



December-2019

Leadership Council President's December Message

Happy Holidays and Peace on Earth Through Friendship To ALL!

I want to convey my heart felt thank you to all of our club members for the many friendships Barb and I have formed, especially with those who went far beyond what was expected of them to assure that our club continued to function during the past two years during which I have served as your Council Leader. As I have said on many occasions – "This is our club, to make this a GREAT club, everyone's participation is required". To keep this a great club, a new Leader will need to rise from our midst to lead with fresh new ideas to assure that we do not meander aimlessly through the desert but focus on common goals to promote world peace through friendship. I believe that in order to meet this challenge, now more so than ever, we must devote ourselves to the task of attracting new and younger members or as a plant without food and fresh water for growth, we will soon wither and disappear.

Barb and I look forward to the unveiling of the "mystery" that lies ahead of us.

As Always...our wish for ALL is Safe Travel! Jim

See exchange opportunities on Page 2.

Upcoming Events

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Have a friend that like to travel?

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Annual membership fees are due by January 31, 2020. Dues are \$40.00 per person. They will increase to \$45.00 per person if paid between February 1 & March 31, 2020. Make check payable to FFWC. You may give payment to Dan Clancy, Treasurer, at the "Summer Picnic in December" on Saturday, December 14th or mail to:

FFWC PO Box 3665 Grand Junction, CO 81502





Our Christmas Celebration this year is "Summer Picnics". Be prepared tell Kathy Nielson the side you plan to bring when she calls early in Dec.

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Journey News

Outgoing Exchange: Birmingham, AL & Huntsville, AL - March 14—28th, 2020.

I am excited for our exchange to Birmingham and Huntsville. We enjoyed them so much while they were in Grand Junction. I am requesting the Ambassador Application and Agreement along with a \$200.00 deposit. I also will be collecting another deposit in January. I don't

have any dollar amounts at this time from the clubs but am expecting the cost to be close to \$750.00 plus airfare for the two weeks. Please let me know if you plan on participating asap as I am inviting our Eastern Slope Friends to join us in the exchange.

Fall 2020 Outgoing Mystery Trip is still in the works, late September/early October.

Incoming Exchange:

Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada is incoming May 2-9, 2020. Jim G is Host Coordinator.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A FRIENDSHIP FORCE SOCIAL EVENT??

If you would like to attend "Fiddler on the Roof" on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 2:00 pm with our FF Club, please see me at the "Summer Picnic in December" on Saturday, December 14th. The play is through CMU's Drama Department and will be in Robinson Theater. Make check payable to CMU. I will take payment through our meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact me at 970.242.9124.

Ticket prices:

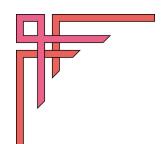
\$18.00 for seniors \$22.00 for adults

Claudia Kellar



Happy Birthday:

Wayne Wells	Dec 7
Sandy Miller	Dec 13
Poppy Woody	Dec 17
Doralene Deokielal	Dec 17
Ned Bunn	Dec 9
Cindy Beckage	Dec 20



FF of Western Colorado Leadership Council Minutes 12/3/2019

10 0f 17 incoming & outgoing Leadership Council Members present; quorum

Treasurer's Report: Club Funds & Exchange Funds were reviewed & approved.

FFWC purchased a computer with Office (with Publisher) for use by the Newsletter editor.

In light of the purchase of the second computer (other is used by the Treasurer with Quicken on it), FFWC now has Property Agreements to be signed by those using the computers. They are to be used for FFWC business only & returned when the terms of the Newsletter editor & Treasurer are completed.

Journey Updates:

- 1) Journey to New Zealand was wonderful. Pictures & report at January General mtg.
- 2) Our outgoing journey to Birmingham, AL is 3/14-20, 2020 & Huntsville, AL 3/20-27, 2020. Verna Bunn is the Journey Coordinator. Your application & \$200 is due ASAP. Estimated cost is \$700 + airfare. Sue P will open it up to our regional clubs.
- 3) Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada is incoming May 2-9, 2020. Jim G is Host Coordinator.
- 4) Fall 2020 Outgoing Mystery Trip is still in the works, late September/early October.

Old Business:

Our Holiday donation of \$360 is going to Mesa County Partners.

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In 2019, we raised \$700.62 from our 2 Dos Hombres "Give back Wednesdays" & 2 Barnes & Noble events. We are gifting wrapping at B&N on Sunday, 12/8/19 - 10 am - 8 pm.; donations only. Please call Dan Clancy if you can help.

2020 Club dues of \$40 are due 1/1/20-1/31/20. After 1/31/20 dues are \$45. After 3/31/20, if dues are not paid, names will be removed from the membership list.

The following are your Leadership Council for 2020 as elected 11/21/1 at the General Membership meeting.

President - OPEN

Secretary - Ellen Bradley

Treasurer - Dan Clancy

Journey Coordinator - Ron Bradley

Membership - Rebekah McDermott & Marguerite Collard

Events - Kathy Nielsen

Webmaster - DJ Clancy

Facebook, Publicity & our Regional Rep - Sue Palmer

Newsletter - Michelle Wells

Member-at-Large - Bev Urban

Webmaster: Check out our webpage & Instagram. The system has been updated & with the help of Clancys' son; it is jazzy & even has a running video. DJ presented an activity record which was reviewed.

