



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

August- 2020



Upcoming Events:

Leadership Council
Meeting: Tuesday,
August 4th at 9 am by Zoom.

Tentative Activities:

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August
16th

Highway Cleanup on Grand Mesa:
September 14th

Chili Cook Off: October TBD



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Have a friend who likes to travel?

Be sure to invite them to our activities so they can see what we do and decide if it is for them.

Council Leader's Message

Hello Western Colorado members. The club activities have been shut down for several months now, and we are all missing the planned activities and journeys we thought would be happening in 2020. As you know, the COVID-19 case count took a steep rise during the last month and Mesa County has now recorded its first death due to this virus. This has caused the club leadership to continue to cancel upcoming events. I really missed having our annual picnic this past month. At the next council meeting, the council will be discussing the likelihood of having the upcoming Ice Cream Social (planned for August 16th).

If you have an itch for travel like I do, there are many virtual activities available to you through the FFI website. Sue Palmer has outlined them in her article in this newsletter. Read her great article and check out the FFI website! I would like to add that I have “discovered” YouTube while hunkering at home all this time.

There are countless virtual entries of folks exploring all kinds of different places. I have seen many of the National Parks, many of the sites in Colorado, and even “hiked” places I would not have seen otherwise. These include destinations around the world – very inspiring.

YouTube also has presentations for learning about a wide variety of activities and historical information. After seeing the Mesa County Libraries YouTube App advertised in the local paper in July, I streamed a presentation on The Virtual History of Irrigation in Palisade. There were vintage photos and maps explaining how Palisade can produce the fantastic peaches and other fruit they grow. For entertainment, the App also had a presentation of Magic by the locally renowned magician, The Blue Zucchini. This fellow was very entertaining!

So, while we are still staying home for the foreseeable future, investigate the virtual wonders available to you on the FFI website and on the YouTube app. It's different and might help scratch that itch to see and do new things.

Dan

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Journey News

The Mystery Journey has been postponed.

Tentative Journey to Northern Colorado in the fall.



Jean Alles—13
Gertraud Jones—22
Jim Gardner—24
Ellen Bradley—25
Pat Mobley—29

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Marguerite Collard

Here is what has been happening with Membership.

NOTE:

Carol & Pat Mobley have moved.

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Their emails remain the same, but this phone is now their only number.

Thank you Kathy Nielsen for this info.

Another coffee was hosted at Rebekah McDermott's so new members can become acquainted with other members. Among those attending were:



Verna Bunn, Shirley Schlutz, Jan Reese.
Rita Silva, Marguerite Collard and
Rebekah McDermott.







Rocky Mountain Regional News --- July 29, 2020

Greetings - I wanted to share some information to all members of the Rocky Mountain Region from the monthly Field Rep conference call.

The staff at FFI is working hard to keep all the members engaged and connected.

Kerstin, RSM, is in charge of a Pen Pal Program to involve individuals interacting with others and making new friends or connecting with friends you've met. The goal is to consider using hand-written letters. The guidelines can be found on the FFI website. You can fill out the registration form providing name, address, interests, language of interest or a random match can also be made. Here is the link to register for this activity:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekE5eMfn3YGhFwFdNG8oNxIY4x3zbtZ99qbweSKbpP_9RhEg/viewform

How does it work? Both parties will receive "It's a Match" and one person will receive the information to write and the other person will soon receive a "surprise" letter in the mail. As you know, before the computer age - people wrote letters as a way of communicating. I hope you consider joining the Pen Pal program. You can even request to be matched with two people.

VIRTUAL JOURNEYS – You can find suggestions and guidelines to have a virtual journey with another club on the FFI website. There is a Virtual Journey Match which will be linked to the Ambassador Matching form.

VIRTUAL EVENTS - There are a number of Virtual events including a learning space that you can view on the FFI website. I attended one of these events through Zoom on "Culinary Diplomacy" and it was very interesting. If you need help with finding these items on the FFI website please let me know and I can help; FFI staff is also available to help and assist.

UPDATE TO THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN - Good news – The campaign has exceeded the goal of \$340,000. As of July 29, \$344,651.38 has been raised! A final count will be announced in a newsletter from FFI. There are plans to celebrate together on line – stay tuned!

August Journey Catalog Features:

Grand Tour of Italy

August 29 to September 8, 2021

Best of Scotland

April 10 to April 24, 2021

Because of COVID-19 2021 international travel remains uncertain. These 2021 journeys offers wonderful tours, but do not include a home stay.

STAY WELL EVERYONE!

In Friendship,

Sue Palmer, Field Rep of Rocky Mountain Region

IZMIR TURKEY JOURNEY and Aegean Region – October, 2009

By Sue Palmer

Shirley Schultz, Bobbie Rickerd, Mary Grillos and I from the western Colorado FF Club had the opportunity to join the Cheyenne, Wyoming Club on a journey to the Izmir Turkey FF Club. There were 20 ambassadors on this journey. Izmir – ancient Smyrna – is home to nearly 3 million people. Mostly burned down in the Turkish-Greek war of 1922, Izmir has been rebuilt from scratch.



Despite an illustrious history, much of the city is relentlessly modern. The Izmir club welcomed us and showed us “The best of the best” of their area.

One of the highlights was **Ephesus Ruins**. This magnificent site is huge and is one of the best preserved ancient cities on the Mediterranean. Ephesus was built by immigrants Athenians in 1000 BC – this ruin is 2000+ years old. You could see the walls that once protected the city, a theater that

could seat 24,000, a **library** that was restored and a **stadium** was also discovered that could seat 70,000.

Our week was full of tours of museums, mosques, Balcova Thermal baths, shopping at the “open Bazaar”, Virgin Mary’s House, and sampling the delicious cuisine! Every morning we woke up to the “Call to Prayer”.

The journey ended with a first class “**Farewell party**” at a beautiful hotel. After a fantastic week with our new friends of Izmir; we boarded a luxury bus and continued our travels. Our bus tour traveled in-land as we headed for our destination – City of Istanbul. We traveled on the King’s road, used by Alexander.



Our tour guide Mustafa (his name means Chosen) was a very experienced guide with a great “sense of humor”. He kept us laughing.

Our journey took us to 2500 feet high mountains, traveling on the old spice road, underground cities. We enjoyed a hot air **balloon ride** at the Cappadocia Fairy Chimneys. We visited the Mevlana and were entertained by the

Whirling Dervishes.



After touring 6 cities ----we arrived in **ISTANBUL!**



Istanbul – named by the **Greeks** “to the city” has witnessed the passing of Greeks, Persians, Ottomans and Romans. This large fascinating city has become a European Capital of Culture. The ambassadors enjoyed a ferry boat ride to see the **Bosphorus** marking the boundary between Europe, Asia and Istanbul.



The tours and buying opportunities included museums, artist shops, **Turkish rugs**, pottery and delicious food throughout the city. We visited the famous **Blue Mosque** and the Aya Sofya mosque built in AD537. The architecture as astonishing. Shopping at the famous Bazaar was amazing; but we kept track of each other in this busy market place.

Traveling to Turkey is one of my favorite journeys. I continue to keep in touch with my home host in Izmir; Tulin.

I'm so thankful to be able to travel to unique places.



Thanks to Friendship Force International!



Thank you. Sue Palmer

At the Leadership Council meeting on January 7, 2020 it was decided that the Minutes of the Leadership Council will no longer be published in the Newsletter. However, be reminded that any member of the Club can attend Council meetings at any time. We meet at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet on the first Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Minutes are also available upon request.

Email: Ellen Bradley, Secretary, at FFWCsecretary@gmail.com and she'll be happy to send them to you.

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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