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Newsletter

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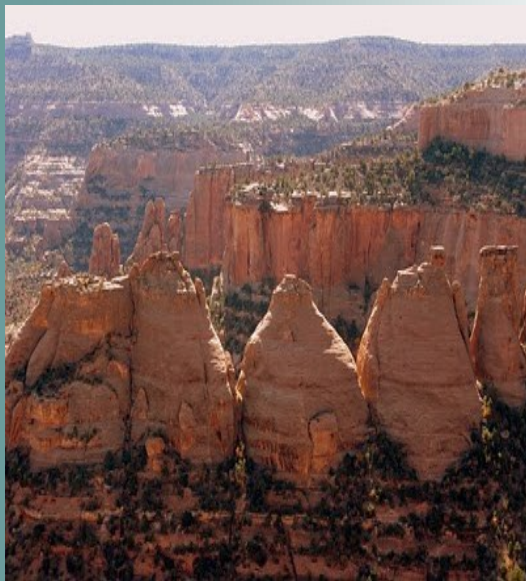
Council Leader's Message:

Our first cancelled meeting due to the COVID-19 virus was our council meeting on March 3rd. At that time, there was one American virus-related death. Now, 60 days later, the number has exceeded 60,000. It would be much more if people had not begun curbing activities and eventually staying at home. This is a tough time for a social club. We want to get out and get together – and we will. As our quarantine orders are relaxed by the governor, we will once again dust off the plans we made earlier in the year for events and get-togethers. In June (perhaps), July, and August I expect that we can take a day trip or two, have a summer picnic, and hold our annual ice cream social. There may not be any incoming or outgoing journeys this year, but your FFWC council is working to create some get-togethers as soon as possible. Details will be forthcoming when solid dates and plans can be determined.

Remember your Friendship Force contacts from previous journeys by reaching out to them during this time. I'm sure they are experiencing the same feelings we all are from lack of activity in our lives. They would love to hear from you. Reach out through email or phone, but don't forget about greeting cards. Everyone loves to receive mail – send a few "How are you doing?" cards in the mail. You will be glad you did.

Stay safe, keep washing your hands, observe social distancing, and where your face covering if distancing is not practical.

Dan



10 mile travel limit from home..
Take a drive or hike during our
social distancing on the Colorado
Monument.



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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.



Up Coming Events:

Leadership Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th, at 9 am
by Zoom.

Tentative Activities:

General Meeting: Thursday, May 21st at 6:15 pm at First
Baptist Church 720 Grand Ave,

Summer Picnic : Sunday, July 19th

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August 16



Western Colorado—Leadership Council

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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?



Shirley Schultz - 13

Barb Gardner - 14

Ken Weaver - 30

Governor Polis has asked us to stay close to home during this portion of **Safer at Home...**

Turn the page to view local treasures.....



