

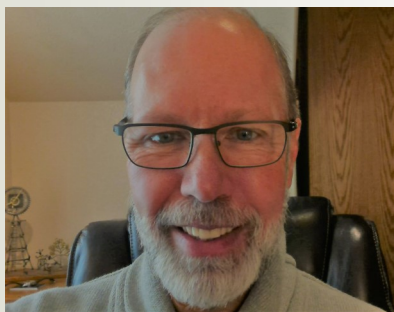


friendship force  
WESTERN COLORADO

# Newsletter

June - 2018

## Council Leaders Message – June 2018



### 2018 FFWC Quarterly Meeting

Next meeting will be the August 16th, 6:15 pm, First Baptist Church at 720 Grand Ave. Use church's east entrance, then go downstairs.

I hope everyone is settling into their busy summer activities. June appears to be a busy month as well, with the "Mike the Headless Chicken Festival in Fruita on June 1 & 2 along with the Shrine Circus on the same weekend. Only to be followed the second weekend (June 8, 9, & 10) by the Palisade Bluegrass & Roots Festival and the Kiwanis Pancake Day & Fun Fest. Then on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend starting June 14, 15, 16 & 17, of course we have Country Jam. Can't forget the Downtown Farmer's Markets starting on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. And for good measure, why don't we throw in Flag Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Father's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I don't know about all of you, but I'm near exhaustion thinking of all the possibilities that the Grand Valley has to offer in the summer. I know you all will need some extra calories to help get you through your hectic summer schedules. So, I do hope that you all take time out of your busy schedules to slow down enough to enjoy OUR OWN FFWC ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND AUCTION to be held on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM at Jeff Parker's home at 787 N. Sedona Court. Oh, and don't forget roundup all of those Friendship Bucks you have been collecting and bring them along to bid on some interesting, one -of-a-kind items. So, get ready to relax, have fun, and enjoy an evening of Friendship and great ice cream and all the fixins.

And while we are talking food (one of my favorite subjects), don't forget to join us in July (July 19<sup>th</sup>) at 6:15PM for our annual PICNIC/POT LUCK to be held at the (bug-free) Unitarian Church located at 536 Ouray.

SEE YOU AT THE REFRESHMENT TABLES!

Until then, safe travels!  
Jim Gardner

See exchange opportunities  
on Page 3.



**Need  
a new  
nametag? Get  
one for \$15.00!**

## Western Colorado—Chapter's Leadership Council

Council Coordinator	Jim Gardner	778-6191	See Membership Booklet
Secretary/Historian	Barb Gardner	778-6150	See Membership Booklet
Treasurer	Claudia Waterman	243-2160	See Membership Booklet
Events Coordinators	Kathy Nielsen	260-8548	See Membership Booklet
Membership	Barbara Sundermier Claudia Kellar	256-0093 201-8822	See Membership Booklet See Membership Booklet
Publicity	Jim Witt	209-9241	See Membership Booklet
Newsletter	Jacque Berwick	644-7347	See Membership Booklet
Journey Coordinator	Sue Moyer	242-5999	See Membership Booklet
At-Large	Elsie Blink	773-1533	See Membership Booklet



### *Rocky Mountain Regional*

**Check out the travel opportunities from the other clubs  
on the international website..**



**Find us on  
Facebook**

**See us on our Face Book page @ Friendship Force Western  
Colorado. If you have anything you would like to put on our  
Face Book Page contact Donna Miller @ (970) 257-7444 or  
email her @ dpmilleringj@gmail.com**

## Field Rep Article for Newsletters/ Websites.

Greetings –

### Western Super-Regional Conference in Sacramento/Elk Grove, California

In May, I had the pleasure of attending the first Western Super-Regional Conference hosted by the Sacramento California Friendship Force club. The conference was attended by 122 members from clubs from the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, West Coast and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.



The conference was kicked off with a “Welcome” from Steve Ly, Mayor of Elk Grove. The keynote speaker was Joy Justus, Outreach Manager, of World Relief Sacramento. She has been working with refugees through World Relief since 2012. Her presentation included a panel of refugees who gave firsthand accounts of their story. It was interesting and very “heartfelt”.

The conference included workshops on travel insurance, domestic journeys, leadership, recruitment, global journeys, using google docs, and sharing club photography worldwide. There was plenty of time to socialize, take morning walks, enjoy meals together and a fun Cinco De Mayo Gala Dinner! Sacramento FF Club did

a wonderful job planning and hosting. I ended my travels with a Mystery Mini Journey in Sacramento.



### 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?”

Jeremy'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

# Journey and Conference News

## Western Colorado FFI Journeys

**Birmingham, Alabama Incoming, August 30-September 6, 2018** (HJC) Dan Clancy

The dates have changes, These are correct. Birmingham will be coming to Cheyenne and Western Colorado. Need home hosts, drivers, small dinner hosts, etc.

