



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

February - 2019



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 12,
11:45AM
at Sang Garden -
Authentic Chinese and
Thai Cuisine, 687
Horizon Drive

See exchange opportunities
on Page 3.



**Membership
dues DUE in
January!**

The Council Leader's Message – February 2019

February is an interesting time of the year. It is a time of both love and hate. While in February we think of love, both present and past, we also have come to hate the impending tax season. So, in keeping, I will address both topics in this month's message.

First, let me tell you of a festive luncheon which the Leadership Council has arranged for our annual Valentines Day observance. This year we have arranged for our group to have special seating at the Sang Garden for authentic Chinese and Thai cuisine. We hope that you will join us at the restaurant located at 687 Horizon Drive in Grand Junction at 11:45am on Tuesday, February 12th. Come hungry and ready to enjoy the food and fellowship. Oh, and don't forget your wallet or credit card since this is a self-pay event. Meals should average about \$15 each.

Next, let me remind you that your 2019 dues are now due. To those who have already paid, I want to thank you for your timeliness. To those who have not paid, we hope to hear from you soon. Remember, your annual dues amount to over 99% of the club's annual income. Some may not know that a significant portion of your dues (\$15 per member) goes straight to Friendship Force International in Atlanta. Since FFI has sent us notice (see attached) that they are increasing our assessment per member to \$20 due January 2020, the members of our club in attendance at the General Membership Meeting on January 17th voted to increase our local dues by \$5 effective immediately to cope with FFI's increase. Therefore, of the \$40 dues received from each of our members, \$20 will go to national and the SAME \$20 per member as in the past, will go to the FFWC treasury. So, you can see that if we have 45 members each paying \$20 to FFWC, our total income for the year is only \$900. Please know also that our club has had bills of approximately \$2,000 per year. Where has the additional money come from? The answer is reserves that have been built up from hosting events such as the 2016 FFI Regional Conference which netted our club substantial funds to make up the difference for the past few years. (See attached file)

This leads to my next topic – FUND RAISERS. Your Leadership Council has been exploring various ideas for possible fund raisers. The idea which seems like the easiest to act on, is at the Barnes & Noble. Barnes & Noble Book Store on Patterson by the Mall is allowing us to showcase Friendship Force of Western Colorado on Saturday March 9, 2019 from 9am until 7pm. Our members are asked to staff two information tables in the store during those hours. While we are talking with customers showing interest in our club, we may ask them to help support our activities by showing at checkout the coupons we will be distributing. The coupons which we will be distributing will be good for both the café and the book sales. Therefore, we are asking our members to sign up for a time period during the day when they would be willing and able to staff our information tables in the store. We are also asking our members to talk with friends, neighbors, and family about possibly preordering and prepaying (by March 4th) for one of the Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes available at Barnes & Noble to be picked up at the store on March 9th. The cheesecakes are full sized Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes and cost \$44.95 each (or \$40.46 if you are a member of Barnes & Noble). Sales of these delicious cheesecakes will be included in our total sales figure for March 9th which in turn will be used to calculate the amount that Barnes & Noble donates back to our club. The Leadership Council hopes that you will support this activity so that we can maintain a reasonable rate for member dues while continuing to provide for the activities you have come to expect from YOUR club.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES!

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner

Western Colorado—Chapter's Leadership Council

Council Coordinator	Jim Gardner	778-6191	See Membership Booklet
Secretary/Historian	Barb Gardner	778-6150	See Membership Booklet
Treasurer	Cindy Beckage	778-2052	See Membership Booklet
Events Coordinators	Kathy Nielsen	260-8548	See Membership Booklet
Membership	Barbara Sundermier	256-0093	See Membership Booklet
	Claudia Kellar	201-8822	See Membership Booklet
Publicity	Jim Witt	209-9241	See Membership Booklet
Newsletter	Verna Bunn	260-4787	See Membership Booklet
Journey Coordinator	Sue Moyer	242-5999	See Membership Booklet
At-Large	Dan Clancy	404-414-0642	See Membership Booklet

