

Lost Nation News



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President's Message

September 11, 2011

Greetings Fellow Fagowees!!!

Dutch's final interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on September 26th at 10 AM. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Please be at the Visitors Center before 9:30 to get directions so everyone can be at the proper place on time. Following the ceremony, lunch will be in Shirlington at the Capital City Brewing Company, 4001 Campbell Ave, Arlington, VA.

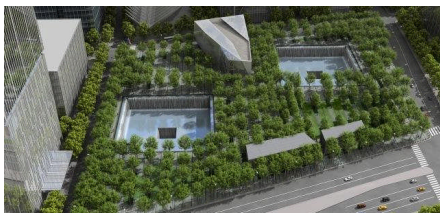
Wow... This has definitely been an interesting month. Earthquake, Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, record rain falls, flooding, and to top it all off, this month also commemorates the tenth anniversary of one of the most painful events in our Nation's history. It forever changed how we look at many things in life. The way we travel, the NY Skyline, and gave us a newfound love and respect for our Intelligence, Special Ops, and Service men and women as they fight terrorism in distant lands, so we are safer here at home. For all those who have, are now, or will serve, this Bud's for you! For those who were murdered by such a senseless act, we will never forgive, and never forget.

This month also brings some bittersweet news. Karen Osborne AKA Oz, will be relocating to Colorado in the coming months. She has been a wonderful trip leader, a terrific person to have on trips and has done a magnificent job editing the Lost Nation Newsletter for the last several years and has been an integral member of our Club. Her attention to detail and creativity will be difficult to replace, but we will need to find someone ASAP. If you have knowledge of Microsoft Publisher and willingness to commit a few hours a month let me know ASAP. She will be missed by all!

Karen is the second person we have lost to the beautiful highlands of Colorado. Jim Starr has been out there for several months building a custom home for Chris and Sheila Lawson. If Oz and Jim both get involved with the Denver Chapter, good grief! Hopefully they will help organize some great Colorado adventures for us in the future! Hint, hint!!!

We just returned from the Fagowee Beach Blast at Dewey Beach! What a great time! There is nothing better than good friends, good food, cold drinks and weather that was much better than the rain deluge and floods hitting back home. I truly appreciate everyone's help in making this one of our best Fagowee Beach trips to date. Oh... Never ask Fred to operate a dishwasher. You have been warned! ☺

Speaking of events and trips... Signups are open for the Chili Cook-off, Christmas Holiday Party, New Years trip to Seven Springs, Andorra Spain, Big Sky Montana, and coming soon will be Blue Knob and other local ski trips! If you have a favorite local trip and want to pull a day trip together, let me or another Board member know and we will get it on the calendar. Post your day trips to Yahoo, Meetup and Facebook!



Mr. Bill



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If you want to hike, bike, kayak, or anything else on a day when there is no scheduled trip, post to the users group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Fagowee_Skiers. You might find a fellow Fagowee to go with you ☺

Member club



Meeting Location:
Kilroys Restaurant & Sports Bar
 Ravensworth Shopping Center
 5250-A Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA
 703-321-7733

We meet in the back of the Pub on the heated deck. Tuesday specials include a Seafood Buffet from 4-8pm and \$5 off any bottle of wine between 5-9pm. Other specials vary during the year. Our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Plenty of free parking both in the front and in back of Kilroys, although the parking in back is closer to where we will be meeting.



From D.C.: Take 395 South across the 14th St. bridge toward Richmond. Take exit 1D to merge onto I-495 North. ****Take exit 54A to merge onto Braddock Rd/VA620 West.** Turn left at Port Royal Road. Kilroys is located at 5250-A Port Royal Road in the Ravensworth Shopping Center.

