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WESTERN COLORADO

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# Newsletter

February - 2020



## Council Leader's February Message

Thank you to every member who has paid their membership dues. Dues are very important to our club. Half the amount you pay goes to FFI, making us all members in the international club. The balance is used to pay local club expenses including seasonal party venue fees, meeting supplies, office supplies, postage, and Incoming and Outgoing journey overages (if there are any). In 2019, laptops were purchased for the Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Council positions.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the club's fund raisers at Barnes & Noble and at Dos Hombres, which brought \$700 into our club accounts. As we begin the year 2020, the club is in a healthy position.

Your Leadership Council is working on the 2020 calendar of events. We hope to offer events aimed at travel and culture that will excite our membership and prompt more members to get involved in the club activities. Every member is invited to attend the Leadership Council meeting held on the First Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is February 4 at 9:00am. The agenda includes a review of the Bylaws, discussion of the 2020 calendar, and new ideas for club activities.

In friendship,  
Dan

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Feb 4th 9-11  
Leadership Council Meeting  
Ed Bozarth Chevrolet  
2595 US-6

Thursday, Feb 13th  
11:30 - Luncheon  
at  
Grand International Buffet  
2504 Hwy 6 & 50

Fiddler on the Roof,  
Sunday, March 1st  
at 2 pm  
CMU

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$40 date PASSED)

Now dues are \$45.00 per person.  
The final date to pay 3/31/2020 or  
your name will be removed.

Make Checks payable to FFWC.  
Please give to Dan Clancy, Treasurer.

Or mail to:

FFWC

PO Box 3665

Grand Junction, CO 81502



Find us on:  
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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.

## Western Colorado—Leadership Council

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## Journey News

- ♦ **Outgoing:**  
*Mystery Trip is still in the works, late September/early October.*

- ♦ **Incoming:**

***Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada is incoming May 2-9, 2020. Jim G is Host Coordinator.***

### ***Valentines Get Together***

Thursday, Feb 13, 2020.  
At 11:30 am

International Buffet  
2504 Hwy 6 and 50



Sue Palmer- Feb 8  
Claudia Waterman- Feb 15  
Kathy Lynn - Feb 26

# MINUTES

## GENERAL MEMBER MEETING OF FFWC

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Dan Clancy introduced himself to the group and informed the club that he has agreed to take on the office of President. There were 17 members present and 2 guests. During the course of the meeting, one guest became a member!

Dan informed the group that the club holds general membership meetings on the odd-numbered months and typically, other activities/events take place during the even-numbered ones.

Kathy N. announced that we would have a Valentine's lunch at the Grand International Buffet on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. A room has been reserved. Cost of the lunch is \$10/person plus a drink.

The Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at noon at the Unitarian Church.

Membership: Rebekah thanked members who have paid their dues of \$40 for 2020 and stated that the deadline is coming soon. (Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>) She passed around our membership booklet so that people could update/correct information.

Journeys: The Journey Coordinator, Ron Bradley, was absent from the meeting, so there was no report. Jim G. updated the group on the May 2-9 incoming journey, which will be a new club from Lake Simcoe, ON. Since the club is new, there will be seminars as well as activities planned. Jim is working on an itinerary and has been in touch with the leader of the group. We can expect 10-12 ambassadors. Jim also presented sign-up sheets for day hosts, drivers, and dinner party hosts, as well as an updated application and agreement form for home hosts to fill out.

The Mystery trip scheduled for the fall of 2020 is still a mystery! Jim emphasized that the main point is to build relationships and that ambassadors are chosen not necessarily on a first-come, first served basis.

The AL outgoing journey was cancelled. There is interest from a North Carolina club for an incoming and possibly eventually an outgoing journey.

Regional News: Sue Palmer is our Field Rep for the Rocky Mountain region. She acts as a liaison between the clubs in our region and headquarters in Atlanta. There will be a super conference for the clubs in our region May 21-23, 2020. More information about this will be in future newsletters. There is going to be a new club in Alaska!

Publicity -- Sue P. is also in charge of publicity. She will be using social media (Facebook) as well as press releases.

Newsletter: Michelle announced that the deadline for getting articles into the newsletter will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and the newsletter will be out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Events: Claudia K. announced that she is organizing a group to attend a performance of Fiddler on the Roof at CMU on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$18 for seniors and \$22 for adults.

Shirley concluded the evening's raffle. There was a cash prize, half to be kept by the winner, half to be given to the club. Our new member, Jeanine won!

The program was presented by DJ Clancy who showed us the website and some of the updates she has put on there. We can now put videos on the website. DJ showed the members how to link to FFI, journeys, upcoming events, and newsletters. She encouraged us to send pictures, especially ones that show activities. She also talked about Instagram as the preferred way for younger people to communicate.

Sue P. then showed us our Facebook page and encouraged us to "like" and "share" posts. We need to send things to DJ and Sue in order to get the word out!

Dan concluded the meeting by letting members know about two opportunities for continued learning. Armchair Travel will present a program about Hong Kong at the library on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Mesa County Library. New Dimensions offers courses to senior citizens and their new courses will be published on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held in February and March. **He encouraged us to go to their website** [www.newdimensionsgj.org](http://www.newdimensionsgj.org).

