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WESTERN COLORADO

# Newsletter

July - 2020



## Council Leader's Message

Rod Serling must be chuckling somewhere, thinking that our current health crisis and our country's reaction to it would make a great foundation for a Twilight Zone episode. As I write this, I see that Mesa County's Covid-19 case numbers are going up once again; 87 case now, and it was 62 cases two weeks ago. Obviously, we are still in Phase 1 of this crisis. Continue your distancing, hand washing and face covering – we protect everyone when we each take responsibility for our own actions and adhere to these health guidelines. When I go out to local stores, and see how negligent people are to the face covering guideline, it just confirms my thoughts that no one will be safe until we have all been given the vaccine when it becomes available.

Thanks to all who gave a personal donation to FFI for their very hard-hit 2020 revenue. Our club also donated \$500 to the FFI revenue replacement fund. FFI has announced that they have achieved their goal, receiving donations from all over the world. Our Leadership meeting was joined in June by Marilyn Peterson, a member of the FFI Board. She made a statement about FFI's status and answered questions from our group. I received the following thank you card addressed to our club:

DEAR FRIENDS,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CLUB'S DONATION TO THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN. GENEROUS DONATIONS LIKE YOURS WILL ENSURE THE FUTURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND THE CONTINUATION OF ITS MISSION. THANK YOU.

IN FRIENDSHIP,

MARILYN PETERSON VICE CHAIR FFI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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There are no firm plans yet for any club activities. There are continued discussions of how we might have a summer picnic, or an ice cream social, or an outdoor general meeting, but nothing definite has been put together. The Leadership Council is working on this as we continue to get updates on health guidelines in our area. There have been communications with clubs both international and domestic, regarding 2021 incoming and outgoing journeys. We will hear from our journeys coordinator when he has worked out a schedule, negotiating travel plans with the clubs we have been matched with, and seeking out the best times for our club to host.

Remember to visit the FFI website: [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org) for information on global club events. In June there was a ZOOM virtual trip to Brazil. In July there are two events set up:

July 7 – 11:00am EST – Virtual trip to Ghana

July 12 – time TBD – Virtual trip to Adelaide, Australia and Improve your English.

Check them out on ZOOM.

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

## Upcoming Events:

Leadership Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 7 at 9 am by Zoom.

## Tentative Activities:

Summer Picnic: Sunday, July 19th

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August 16th

Highway Cleanup on Grand Mesa: September 14th



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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.

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## Journey News

**The Mystery Journey has been postponed.**

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



**Kathy Nielsen—5**

**Did you see our own FFWC Secretary, Ellen Bradley on the front cover of the June issue of the Beacon??!**

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &

Marguerite Collard

Membership was actively encouraging new members in June. Though there are no firm travel plans, by sharing past travels plus the thought of day trips soon, there was interest. What I find is that people are still doing their activities more leisurely - hence, during a casual conversation, talking about FFWC is an exciting and interesting topic. This has happened for me when I am having lunch at one of the restaurants downtown, sitting in a doctors office, or even in line at the grocery. And am using physical distancing and precautions.

You too can have these wonderful experiences and I encourage you to have a few of these handouts in your possession.

The first is our business card - the back is blank giving you an opportunity to include information.

The second is our b/w FFWC tri-fold and shares a brief history of how our club began and gives a brief overview of our activities.

And the third brochure is in full color and is from FFI. With the delightful pictures, a prospect can quickly see the fun and benefits of becoming a member.

I'll bring some with me when we have our July picnic. In the meantime, if you want any earlier, let me know and I'll mail to you.

Until we see each other, safe and healthy days and continuing physical distancing while living your daily lives.



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## FFWC Trifold



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## #3: Brochure from Friendship Force International



Wayne and I stayed in Mesa County for a camping trip, to replace a trip to New Mexico at the Navajo Reservoir on the San Juan River, which had been cancelled because of the Covid –19.

## Vega State Park:

What a surprise! We woke to **4-5 inches of snow** on the morning of June 9th.



At least the snow melted quickly, so that we could see the beauty of the Vega Reservoir.

We saw this cow elk as we drove around the reservoir. She was checking us out too!

We hadn't camped out at Vega for many years, so it was a real joy to spend time there again.

Michele Wells

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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