Event Calendar 2019

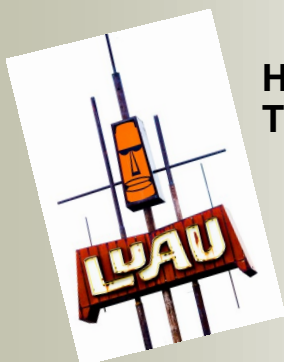
FF Valentines Luncheon

Tuesday, February 12, 11:45am at Sang Garden - Authentic Chinese and Thai Cuisine , 687 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO

Please contact Kathy Nielsen 245-7965 for information.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY!

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, March 28th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Friendship Force will celebrate World Friendship Day with a Meet & Greet with CMU's international students. It will be at the Lakeside Community Meeting Room, 3150 Lakeside Drive, Grand Junction, Co 81506. Watch for more details in the March newsletter.



HOLD THE DATE! MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Saturday, April 6, 2019

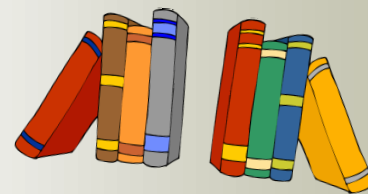
**CMU'S Polynesian Club's Annual Luau
at the CMU University Center Ballroom**

More Information to Come!



Save the Date! **Barnes and Noble Fundraiser** **Saturday, March 9**

We will be manning tables at the store to raise awareness of Friendship Force and ask shoppers to use a number we will provide them when they check out to allow the club a portion of the sale.



You don't have to walk around and ask people to take the number, they come to you at the table if they are interested in helping. We will have displays and flyers available.

We need about 4 volunteers per 4 hour shift. There will be a sign up sheet at the Valentine's luncheon.

This fundraiser is to cover costs of many of our activities because our dues don't cover all the costs we incur for our activities such as World Friendship Day, our annual picnic and Christmas party, cost for venues where we have activities, etc.

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1 - 8, June 2019

(HJC) Dan Clancy



. G'Day Mates! The Brisbane, Australia Friendship Force club is coming to the Western Slope. We will be hosting the Australian ambassadors from **Saturday, June 1 through Saturday, June 8**. They will be arriving by train from Denver, and they will be leaving by train to Salt Lake City. While they are here, we will be showing them our club's grand western hospitality through parties and planned sightseeing events.

Be part of the excitement by becoming a Host, Day Host, Day Driver, or Small Dinner Party Host. We are currently accepting volunteers for these activities. There will be a sign-up sheet at of our meetings and get-togethers for the next four months. Please volunteer for something that interests you.

Dan Clancy is the designated Journey Coordinator. He is working on the itinerary for the week and looking for help to make this event a huge success. You can contact Dan to answer any questions:

Phone: 404-414-0642

Email: DPCX2@outlook.com

New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, October 31 - November 16 (Sue Moyer)

We will spend a week with the Napier club on the North Island. It is on the east coast in the Hawks Bay area. The city was severely impacted during an earthquake/tsunami in the '20s and rebuild in Art Deco style. We will then fly to Invercargill (the most southerly town on the south island) to stay with the Southland club. The islands are quite different, so we will get a taste of both on our Journey.

Updated cost for the exchange is around \$950 (depending on exchange rates when we send the money to the New Zealand Clubs.

Airfare is looking like \$2050 and will require a night stay in a hotel in Auckland.

There is currently one opening for this journey, but some of the people on the list may drop out as plans firm up, so I am taking applications for the last spot and the waiting list. If we don't fill internally, I will advertise to our region and, if needed, on the FFI journey list. Please send your application to suemoyer51@gmail.com. The form can be found on the FF website or use the link below.

Pre-World Conference, Boulder, CO July 19-23, 2019 (JC) Sue Moyer

We currently have only four ambassadors planning on coming to Grand Junction. We expect that we may get a few more and had told the planning committee we could host up to 10.

