

Lost Nation NEWS



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Springtime is a time of renewal. The grass shakes off its slumbers, the trees drink up rainwater and blossom, and the birds get busy building and populating their nests. It's a great season, and renewal is in the air. Well, fellow members, its time for us to renew our Fagowee memberships, too. It's a smart idea to send Baron your renewal right now, because its not too late to renew your membership at last year's prices.

Our dues are going up and you can save \$5 by sending your renewal to Baron now. You save money on our trips by being a member and some trips you have to be a member to do. Renew now - tis the season!

Renew!



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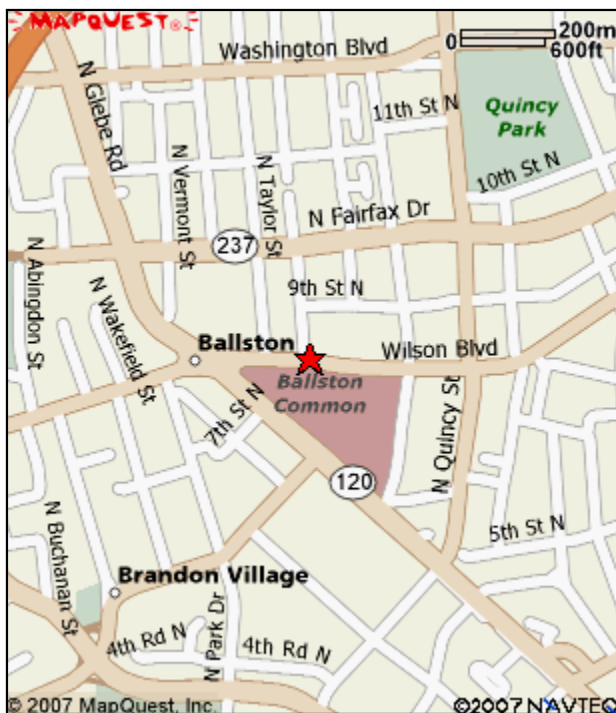
Message from da Prez -

You are here for a purpose. There is no duplicate of you in the whole wide world. There never has been, there never will be, you were brought here now to full a certain need. Take time to think that over. *Lou Austin*

Fagowees are unique. We are not your run of the mill club- not even close! We are unique because we had the strength to be different. While other clubs run their same-ole, same-ole trips to Killington and Aspen, we go to Reno and take over 25% of our club. We don't use travel agents like the rest of them, we do all the arrangements ourselves- even our Europe trip to Oktoberfest is lacking a travel agent! All the way down to getting the bus transfers and tour reservations for the brewery and talking to the owner to get that "special tour". When you do a Fagowee event, you won't see people all dressed alike in their Bogner suits and fur collars. What you will see is people in flame shorts and funky hats, and of course, plenty of duct tape. We fly down the mountain with bright orange flags on our poles so we can yell and hoot at each other going down the mountain- other clubs simply ignore each other. We end up in the bar or Jacuzzi with the shotski- other clubs are in bed by 9. We close the place down and leave at the end of the week as best buddies to every bartender in town with a handful of email addresses to keep in touch, while other clubs simply board the bus not knowing a soul. I like being part of something unique. I like having unique friends- they are way more fun than the run-of-the-mill other clubs! We get together year round- pool parties and float trips in the summer, beer festivals and motorcycle runs in the fall, winery tours in the spring, and in the winter, we ski! (cont'd on p.3)

Member club of the





Our meeting location is **Bailey's Pub and Grill @ Ballston Mall, 4233 Wilson Blvd in Arlington, VA, 703/465-1300**. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. When you walk in, head toward the right - we will be at the back bar. Try out their menu, have a beverage with your friends (40 beers at \$2.50 a pint!), make new friends, sign up for a trip, and catch up on what happened last month and what's coming up. Be sure a beverage is in hand when Dutch gets up to talk! And plan to stick around for the 50/50 raffle.

Directions: From 395, take exit 7 for S Glebe Rd, parking garage entrance is on the right before Wilson Blvd. Covered Parking in the garage for \$1, and Ballston Metro stop (Orange Line) is on the same block.

MEMBERS: Wear your name tag for a free 50/50 ticket!

Members and visitors, please ask the following officers any questions regarding the club.

Board of Directors

Lisa Vignerot – Pres	lvignerot@aol.com
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FALL WINERY TOUR

Can the Fagowees fill a wino bus for a wine trip in the fall? 30 spots - what do ya think?

Email Lisa - lvignerot@aol.com if you think so and let's plan for it!