New Business:

- * Jim G thanked the outgoing & incoming leaders for all the work the last two years.
- * For 2020, consider Friday or other weekday, 11:30 am lunches in places with a private room: Citrola's, Las Marias, Sang Gardens, La Cabra Cantina, Domino's on Orchard Mesa, Warehouse 25 Sixty Five

EVENTS UPDATE:

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Tues., Jan 7, 9-11am, Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Friendship Force of Western Colorado Membership Meeting November 21, 2019

Jim G opened the meeting with greetings to everyone, including our guests Jan Reece & Judy Sealy. 16 members & 2 guests were present.

Treasurer - no report

- * 2020 dues (\$40.00) are due 1/1/20-1/31/20
- * Holiday donation of \$360 will be going to Mesa County Partners, 1169 Colorado Ave., GJ, CO 81501, 235-555, M-F 9-5

Old Business:

Officer Nominations for 2020:

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Jim G read the Officer Nominations & after discussion, no names were added to the list. Shirley Schultz motioned & Ron Bradley seconded the motion to elect the slate by voice vote. All were in favor; the slate of officers for 2020 are as listed above.

After discussion about the need for a club-owned computer with the Microsoft Publisher program on it for use by the newsletter person, Verna motioned & Barb S seconded the motion to have Dan research prices for a computer, not to exceed \$400, plus purchase the software for \$129. All were in favor.

Fundraisers for 2019:

Dos Hombres - 5/16/19 \$172.58

10/23/19 \$165.16 Total \$337.74

2) Barnes & Noble - 3/9/19 \$197.39

11/10/19 \$165.49 Total \$362.88

Grand Total \$700.62

Sunday, 12/8/19 - Gift Wrap ONLY (Donations)

Cultural Fest Wrap-up

Thank you note from the Library; Jim thanked all who volunteered.

We agreed to do it again next year

Coming Events: Jim talked about the following:

Tuesday, 12/3/19, 9 am, Leadership Council meeting with current & newly-elected Council members at Ed Bozarth's Chevrolet, second floor conference room

Sat., 12/14/19 12 noon Winter Picnic, Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray, picnic attire (with leggings & turtle-necks?) & picnic foods cooked on the grill

Tuesday, 1/7/20, 9 am, Leadership Council at Bozarth Chevrolet

Committee Reports:

*Membership

Barb S & Claudia will be calling anyone who gave us their names at the Culture Fest or Barnes & Noble to invite them to the Winter Picnic.

Journey Update

Outbound - 10/31-11/16/19 Napier & Southland, New Zealand, Sue M, Ambassador Coordinator. Some of our members are back & they had a wonderful trip. Report to follow.

Outbound - 3/14/- 21/2020 Birmingham, AL & 3/21-28/2020 Huntsville, AL, Verna, Ambassador Coordinator \$200 application & fee due NOW, about \$750+ airfare, She has to know by the Winter Picnic if you are going so she can offer the journey to others to complete our numbers. Monies are due the end of December, February 1st, & March.

Inbound - 5/2-5/9/2020 Lake Simco, Ontario, Canada. FFWC is mentoring this brand new club. This will be their first journey. Jim G Host Coordinator

Outbound - September 2020, Mystery Trip, Jim G, Ambassador Coordinator

We have requests from Gold Coast, Australia & Napier, New Zealand for inbound possibilities in 2020 Our Outbound Request Form for 2021 was submitted with Taiwan as our first choice because Sue P will be there for the World Conference to "Pass the Torch" & we hope to be there to support her.

*Events

*Kathy will be calling everyone about the Winter Picnic, so start thinking about good picnic sides.

*High Desert Opera is presenting the musical "The Wizard of OZ" Tues.12/31/19

7:30pm; Sat.1/4/20 1:30pm & 7:30pm; Sun. 1/5/20 1:30pm. Tickets are \$15-35 at Robinson Theater, CMU. See Barb G if interested.

- * CMU Presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof", Robinson Theater, Sun., 3/1/20, \$18 for seniors, \$22 others see Claudia K if interested.
- * possible trip to Glenwood Springs Vaudeville show, meal at Rosi's (German), hot springs, stay over? Not over the winter. Will be discussed again with the new incoming Council.

*Ouray Hot Springs, new pools, Chocolate Festival? Maybe next year

*Publicity - no report. Barbershop Chorus will have a free (donations taken) Christmas Concert at NE Christian Church, Sun., 12/8/19 at 7 pm

*Newsletter - *articles due by Friday, 12/6/19

*Web - no report

Regional Rep

* FFI wants to raise membership by 10,000 this coming year, focusing on younger members

New Business

Discussed likes & dislikes for the past two years

Consider lunch at 11:15 am on a Friday at places with a separate room

Citrola's, Las Marias, Las Cabra (old Dos Hombres on Broadway),

Warehouse 25 Sixty Five

Consider meetings every 3rd Thursday at the First Baptist Church, but do business on the odd months & have Game Nights on the even months - Mystery Event (Verna)?

Continue with the Fundraisers & Cultural Fest

Have more people step up & challenge everyone to think towards expanding the group, think outside the box & at least bring ideas up for discussions

Adjournment - Jim thanked everyone for working with us for the last two years.

Be thankful this Thanksgiving & safe travels.

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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