



### Leadership Council Presidents—September Message

I recently completed reading a book which I purchased while at the World Conference in Boulder. The title of that book is “The Other Side of the Mountain – Bridging the Great Divides” written by Charlene Terrell. Some of you may be familiar with the book. It is a book that was written in 1997 about Friendship Force. Through reading the book, I was reminded of several important facts. These include: Friendship Force was founded on the principle of no commercialism, no tourism, and no partisan politics. Wayne Smith’s, our founder, primary belief was that “a world of friends is a world of peace”. To that end, Wayne set out to assemble a group of citizen diplomats to travel the world with no other goal than to spread peace through friendship. His philosophy of the Friendship Force would be “that WHERE people traveled was not important, but that WHY they were going would make the important difference”. Therefore, all early journeys were mystery journeys for which people had to submit an application. They were then interviewed and screened. Participants were made aware that these were not tourist trips or shopping excursions, but strictly to make friends around the world. The attributes sought in persons applying for Ambassador status were flexibility and the ability to adapt. Why is this of interest to us today? Over the years, the Friendship Force mission has remained the same – to seek out persons in need of friendship. To do this, it is important to engage in kitchen diplomacy showing that wherever we live, we all desire to live in a world at peace.

What is the main reason for the world to not be at peace? It is because of a lack of trust that governments have instilled in their citizens. Just possibly, by people taking the initiative to show other people that we also want world peace, we can begin to lead our governments in that direction. So, you can see that world peace may depend on our involvement and that INDIVIDUALS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Since you all have taken the first steps toward world peace by becoming members of Friendship Force of Western Colorado, you have shown to me that you are a group of individuals who want to get involved. So why not take the next step which is equally as important, that of sharing your expertise and ideas within our local chapter as a member of the Leadership Council. As you know, this is the time of the year when we search for members willing to share their talents. Please respond positively when you receive a call from our nomination committee members asking you to place your name on the ballot for our annual election to be held at our November 21, 2019 meeting. **DON’T BE AFRAID TO STEP UP, TAKE THE LEAD, DON’T WAIT FOR OTHERS TO DO A JOB THAT YOU COULD DO. AND BY ALL MEANS DO GET INVOLVED – THERE ARE LOTS OF FRIENDSHIPS TO BE RENEWED WITHIN OUR OWN LOCAL CLUB! WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION, OUR CLUB, LIKE THE GRAPES LEFT ON THE VINE IN THE FALL, WILL WITHER AND DIE.**

As Always...Travel Safe,  
Jim

See exchange opportunities  
on Page 2.

### Upcoming Events

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

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

**10/19 Breakfast & Con-  
versation, Starvin’  
Arvins, Clifton**

**10/23 Fund Raiser at  
Dos Hombres, Clifton**

### 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.

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



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 have a group of 10 volunteers meeting in Clifton behind the Starvin' Arvin's restaurant at 9:00am. We will carpool to the designated location and we will have a picnic-type lunch of sandwiches, chips, drinks, etc. afterward.

Dan Clancy is organizing the effort, so you can contact him directly to volunteer if you have not already done so:

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## Journey News

### **New Zealand Outgoing Exchange - Grand Junction to Napier and Southland NZ Oct 31 - Nov 16, 2019 Sue Moyer -Ambassador Coordinator**

Everything is coming together for the trip. Sue will be paying Atlanta and Napier their fees shortly. Visas are going to be required for New Zealand after Oct. 1st and can be gotten online using a credit card.

### **Birmingham, AL & Huntsville, AL - Outgoing Exchange - March 14—28th, 2020. Verna Bunn, Ambassador Coordinator**

I am excited for our exchange to Birmingham and Huntsville. We enjoyed them so much while they were in Grand Junction. I am requesting the Ambassador Application and Agreement along with a \$200.00 deposit. I don't have any dollar amounts at this time from the clubs but am expecting the cost to be close to \$900.00 plus airfare for the two weeks. If possible, please bring your application and agreement and check to the September 19th meeting.