OUR GREAT GRILL

Our new grill is three years old now - who hasn't eaten something cooked from it? Ty Williamson towed our grill up to Pennsylvania for some upgrades and it will be present for all to see and enjoy at the Float Trip. We've had new burners put on which will cook hotter, we had safety features installed on the ice chest doors (yes, for those who haven't seen it, our grill has a built in ice chest, which can hold alot of cases of cold beverages,) we replaced the brake lights with LED lights, and we're looking to get a spare tire for it. If you haven't had a dog or burger cooked off our Fagowee Grill, the Float Trip will be the perfect time to get a couple. Come on out and see our grill in action, we've had work put into it and everyone in the club should get a sample of its ability to make good eats the way you like 'em.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON WANTED

Due to work and family obligations, I have to step down as Activities Chair. It's been a lot of fun the last two years, and we're looking for someone to step up and take over the Activities Chair position. Looking for an outgoing, energetic, motivational chairperson to help line up this year and next year's events. Theresa is willing to help throw activities meetings at her place. Please contact a Board member or me if you are interested. - Mr. Bill

2nd Carl Rutledge Annual Fagowee Float Trip June 26-28th

HEY! BEAST HERE -

UPDATE ON THE FLOAT TRIP! WE HAVE 25 PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN ME CHECKS AND ANOTHER 40 PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMITTED ON GOING! THIS IS A GREAT START TOWARDS GETTING 110 PEOPLE TO CAMP & FLOAT DOWN THE SHENANDOAH RIVER. IF YOU ARE WANTING TO COME ENJOY ALL THE WEEKENDS FUN SEND ME A CHECK!! THE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "FAGOWEES", THE CUT OFF FOR ANY CHECKS IS JUNE 20th UNLESS YOU CONTACT ME AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THAT DATE! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING SO I CAN HAVE A GOOD TOTAL NUMBER FOR FOOD & FOR WATERMELON PARK!

PEOPLE ATTENDING: THOSE WHO HAVE PAID

STEPHANIE, LINDA, ED, MANNY, AMANDA, TY, WAYNE, JANE, MICHELLE, THERESA, COLLEEN, MICHEAL, BRIAN, HOYT, BILL, ANDREA, JOSH, BRYCE, LISA, JIM, RACHE, STEVEN, MARK, LISA, AND ... YOU!

CONTACT: JIM STARR / 8451 BAUER DR. APT. 23 / SPRINGFIELD, VA. 22152 / 703 932 3126 OR starrman.jstarr@yahoo.com

WHERE: WATERMELON PARK BERRYVILLE, VA. 22611

WHEN: JUNE 26, 27 & 28th

COST: \$37.00 PER PERSON WITH CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$10.00 A CHILD

PEOPLE WITH TRAILERS WILL PAY \$10.00 FOR ELECTRIC

TUBES CAN BE RENTED @ \$8.00 (BRING YOUR OWN IS BEST AS THEY RAN OUT OF RENTALS LAST YEAR - WE ALWAYS HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE FLOATING ON THE RIVER)

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

WELCOME BLENDER DRINKS & BEER FRI. NITE (THOSE 21 & OLDER) WE ARE AN ADULT CLUB

BREAKFAST SAT. MORNING

DINNER SAT. NITE

BREAKFAST SUN. MORNING

CAMPING FOR THE WEEKEND

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

BRING FOOD, WATER, BOOZE, AND BEER FOR YOUR FLOAT DOWN THE RIVER! (PLEASE NO GLASS ON THE RIVER SO PUT IT IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS)

PLENTY OF SUN SCREEN (THE RIVER CAN BE HOT & IT REFLECTS THE SUN VERY WELL)

AGAIN WE WILL BE JOINED BY A HASHING GROUP FOR THE FLOAT! THE HILLBILLY HARRIERS PLAN ON HASHING ON SUNDAY! IF YOU WANT TO HASH WITH THEM IT WILL BE \$5.00 PAYABLE TO THEM. (YOU MUST BE 21 & OLDER TO HASH) INFO ON THE HASHING CLUB IS AT hillbillyh3.com BASICALLY A RUNNING CLUB WITH A DRINKING PROBLEM (SOUNDS LIKE OUR KIND OF FUN) ...AND GET THIS: YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN!!! CHECK OUT THE HILLBILLY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS AT THEIR WEB SITE! MY DAUGHTER RACHEL IS THE CONTACT FOR THEM @ 210 845 8809

