



friendship force  
WESTERN COLORADO

# Newsletter

June- 2019



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## Upcoming Events

**7/21 3pm  
Ice Cream Social**

**7/23 World Conference**

**8/10 Hot Christmas  
Celebration at 12:pm  
Unitarian Church**

**9/17 9am Grand Mesa  
Clean up**

**9/19 6:15pm General  
Membership Meeting  
1st Baptist Church**

### 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.

## The Council Leader's Message – June 2019

With the arrival of June, the weather has begun to heat up and so has the Friendship Force of Western Colorado Schedule. It all kicked off with our club hosting five new FRIENDS from Brisbane, Australia. What the incoming group of Ambassadors lacked in group size, they certainly made up for in friendship and enthusiasm. Everyone seemed to have had a great time. I would like to thank all who participated and contributed to make this a memorable journey.

But wait! Take a quick breath and it will be time again for us to host our next incoming Ambassadors. On July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, eight new Ambassadors will be coming to Western Colorado to enjoy our hospitality prior to the FFI World Conference in Boulder beginning July 23<sup>rd</sup>. While the only planned group activity for this journey is our annual Ice Cream Social at Jeff Parker's home, 787 N. Sedona Ct, Grand Junction, at 3pm on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, the home hosts and drivers invite you to join in on some of the day trips. The Ambassadors coming for the Pre-World Conference journey will be arriving from Michigan, Connecticut, Australia, and Sweden to mention a few of their home areas. Please take time to meet and greet our new friends. We will be leaving at 9am on July 23 from Canyon View Park for our drive over to Boulder for the World Conference. Home hosts for this journey will be Sue & Don Moyer, Dan & D.J. Clancy, Shirley Schultz, Marguerite Collard and Barb & I. Feel free to contact any of us to see where we may be headed on July 20, 21, or 22, if you are interested in joining us for the day. Remember, our Ice Cream Social is a great way to recruit new members for our club. Try inviting some of your friends and neighbors. Who can refuse an ice cream date?

Please continue to watch for more information concerning our 'HOT' events which the Leadership Council has planned for the upcoming months. HINT: also continue to read the attached newsletter for more schedule information.

Until then, safe travels!  
Jim Gardner

PS: I will have additional black & white 2019 Club Directories for distribution at the Ice Cream Social. If you are a person who appreciates color, I would be happy to email the file to you for you to print at your own expense.

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### Grand Mesa Highway Pick-up: IT'S FUN !!

Coming in September, volunteers from our club will once again be cleaning up our section of the main road through the Grand Mesa. Cleanup tools, bags and safety vests will be provided. Join us and have a great time for a couple hours helping to keep our designated area clean. We are targeting Tuesday, 9/17, as the clean-up date.

We will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the upcoming Ice Cream Social on July 21. Dan Clancy is organizing the effort, so you can also contact him directly to volunteer:

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Do you enjoy Facebook? Want to help spread the word about Friendship Force? We are currently looking for a club administrator for our Facebook page. If interested, please contact D J Clancy [@djclancy68@gmail.com](mailto:djclancy68@gmail.com) or 404.414.4205.



### Happy Birthday:

**June 8—DJ Clancy**  
**June 11—Dan Clancy**  
**June 13—Rhonda Steel**  
**June 15—Jeff Parker**  
**June 15—Barbara Sundermeier**  
**June 25—Rebekah McDermott**  
**June 29—Deborah Hoey**  
**June 30—Ron Bradley**

# Journey and Conference News

## Western Colorado FFI Journeys

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

The ambassadors are coming in the 19th and 20th all at different times.

There is no scheduled activity but the Ice Cream Social at Jeff Parker's house on Sunday, July 21st at 3 pm.

However, Sue Moyer is planning on taking her guests to certain locations and other club members are welcome to come along.

Saturday - July 20th Main Street Art on the Corner/Shopping. Meet at Enstroms at 9:30. Possible lunch together at Rockslide or other restaurant downtown.

Sunday July 21st Unless they want to go to Church, we are going to drive up Grand Mesa to see the sights. Need to be back for the 3 -pm Ice Cream Social, so will be leaving the parking lot behind Dos Hombres in Clifton at 9 am.

Monday July 22nd. Visiting Colorado National Monument. Meet at Devil's Kitchen parking lot at 9 am. We will stop at several overlooks and at the Visitor's Center. If you are interested, you can visit the Dinosaur Journey museum afterward.

July 23rd. Meet at Canyonview in the parking lot by the bakery at 9 am to drive ambassadors to Boulder.

