



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

March - 2018



2018 FFWC Calendar

Next meeting will be the April 19th, 6:15 pm, First Baptist Church at 720 Grand Ave. Use church's east entrance, then go downstairs.

See exchange opportunities
on Page 3.



**Need
a new
nametag? Get
one for \$15.00!**

Council Leader's Message – March 2018

This year, Friendship Force of Western Colorado will be celebrating International Friendship Day on March 29, 2018. The Club has scheduled a reception for the International Students of CMU to be held at Kannah Creek on 12th Street from 4:30PM until 6:30PM. Appetizers, cake, and lemonade will be provided by the club. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased by any individual desiring to do so. The Club will not be responsible for any bar tab.



We hope you will join us for this fun and important club event which replaces our monthly general meeting for March. Please come out and meet the international students of CMU and work towards meeting our Club's goal of international peace through one friendship at a time.

Your Leaders Council has been busy updating the Club's By-Laws. We are now ready to present them to the general membership for final approval as outlined in the By-Laws – 30 days prior to vote by the general membership. **A vote to approve the By-Laws will be taken at our next general member meeting on April 19, 2018 at 6:15PM at the Baptist Church, corner of White and 7th in Grand Junction.**

At our April meeting we will also be updated on upcoming journeys, both incoming and outgoing, for 2018 and 2019.

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner

Western Colorado—Chapter's Leadership Council

Council Coordinator	Jim Gardner	778-6191	See Membership Booklet
Secretary/Historian	Barb Gardner	778-6150	See Membership Booklet
Treasurer	Claudia Waterman	243-2160	See Membership Booklet
Events Coordinators	Kathy Nielsen	260-8548	See Membership Booklet
Membership	Barbara Sundermier Claudia Kellar	256-0093 201-8822	See Membership Booklet
Publicity	Jim Witt	209-9241	See Membership Booklet
Newsletter	Jacque Berwick	644-7347	See Membership Booklet
Journey Coordinator	Sue Moyer	242-5999	See Membership Booklet
At-Large	Elsie Blink	773-1533	See Membership Booklet

Rocky Mountain Regional News



**Check out the travel opportunities from the other clubs
on the international website..**



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**See us on our Face Book page @ Friendship Force Western
Colorado. If you have anything you would like to put on our
Face Book Page contact Donna Miller @
(970) 257-7444 or email her @ dpmiller-
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Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Saskatoon and Lethbridge Canada Outgoing, May 30-June 11, 2018

(JC) Verna Bunn & Donna Wallace

Cancelled. Too few Ambassadors.

Birmingham, Alabama Incoming, August 31-September 11, 2018 (HJC) Dan Clancy

Birmingham will be coming to Cheyenne and Western Colorado. Waiting for Cheyenne to pick their dates, but hopefully in the first half of September.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana Outgoing, March 2018

(JC) Sue Moyer

If you are interested contact Sue Moyer. Right now there is only one person is going on this trip. The due date for applications/money is tomorrow the 15th of February.

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, June 2019

(HJC) Needed

They will be visiting Western Colorado & Reno/Tahoe. We will let you know more information as it comes in

New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, November 2019

(HJC) Needed

We will let you know more information as it comes in.

Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

Northern Germany, Outgoing, June 6-17, 2018 See information on page 4

Since our Canada trip to Lethbridge and Saskatoon did not fill, here are some other journeys that our club members can join.

Canada Toronto (1 day) and Haliburton Ontario, June 19-27, 2018 (JC) Tallahas-

see Florida

Edmonton and Lethbridge Canada , August 12-26?, 2018

(JC) Connecticut

Bogota Colombia, June 5-12, 2018

(HJC) Baton Rouge

Trip fee includes FFI , Colombian FF and BRFF fees of \$390.00. Colombia Club has prepared for us the Following places to visit: Santa Clara Museum, Gold Pre-Colombian Museum, Salt Cathedral, Botero Museum (my Favorite) Monserrat's Hill, Candelaria (historical part of Bogota) and more. **Hurry! Only 3 spaces left. We would like to know if someone is Interested by March 20, 2018.** Contact information: Morena Cazedessus, Journey Coordinator, Friendship Force of Baton Rouge, [225-937-4429](tel:225-937-4429), 12742 Lazy K, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

Outgoing Journey to Schwerin and Norderstedt Germany

June 6 – 17, 2018

You may have been to Germany in the past. But, have you been to northern Germany? Join members of the Friendship Force of Utah for a journey to Schwerin in the land of lakes and castles. Follow your stay in Schwerin with four days in Norderstedt where our hosts will give us a grand tour of Hamburg.

Schwerin is one of the few towns that was untouched by World War II. It lies in a densely wooded region on the shores of Lake Schwerin. The region is a paradise for nature lovers, hikers, art lovers, and history buffs. With its vibrant energy, cafes, shops, historic sites, and the fairy-tale Schwerin Castle this small city is a delight to discover.

After seven days in Schwerin, we can extend our time in northern Germany and take a short train trip to Hamburg where we will meet our hosts from Norderstedt, a nearby sub-burb of Hamburg. Members of the Norderstedt club are looking forward to showing us the best of Hamburg.

Sightseeing Highlights - Schwerin

- Schwerin City Tour
- Schwerin Castle and Gardens
- Historical Open-Air Museum
- Schwerin Cathedral
- Art museums and galleries
- Guided tour of historical Wismar
- Walk/Bike the trails in the Schwerin Lake District

Add on a stopover in **Norderstedt** where our hosts will welcome us in Hamburg. Come prepared to walk the cobbled streets of Hamburg, enjoy the great food and beer, music, and art.