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE ON THE FLOAT, IT'S ALWAYS AN AWESOME TIME! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T BREAK LAST YEARS TOTAL OF 79 PEOPLE (ALL ON THE WATER, STARTING FROM THE SAME PLACE @ THE SAME TIME)!!! I STILL WANT 110 PEOPLE OR MORE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT SO PLEASE CONTACT ME!! - BEAST

Prez message (cont'd)

Other clubs do stuff, but it's expensive and homogenous. Some of their trips are so sterile, I wonder why people participate. Our events, we show up in bunny slippers and party until daybreak. Yup, I like our club! I like our members, and most of all, I like my Fagowee Family! We fill voids in lives and support one another. We cherish each other like we are family. We celebrate with you in good times, hug you when you need it, and kick you in the butt when required. That's why I love our club!!!!

Hugs to all my unique friends!!!!

Lisa, head bartender

Fagowee Annual Reno/Lake Tahoe Trip

March 6-13, 2010

This is Lisa and Marc and guess what time it is????? It's Tahoe/Reno time!!!! Once again the Fagowees are going to Reno to take the town over, do some skiing at the many Lake Tahoe areas, some gambling, some drinking, and some sightseeing. With our two-hour party every night, there is no excuse for not having fun!

So, here's the deal, including all taxes and fees:

Double occupancy	\$496
Triple occupancy	\$432
Quad occupancy	\$399
Single occupancy	\$746
Mini-suite	Add \$100 per Fagowee, minimum of two. <i>Sold out! Waiting list only!</i> <i>Air will be secured by July for those that don't have miles.</i>

You ask what that includes????

Plush seven nights deluxe room at the world reknown Peppermill resort. This is not some ordinary casino hotel but a full fledged resort with spas, pools, exercise center, and the top restaurants in Reno. Not to mention Reno's biggest gaming center where people like Chris Money-maker play International Poker Tournaments.

A 4x4 rental SUV from Avis—not some rent-a-wreck, but a spanking new fleet of cars with ipod and Bluetooth connections!

Party every night! Yes...the rumors are true—there is a two hour party every single night in the Presidential Suite penthouse hosted by Dutch and Joy. Cheeses, finger foods, meatballs, vegi-trays. Lots and lots of food!! And, along with food, there are coolers of beer and wine and soft drinks, and your's truly gets the blender going for my famous Mudslides and Pina Coladas. This year I am presenting a new drink—the Carmel Apple Surprise. It will not be unveiled until Reno, so gotta come on the trip to have one!

Discounted lift tickets! Every night at the party we will have discounted lift tickets for sale.

Now you ask, who is going? With almost 75% repeat attendees, if you don't sign up now, you will not get a spot. So far,

Lisa Vignerot	Billy Printz	Carol Overman
Marc Vignerot	Alecia Printz	Mike Rule
Dutch Mueller	Marlene Printz	Rodger Mueller
Joy Melnick	Billy Printz Jr	Carol Anne Mueller
Link (Edward Ebling)	Ralph Carder	Lance Bravard
Jan Ebling	Susan Carder	Brian Kerrigan
Webb Ellis	Bill Steinhour	John Webb
Carol Ellis	Andrea Steinhour	Trish Purcell
Charles (Ed) Cisneros	Theresa Marker	Manny Raffaele
Jo Anne Cisneros	John McIntire	Don Manouelian
Philp (Freed) Friedrichsen	Sandy McIntire	Mark Silverman
Kathy Friedrichsen	Charles Tackett	Phyllis Silverman

To sign up, please send Marc Vignerot a check for \$200 made out to the Fagowees, 1472 Mountain View Road, Stafford, VA 22554. For more information, please email Lisa Vignerot at lvignerot@hotmail.com or call at (703) 209-6776 or Assistant Trip Leader Dutch Mueller at (301) 699-8114.

Its Back and Even Better Than Last Year! Now 3 Huge Days!
ANNUAL FAGOWEES SUMMER SPLASH
2009 POOL PARTY & CAMPOUT
Friday-July 31st, Saturday-August 1st, Sunday-August 2nd
MENU

Friday Night: Homemade Pork BBQ, Snacks, Fruit and Drinks
Saturday Breakfast: Eggs, Pancakes, Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, Snacks, O.J., Milk, and Coffee
Saturday Lunch: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Homemade Pork BBQ, Snacks and Drinks
Saturday Dinner: Chicken or Steak, Baked Potato, Steamed Veggies, fresh Salsa from Speedys' garden
Sunday Breakfast: Eggs, Pancakes, Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, Snacks, O.J., Milk, and Coffee
Drinks: Soda, Water, Ice Tea, Coffee and Beer
Cost Per Person: \$45.00 for the entire Weekend **YOU WILL NOT GO HOME HUNGRY!**