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming, October 2nd –9th 2018** (HJC) Jacque B

Have interacted with Baton Rouge, they have picked their events and the itinerary will be out soon. Need home hosts, drivers, dinner party hosts, etc.

**Brisbane Australia, Incoming, June 2019** (HJC) Needed

They will be visiting Western Colorado & Reno/Tahoe. We have contacted the club.

**New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, November 2019** (HJC) Needed

They can take 16 ambassadors. Napier - would need to share hosts, separate beds, share bath. Cost estimated to be \$150 US.

Southland - cost would be approximately \$250 NZ dollars - they rent a bus for part of the week.

Airfare will be about \$2000 due to many flights within NZ.

## Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

**Edmonton and Lethbridge Canada , August 1-15, 2018** (JC) Southern Connecticut

Journey number is 14283

**2019 World Conference, Boulder, CO July 23-27, 2019** (JC) Sue Palmer & Sue Moyer

Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference.

# Incoming Journeys

## Incoming Journey from Birmingham, Alabama

August 30 – September 6, 2018

This is your chance to get to know some true American Southerners. On Friday, 8/30, we will welcome Friendship Force ambassadors from Birmingham, Alabama. They will stay through the week and leave on Friday, 9/06. They are coming from Cheyenne, WY, where they will have spent the previous week with the FF club there. We are planning to introduce them to all the highlights that the Grand Valley has to offer. The daily itinerary is being developed and the plan is to have some activities that are not always part of an incoming journey itinerary. Mark those dates on your calendar and get ready to show the Birmingham folks our own brand of hospitality.



There will be sign-up sheets for Hosts, day-Hosts, drivers, and small dinner party hosts at the next club activities:

June 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday - Ice Cream Social - Jeff Parker's Home, 6:15pm

July 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday - Picnic, pot luck - Unitarian Church 6:15 pm

Or you can contact the Host Coordinator Dan Clancy,  
by phone: (404-414-0642) or by email: ([dpcx2@outlook.com](mailto:dpcx2@outlook.com)).

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## Baton Rouge LA, here they come!

Baton Rouge's Friendship Force members sound like a lot of fun. Get ready to see some amazing thing on this trip. We will be going to The Museum of the Mountain West, view petroglyphs, rafting down the Colorado and Moab Giants again. Join us in welcoming our new and some not so new friends. I (Jacque) and my helpers will be contacting everyone to find out what you may want to do to contribute to this great time. Their journey is from October 2nd through October 9th. Mark your calendars.



# It's Here! This Month!

## THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FFWC BUCKS AUCTION



**Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 @ Jeff P's Home**  
**Address is 787 N. Sedona Court.**

*Please bring lawn chairs*  
*Jeff Parker (970) 241-2009*

**DIRECTIONS:** From F Road go North on 12<sup>th</sup> Street (street turns into 27 Road). Continue North and turn Left on Alpine Drive (continue going left (can't go right) Street turns into Jade Lane; Turn Right onto Amber Way (first street on the right). Turn Right onto North Sedona Ct. (house on the left, Ranch Style-Stucco White and Gray) 787 N. Sedona Ct.



*Bring any items to the social. See you there.*

**Kathy Nielson will be contacting everyone to work out the menu.**  
**Hope everyone can come. It will be a great time.**

## Next Event in July!

### July Picnic Time!

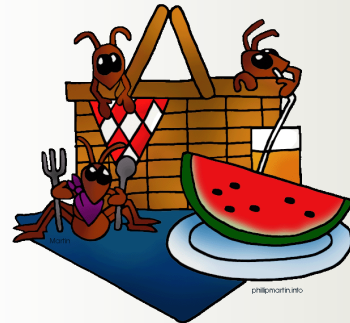
**Who: All Members and Guests**

**When: Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm**

**Where: Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray Ave**

**Why: Because it will be great fun.**

**Be there.**



July  
19<sup>th</sup>  
6:15

## Activities List 2018

<b>This Month</b>	<b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> @ Jeff Parker's home, 787 N. Sedona Court @ 6:15 pm</b> <b>Ice Cream Social w/white elephant FF bucks auction</b>
<b>July</b>	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm – Picnic, pot luck
<b>August</b>	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Friday 30st - Friday September 6th Birmingham Incoming, Sue 2020 outgoing journey & 2018 incom- ing journey
<b>September</b>	Friday August 30st - September 6th Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
<b>October</b>	Tuesday, 2nd - Tuesday, 9th Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
<b>November</b>	Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council members
<b>December</b>	Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> @ Unitarian Church 12:00 pm – Christmas Party

**Council meets the first Tuesday of every month, Chevrolet Car Dealership on North Ave, 9:00 am.**

June Birthdays



Din Clancy June 08  
Linda Fulham June 09  
Dan Clancy June 11  
Jeff Parker June 15  
Barb Sundermeier June 15



## **Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes Next Meeting June 5th**

### **May 2018 Last Meeting**

Ten of thirteen Council Members present (quorum is four).

