

Lost Nation News



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MAHLON C. MUELLER "Dutch"

On July 29, 2011, passed away at Laurel Regional Hospital at the age of 78. Loving husband of Joy; beloved father of Cheri Parsons of Ocean City, MD and Connie Horil of Fairfax, VA. Also survived by brothers Rodger (Carol), Vincent (Marguerite), and CJ (Kathy); sister Dorallen; four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Dutch was born in Dallas, OR and raised in CA where he received a Bachelor's Degree in journalism from San Jose State and served two years in the Navy. He most recently worked as a substitute teacher in Prince George's County, MD. He previously worked in automotive sales, managed the Blue Knob Ski Area in PA, and started the first Hecht Company ski shop in Washington, DC. He was most famous for founding the Fagowee Ski Club of Washington, DC.

Dutch had a profound impact on everyone he met and was dedicated to helping others enjoy life to the fullest. A Celebration of Life was held in his honor on Friday, August 12 from 1 to 5 pm at the American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the American Legion Post #136.



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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/I 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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Thank You

We want to thank everyone who helped us with the Memory/Legacy album that we prepared to celebrate Dutch and 45 years of Fagoweeism. Several of you submitted tributes, stories and pictures. It was a labor of love for us and we were happy to be able to do this for Joy. A special thanks to Steve Williams for making the wonderful tribute signs to Dutch which were used at Speedy's and at the Legion Hall celebration. Also, a special thanks to Sean McNally for making DVDs of the pictures and the tributes given at Speedy's for Joy, Cheri and Connie.

We also thought it was important to be able to share this 45-year walk down memory lane with everyone so we are offering copies of the items in the album as well as copies of the album itself to club members. First, we are making CDs that contain all of the tributes, stories, pictures and album page scans. We plan to bring several with us to the next few Fagowee monthly meetings for a nominal fee of \$3; or, if you would prefer, we can mail you a copy for \$5. Just send a request with your \$5 to John & Sandy McIntire, 6913 Winners Circle, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

Soon we also plan to make available reprints of the entire album via the web site blurb.com. We have the Club copy on order and, once we give it our OK, we will send out the web site info so anyone who is interested can order their own copy.

Thanks again, John & Sandy McIntire

Greetings Fellow Fagowees,

This last month has been very hard for many members of our Tribe. We lost a great man in Mahlon "Dutch" Mueller. The Club that he founded 45 years ago is still strong and thriving due largely in part to his perpetual energy and love of the Club. The Summer Splash that was going to be a Roast for our Founder became a Toast, and this last Friday, Friends and Family gathered in the American Legion Hall in Greenbelt, Maryland to pay tribute to this wonderful man. I demoted myself to Vice President for the Day, as Dutch was and will remain President in Memoriam.

Stories were told, poems read, memories and pictures were shared, Reg Evans and his wife Kay came up from Florida and Reg sang "My Way". Pictures from the Tribute Album that John and Sandy McIntire worked tirelessly on were on the video screen.

In the coming months, we will print tributes from members as space allows in the Newsletter. Try to keep them a reasonable length. There is also an online guest book that the Club has sponsored so it will stay online. <http://www.legacy.com/> and search for Mahlon Mueller, with past 6 months selected. You can post your stories and well wishes there as well and then share it to Facebook.

In lieu of flowers, Joy has asked that donations may be made in Dutch's name to the American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Our thoughts, prayers, and love go out to his family—his wife Joy, daughters Cheri and Connie, as well as his wonderful grandchildren. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything the Tribe can do, please do not hesitate to ask.

*I hold it true, whate'er befall;
I feel it when I sorrow most;
'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.*

~Alfred, Lord Tennyson 1849~, Canto 27, In Memoriam A.H.H.~ The way of the Soul~

We will all miss Dutch, but the Fagowee Ski Club he loved so much, will carry on in his name. To Dutch!

Bill Steinhour President

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



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 have a block of 30 tickets in the orchestra section for the January 4th performance. You may need to sign up pretty quickly, because the availability of additional tickets is always subject to what is available. 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. The final deadline for signups and payment is December 1, 2011.



Fagowee Beach Blast
Dewey Beach 2011
September 3-10, 2011
Beach party for the DC Fagowees!



Included: Awesome beach house on the beach block! Breakfast & dinners provided each day, snacks, beer, wine, sodas and waters. Lunch is on your own.

Rooms: Queen Pullout couch \$265 pp two available
 Floor space \$260 pp one available

Last chance to enjoy the warm sunny beaches on the Fagowee Beach Blast! Only two Pullout couches and floor space remain!