SEE SPEEDY AT THE MEETING or 540/752-7111 to let him know you're going.
Directions - I95 South to Exit 133B puts you on RT 17 NORTH. Go approx Seven Miles and turn RIGHT on RT 612 (Hartwood Road); Go Approx 5.4 Miles, Speedy's on the left. 1353 Hartwood Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

NEW MEMBERS - ALL NEW MEMBERS - Come on over to Speedy's this August and get \$10 off. There's great eats and plenty of fun with water volleyball, sunning around the pool, playing some pool, and it's a great ride in the country in an area full of wineries and fresh vegetable stands.

Oktoberfest In Munich Germany September 23-28, 2009

Trip Leaders: Lisa & Marc Vignerot

Full Package Cost (per person):

Double \$1657 Triple \$1474

Air Only: \$815 (from IAD)

Two triple rooms left!

What is included in the full package:

Four nights lodging at the Hotel Willis (3-star) on Schwanthalerstrasse- walking distance to the Oktoberfest Beer Tents, Hoptbahnhof, and Marianplatz shopping district. One block off of Karlsplatz station which connects with the S-Bahn, U-Bahn, and trams- includes all VAT taxes and charges.

Full European Breakfast Buffet each morning- (fruits, cheeses, meats, salmon and lox, juices, coffee, soft boiled eggs, vegetables, Extensive selection of breads and pastries, etc)

Transportation on Lufthansa Airlines- Non-stop from Dulles International Airport to Munich. Includes all taxes, fuel charges, and departure fees. All connections come into IAD to make the Fagowee IAD-MUC flight.

Leave IAD Sept 23 8pm Arrive MUC Sept 24 10am Leave MUC Sept 28 4pm Arrive IAD Sept 28 7pm

Private Bus Transfers to/from Hotel and Airport

Tent reservations at Oktoberfest for Thursday **AND** Friday afternoon- cost includes lunch of ½ rotisserie chicken and two beers and tray of meats/cheeses, pretzels and radishes, plus extras!

Side trip to Bamberg, a medieval city that survived both world wars and is one of the few in Europe that is well preserved. They are also known for their Rauchbier- a wonderful smoked malt beer. Private tour!!! Includes train ride and transfers to/from Munich-Bamberg and extras!

Cancellation Policy: \$50 charge prior to June 15, Within 30-90 days of trip- \$200 charge (August 23), Within 30 days of trip- no refund-no exceptions, Within 30 days of trip with substitution- \$200 charge, Name correction (not full substitution, just name correction (ex- Mark corrected to Marc) \$50 charge

Information or sign up: Email Lisa at lvignerot@aol.com or call 703-209-6776. Sign up with check for \$200 deposit made out to "The Fagowees" and send to Lisa Vignerot, 1472 Mountain View Rd, Stafford, VA 22554. **Full amount due June 15, 2009.** Reservations can be made up to June 15, 2009. After 6/15 you may need to get your own air, and your hotel will be based availability (they may or may not have rooms available - sanity check - we're talking Oktoberfest here - rooms will be scarce) Here's who's

going so far:	Lisa Vignerot	Marc Vignerot	Bill Burgess	Mark Burgess	Baron Von Harlow
Sally Beringhausen	Greg Halop	Nanette Fairley	JB Bourne	Marge Sell	Stephanie Anderson
Darren Sintay	Dina Achtzener	Helga Murdock	Ruben Fernandez	Frank Giammarino Jr.	Patrick Charles Fleming
Charles Dantone	Tristan Cetto	Ryan Matthew Kander	Christopher John Dipietro.		

Rehoboth Beach Blast 2009 September 11th – 13th

Celebrate the last blast of summer weekend! ONLY 2 SPACES LEFT!

Surfs Up! Come be part of the largest Rehoboth Beach Blast! We are staying at two of our past favorite houses, 47 Pennsylvania and 47 Oak Avenues. View the houses under the rental section at www.jacklingo.com. Space is extremely limited, only two spaces left, one female single and one male single. Reserve your space now or miss out on the last blast of summer!

Fagowee Members Only Prices for the three night Weekend:

- Bed Spaces: \$240 per person o Stay extra nights for \$20 per night
- Day Tripper: Sold Out, Wait List Forming

Trip Includes:

- Overnight beach house accommodations in Rehoboth, DE, only two blocks from the beach, walking distance to heart of downtown.
- Friday night welcome dinner and party with festive beverages.
- Saturday night steak dinner and party with more festive beverages.
- Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts.
- More fun and sun on Monday.

