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## Newsletter for Summer 2023

June 19, 2023

### Sister City Café

We started this new monthly event in late May, and ten people gathered for coffee/ lunch at Eileen's, and we had a great time. We even met a new member, Tonya Wade, who had been one of the Exchange students from King George back in the 1980's, and just recently joined FSCA. Welcome Tonya! We decided to move over to La Petite Auberge for June, so it's June 27 (Tuesday) at 1 PM; we have a table for 12 reserved, and the manager told me that if their side room is not reserved for another event, he'll put us there. (But usually there's a fee of \$100 to have that room.) So we hope you'll join us!

### Bastille Day

We're moving to Hurkamp Park this year on July 14. Festivities start at 5 PM. So far we've got the Harry Wilson Quartet to play for us, Mandy Carr and Ashley Rizzo to do our national anthems, and Ashley is working on some French jazz classics with the quartet. *Tilly's Ice Cream* and *Nothing Bundt Cakes* will be there as vendors, and perhaps also *Kettle Corn* and *Renée's Crepes*.

We'll start setting up tables, chairs, umbrellas, signage, etc. at 2:30, so if you want to volunteer to help with that, you're most welcome. This is also a call for volunteers to help staff our ticket table, membership table, Flea Market table, drinks table, and help with the tear-down at 8:30 (removing the trash bags, taking down the tables, etc.) Contact us through [fsca1980@gmail.com](mailto:fsca1980@gmail.com) to let us know if you want to help out.

### Annual Fundraising Raffle



After some early confusion on the question, we've learned that as a non-profit association, we are cleared to hold a raffle, and we're kicking off our summer fundraising with tickets at \$20 each for a night at the Jefferson Hotel and dinner at Le Maire restaurant. We'll draw the winning ticket on September 6 at our Lafayette Birthday Party, which will be held at the James Monroe Museum. We've had Lafayette Birthday Parties a couple of times in the past, and thought we'd do it again this year.

Here's a photo from the first FSCA Lafayette Birthday Party, in 2007, at which the ghost of Lafayette paid a visit.



Lafayette and Monroe fought together at the Battle of Brandywine, where the former was wounded, and it was Monroe as President who invited Lafayette to come back to the US for a tour in 1824.

Tickets for the raffle can be bought online at [Fredericksburg Sister City Association – Bringing Fredericksburg and Fréjus Closer Together \(fredericksburgfrejus.com\)](http://Fredericksburg Sister City Association – Bringing Fredericksburg and Fréjus Closer Together (fredericksburgfrejus.com)), from Board members, or at *Beck's Antiques* at 708 Caroline Street.

## **Student Exchange**

Ten of our area high school students are leaving on July 12 with Cathy Warder and Kristin Moeller as chaperones for two weeks in France. They'll stay with families in Fréjus for eleven days, then a few days in Paris before flying home. Here's a photo of the students from our meeting with the families at Castiglia's last month. We're very excited, as always, because we know these young people are going to have amazing experiences in France this summer.



*The Front Porch* will be running an article by chaperone Kristin Moeller about the trip and FSCA in the July issue.

## **Lafayette Ball in 2024**

We're continuing to work on planning for the 200th anniversary Ball for Lafayette's visit to Fredericksburg. November 23, 2024 at Fredericksburg Square. A City-wide committee, chaired by Lisa and David Durham (with Mayor Greenlaw as honorary chair) has been bringing together a variety of groups in town to work on the commemoration. There will be several events that weekend (military welcome at Sunken Road, Parade up Caroline Street, Reception at Old City Hall, Service at St. Georges, Reception at the Masonic Lodge), and FSCA is in charge of the Ball, which will be held at Fredericksburg Square (525 Caroline St). Mark Schneider, a well-known and highly respected interpreter of Lafayette, will be here, funded by the American Friends of Lafayette Society.

This link will let you read an account of Lafayette's 1824 visit to Fredericksburg, written by an ancestor of Mayor Greenlaw. [Reception of General LaFayette in Fredericksburg.docx](#) We have musicians/ music historians lined up to provide an ensemble to play music of the 1820's on period instruments, and we have interest from the Regency Society of Virginia to have

about a hundred dancers in period costume, and also lessons in English Country Dance in advance of the Ball. Planning is ongoing and we will keep you posted.

### **New Board member**

We are delighted to welcome Connie Orgeron to the Board of FSCA to finish out this term as Membership Chair and Second Vice President. In November we will be holding elections for officers, so be thinking about it if you think you might enjoy getting involved at the Board level. We'll be putting together a Nominating Committee in September to present a slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for the Membership Annual Meeting in November.

Bastille Day  
July 14  
Hurkamp Park  
5- 8 PM