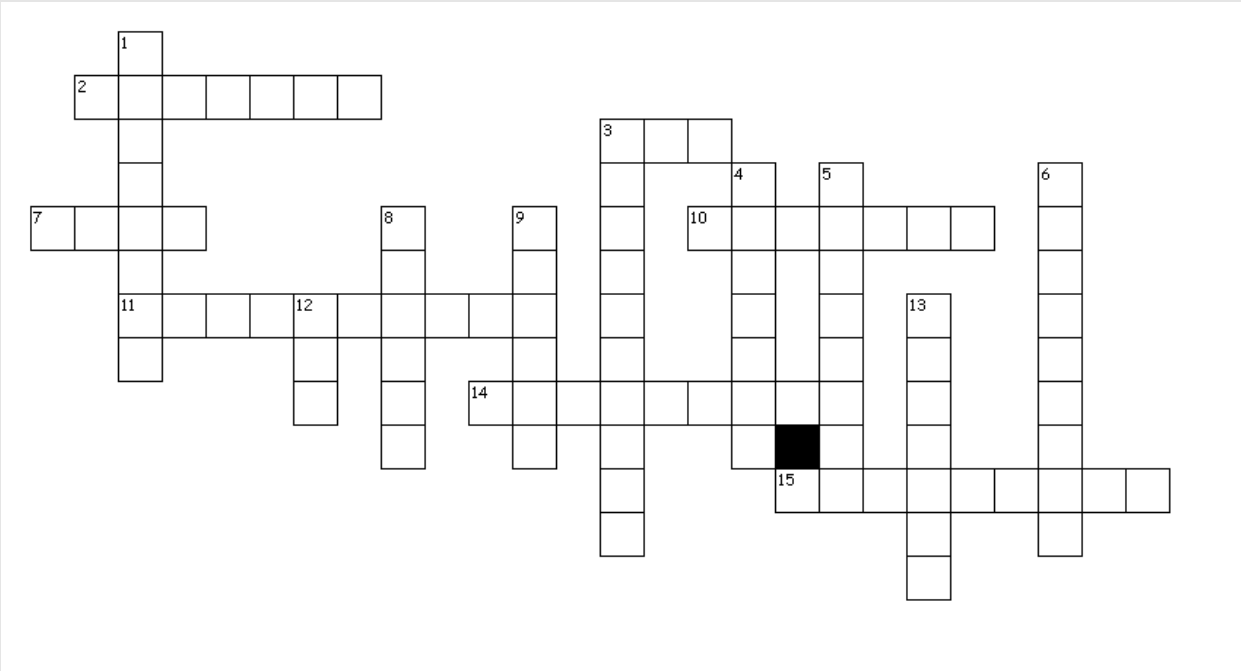
Guardian of Serpent's Trail



Palisade Rim Trail Petroglyphs

My friend, Eve Arias has given me permission to share her local photos with you.
These photos are from her recent hikes during the Covid-19 quarantine... Michele Wells

FFWC Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Group that decides on and schedules club activities
3. Club initials
7. Welcomes travelers into their home
10. First name of web manager
11. Traveler representing FF
14. Monthly write-up of club news
15. Descriptive list of planned activities

Down

1. Traveler's overnight place, not a hotel
3. Primary goal of all members
4. Location of monthly council meetings
5. Local landmark
6. Site of first club in Alaska
8. Primary opportunity of club membership
9. Middle name of one member and last name of another
12. First name of our Regional Representative
13. Traveling to another club

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &

During this time of social distancing the Membership Team was unable to have a "Friendship Coffee". Instead we chose to keep up with our members using the medias available - without face-to-face gatherings. I discovered that Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.



The new members were frequently contacted by phone simply to stay in touch and bolster each other's spirits. Without outside pressures to do something or go somewhere, these conversations were very relaxed and generated lots of laughter.

Email also kept us connected as I shared humorous quotes and funny saying about life in general.



And because getting mail is always a treat, I happily sent little notes with an encouragement, joke or funny saying.

Soon we can gather together as a group and in the meantime please know we are thinking of you and eager to be "up close and personal". We may be in a new normal so take heart from these words of wisdom: Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

So if the May meeting is not cancelled, I'll see you then!

Rebekah McDermott,
Membership Co-Chair.

- **THANK YOU** to members who turned in the "What I Would Like To Do" survey.

Here's a summary of what the 18 members who responded said:

Where to go for day trip? - Top choices: (1) Ouray,
(2) Glenwood,
(3) Moab

Overnight trip? - 14 said YES.

Where to for overnight? - Top choices: (1) Santa Fe,
(2) Silverton/Durango/Mesa Verde NP,
(3) Bryce & Zion National Parks

Short journey to regional club? - 10 said YES. (1) Front Range was most selected.
(2) Santa Fe, NM was a close second

Meeting for get-together: Both morning or night, and both weekday or weekend.

Day of the week? - Most selected is Fri. and tied for 2nd: Mon, Wed, Sat.

Suggest an entertainment/club/organization who would speak to us, join us for an event, or allow us to share with them about FFWC. - There were many good suggestions and we are evaluating all of them. There are too many to mention here.

Which interests you? - Top choices:

- (1) Gathering in small groups of 6 for,
- (2) FFWC member travel experience presentation,
- (3) Group dinner or lunch, monthly event in addition to general meetings and incoming/outgoing parties.

Other ideas? - Many good suggestions being considered.

Rocky Mountain Regional News ---



4/22/2020

RE: FFI Fundraising Campaign in US

Greetings – I hope this finds you and your family well and safe.

The COVID-19 has affected every person all over the world. As FFI club members this has created a terrible financial situation for the FFI organization.

Jeremi Snook CEO; the Board of Directors and Field Representatives are working on the Friendship Force Campaign by contacting every club in the US.

The FFI Website is being updated daily with information regarding the Fundraising efforts; there's an on-going list of donations from individuals and clubs from all over the world. The website includes a Blog that has been added for Jeremi to keep all clubs informed with updates. Check it out: www.blog.friendshipforce.org

I held a President/Leaders Meeting in April and invited Marilyn Petersen, Vice Chair on the FFI Board of Directors, to join us. FFI Board members have been appointed to provide regional support. Marilyn is the support for the Rocky Mountain Region along with the other regional clubs on the western part of the US.

Campaign Giving to reach GOAL of \$340,000:

- \$170 equivalent of FFI fees for one journey per individual
- Monthly recurring donations
- Any amount is appreciated from clubs and members

If you have questions -- I'm available along with Marilyn Petersen and Jeremi Snook to answer questions; and we would be happy to attend Virtual Meetings with clubs.

Thank you ----- In Friendship, Sue Palmer, Field Rep –Rocky Mountain Region

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“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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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