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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonjour tout le monde,

Though some Coronavirus restrictions continue, we can now see light at the end of this year-long tunnel, and hope soon to return to some of our regular Sister City activities.

But first, a heartfelt **MERCI, MERCI** to **Phyllis Whitley** for her untiring efforts to keep FSCA members in touch during this pandemic “wasteland.” Who else would have had that treasure trove of photos and the vision to turn them into **“History Highlights”**? Thank you, Phyllis, for your dedication and your artistic talents in providing these monthly memories of friends and activities from Sister City’s long and active past!

Meanwhile, it’s springtime....*C’est le printemps ! Amusez-vous bien !*

A la prochaine fois,

Judy

Judy Hansen, FSCA President

UPDATES TO OUR WEB SITE - Thomas Baer

Eliza Monroe’s Tombstone Story: <https://fredericksburgfrejus.com/about/in-search-of-eliza-monroe/>

FSCA Newsletters: <https://fredericksburgfrejus.com/organization-documents/fsc-newsletters/>

Student Exchange Program: <https://fredericksburgfrejus.com/student-exchange-program/>

Please share with friends, former, and potential FSCA members

MEMBERSHIP NEWS – Nancie Lightner

Dear members, As the Directors voted to exempt member dues for 2021 for those members who paid dues in 2020 I want to remind you **any extra donations or contributions to FSCA are always greatly appreciated.** For your convenience, I invite you to click on our website, shown at the head of this newsletter, and use the membership application that is there.

Looking forward to future events and participation, I continue to expand our membership committee. If you are interested in helping with greeting prospective members and/or are knowledgeable in XCEL spreadsheet date input, contact me - Nancie Lightner, Membership Chair nblightner2014@yahoo.com or call me at 434-378-1556



Maryse Rigoulot
Director of Fredericksburg Section

NEWS FROM FRÉJUS

Dear friends,

At a time of crisis and economic recession, we have had a very busy activity sector for several months with the recent excavations in unexplored areas of Fréjus. Archaeologists work full time to uncover new vestiges of the antique and medieval times. The Culture and heritage department of the City of Fréjus is preparing a videoconference to share these fascinating and precious findings with our sister cities. We hope that you will be the first to attend it ! Meanwhile, Philippe has joined the team of archaeologists to send you four photos of their work.



The ancient via Aurelia



Vestiges of a pillar of the Roman Aqueduct



Tombstones



Remains of a burial site



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



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

2016

Another event filled year for FSCA. Our traditional Mardi Gras Party was another success:



Recognize any of these party people? Oh yes, that is Bob Dowd & Wilbur Brown in the last photo.

French students arrived with the chaperones on July 13th. First stop was for a group photo at the airport.



The arrival was followed with a welcome reception. Bastille Day included a fun day at the library with games, dance & pizza lunch. This was followed by an evening Celebration at Market Square. Other events during the visit included a tour of the city, picnic in the park; free weekend with host families; tour of Richmond, baseball game featuring the Richmond Squirrels; a day trip to Washington D.C.; a fun day at King's dominion; a trip to Charlottesville to visit Monticello with time for shopping; a day at the Dowd home on Lake Anna with swimming, boating & more fun; and then the farewell Party at the Beck's "Pump House" at the river. The group departed for New York on July 25th.

Additional photos on next page

2016 visit continued



Welcome parade with French flags Bruch for Laurence & Connie Baseball game in Richmond



View from our seats

Photo with the mascot



Group photo at the Becks' "Pump House" on the river

Heading to NYC via train

In New York City the group attended a production by the famous American "Blue Man Group". We would be remiss if we did not show a photo here of the two chaperones with one of the star performers.