**Grand Junction to Napier and Southland NZ Oct 31 - Nov 16, 2019 Sue Moyer Ambassador Coordinator**

We currently have 14 ambassadors with room for two more. Trip cost is estimated at \$950 plus airfare. Total amount is due by the end of July. Plan for cool weather in Southland. Email or call Sue Moyer if interested in the remaining spots: [suemoyer51@gmail.com](mailto:suemoyer51@gmail.com) or 970 242-5999.

## Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

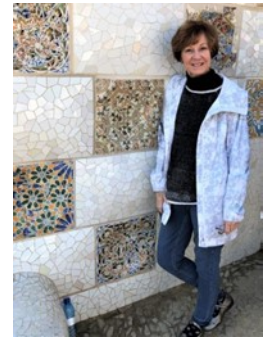
**No information at this time.**

## 2019 WORLD CONFERENCE UPDATES

June marks only 1 months before the 2019 World Conference in Boulder, Colorado in July. I'm pleased to report that the current attendance of delegates is 390.

The homestays are arranged and I want to personally "Thank" the following clubs who are participating in the pre and post homestays:

Dallas; Cincinnati; western Colorado; Cheyenne; Northern Colorado; Denver and Pikes Peak FF clubs



I appreciate all the homestay coordinators and home hosts for opening their homes to the Ambassadors from all over the world. A special "Thank you" goes to Kay Thomas for her work on coordinating these homestays.

**Items for the Bags for delegates:** Cathie McCallum is the coordinator for gathering items for the World Conference Bags. A BIG "Thank you" goes to Cathie McCallum for agreeing to be our "Bag" Lady for the conference.

This is a reminder that we're STILL collecting items. Suggested contents include; local information pamphlets, post cards, lip balm, key chains, mints, suntan lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitizer, band aids, sun visors, water bottles, note pads, pens. We are asking all club members in the Rocky Mountain Region to donate items. Each club in our region is not expected to provide 390 items; if each club donates 50 to 75 items that would be terrific. Items that are listed will vary in each delegate's bag. I'm asking that club members contact their dentist, doctors, insurance companies, banks, etc --- for donations. Cathie and I are making arrangements to collect the items from each club.

Please let Cathie McCallum know what you collect so she can keep a running tally of items. If you need a document that includes a description of FFI world conference and a receipt to provide to donors please contact Cathie or me.

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I hope to see many of you at the World Conference in July. If you have questions or issues on any other matters - please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you in July----- In Friendship, Sue



**BRISBANE JOURNEY TO WESTERN COLORADO**  
**JUNE 1 (SAT) - JUNE 8 (SAT), 2019**  
**JOURNEY ITINERARY**

## Brisbane Incoming Journey: A Smashing Success

The five ambassadors from Brisbane, Australia arrived by train on June 1 and departed by train on June 8. During the week they enjoyed our club's Western Colorado hospitality. They got to experience the diversity of sightseeing options and activities this area has to offer. The welcome and farewell parties were well attended by our club's members who greeted the Aussies and shared some time with them. The week included seeing the Colorado National Monument, The Museum of Western Colorado, wine tasting at four Palisade wineries, rafting on the raging Colorado river, visiting the Suncrest Alpaca Farm, and touring Arches National Park and the Grand Mesa.

My deepest thanks to the hosts, day-hosts, drivers and club members who helped to welcome the Brisbane ambassadors. Special thanks to the Welcome and Farewell Party planners and helpers: Kathy Nielsen, Barb Sundermeier, and their staff. A unique element of the Welcome Party was that ELK and BUFFALO burgers were served to all along with the potluck salads and desserts. The ambassadors introduced themselves by singing Waltzing Matilda. In response, our club members sang our club song "Mountain Trails" (sung to the tune of John Denver's "Country Roads") with lyrics adapted by Jim Gardner, our club president. It was the perfect way to begin a perfect week.

The following pictures are being submitted for inclusion into the newsletter. Please let me know if you need additional information. You can pick which ones you like the best and will fit the best.



At the Colorado National Monument, from the Marianne Alderdice, Lexier Jeffries, Dennis McLean, Malcomb Gill, Dianne Gill.



Diane, Dennis, Marianne and Malcomb hiking the Rimrock Trail left, behind the visitor center in the Colorado National Monument.



The Brisbane ambassadors sang Waltzing Matilda to introduce themselves at the Welcome Party.