From the North: Take the Capitol Beltway 495 across the Potomac River and into Virginia. Follow directions from **** above.**

From the South: Take 95 North to 395 North/495 North toward Tysons Corner. Take exit 170B and merge on I-495 North. Follow directions from **** above.**

From the East: Take 95 South/495 West toward Richmond. Keep left at the fork to continue towards I-495 West/ 95 South. Follow directions from **** above.**

From the West: Take either 7 East, 267 East, or 66 East to I-495 South. Keep right at the fork and merge onto I-495 South Follow directions from **** above.**

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

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A shout out to all my Fagowee friends from Keith SNO-HO Stinson:

Most of you know or have met my daughter Rachel at one of our tribal gatherings. This is to let you all know that, as of September 9, 2011, Rachel graduated from the Fairfax Fire Department Training facility. She received her official helmet in a nice ceremony, where all the trainees families were able to meet and greet the crew. It also included a tour of the facility. I am very proud of her, and hope you all will offer her your congratulations next time you see her. She is assigned to the Alexandria station, and has already been out in the community, knocking on doors of flood victims and making sure no one was in trouble. So raise your glass to the fire department!! **GO RACHEL!!!**

October Bar of the Month

Our annual pilgrimage to our favorite beer fest hall in MD: **BLOBS PARK!** Come join us on Saturday, October 15th at 6:30p.m. at Blobs Park. \$12 door fee, food and beer are ala carte. Over 100 beers to choose from, best German food, and a live German band! For more information, go to www.blobspark.com.

Please RSVP to Lisa Vignerot at 703-209-6766 by October 8th so I can make the appropriate reservation for a table. As usual, wear your dirndl and lederhosen and be prepared to dance!

Blob's Park Presents!

\$12.00 Entrance Fee

OKTOBERFEST

Sat. Sept. 17 - The Sparrows and The Birch and Sternbach-Denvers
 Sun. Sept. 18 - The Sparrows and All Washington Schupkeaters
 Sat. Oct. 1 - City Guard and The Birch and Sternbach-Denvers
 Sat. Oct. 8 - Pinka Family and S&P Washington Schupkeaters-Denvers
 Sat. Oct. 15 - Matt Latham and All Washington Schupkeaters
 Sat. Oct. 22 - Square Box and S&P Washington Schupkeaters-Denvers
 Sun. Oct. 30 - The Conventions and All Washington Schupkeaters

A Tribute to Dutch The Fagowee Highlands—A Year Before the Fagowees Were Founded

From an article written in 1978 by the then-International President Nancy Benamanti, from the Cleveland Branch

Did you know there once was a ski area known as “Fagowee Highlands”? Oh yes, just another publicity stunt of Dutch’s. At the Hecht Company Ski Shop, they reported on a taped telephone message the Eastern ski resort conditions that day and how it was looking for the coming weekend. One year there was virtually no snow to report in the East, except, of course, at Fagowee Highlands, where there was always a new snowfall to report.

Fagowee Highlands had two chair lifts. The head of the ski school was Bull Schmidt, his brother Horst Schmidt was the lodge manager, and his wife, Fulla Schmidt, ran the restaurant. The Hecht Company’s tape would also publicize some top name entertainment at the mountain - but only late on a Friday afternoon when no one could possibly make it to the mountain in time to see them. They even gave phony elaborate directions to the Fagowee Highlands. They then had many people calling in for better directions when they couldn’t find Dutch’s fictitious highways. So, while all the other resorts would be showing poor to worse, the “Highlands” would have excellent to superb conditions - except on Friday, when there would be some devastating disaster to keep the people away. A flood, where the men’s room was reported poor and the ladies inoperable, along with armed robberies and even the base lodge blowing up. One time they reported the “Highlands” was located on a volcano, and it had just erupted, leaving 3-6 inches of new snow and 2-3 inches of new ash!! Anything to keep everyone away.

Fagowee Highlands had been in existence a year before the club officially began. So, when the club started to roll, the Highlands had to go, because many people began to catch on and would have thought the Fagowee Club was also a sham. So, bye Fagowee Highlands - AND HELLO FAGOWEES INTERNATIONAL!!!

IN THE BEGINNING . . .

Every story has a beginning and Dutch Mueller is ours! He’s the one that started the ball rolling back in ’66. It must be our philosophy of fun that has made us last so long (who knows). Dutch was a fast-talking smooth salesman who could sell anything to anyone! Well, back in 1966 he was selling F-U-N, and it didn’t take long to find some buyers. Dutch, while working at the Hecht Company Ski Shop in DC, had the opportunity to start his own ski club for “publicity” reasons, and compete with the 106 other ski clubs vying for members. Little did anyone realize what the Fagowees would become.

Dutch got a few people together to start his club, and as all good Fagowee Branches have started, they met at the local pub. As related by Dutch, the hardest part of starting was finding a good name. “FAGOWEES” was not new; the name had been used by Dutch years before for a California social club long defunct. Someone mentioned it again and it hit – we had a name, we had a group! Fagowees started, and the first few years brought in thousands of new members. At one point, Washington Fagowees had 1200 members.

