



**friendship force**  
WESTERN COLORADO

# Newsletter

**April - 2019**



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## Upcoming Events

**4/6 Luau at CMU**

**4/20 Conversation  
& Breakfast at  
Golden Corral.**

**5/15 4-8pm  
Fundraiser at Dos  
Hombres, Clifton**

**5/16 6:15 pm  
Meeting at First  
Baptist Church on 7th  
and Grand.**

**6/1-8 Incoming  
Exchange**

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

## The Council Leader's Message – April 2019

Spring has sprung! Not much to report on this month. I suppose everyone is in the process of preparing their homes for spring and starting to get outdoors more often.

I do want to say "Thank You" to all who helped with the Barnes & Noble fund raiser which brought into our treasury approximately \$200. I would also challenge those members who were unable to help with our first fund raiser to get involved and consider helping with our next fund raiser which will be held at Dos Hombres – Clifton on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 4PM until 8PM. Our role in this fund raiser is to greet patrons and briefly share with them information concerning Friendship Force of Western Colorado including our memorable experiences. We are setting up 1 hour shifts to help. Don't forget to dine while there since Dos Hombres will be giving back to our club a share of their proceeds for diners who present a copy of the promotional piece developed or even just mention FFWC when checking out after dinner. Remember, these fund raisers go to building up our treasury so that we may develop a youth travel scholarship program which in turn could grow our club for the future. All are important to getting out our message of world peace – one friendship at a time.

April's "Breakfast and Conversation" activity will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 9AM at Golden Corral. While we initially tried to hold this activity at Sun Rise Restaurant on 7<sup>th</sup> St, the manager told us that they were unable to accommodate a group of our size on a Saturday morning. Therefore, after speaking with the manager of Golden Corral, we were assured that the sound system would be turned off in the meeting room area for us. We hope to see all at Golden Corral this month!

Barb and I will be showing photos and discussing our recent trip to Norway as the program for our May 16th General Membership Meeting at First Baptist Church on 7<sup>th</sup> and Grand at 6:15PM. We are also working on a few surprises for this meeting. Please come!

Finally, our travel season will begin on June 1st with the inbound Friendship Force Ambassadors from Brisbane to be followed by pre-FFI World Conference Ambassadors on July 19<sup>th</sup> and the always popular Ice Cream Social at Jeff Parker's home on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Until then, safe travels!  
Jim Gardner

## Western Colorado—Chapter's Leadership Council

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**Newsletter Editors Note:** To provide the latest of information in your newsletters it will be coming out the weekend after the Council Meeting. Just check your calendars and note the council meeting date and the new newsletter soon will be on its way to you. I hope this keeps you informed of the latest of news.

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:**

4/1—Jacque Berwick  
 4/6—Claudia Keller  
 4/8 --Abdul Basti  
 4/22—Verna Bunn  
 4/30—Jennifer Swayne

# 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.

**CURRENT UPDATE:** We are planning day visits to Moab (Arches National Park), Glenwood Springs (river float) and Palisade (wine tasting) and (Alpaca Farm). We will also be sightseeing in the Colorado National Monument and the Grand Mesa. If you are interested in joining the group for these activities, contact Dan Clancy.

The Welcome Party is planned for Sunday, June 2, location TBD.

The Farewell Party is planned for Friday, June 7, as a backyard fish fry/potluck dinner at the home of Carol and Pat Mobley.

All club members are invited to any and all of these events.

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](mailto:DPCX2@outlook.com)

**Pre-World Conference, Boulder, CO July 19-23, 2019**

(JC) Sue Moyer

All the ambassadors have been matched with their hosts and should have been contacted.

We have 8 coming, most from US, 2 from Australia, and one from Sweden.

There is an Ice Cream social at Jeff Parker's on Sunday the 21st at 3 pm for the club to meet the ambassadors. If you went to Connecticut, you may already know some.

We will be driving them to Boulder on the morning of the 23rd.

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

We fly out on Oct 31 in order to be to Napier on Nov.2. Spend a week there and then fly to Invercargill (Southland Club) on Nov 9th. Exchange ends on Nov. 16th when the majority are flying home. **We have 4 slots left**. The exchange cost is estimated at \$950 and airfare has been running about \$2000 from Grand Junction. If you are interested, email me at [suemoyer51@gmail.com](mailto:suemoyer51@gmail.com).

## Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

**No information at this time.**

## **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

### **Please Welcome New Member Nancy Winne!**



Nancy joined Friendship Force last fall and immediately volunteered to help with the Mesa highway clean up project on September 10, 2018. Thanks to Donna Wallace for introducing Nancy to Friendship Force.

Nancy and her husband of 45 years have lived in Mesa, Colorado since 1988. She started working as a bookkeeper for her husband's woodworking business. In her 50's came a new career....as a flight attendant. Nancy retired after 9 years.

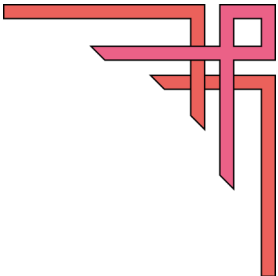
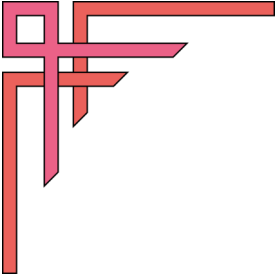
She and her husband have two children. Their son currently lives in Castle Rock, Colorado but plans are underway to relocate. Their daughter and two grandchildren live in Cary, North Carolina.