Rehoboth Attractions are many and varied. Here are just a few:

- For all you Beach Bums - do some boogie boarding, ride the waves, watch for schools of dolphins, play sand volleyball, stroll down the boardwalk, build sand castles, or just bask in the sun.
- just down Rt. 1 in Dewey Beach - rent a jet ski, or do some parasailing.
- Need a break from the sun? Shop till you drop! There's plenty of prime outlet shopping and some very quaint shops and boutiques. Added bonus - Delaware has no sales tax.
- Water-logged? You'll find tons of activities such as go-karting, tennis, sight-seeing in neighboring beach communities, play miniature golf, or for you 'serious' golfers play a full 18 holes.
- Evening options are limitless – tons of great restaurants and bars. Check out www.rehoboth.com for more info.

Mail checks payable to "Fagowees":



- Ty Williamson at 703-522-7420 or tywdc@yahoo.com • 1029 N. Stuart Street, #400 Arlington, VA. 22201

Additional info: • \$100 deposit to sign up and the balance due by June's Monthly Meeting.

Cancellation policy: Refund less \$100 cancellation fee on or before June 15th or after June 15 if space is resold

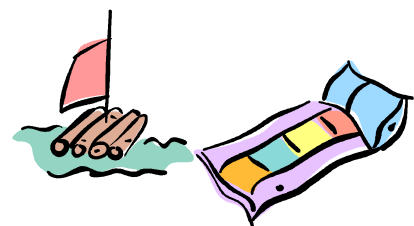
This is Dutch, your assistant Reno/Tahoe trip leader. Marc and Lisa have asked me to tell about some of the history of our trips to Tahoe. This month, let's look at condo history. We've been going to Tahoe for over 40 years, and for over half the time, stayed in condos, both North and South Shore. Condos are great because you can cook your own meals, or cook group meals and you have a family-type atmosphere. They are not so great because you can cook your own meals and have a family-like atmosphere. I love them because we would get a group together from several condos, all kick in the money, and have a different FULL breakfast each morning and usually a group dinner. Usually 25 to 35 Fagowees. Cost for the week? Less than \$10.00. Not one day. . .but for the entire week. In addition to the money, admission fee was one small log of firewood. From a trip leader's point of view, condo's are difficult because you must come up with a deposit AND NAME several months in advance, and usually paid-in-full three month's prior. Cancellation fee. . .no pity from the travel agent. The main problem running a condo trip is that EVERY bed must be filled. Hotel? No problem. . .just cancel the room, up to two days prior. So Queen size and not King size? Your problem? Assigned to that room are two guys that do not know each other and have enough body hair to build a toy teddy bear. Other condo problems are transportation to ski areas and casinos. We did not have rental vehicles "back in the day" for our group. So to break it down, as a skier, I loved them because of the fellowship and cooking. As a trip leader, they are a pain in the posterior. Next month. . .hotels and snow.

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Members Meeting @ Bailey's	3	4	5	6 Wine Tour (Lisa)
7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12	13 NYC Blackout 1977
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 RAFT (Beast)	27  FLOAT
28 TRIP	29	30 				

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 2 Membership Meeting (*Us*)
- June 6 Tour de Vin (*Lisa*)
- June 26-28 Float Trip (*Starrman*)
- July 24-26 White Water Rafting (*Cleveland*)
- July 31-Aug 2 Speedy's Summer Splash (*Speedy*)
- July 31-Aug 2 **New Members Welcome** at Speedy's
- Aug 23-24 Augustoberfest (*Stephanie*)
- Sept 11- 13 Rehobeth Beach Blast (*Ty*)
- Sept 23 - 28 Oktoberfest (*Lisa & Marc*)
- Mar 6 - 13 Lake Tahoe/Reno (*Marc & Lisa*)



Are you in the Know? Stay on edge

with the latest on trips, events, and informal gatherings by joining the **Fagowee_Skiers Yahoo group**.
 Go to http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/Fagowee_Skiers to sign-up or send an e-mail to andrea.steinhour@yahoo.com for help signing on.

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MEETING JUNE 2!

Float trip coming this month

TIME SENSITIVE MAIL

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When you contribute, please email your article as MS Word document. Send to: batrantula@yahoo.com or call the Editor at 703/343-3554

Membership Rates

New Member-one year*

Individual \$30
Family \$40

* includes pin

A member year is June-May

Lifetime Membership

Individual \$400
Family \$500

Renewal

Individual \$25
Family \$35

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