Fagowees came into official being on August 16, 1966, with those forming the club being Conrad “Dutch” Mueller and a handful of other local skiers formerly belonging to the Ski Club of Washington DC. At that time, they were unhappy with the Ski Club of Washington, not because of what SCWDC was doing, but what they felt the club was not doing.

The Fagowees was set up with the idea that any activity (legal and reasonably moral) would be within the scope of the club’s activities as long as there were enough members to support it. They decided that they would not be a ski club (because this was too limiting), but would be an all-activity club that skied in the winter (and summer). Although the club was open to all ages, it was designed for adults, as almost all activities included drinking, and some activities ONLY included drinking. As Dutch said, “Fagowees are lovers, and I have never heard of, or seen, a fight at any Fagowee event. It’s much more fun kissing . . . and I’ll fight the guy that says otherwise.”

AND THAT’S HOW IT ALL STARTED!



Chili Cook Off And Halloween Party

Come dressed in your favorite Halloween Costume.

- When: October 29, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.
Where: Mike and Lora Kidd
9116 Triple Ridge Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039-3039
703.690.1099
Cost: \$5.00 - if you bring chili - you're a contestant and a judge
\$10.00 - if you don't - you're a judge
Vote early, vote often. Everyone's vote counts!!
RSVP: No Later Than October 26, 2009

It's time again for the Chili Cook Off. Bring your tastiest chili recipe. There is going to be chili (of course), beer, soda, wine, dessert, LOTS of socializing with fellow FaGowees.

Please bring at least two quarts of chili for judging. Feel free to bring additional sides and/or enhancements.



TRICK
OR
TREAT



Fagowee Annual Blue Knob Spring Frolic February 17-20, 2012

Are you ready for the annual Spring Frolic at Blue Knob? For skiers and non-skiers alike, this weekend is one not to miss! Staying at the Bedford Best Western once again, we'll start the weekend off right with a party at the outdoor hot tub Friday night after an optional dinner at the Jean Bonnet Inn if you are arriving early.

Included in the package are two nights lodging at the Best Western including all taxes (pet deposit/fee additional), full breakfast buffet Saturday and Sunday mornings, lunch at the Lodge Saturday at noon, and of course the Imler Fire Hall family-style dinner with soda/wine/beer, DJ and contests, bus transportation to and from the Best Western to the fire hall, and an after-Imler party at the hot tub again! If you are staying the optional 3rd night (2/19), full breakfast buffet is also included Monday morning.

<u>Cost per person:</u>	<u>2 nights</u>	<u>3 nights</u>
Single	\$218	\$293
Double	\$144	\$182
Triple	\$125	\$154
Quad	\$116	\$140

Frolic Package alone will be \$40 and includes: bus to and from the Best Western to the Imler fire hall, dinner and unlimited beverages at the Imler, DJ music and contests. Saturday Lodge Lunch is included in the overall package price, not the Frolic price.

Cost for children 17 and under - FREE (*note that no children under 18 will be admitted to the after dinner Frolic activities; they can attend the dinner for \$10 but must leave the hall before the adult festivities begin*)

NASTAR racing will take place on Saturday, and snow tubing, playing cards, and relaxing in the lodge are all optional activities as well.

Cancellation Policy: Prior to January 1st—\$25 cancellation fee,
After January 1st—no refund unless substitution is made

How to sign up: Bring your check to the October meeting, or send check for full amount made out to "The Fagowees" to Lisa and Marc Vignerot, 1472 Mountain View Rd, Stafford, VA 22554.

Reservations must be received by January 1st. After January 1st, reservations will be based on availability of rooms at the hotel.

Any questions, email Lisa at lvignerot@aol.com or Marc at mavignerot@aol.com.

Join The Fagowees for dinner at Maggiano's

Dinner night at Maggiano's!

Saturday, November 12th, 2011 at 5:30 PM we are going to Maggianos.

We are having the Chef's Choice including seafood and beef.

The price is only \$52 per person and includes tip.

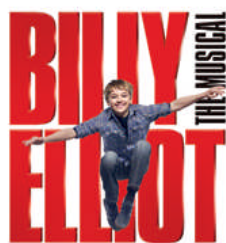
Drinks are separate.