We will have an opportunity for the whole club to meet them at the Ice Cream social which will be held during their visit. We will then give them a ride to Boulder for the World Conference.

Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

2019 World Conference, Boulder, CO July 23-27, 2019

(JC) Sue Moyer

Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference. Register early if you want to stay in the dorms. We are driving over on July 23rd with the ambassadors who came here for pre-hosting. Conferences starts officially the morning of the 24th. Registration should start in October.

Field Rep Article for Newsletters or Websites Greetings



2019 WORLD CONFERENCE IN BOULDER, COLORADO

The World Conference will be held July 23 through 27, 2019 on the CU campus.

You might ask "Why CU in Boulder for the 2019 conference?"

Jeremi's message: Using an academic backdrop for the venue will communicate our "Mission" and experience a new direction for the 2019 World Conference and future World Conferences. The goal is to train members and leaders and have a general feeling to inspire and excite attendees toward our mission. The conference agenda will include 2 days of education/sharing, general business; and 2 days of activities, socializing events.

At a President's meeting in April we discussed the details of the conference. Ideas and activities were suggested. Presidents will ask for volunteers from each club to serve on the planning committee. Coordinating pre and post conference homestays in the region was also discussed.

Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference.

In Friendship, Sue Palmer, Rocky Mountain Regional Field Rep



Coordinator Training

Hello,

You are cordially invited to learn how to be an inbound Host Coordinator and outbound Ambassador Coordinator (formerly known as ED (Exchange Director)) on Sunday Feb. 24th at 9:30 am at Sue Palmer's house. It is at 2402 Applewood Circle in North Grand Junction.

You need to print the FFI manual and bring it to the class. It is found at:

<https://friendshipforce.azurewebsites.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/JourneyGuidelinesforAmbassadorandHostCoordinators.pdf>

If this doesn't get you there, go to friendshipforce.org then Member Resources, Journey documents.

The manual gives you the basics of planning incoming and outgoing journeys and we will give you examples from our exchanges on how to develop your budget, recruit, organize, and lead an exchange.

Plan on the training to last until noon. It is for members who think they might want to lead a journey, but don't know the ropes or as a refresher for members who haven't lead a journey recently.

Please let Sue Moyer know if you are planning on coming at suemoyer51@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Sue Moyer and Sue Palmer



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

SUE PALMER FEB. 8
CLAUDIA WATERMAN FEB. 15
KATHY LYNN FEB 26

Friendship Force of Western Colorado
Summary of Council Minutes
January 8, 2019

Twelve of thirteen Council Members present (quorum is four).
The December 4, 2018 Leaders' Council Minutes were approved.

Jim G presented his Leaders' Council Goals for 2019 as did other leaders. These will be represented at the General Members' meeting, Thursday, 1/17/19.
Proposed calendar of events for 2019 was reviewed; to be presented 1/17/19.

Jim G presented a Budget Worksheet for 2018 & 2019; discussion followed. The club is spending way more than we are taking in. Our only sources of income are our dues (\$15 of which goes to National; to be raised to \$20 in 2020) and donations (formally raffle). We need to find ways to decrease our spending and increase our income. Fund raising, additional members and an increase in dues were discussed. Info will be presented at the 1/17/19 meeting.

Bylaws were updated, but not completed. Work on them will continue at the 2/5/19 Leaders' Council meeting. They will be presented when complete for a vote of the membership.

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

Jim G, Claudia W, Sue M, Sue P and Cindy went to the bank to transfer cards and info due to a new treasurer.

Journey Updates:

Incoming: Brisbane Australia will be here June 1-8, 2019. Dan C is the Host Coordinator. We are expecting 8 ambassadors. Sign up sheets will be available at the 1/17/19 General Members' meeting.

FFI World Conference will be held at CU-Boulder July 24 - 27, 2019. July 24 & 25-meetings; July 26 & 27-"FUN" activities. Our club will help during that time. Our club will be hosting pre-conference home stays (only 3-5 days). World Conference will never be closer or more affordable. We are encouraging our club members to participate in all the events. Registration is still open.