Nancy enjoys gardening, traveling, hiking and camping. Her travels include camping in her 21' trailer with "Sisters on the Fly" (a women's camping group). They traveled to Deadwood, North Dakota and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. She has also traveled to Paris, Mexico and the Baja (Pacific side). Nancy's next adventure is to Puerto Vallarta to sea kayak. She will have to do a program on sea kayaking for a Friendship Force meeting! Nancy is also going to New Zealand with our Friendship Force club. Nancy's bucket list includes traveling some day to Greece, Italy, England and Ireland.

Nancy is very interested in home hosting, day hosting, driving and being a tour guide for incoming journeys. She would like to help our club with event coordination, decorating, hospitality, telephoning, fund raising and arts & crafts.

Thanks Nancy for joining Friendship Force!





## General Member Meeting of FFWC Thursday, March 21, 2019 Minutes

Jim G welcomed all (25 members) & introduced a visitor, Beverly Urban.

Jim G noted that the Treasurer's report was approved at the March Leadership Council Mtg.

The revised 2019 Bylaws were approved by unanimous acclamation.

We are looking for members with social media skills (Facebook) to help our Webmaster DJ Clancy. Please call DJ Clancy 1-404-414-4205, if you can help.

The Fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, 3/9/19, netted about \$200. Thanks to all who helped. Our next one at Barnes & Noble is scheduled for November. More info to follow.

Thursday, 3/28/19 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, FFWC is hosting World Friendship Day with the CMU foreign students at Lakeside Community Center, 3150 Lakeside Drive. We are providing appetizers and desserts from our heritage.

Saturday, 4/6/19 at 5:30 pm, those with the pre-ordered tickets will attend the CMU Luau.

Saturday, 4/20 at 9:00 a.m. is our Breakfast & Conversation at Golden Corral, a self-pay event.

### Program:

Sue M & Jacque gave a review of their journey to Indonesia & Thailand in November, 2018. This was an FFI Journey, with home stays and hospital ER visit. Their pictures were great with many humorous tales, many bud-dhas and temples. Sue brought batik items for show & tell.

### Journey Update:

Inbound Brisbane, Australia - 7 ambassadors, 6/1-8/19, arriving & departing by train.

Dan Clancy is the Host Coordinator.

Inbound Pre-World Conference - 8-9 ambassadors, 7/19-23/19. All club event will be the Ice Cream Social, Sunday, 7/21/19, 3 p.m. at Jeff Parker's home/backyard. Sue M is coordinating.

Outbound World Conference - 7/23-27/19, Boulder, CO - Sue P, our Regional Rep is coordinating.

The 7 clubs in the Rocky Mountain Region are "hosting". Sue is requesting trinkets (toothpaste, postcards, band-aids, sunscreen, hand sanitizer etc. for the bags)

Outbound Napier & Southland, New Zealand - 10/31 - 11/16/19. Spaces are still available.

Sue M is the Ambassador Coordinator.

Outbound 2020 - Mystery Journey - Jim G



**Friendship Force of Western Colorado  
Summary of Leadership Council Minutes  
March 5, 2019**

Nine of eleven Leadership Council Members present (quorum is four).

The 2/05/19 Leadership Council minutes were approved.

The Revised 2019 Bylaws will be presented for a vote of the membership at our General Membership Meeting, Thursday, 3/21/2019.

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

Journey Updates:

**Incoming:** Brisbane Australia will be here Saturday, June 1-8, 2019. Dan C is the Host Coordinator. We are expecting 7 ambassadors. They will be arriving and departing by train. Sign up sheets will be available at the 3/21/19 General Membership meeting. More info to follow.

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) for 8 ambassadors. 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. The only all club activity for the pre-conference ambassadors is the Ice Cream Social, Sunday, 7/21/19 at 3 pm at Jeff Parker's home/backyard. More info to follow.

**Outgoing:** Sue M, is the Journey Coordinator for our 2019 trip to New Zealand, October 31-November 8 (Napier, North Island) and 11/8-16/19 (South Island). \$950 in fees plus airfare. Private, personal extra days are possible. There are still openings if you want to go.

2019 Membership Booklets will be published shortly.

Only one person attended the Journey Coordinator training in February.

**Newsletter:** will be sent the Monday after Leadership Council meetings. Please send info in Word files, not PDF.

Dan Clancy, the new treasurer, is willing to remain the Member-at-large. However if anyone would like to step into that roll, call Jim G (778-6191) or Dan C.

We are also looking for someone who is knowledgeable about social media to help with Facebook and other media sites. Call Jim G (778-6191)

We want all members to participate in the fund raiser at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, 3/9/19 from 9 am - 7pm, working 3-4 hour shifts. Please contact Sue M (242-5999) for info & to sign up.

Please review 2019 Activity Calendar sent out with the newsletter. Valentine lunch was great!

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

Friendship Force of Western Colorado  
Summary of Leadership Council Minutes  
April 2, 2019

Ten of eleven Leadership Council Members present (quorum is four).

Jim G showed us the new video from FFI (1 minute, 44 seconds) to to show people who we are & what we do. It's great!

The 3/05/19 Leadership Council minutes & 3/21/19 General Member meeting were approved.

The Revised 2019 Bylaws were approved at our General Membership Meeting, Thursday, 3/21/2019. They will be printed in the Newsletter and be on the FFWC website.

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

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There are four openings if you want to go. It is being offered to the other clubs in our region.

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World Friendship Day with the CMU International students was cancelled due to a lack of their participation.

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## **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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