Tysons II in Tysons Corner VA!

We have room for 20, so make your intention known now!

Contact Donna Stoll now to make you reservation!

dcampel@aol.com 703-865-4179



Billy Elliot Kennedy Center Opera House Wed., Jan. 4, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for Billy Elliot, the Musical, winner of ten Tony awards, including Best Musical of 2009! Set in a small English town, the story follows Billy as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, discovering a surprising talent for dance that inspires his family and his whole community.

We now have a block of 50 tickets in the front half of the orchestra section for the January 4th performance. Roughly half of the tickets are spoken for. Tickets will cost \$85. If you are interested, please contact Tim Gordon at 703-931-7795 or by E-mail at MLSM@att.net. Send payments made payable to Fagowees to Tim at 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041. Final deadline for signups and payment is November 25, 2011.

BIG SKY MONTANA MARCH 17-24, 2012

WITH THE CLEVELAND FAGOWEES & CMSC

7 night Big Sky Trip package includes: 3 bedroom condos (sleeps 6 people), Shuttle service to/from Big Sky & Airport, 5 day adult lift ticket, and Multiple parties!

Cleveland is currently selling ground packages ONLY! BUT they hope to have the airfare costs this month. If you want a ground only package, please specify when signing up.

Member: \$719 per person

Non-member: \$769 pp

\$200 deposit needed to sign up. They are half-full on this trip, so don't wait too long.

Trip Leader: Tom Keller 440-248-3694 or email: Tom_P_Keller@Keybank.com.

Send your check payable to "Cleveland Fagowees" to Tom Keller, 28720 Trails End, Solon, OH 44139.

Come join Marc & Lisa Vignerot and 4 other DC Fagowees on this trip!



Fagowees Annual Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 10, 2011,
6:00 PM—Midnight

Where: Crowne Plaza, Washington National
Airport, 1480 Crystal Dr,
Arlington, Virginia, 22202
703-416-1600



Cost: \$75—Now only \$50!

That's right; your club has once again agreed to contribute up to \$1,000 in order to reduce your price from \$75 to \$50! Last year we sold out and had to turn people away, so don't wait and sign up now! Get a room and stay for the "after hour party".

Cost includes a gourmet buffet dinner, lots and lots of door prizes, and DJ entertainment by our one and own, Marty Griffin.

A special Room Rate of \$99 is being offered to the Fagowees. Call 1-800-2CROWNE (1-800-227-6963) to reserve your room and tell them you're with the "Fagowee Ski Club Holiday Party".

*** NOW TAKING SIGN-UPS ***
*** DON'T WAIT, SPACE IS LIMITED ***

Make your checks payable to "Fagowees", and mail to: Marc Vignerot, 1472 Mountain View Rd, Stafford VA 22554.

Questions? E-mail Marc at mavignerot@aol.com



New Year's Weekend at Seven Springs Resort December 30, 2011-January 2, 2012

End and Start your year skiing and celebrating New Year's with the Fagowees at Seven Springs, PA. 3 nights at Seven Springs Ski Resort, staying at the hotel/resort on the mountain, Seven Springs features not only skiing on 32 trails and 9 lifts plus 5 terrain parks, snow tubing, snowshoeing, Game rooms, Full Service Spa, swimming, bowling, miniature golf, roller skating, racquetball, hot tubs and more, plus 12 restaurants, eateries and bars.

3 night lodging package—Queen Family:

2 per room	\$387 per person
3 per room	\$246 per person
4 per room	\$192 per person

Queen Family rooms feature 2 queen beds separated by the bathroom and the back bedroom has a door.

Included in the package: Lodging each night, breakfast buffet each day, 1 dinner buffet, lift ticket valid beginning at 4pm day of arrival until 7pm day of departure and all taxes and gratuities. (Buffet Dinner is at the Slopeside Dining room, you choose which night to use it.) Non-Skiers in the group will receive Ski Bucks (a gift certificate which can be used as cash throughout the resort) Plus a Fagowee New Year's Eve Party and New Year's Day football watching party to celebrate the weekend!

