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WESTERN COLORADO

# Newsletter

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## Council Leader's Message

I am delighted to see that Mesa County has now entered Phase II of the Covid-19 plan to return to normal. Of course, this will not be the old normal, but a new normal where we still practice hand washing, social distancing, and face covering when in a place where 6 feet from each other cannot be maintained. We can now meet in groups up to 50 people, which means we may be able to schedule a general meeting. This will be a top subject at our leadership council meeting on Tuesday, June 2. We will also discuss confirming the schedule of summer and fall events we have planned.

Those of you who have accessed the FFI website have been following their messages and continued gain toward their fund-raising goal of \$340,000. They have received nearly \$270,000 toward that goal. It was decided in our last Leadership Council meeting to donate \$500 in the name of our club. Thanks to all who have donated individually to help keep our international club going. It is not too late to donate. They now are offering a new pin to anyone who donates \$50 or more:



You can find the Friendship Force International website at [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org)

As soon as safety allows us to meet again for our activities, we will begin scheduling events. I look forward to seeing all of you at meetings and get-togethers that I hope will be coming soon.

Keep safe,

Dan

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



Find us on:  
**facebook®**

**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, June 2nd at 9 am  
by Zoom.

## Tentative Activities:

Summer Picnic : Sunday, July 19th

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August 16



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## Journey News

**The Mystery Journey has been postponed.**

**Tentative Journey to Northern Colorado in the fall.**



DJ Clancey—8  
Jan Reece— 8  
Dan Clancy - 11  
Barbara Sundermeier—15  
Rebekah McDermott—25  
Ron Bradley—30

**Thank you for all of your contributions for the June Newsletter!**



# FF Atlanta Journey to Bergen, Norway – 2003

## Dan and DJ Clancy

The Bergen, Norway journey lasted two weeks: a one-week home stay in Bergen followed by a week visiting the fjords, Oslo, and Copenhagen, Denmark. The second week, as a group on our own, included hotel stays, ferry rides, a train ride and a boat ride. It was all planned by the Atlanta club journey coordinator. There were 17 ambassadors in our group. To accommodate our group size, the Bergen club members and some of their family members and friends were hosts. The Bergen club had activities planned, including tours of the area and a program by a group called Fana Folklore presenting traditional song, dance, and foods. During the week we had one free day, when we took the public bus downtown and went to the aquarium, the fish market, and did some shopping.

Bergen is a city on Norway's southwestern coast. Norway's second largest city, it is surrounded by mountains and fjords. The population in 2019 was 283,000. It was home to Edvard Grieg and Ole Bull, renowned composers.



Bergen, Norway – Harbor and downtown



Fana Folklore Program



Breakfast is a very big meal.



Our Friendship Force hosts' house. Typical of Norway houses, the steep roofs prevent winter snow build-up.





The Bergen harbor buildings above left, called Bryggen, date back to the 1300's, when they were used for trade by the Hanseatic League. Above right is Torgallmenningen, the open-air shopping/gathering main square in downtown.



We saw many houses with sod roofs.



A village seen while traveling along Sognefjord, the country's longest and deepest fjord.



Group photo taken at Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &  
Marguerite Collard

During May, Membership continued to contact members and send cards. And we also kept in touch by phone. And some of us began playing our regular games together on game days.

Even with the social distancing, there were times when we interacted with other people and gave them our FFWC business cards and membership information.

Even though there are no trips in/out scheduled right now, people are eager to return to normal. So looking at the FFI website allows them to dream.

Do you know of young families who love to travel. Let them know the joys and benefits of FF. I recently encountered a doctor who is ready to be with the group so that he can introduce his wife and son to the joys of traveling. He was raised by a world traveling mother and those memories he wants for his family.

Hoping to see everyone soon. Think July and Ice Cream!!!!





# Staying Sane during the Covid-19 Quarantine!

Hi: Shirley Schultz here, This is my "Stay Sane" survival piece:

My "Stay Sane" is attitude, We will get through this, we have no other choice. We have lived through a great many things in our lives and "this too shall pass".

I have done Zoom meetings, FaceTime, and Skype,

I invited a couple of friends to a Patio Lunch on my patio, fresh air, good company and "real live people". (we were less than ten)

I walk around my complex with my headphones and my "Talking Books", I greet my neighbors, taking their "sanity walks" with their dogs, All in all, I consider myself lucky---my family and friends are well.

Rebekah McDermott:

4 of us enjoyed an afternoon of Mexican Train. Judy Sealy says it best with her joy and laughter. We played May 13th and laughed the entire time. In addition to playing, I was able to introduce Judy to two new ladies. Who knows if they might consider joining FF???????



Claudia Kellar:

My daughter, Kim & I, were home schooling my grandsons during the virus pandemic. As a field trip & to get out of the house, we had lunch by the river in Palisade & then hiked the Palisade Rim trail. This photo was taken on April 22, 2020. It was a beautiful day & the adventure certainly helped our attitudes! Colton age 9 is on top with Logan age 8 on the right.





Judy Sealy:

Rebekah McDermott and I shared a lovely day Sunday, May 17th, on our Colorado National Monument. We are forever grateful to have this beautiful treasure in our own backyard! "Stay vacations" have allowed us to explore our own valley.

As Rebekah said "fun and good fellowship".

Enjoy and stay safe.







## Staying Sane

### Continuation

Sue Moyer 's Staying Sane includes quilting this Wall Hanging and Table Runner.

Michele made face masks for Kids Aid, the Navajo Nation, Hearing Impaired and others.





Rebekah: With time to be creative, I make a "Frenzy Fray" jacket. When I checked my fabric closet and saw all the pieces just waiting to become something to wear, I pulled from all the stacks and made this jacket. Then looking for a type of trim, I found buttons - lots of buttons. Thus my jacket.





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](mailto: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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