Jim Witt thanked the club for their support following the death of his wife Julie. There will be a performance by the Grand Valley Barbershop Chorus at Love Recital Hall at CMU on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting will be held on March 19, 2020 at 6:15. Sue Moyer will present the program on the club's recent journey to New Zealand.

Ellen Bradley, Secretary



## Meet Our Newest Member!



Welcome **Jeanine Wehner!**

Jeanine was born in N.E. Nebraska; the oldest of 4 girls. She quickly became the “leader” for all their antics. Her career emphasized her love of the dramatic as she was a supervisor and model at Choice Hotels Int’l at the Denver Merchandise Mart.

She had 3 sons (one deceased) and enjoyed living in Chicago, N. Carolina, Phoenix, Mesquite NV. Wanting to be closer to her sisters, she is now in Grand Junction area, where she and one of the sisters still love to dress for theme events.....

She and her husband traveled Mexico, Hawaii and Bahamas. She greatly desires to visit Dollywood... (sound like a fun trip for our group---there is a Knoxville Club as well as the NC club)

During her time in Mesquite, NV. she was chair of the “Desert Dames”, a group of 600 women, where she was able to hone her public speaking skills. Whether she is dressing for an

event, riding a motorcycle, or pulling a calf, Jeanine creates sparks, fun and friendship.

Currently she is Hospitality Chair for Christian Women’s Network and volunteers at the CLUB at Hope West.

Look for her tooling around town in her red convertible!!!! And---- when she stops long enough, ask her about her great uncle who was a stow-away survivor on the Titanic...

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### *Name the “Mystery Person”*

Each month the FF Newsletter will feature an active club member as the “Mystery Person”. This person will be revealed at the next month activity or at the Membership Meeting, which ever happens first. Using the clues below, can you figure out who it is?

Mystery Person for February 2020.

This person moved from a humid climate to Grand Junction to be with family.

The person wants to document “AHA” moments and enjoys every family moment, especially with 2 grandsons.

This person has in the past served on the Board and promotes educational activities to entice the group.

By Rebekah McDermott: Membership Co-Chair



## Rocky Mountain Regional News ---

Greetings ---

- **Western Regional SUPER 2020 Conference** - Hosted by Portland, Oregon clubs located in the US Lower Columbia Region. In 2018, the first SUPER Conference was hosted by the club in Sacramento California. This type of conference replaced the Regional Conferences that were held in each region in the US. This conference not only gives you a chance to visit Oregon and surrounding areas; but offers opportunities for us to learn, share and connect with the clubs in the western region.
- Participating Regions are: West Coast, Pacific NW/Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Western Canada. The Conference will be held at the Shiloh Inn Portland Airport Hotel in Portland.

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# WESTERN REGIONAL SUPER CONFERENCE

May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Shiloh Inn Portland Airport. 11707 NE Airport Way. Portland, OR 97220

Call 503-252-7500 for Reservations (Mention Friendship Force for special rate)

Participating clubs from the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, British Columbia and Alberta. All Friendship Force members are invited. Hosted by the Friendship Force of Lower Columbia.

## Schedule of Events:

Thursday, May 21st    1:00 pm Registration  
                              3:00 pm President's Meeting  
                              7:00 pm Welcome Reception  
Friday, May 22nd     9:00 am – 5:00 pm Conference  
                              Panel discussions; workshops  
                              6:00 pm Gala Dinner  
                              Presentations by Friendship Force International Staff  
Saturday, May 23rd   9:00 am - 4 pm Conference  
                              Workshops, and wrap up

Participate in fun, stimulating workshops for all members whether you are a new member, club leader, journey coordinator or just an enthusiastic member. Topics include New Member Q and A, Planning Global Journeys, Building Memberships, Future Planning, Vetting Ambassadors, Websites and much more.

<b><i>Registration Fee if paid by February 15, 2020</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 150</i></b>
<b><i>Registration Fee if paid between Feb. 16 and April 15</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 175</i></b>
<b><i>Gala Dinner</i></b> (not included in registration)	<b><i>\$ 55</i></b>

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## Registration Form

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\*Required

Email address\* \_\_\_\_\_

First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

City\* \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number with area code\* \_\_\_\_\_

To which Friendship Force club do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

(Not necessary to belong to Friendship Force to attend.)

Please choose title which best describes you:\*

Club President \_\_\_\_\_

Club Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Journey Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending the President's meeting at 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>?



Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in need of a roommate for the conference?\*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which gender\* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend the gala dinner on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>?

(Cost is an additional \$55) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

There will be no pre- or post-conference hosting so far but the Seattle and Spokane clubs have indicated their members would put up attendees for a night during travel to and from the conference. Call or email Judi Smith about rooming:

smithjudi1941@gmail.com    360-636-3012

Mail registration form to:

Yvonne Pecha

5 St. Helens Lane

Longview, WA 98632

More questions? Contact Yvonne Pecha at herbpecha@gmail.com or 360-577-8963.

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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