3 night package-Non-skier certificate-\$65 value



Payment Schedule:

\$75 at sign up
\$75 by October 11, 2011
Final Payment due by November 21, 2011

Cancellation Policy:

Sept 1-Oct 1: \$25 cancellation fee*
Oct 1-Nov 8: \$50 cancellation fee*
After Nov 8: \$100 cancellation fee*
*plus unrecoverable losses

To sign up contact: Stacy Hickman 703-960-2539 or send checks made payable to the "Fagowees" to PO Box 1283, Alexandria, VA 22313.



BRSC Eurofest 2012 Andorra, Spain March 3-10, 2012



Hey Fagowees, time is running out to sign up and visit 3 countries in one trip (Andorra, Spain and France). Let's ski the Pyrenees! Andorra has 177 miles of fresh powder in the Pyrenees between France and Spain in the ski areas known as Vallnord and Grandvalira. www.skiandorra.ad

1. Start your ski morning in Spain, lunch in France and ski home to Spain.
2. Ten minute shuttle ride from our hotel to the bases of Encamp and La Massena.
3. Senior skiers 71 & older ski free and persons 65 to 70 pay just \$24 a day for lift tickets.
4. We will stay at the Crowne Plaza Andorra la Vella, an all-suite hotel which includes full breakfast and dinner daily. <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/aroan>
5. All the BRSC ski clubs will be staying in the same hotel.
6. Andorra is the home of the world famous Spa Center Caldera. www.caldea.com/en
7. Andorra is a shopper's haven because it is a tax free zone where the U.S. dollar still gets more bang for your buck.
8. Optional Day trips for non-skiers. <http://www.carcassonne-tourisme.com/carcassonne> or <http://www.montserrat-tourist-guide.com/en/general/00-general.html>

Cost: \$1975 per person

Included: Roundtrip air from Dulles to Barcelona, Spain, all **current** taxes and fuel charges (subject to change), roundtrip transfers from hotel to airport, 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) at the all suite Crowne Plaza Hotel, Breakfast and Dinner daily, Service charge, local tax and VAT are included, Three BRSC parties (Welcome Party, Apres Ski Party and Dance Party), Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance is included **but not** trip insurance.

Lift tickets and Optional Day trips are extra. Lift tickets are **\$237** per person.

Payment schedule:

- \$200 payment due by September 13, 2011
- \$300 payment due by October 11, 2011
- \$500 payment due by December 6, 2011
- Final payment due by no later than January 3, 2012

Cancellation Policy:

- After September 1—\$50 cancellation fee
- After October 11—\$100 cancellation fee*
- After December 6—\$200 cancellation fee*
- * plus unrecoverable losses


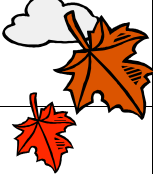

If interested, contact: Stacy Hickman 703-960-2539 and/or send a check made out to "Fagowees" to PO Box 1283, Alexandria, VA 22313 .

Signed up so far:

Lori James	David James	Ed Kirkley
Linda Steele	Rich Kavanagh	J.B. Bourne
Marge Sell	Fred Cruise	Nancy Cruise
Stacy Hickman	Lew Thatcher	Barbara Luce

Ski the Alps!

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Yom Kippur	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15 BOM Blobs Park
16 Boss's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29 Chili Cook-Off
30	31 	Check out http://www.holidayinsights.com/ for all the facts on holidays!				

Coming Events

- November 12: Maggiano's Dinner (Donna Stoll)
- December 10: Annual Christmas Party (Marc Vignerot)
- Dec. 30—Jan. 2: Seven Springs New Year's Weekend (Stacy Hickman)
- January 4: Billy Elliot at Kennedy Center (Tim Gordon)
- February 17-21: Blue Knob President's Day Trip (Marc & Lisa Vignerot)
- March 3-10: BRSC Eurofest—Andorra, Spain (Stacy Hickman)
- March 17-24: Big Sky with the Cleveland Fagowees (Tom Keller)

Monthly Meetings: September 6, October 4
BOD Meetings: September 13, October 11

Don't Forget: Connect to the Fagowees on Facebook, Meetup, and Yahoo Groups!



Editor's Note: If you have any notable Fagowee member news to report—birthdays, anniversaries, etc., please send an email to the editor at oz528@yahoo.com to have it included in the next Fagowee newsletter (as space permits :o)

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New Member-one year*
Individual \$30
Family \$40

* includes monthly Newsletter and member pin

A member year is June-May

Renewal
Individual \$25
Family \$35

Lifetime
Individual \$400
Family \$500

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