## Friendship Force of Western Colorado

Since Friendship Force of Western Colorado (FFWC) is not only a TRAVEL Club but also a SERVICE Club, this 2019 holiday season, we would once again wish to make a donation to a Grand Valley non-profit organization supporting under privileged youth in our area. As your Leadership Council President, I would like to ask for your support in this activity.

This year as you know, we have decided to make changes to our Holiday Calendar by celebrating the Holiday Season in August instead of in December. I felt that it was only right to change how we determine the benefactor of our Holiday gifts.

While we wish to encourage the good cheer of the season by asking our members to support this activity with their kind gifts of cash of any denomination, I would like to reward those members donating at least \$20 to have the ability to more directly decide which Organization we choose to support. To this end, I propose that whenever a member donates \$20 between August 10, 2019 and November 21, 2019, they receive a "Holiday Nomination Form" on which to designate their choice for the Organization to which we present our Holiday Gift. Then, at our annual General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019, when we meet to vote for our new officers for 2020, we will conduct a blind draw of one Holiday Nomination Form from those received to determine where our Holiday Gift will be sent.

I challenge each of you to remember that especially during the holiday season, the real gift, is the gift of giving - \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, or as much as you are moved to give.

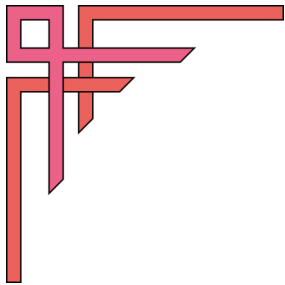
Please join with me this year to help make the Holiday Season more joy filled for some child or children less fortunate while fulfilling the Friendship Force World Conference theme to have Friendship Force "Make a Bolder Impression!"

Happy Holidays!  
Jim Gardner  
Leadership Council President

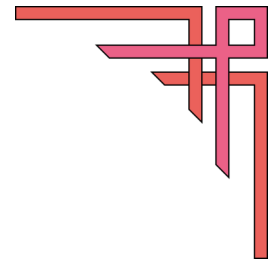


## Happy Birthday:

Harry Oliver 9/6  
Judy Martin 10/17  
Dotti Miller 10/27



Friendship Force of Western Colorado  
Summary of Leadership Council Minutes  
9/3/19



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

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

**Journey Updates:**

The outgoing Journey to New Zealand in Nov. 2019 has 14 ambassadors & is closed. Please call Sue M on obtaining your visa which is a new requirement as of Oct 1st.

Our outgoing journey to Birmingham, AL is from 3/14 - 21, 2020. Verna Bunn is the Journey Coordinator for this journey. We are also going to Huntsville, AL 3/21 - 28, 2020

Check out our webpage at [www.ffwcolo.com](http://www.ffwcolo.com). It's very informative! Christmas Party pictures are there; so was Santa, in his red shorts.

The club will have a say in choosing a non-profit helping young people for our holiday donation. Please see newsletter & come to our Sept. 19th General Membership meeting for more info.

Sign-up sheets will be at the Sept 19th meeting for the Dos Hombres & Barnes & Noble Fundraisers & the Cultural Fest at the Library. See Events below for dates & times.

The Nominating Committee will be calling all members about positions on the Leadership Council. All positions are open except Treasurer & Member-at-large. Please consider accepting a position.

**EVENTS UPDATE:**

Tues., Sept 17, 9 a.m.: **OUR SERVICE PROJECT: CLEAN UP OUR 2-MILE STRETCH OF THE GRAND MESA.** Meet at 9 behind Starvin' Arvin's to carpool; lunch will be provided.

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

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

Sat. Oct. 19, 9 a.m. Breakfast & Conversation, Starvin' Arvin's, Clifton

Wed., Oct. 23, 4-8 p.m. Fund Raiser at Dos Hombres, Clifton. **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

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

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

Sun., Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Fund Raiser at Barnes & Noble **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

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

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

Sat., Dec., 14, 12 noon, **A Winter Picnic !!**, 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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