Additional nights: \$25 pp/pn for weekenders, \$40 pp/pn for non-weekenders. Day tripper (call for pricing).

New sign-ups pay full amount. Balance is due for those who signed up early.

Cancellation policy: no refund unless resold.

Call Mr. Bill for more information: 703-861-5503

Fagowees signed up:	Bill & Andrea Steinhour	Margaret Houlehan (Cleveland)
	Marcia Hackett Thomas Kates	Karen Eckert Oz
	Vic Marcellus John Clemmens	Fred Bowers

Bring your bed linens, sun block, beachwear and a smile! BYO hard liquors. We will have the Margaritaville Frozen Concoction maker and plenty of Margarita mixers at the beach!

See you at the Beach! Mr. Bill



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.



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!

Would You Like to Play Some Cards? A Tribute to Dutch Mueller

Would you like to play some cards?
It's really not that very hard
Just sit right down and pony up some cash
I'll get your chips and be back in a flash

Now don't ask me how, because you should already know
I like to play quickly and not very slow
Your cards are yours in the middle we share
Hey, where's your blind it should already be there!

Keep your marker on top of the cards in your hand
That way I know if you've folded or still stand
Don't make small talk, this is serious stuff
I'll watch you squirm when I call your bluff

Come on hurry up, what's taking so long
I may not look like I know what's going on
But I'm as keen as a fox with a nose for the game
I'm calculating you too, I win again, eh, what a shame

Time to ante up again, isn't this fun?
I can play all night, even till a quarter past one
Your pile's getting low, and mine is getting bigga
I win again, winna winna, Chicken Dinna!!!!

So would you play him in the rain? In a box or on a train?
In light of day or dark of night? I would play him, I'm not a
fright
I would play him in a box, on a train or with a fox
I would play him here or there, hell I would play Dutch,
Anywhere

We will miss you my friend, Family man, and Fagowee
Founder
Try not to piss off God too much, less he send you down
under
We will play you again some day this I know,
Save us a seat, when it's our time to go

So join me in lifting a toast to this great man
He has touched so many, I'm not sure if that was his plan
To his wife, his children, his friends on and off the snow
We will all miss our Dutch. For this, we already know.

To Dutch!

Bill Steinhour President DC Fagowees, August 11, 2011

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*

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!

**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 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: 2 per room 3 per room 4 per room
Queen Family **\$387 per person** **\$246 per person** **\$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 plus unrecoverable losses
 Oct 1-Nov 8: \$50 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable losses
 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.



**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 in Oz's room (right off 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 in Oz's room again! If you are staying the optional 3rd night (2/19), full breakfast buffet is also included Monday morning. NASTAR racing will take place on Saturday, and snow tubing, playing cards, and relaxing in the lodge are all optional activities as well.

Package costs per person are still being finalized, but will be within 10% of last year's prices. Check the flyer on the website for the update, which will probably beat the newsletter to press. To sign up contact: Oz at 703-307-9957 or send checks made payable to the "Fagowees" to Karen Osborne, 46880 Clarion Terrace, #200, Sterling, VA 20164. Any questions, email Oz at oz528@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you all there! Oz



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



Hey Fagowees! Let's 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 79 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: \$2000 per person

Included: Roundtrip air from DC 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:

- Full refund if cancelled by September 1, 2011
- After September 1—\$50 cancellation fee
- After October 11—\$100 cancellation fee*
- After December 6—\$200 cancellation fee*
- * plus unrecoverable losses

To sign up, 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:

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| 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!

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Don't Forget: Connect to the Fagowees on Facebook, Meetup, and Yahoo Groups!				1	2	3
4 Dewey Beach Blast	5	6 Monthly Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 BOD Meeting	14	15	16	17
			Alaska Cruise			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Oktoberfest			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Check out http://www.holidayinsights.com/ for all the facts on holidays!					

Coming Events

- September 3-10: Dewey Beach Blast (Bill Steinhour)
 - September 10-17: Cruise to Alaska
 - September 21-26: Oktoberfest (Lisa & Marc Vignerot)
 - October 15: October BOM—Blobs Park (Lisa Vignerot)
 - October 29: Chili Cook-Off and Halloween Party (Lora Vernon-Kidd)
 - 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 (Karen Osborne)
 - 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



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

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Individual \$30
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* includes monthly Newsletter and member pin

A member year is June-May

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Individual \$25
Family \$35

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Individual \$400
Family \$500

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