



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

March - 2019



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Upcoming Events

**3/9 9Am-7pm
Fund Raiser at
Barnes & Noble**

**3/21 6:15 pm
General Meeting at
1st Baptist Church**

**3/28 5:30-7:30pm
Friendship Day at
Lakewood Comm.
Room with CMU.
3150 Lakeside Dr.**

4/6 Luau at CMU

**4/20 Conversation
& Breakfast**

The Council Leader's Message – March 2019

My thought for March is that the Groundhog came out of his burrow on February 2nd, took a look around, and seeing the snow coming across most of the northern states, decided to give us all false hope by saying that Spring was just around the corner then he quickly exited by a back door to go purchase tickets to go south. I guess one could say that the Groundhog was speaking as a true member of a Friendship Force club from the underground. Always trying to get to the front of the line to make his travel arrangements first.

Oh well. Spring does seem to be a time when many begin to make their travel plans for the year. For FFWC, that means hosting 8 Ambassadors from Brisbane, Australia June 1-8, and we will probably be hosting 7-8 Ambassadors from July 19-23rd prior to delivering them on to the FFI World Conference in Boulder July 24-27. These are excellent times to showcase our Club as well as Western Colorado. The Leadership Council hopes that our members set aside time to promote world peace – “one friendship at a time”, by being active as home hosts, day hosts, drivers, and small dinner party hosts. Please sign up with Dan Clancy to help with the Brisbane Journey and Sue Moyer to help out with the pre-FFI World Conference Journey.

October 31 to November 16, 2019, will be our turn to venture down under to Napier and Southland, New Zealand as outbound FFWC Ambassadors. Sue Moyer has told me that there are still one or two Ambassador spots yet to be filled. Be sure to contact Sue and make your deposit to guarantee your spot on this exciting journey.

Finally, I wish to thank all of our members who will be helping with the Barnes & Noble fundraising event. While Barb and I will not be able to make the event due to our own travel to Norway, we hope that you will see your way over to Barnes & Noble on March 9th to discuss with the public what Friendship Force of Western Colorado does while handing out store coupons to customers making purchases of books and café items (including Cheese-cake Factory cheesecakes. Please remember, the better we represent FFWC, the higher dollar level of sales, and the higher Barnes & Nobles contribution back to our club. I hope that you will be in contact with Sue Moyer prior to March 9th to sign up for a time to help.

Please also remember to attend the General Membership Meeting on March 21st at the First Baptist Church on the corner of 7th and Grand at 6:15pm. We will be discussing and voting on our 2019 By-laws update and treated to photos and stories from Sue and Jacque of their recent trip to Indonesia and Thailand.

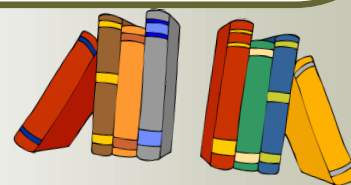
Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner

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**Barnes and Noble Fundraiser
Saturday, March 9
Sue Moyer coordinator**



We still need people to staff the tables from 9-noon and 3 to 6:30. Please call or email Sue Moyer with which shift you can work.

Come to the fair and purchase books and/or the cafe and let the cashier know that you are there to support Friendship Force. We will have a display and handouts at the tables along with info to hand out to interested customers.



**Saturday, April 6, 2019
CMU'S Polynesian Club's Annual Luau
at the CMU University Center Ballroom**

If you would like a ticket to CMU's Polynesian Club's annual luau on Saturday, April 6th, please contact me by Thursday, February 28th. Tickets are \$40.00 each which includes a buffet dinner, Hawaiian music, singing & dancing. It will be in the CMU University Center Ballroom at 6:30 pm.



WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY!

You are invited to celebrate World Friendship Day with some of the world's best friendship ambassadors. On **Thursday, March 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** our club will host a Meet and Greet with CMU's International Students. Young people come from all over the world to attend CMU. If you have never attended a prior Meet and Greet, I encourage you to attend. Meeting these students who are passionate about their country and culture is life changing. It will truly bless you. Please do not miss this program. Light refreshments will be provided.

It will be at Lakeside Community Room, 3150 Lakeside Drive, Grand Junction, Co 81506.

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1 - 8, June 2019

(HJC) Dan Clancy



. G'Day Mates! The Brisbane, Australia Friendship Force club is coming to the Western Slope. We will be hosting the Australian ambassadors from **Saturday, June 1 through Saturday, June 8**. They will be arriving by train from Denver, and they will be leaving by train to Salt Lake City. While they are here, we will be showing them our club's grand western hospitality through parties and planned sightseeing events.

CURRENT UPDATE: We are planning to introduce a couple of new activities for this journey, including a tour of an Alpaca Ranch and Fiber Mill. All club members are invited. More information will be forthcoming as the itinerary is finalized. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Be part of the excitement by becoming a Host, Day Host, Day Driver, or Small Dinner Party Host. We are currently accepting volunteers for these activities. There will be a sign-up sheet at all our meetings and get-togethers for the next three months. Please volunteer for something that interests you.

Dan Clancy is the designated Journey Coordinator. He is working on the itinerary for the week and looking for help to make this event a huge success. You can contact Dan to answer any questions:

Phone: 404-414-0642

Email: DPCX2@outlook.com

New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, October 31 - November 16 (Sue Moyer)

We have 2 spots left for the trip. If you are interested, let Sue know ASAP as we are going to be opening it to the rest of the region. Deposit of \$500 is due to Sue by the end of March. Make checks out to FF Western Colorado and either give the to Sue at the March meeting, or mail them to her home. This is a two week exchange to Napier on the North Island and Southland (Invercargill) on the South Island. Costs, excluding airfare will be around \$950.

Still waiting on Napier to verify start date of Nov 2nd. More information coming as soon as we hear back.