The April 3, 2018 Council Minutes were approved.

The April 19, 2018 General Membership meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

Membership Update: 4 new members; 2 members resigned; 42 current members and 3 potential members. Change Jim Gardner's email to gardner970@gmail.com.

Exchange Update: Incoming: August 31-September 7, 2018 from Birmingham, AL. Dan Clancy is Host Coordinator.

Dan has been in contact with his Birmingham counterpart. He has a basic itinerary, but awaiting more information. He will have sign-up sheets at the Ice Cream Social.

FFI World Conference will be held at CU-Boulder July 24 - 27, 2019. Dorms and school cafeteria will be used. Our club will help during that time. There will also be pre and post conference home stays (only 3-4 days) which we will participate in. More info later.

Events Update: This Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 am at Golden Corral is our first ever Breakfast and Conversation.

Tuesday, June 19 at 6:15 pm is our Ice Cream Social and  
Jeff Parker's house,

787 N. Sedona Ct., Grand Junction. phone: 241-2009.

Kathy will have sign-up sheets at the breakfast for ice  
snacks for this event.

silent auction. It will be at

cream, toppings and

Publicity: Jim G reviewed an online seminar given by a Media Relations person from the Atlanta office that he listened to last week. It can be viewed on Atlanta's website too. He gave his notes to Jim W for his review and to implement some of the ideas. Jim W was also asked to update the Media listing that is currently not accurate. Jim G would like to see a Publicity Notebook with names, addresses, phone numbers, contact info so transitions are easier.

Self-guided tours of Historic GJ will be Saturday, May 5 12-4 pm. Tickets are \$12. First Baptist will serve lunch to help support their mission work.

Newsletter: please have articles to Jacque by end of today (5/1/18).





## **Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting Next Meeting August 16, 2018**

### **April 19, 2018 Last Meeting**

Council Leader, Jim Gardner welcomed all.

Jim reminded us that the Revised Bylaws were sent out with the March Newsletter to comply with the 30 day advanced notice to vote for the revisions. He reviewed some of the changes to the Revised Bylaws, 2018, which included updated terminology per Atlanta FFI, yearly dues changed to calendar year January - December and due by January 31st, and first name tag to be given to new members. Sue M moved to accept the revised edition, Kathy N seconded and the attendees voted to approve the Revised 2018 Bylaws.

The New Member Orientation booklet was passed out to all. This will be included in the packet for all new members with a copy of the 2018 Revised Bylaws and the current Membership Book. Thanks to Claudia K and Jim G for developing this helpful booklet.

Treasurer's report for Club funds and Exchange funds was reviewed.

The club will continue the use of FF Bucks following a motion by Sue M and second by Elsie B. These fun bucks will be given out for the following:

- 1) Attendance at meetings, events
- 2) Wearing your name tag
- 3) Wearing your FF of WC apparel

It was recommended that we get a booth for Beacon Fest, a seniors event. Give a seminar about senior travel, including our club options. A reminder to use "Friendship Force of Western Colorado, a cultural exchange and travel club" in all information that goes to the Daily Sentinel, The Beacon, our Webpage, our Facebook page and other places that we advertise.

Dan C, the Ambassador Host director for our Incoming Birmingham, AL exchange reviewed some of the details. They will be in Cheyenne, WY August 24-31, 2018 and then they are coming to us August 31 - September 7, 2018. Sign up sheets will be available soon. We need all club members to participate in some way to make this a successful exchange for Alabama.

Sue M: Baton Rouge, LA will be here October 2 - 9. Jacque B and Claudia W are the Ambassador Coordinators for this journey. For 2019: Brisbane, Australia incoming June. November our club will be going to New Zealand: Southland and Napier.

The Superconference of the Western Region Clubs is 5/3 - 5/5/18 in Sacramento, CA. Sue P, Regional Rep will be attending.

May 5, 2018 is our first Breakfast and Conversation at Golden Corral at 8:30am. Please plan to attend.

Our donation draw was completed.

Guests we introduced: Ron and Ellen who helped us out with our French-speaking ambassadors last year. Donna, who sews with Marguerite and Michelle. Welcome!

Jim and Barb G gave their PowerPoint presentation on New Zealand.

### Calendar of Events

Council Meeting Tuesday, 05/01/18, 9:00 am Bozarth Chevrolet  
Breakfast and Conversation, 05/05/18 at 8:30 am, Golden Corral  
Council Meeting Tuesday, 06/05/18, 9:00 am Bozarth Chevrolet

## **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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