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WESTERN COLORADO

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Newsletter

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President's Message

There's not much socializing or travel going on these days. Not a very good environment for a travel and social club! But we can socialize long distance. Through Friendship Force, we have all made lifelong friends during our incoming and outgoing journeys. This is a great time to reach out to those friends who you may only contact once a year or less. They are probably going through the same disruption to their normal lives as we are. Write them a letter, send an email, or call them on the phone. They would love to hear from you.

As you may suspect, 2020 Friendship Force journeys across the globe have been postponed or cancelled. This is putting a real strain on Friendship Force International. Their club revenues are dependent in large part by money received from all journeys taken. They expect to recover from this temporary setback in 2021 when journeys begin again to take place at a very strong rate. FFI is working hard to keep all clubs informed. We are planning our schedule for 2021 and should have details soon about incoming and outgoing journeys.

Once the Covid-19 threat is diminished, and social contact is once again safe, our club will schedule events and maybe a short outgoing journey to a club in our region. FF Northern Colorado has invited us to come spend a few days with them later this year. I would like to make that happen. Things will get back to normal, its just going to take a while. Everyone be safe, follow the social distancing guidelines, and wash your hands. We'll see each other again soon.

In friendship,
Dan



Can't Travel?

Take a drive or hike during our social distancing quarantine on the Colorado Monument!



Find us on:
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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.

Sue Moyer is sharing the following information concerning Friendship Force International. She received an email from Ann Lohmeyer, who was inquiring about giving a donation to FFI during this pandemic.. A summary of their response follows:

Checks can be mailed to: Friendship Force International
P.O. Box 570
Asheville, NC 28802

OR

Donations can be made through an IRA or 401K. If donations are made in this manner, the distributions not taxable.

FFI was very thankful for this inquiry.

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Journey News

- ♦ **Outgoing:** *Mystery Trip is still in the works for September/early October.*

Where in the world will the ambassadors travel too?
Who is going? Will it be you?



Claudia Kellar—April 6
Abdul Basti - April 8
Verna Bunn - April 22
Jennifer Swayne - April 30

The New Zealand's presentation was postponed in March. A preview of the presentation for our April meeting is continued on page 3!



New Zealand

Pictorial Memories

By Sue Moyer



Please share your photos of your trips to
FFWCnewsletter@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Marguerite Collard



Gertraud Jones 8/22
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Gertraud was born in Germany. She said that she has been here 50 years. She has 2 married children, and is now a widow (her husband died a year ago). She has traveled to all of the continents except the Antarctic!!!! She delights in getting to know "each other". She enjoys reading, hiking, nutrition, good food, travel....and she has some interesting travel stories to share. Barb & Jim Gardner invited her to the Valentine Luncheon and she joined that day.

Welcome Gertraud and we look forward to knowing you better and hearing of your travels.



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Colleen Anderson was born and raised in Northwood ND on a farm. She has been in Fruita 6 years and is close friends with Sandy Miller, our world traveling member. Colleen joined before even completing a form. DJ & Dan Clancy, who share a love of dog walking with Colleen and are neighbors, shared about Friendship and Colleen gave DJ a check that day March 3rd.

She has traveled to Peru, Alaska, Hawaii and many of the lower 48 states. On her bucket list is a trip to Norway..... She enjoys baking and cooking and playing cribbage and Mexican Train.

Meet Colleen and get to know a delightful new member who wants to travel with us.

♦ New Member information may be cut from the newsletter and placed into your membership book.

The **NEW MEMBER COFFEE** was held **March 6th** at **Rebekah McDermott's** home.

Barb Gardner, Bev Urban, Marguerite Collard attended to help welcome new members Gertraud Jones and Colleen Anderson.

"Thank you" to the members who quickly responded with their survey answers. With this information, the Council is quickly moving forward planning activities reflecting your desires.

There has been no interest in the "Mystery Member", so it has been dropped.

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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