Pre-World Conference, Boulder, CO July 19-23, 2019 (JC) Sue Moyer

We are full and as soon as we get the last applications, we will be assigning ambassadors to hosts for the event. There will be an Ice Cream Social 3pm Sunday, July 21st at Jeff Parker's for all the club to meet our guests. More info to come.

On the 23rd we will be driving them to Boulder for the World Conference.

Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

2019 World Conference, Boulder, CO July 23-27, 2019

(JC) Sue Moyer

Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference. Register early if you want to stay in the dorms. We are driving over on July 23rd with the ambassadors who came here for pre-hosting. Conference starts officially the morning of the 24th. Registration should start in October.



PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER REBEKAH McDERMOTT!

Rebekah stopped by the Friendship Force booth during Culture Fest to check us out. We are happy she joined our club! Rebekah brings a lot of party and event planning to our group. She has coordinated an Alice in Wonderland themed mystery dinner, an All Season Party, a Lady's Purse Party, a Garden Party, Western themed BBQ and parties for St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, 4th of July and Halloween. One thing all her parties have is a fun "Photo Booth"!

Sewing and gardening are two of Rebekah's many interests. This year she is excited about a personal challenge and a new volunteer opportunity. She is mentoring a group of 6th - 9th graders at her church. She is teaching them hand sewing, starting with buttons & hems and finishing with machine sewing. Rebekah has lots of sewing experience. She was President of the North Texas Chapter of the American Sewing Guild for 4 years. Rebekah is planning a potager garden in her yard this spring. What is a potager garden? It intermingles vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs in a design or in groups, not the normal garden rows. Rebekah also enjoys cooking, reading, entertaining and her Bible study group.

Since Rebekah does not travel, she is interested in home hosting, day hosting, being a driver and hosting small dinner parties for incoming journeys.

She was raised in Memphis, Tennessee. Rebekah lived in Dallas, Texas from 1972 until moving to Grand Junction in March of 2018. She has a daughter and grand daughter who live here. Her other 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren live in Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia.

Rebekah, thanks for joining Friendship Force!



Happy Birthday:

Donna Wallace 3/30

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2019 WORLD CONFERENCE IN BOULDER, COLORADO

The World Conference will be held July 23 through 27, 2019 on the CU campus.

You might ask “Why CU in Boulder for the 2019 conference?”

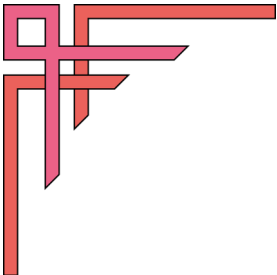
Jeremi’s message: Using an academic backdrop for the venue will communicate our “Mission” and experience a new direction for the 2019 World Conference and future World Conferences. The goal is to train members and leaders and have a general feeling to inspire and excite attendees toward our mission. The conference agenda will include 2 days of education/sharing, general business; and 2 days of activities, socializing events.

At a President’s meeting in April we discussed the details of the conference. Ideas and activities were suggested. Presidents will ask for volunteers from each club to serve on the planning committee. Coordinating pre and post conference homestays in the region was also discussed.

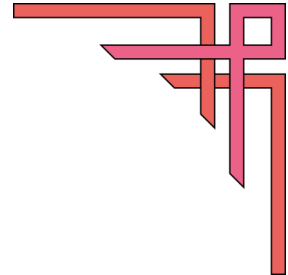


Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference.

In Friendship, Sue Palmer, Rocky Mountain Regional Field Rep



Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting February , 2019



No General Meeting in February.

We met at Sang Gardens for lunch on February 12th.

Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Leadership Council Minutes February 5, 2019

Ten of eleven Leadership Council Members present (quorum is four).

The 1/08/19 Leadership Council minutes & the 1/17/19 General Membership mtg minutes were approved.

The 2019 Bylaws were updated/revised and approved by the Leadership Council. They have been e-mailed to all members with the February newsletter & will be presented for a vote of the membership at our General Membership Meeting, Thursday, 3/21/2019.

Treasurer's Report: Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed & approved. Dan Clancy was elected treasurer to replace Cindy who resigned. The 2018 financial audit was completed 1/22/19. All is in order.

A used Windows 7 computer with Quicken has been purchased for \$100 to be used by the Treasurer and passed on from Treasurer to Treasurer. Please get all expenses to the Treasurer in the month of use for easier auditing purposes. No checks will be written without the FFWC Expense Reimbursement Request Form with receipt/receipts attached.

Journey Updates:

Incoming: Brisbane Australia will be here Saturday, June 1-8, 2019. Dan C is the Host Coordinator. We are expecting 8 ambassadors. They will be arriving and departing by train. Sign up sheets will be available at the 3/21/19 General Membership meeting. More info to follow.

FFI World Conference will be held at CU-Boulder July 24 - 27, 2019. July 24 & 25-meetings; July 26 & 27-"FUN" activities. Our club will help during that time. Our club will be hosting pre-conference home stays (only 3-5 days) for 6 ambassadors. World Conference will never be closer or more affordable. We are encouraging our club members to participate in all the events. Registration is still open.

Outgoing: Sue M, is the Journey Coordinator for our 2019 trip to New Zealand, October 31-November 8 (Napier, North Island) and 11/8-16/19 (South Island). \$950 in fees plus airfare. Private, personal extra days are possible.

Outgoing: 2020 will include a mystery trip; parameters were discussed & forwarded to Atlanta.

Journey Coordinator training will take place at Sue P's home on Sunday, February 24, 9 am -12 noon. Please call Sue M, (242-5999) or Sue P, (241-9122) for more info.

Banners with the FFWC logo are available for purchase for \$10. T-shirts are also available for \$20, extra large sizes mostly.

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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