Interested? Contact Judy Cohen, journey coordinator

judycohen@xmission.com

801-582-2431

Cost for visit to Schwerin

\$165 fee to FFI

\$150 fee to Schwerin club

\$25 Ambassador Administrative Fee

Cost for visit to Norderstedt

\$80 fee to FFI

\$100 fee to Norderstedt club

Airfare and train travel are not included

The Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus 50 Years Young Avalon Theater, Saturday, April 7th, 2018 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Featuring

- The Bookcliff Harmony Chorus & Quartets
- Colorado Mesa University Men's Choir
- Grand Mesa Sweet Adelines
- Grand Junction High School Men's Choir
- Caprock Academy Choirs



\$10 adults / \$12 Students

Thicket available at the Avalon Box Office, <https://monumentalitx.com> or call (970) 257-SONG (7664)

New Member

I would like to introduce new Friendship Force members, Carol and Patrick Mobley. They met in 2012 and were married in June of 2014. Pat says Carol is his "smart little cutie"!

Carol, along with 32 other ski patrols, came to Vail, Colorado to ski. She was hooked on the wonderful snow and mountains and moved to here 4 months later. Taking a job selling medical electronics was a stepping stone in Carol's medical career. She earned her Masters in Nursing Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 2011.

Patrick was raised on a ranch up river from Rangely, Colorado. I would say he has been a "jack of all trades"....including a pilot, a long-haired hippy landscaper, worked for the IRS and was a radio DJ in Mountain View, Missouri. KCUF, 96.9 on the dial...a pure redneck country station changed to one playing rock & roll by Patrick!



March Birthday

Donna Wallace
March 30

You're Invited!

In honor of World Friendship Day

If you have never visited with a CMU international student please do not miss the upcoming meet and greet to celebrate World Friendship Day. The students are a wealth of information and enjoy sharing their culture. The meet and greet Thursday, March 29 from 4:30-6:00 pm at Kannah Creek (the back room)). Light appetizers will be provided. Contact Claudia Kellar @970.242.9124 for more information.



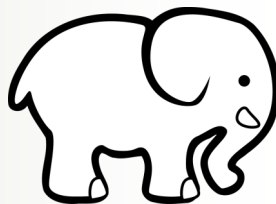
THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FFWC BUCKS AUCTION

Tuesday June 19th, 6:15 @ Jacque B's Home



Bring your white elephant items to our next meeting, Thursday April 19th, 6:15 at the First Baptist Church. This is the last meeting we will have before the event.

For more info call Kathy Nielsen (970 260-8548) or Jacque Berwick (970 644-7347).





2018 Valentine's Day Party Friday, February 16th

Everyone had a great time. The Barber Shop Quartet sang for us. It was just a lot of fun and great food. Sorry everyone couldn't make it this year, but there are more social events thought out 2018.

See you next time.



We need to thank Kathy Nielsen, Barbra Sundermeier, and Claudia Kellar for all their hard work to make this happen.



Activities List 2018

March	<i>Thursday, 29th @ Kannah Creek 4:30 pm - World Friendship Day w/CMU foreign exchange students.</i>
April	Thursday, 19 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Sue incoming & Kathy auction @ ice cream social
May	Saturday, 5 th Golden Corral 8:30 – Breakfast & Conservation \$5.99 + tax you pay
June	Tuesday, 19 th @ Jacque Berwick's home, 2294 N Arriba Cir @ 6:15 pm - Ice Cream Social w/white elephant
July	Thursday, 19 th @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm – Picnic, pot luck
August	Thursday, 16 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Sue 2020 outgoing & 2018 incoming
September	TBD - Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
October	TBD, first week of month – Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
November	Thursday, 15 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council members
December	Saturday, 15 th @ Unitarian Church 12:00 pm – Christmas Party

Council meets the first Tuesday of every month, Chevrolet Car Dealership on North Ave, 9:00 am.

FFI of Western Colorado Council Summary March 6th, 2018

Twelve of thirteen Council Members present (quorum is four).

Treasurer's Report:

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

Our annual 2017 audit, performed by Jeff Parker, is complete. Financial transactions showed no irregularities. The documents/records were accurate and well done.

The 2018 Bylaws are revised/completed, will be sent to all members with the Newsletter, will be in members' hands 30 days prior to the vote to approve them, on Thursday, April 19th at our regular meeting, 6:15pm at the First Baptist Church at 7th and Grand Ave.

New Member Orientation Packet is still being developed.

Review 2018 Activity Calendar (in the Newsletter) for time changes and locations for all events.

Our World Friendship Day with the CMU exchange students (and possibly the high school students) will take place Thursday, March 29, 4:30-6:30pm at Kannah Creek Brewery on 12th Street in their back meeting room. Appetizers, lemonade, water and cake will be served. Please plan to attend.

Our 2018 Outgoing Journey to Canada 5/30 - 6/11 is cancelled due to lack of participation.

We have two Incoming Journeys:

August 31 - September 7 2018 - Birmingham, Alabama. Dan Clancy is the Host Coordinator for this journey.

October (TBD first week) 2018 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A host Coordinator is needed for this journey. We need all club members to participate in one form or another to make these a success.

The April 19th Meeting will include, but not limited to, voting for the revised 2018 Bylaws, reviewing the 2019 Incoming and Outgoing Journeys, viewing a travel DVD, receiving information on the 2018 Incoming from Alabama and discussing the Friendship Force bucks, and why you are being asked to bring a useable white elephant gift to this meeting.

Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Quarterly Meeting

Our last 2018 club meeting was January 19th

Our next club member meeting will be Thursday April 19, 2018 at 6:15PM at the Baptist Church, corner of White and 7th in Grand Junction.

Check out the Activity List to see the upcoming events.

Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force I recognize that I can make a Difference.

I recognize that I have a mission; that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me.

I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered. I can make a difference.



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