The group went rafting on the Colorado River on Tuesday. Five rafters and a guide in each of two boats.



The group visited the Suncrest Alpaca Farm & Mill. The Aussies were amazed by how much snow was still on the ground on the top of the Grand Mesa.



On the way to the top of the Grand Mesa, the Aussies enjoyed the view and the cooler temperatures.



Dennis McLean, the Journey Coordinator, reads the information about "Balancing Rock" at Arches National Park.

Brought to us by the  
Brisbane Coordinator!

## The Phenomenal Two-letter Word UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word,  
and that word is UP.  
It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP?

Why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP)?

Why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP.

We open UP a store in the morning - but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more uses.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.

When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it soaks UP the earth.

When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, now . . . My time is UP!

Oh... One more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

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P!

Did that one crack you UP?

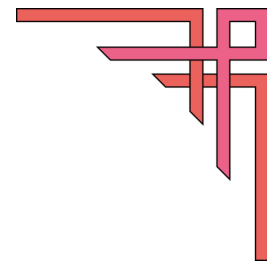
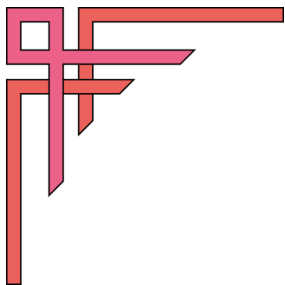
Don't screw UP.

Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book.

Or not.

It's UP to you.





**FF of Western Colorado  
Leadership Council Minutes  
6/11/19**

Ten of eleven Leadership Council Members present; quorum is four.

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

**Journey Updates:**

The Incoming Brisbane, Australia journey was great. Dan & his volunteers did a wonderful job; fun was had by all. The Welcome & Farewell parties were well attended with good food & entertainment.

FFI World Conference in Boulder, CO is July 24-27. We are getting 8 pre-conference ambassadors. They are arriving at various times from July 18-20. The all-club activity is Sunday, July, 21, 3 p.m. Our Ice Cream Social & Welcome Party is at Jeff Parker's backyard, 787 N. Sedona Ct., GJ.

The outgoing Journey to New Zealand in November has 14 ambassadors & openings for 2 more. Call Sue M for details.

We have received & accepted an outgoing journey to Birmingham, AL from March 14 - 20, 2020. More details to follow. We are looking to combine this with another journey from the South.

2019 Membership Booklets will be given out at the Ice Cream Social.

Update your booklet: Shirley Schultz: add Building #45, in the Seeded Garden section Jennifer Swayne's phone # is 970-314-2302.

Check out our webpage at [www.ffwcolo.com](http://www.ffwcolo.com). It's very informative!

**EVENTS UPDATE:**

Tues., July 2, 9-11 a.m., Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Thurs., July 18, **NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. COME SUNDAY TO ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

Thurs., Fri., & Sat., July 18-20, 8 Pre-Conference Ambassadors arrive.

Sunday, July 21, 3 p.m. Ice Cream Social & Pre-conference Welcome Party, at Jeff Parker's backyard, 787 N. Sedona Ct, GJ, phone: 241-2009

Tues., July 23, 9 a.m. leave for World Conference, Denver. **Meet at Canyon View Park, in parking lot behind the CupCake Place. Take banners for back of cars & for pictures. Take towels & pillows.**

Tues., Aug. 6, 9-11 a.m. Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Sat., Aug. 10, 12 noon, **HOT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!!!** at the Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray Ave., GJ.

More details to follow.

Tues., Sept. 3, 9-11 a.m., Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Tues., Sept 17, 9 a.m.: **OUR SERVICE PROJECT: CLEAN UP OUR 2-MILE STRETCH OF THE GRAND MESA**

Thurs., Sept. 19, 6:15 p.m. , General Membership Meeting, 1st Baptist Church, 7th & Grand, GJ

Tues., Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m., Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Saturday in October: Breakfast & Conversation Date & time TBD

Sat., Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cultural Fest at the Main Library, 5th & Grand, GJ **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Tues., Nov. 5, 9-11 a.m. Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Sun., Nov. 10, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fund Raiser at Barnes & Noble Jim G will coordinate. **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Thurs., Nov. 21, 6:15 p.m., General Membership Mtg. & elections, 1st Baptist Church, 7th & Grand, GJ

Tues., Dec. 3, 9-11 a.m. Leadership Council, Bozarth Chevrolet

Sat., Dec., 14, 12 noon, **PICNICING IN DECEMBER!!**, at the Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray Ave, GJ



## **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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