Outgoing: Sue M, Journey Coordinator for our trip to New Zealand, November 1-8 (Napier, North Island) and 11/8-15 (South Island) 2019 has no cost info yet. Private, personal extra days are possible.

Outgoing: 2020 will include a mystery trip; parameters were discussed and forwarded to Atlanta.

Journey Coordinator training will take place in February.

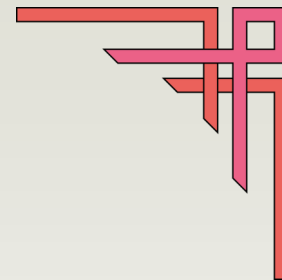
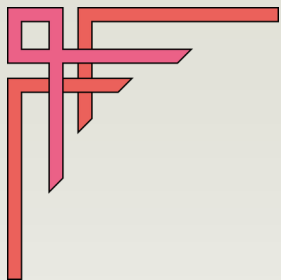
Banners with the FFWC logo are available for purchase for \$10. T-shirts are also available for \$20, extra large sizes mostly.

Publicity: Jim W and Jim G are attending a GJ Visitors Bureau event on Thursday, 1/17/19. Report to follow.

Newsletter: please have articles to Verna by the 27th (or earlier) so the Newsletter can be out by the first of every month. Inclusions can include: members' photos, most memorable journey, travel tips/tricks.

Please Review 2019 Activity Calendar (in the Newsletter) for time changes and locations for all events.

We need all club members to participate in one form or another to make all our events and journeys a success.



Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting January 17, 2019

Jim G welcomed all to our first meeting of 2019. Kathy L introduced her friend Elizabeth; Rita introduced Bev from Montrose. 17 members present, 2 visitors and 1 speaker.

Jim G reviewed the handouts:

1. Leaders' Council Goals for 2019
2. Proposed calendar of events was approved. Many liked that you could easily see what was upcoming, where and when.
3. FFI, Atlanta's post about increasing their assessment to the clubs for every member by \$5 (\$15-currently; up to \$20) for 2020 dues.
4. Budget page (see Jim G for the handout). After explanations & discussion of the need to cut expenses and have increased revenue coming in, the majority of the members present voted to increase the 2019 dues \$5, effective immediately. Fundraising was also discussed. FFWC is manning two tables at Barnes & Noble, Saturday, 3/9/19, TBD. There will be a pre-meeting of Council members & other interested FFWC members on Friday, 1/25/19 at 9:30 a.m. near the coffee shop to get all the details. Barnes & Noble gives us a percentage of the sales in the store as well as at the coffee shop.

Program:

Ginger, a Peace Corp volunteer to Ethiopia in the 1980's, gave a wonderful talk on history, culture (and culture-shock for a 22 year old), timekeeping (7 a.m. is one), 13 month calendar, geography, clothing, and food. She even brought us injera sourdough bread made from teff flour that was topped with a spicy, lentil mixture. It is eaten with the hands.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER Rita Silva!



Rita was born and raised in Manhattan, Kansas. She graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science. She was employed by the federal government for 28 years. During this time, she lived in Washington, DC, Denver and Salt Lake City. She was also a caregiver for ten years in Denver and the Denver Metro Area. Rita is currently one of 3 or 4 people residing in Cimarron, Colorado.

Rita volunteers at the Montrose Senior Pavilion and at the Montrose Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans (WHAC). She is serving her 2nd term as president of the Cimarron Club. The organization currently has 14 members from Cimarron and the surrounding area. The club, started by settlers, continues to maintain the cemetery in town. In addition to volunteer work, Rita enjoys reading.

On the top of Rita's travel bucket list is a trip to Vienna, Austria. She has traveled numerous times to Mexico to visit cousins, to Vegas to see her sister and vacationed in beautiful Hawaii.

Rita read about Friendship Force in the Beacon. She is interested in day hosting and coordinating events for incoming journeys.

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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