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Newsletter

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Council Leaders Message – October 2018

HELLO Baton Rouge Ambassadors!

I would like to be the first to officially welcome Baton Rouge Ambassadors to Western Colorado. Our members have been anxiously looking forward to your journey and have been working hard to make this a most memorable journey for all. The itinerary is a full one, designed to show you what we think is among the best Western Colorado has to offer. Of course, with so much to choose from, it was a difficult task for Jacque Berwick, Journey Coordinator, and her helpers, to decide which to include for your journey. I thank them for their efforts.

We hope that you will be awed by the beautiful surroundings of Western Colorado as much as by the friendliness of our members.

Please remember to drink plenty of fluids while you are with us and don't feel embarrassed to let one of our members know if you feel that you may be experiencing any effects of our "dry heat" or altitude so that we might obtain help for you.

On a more somber note, today, I received a Facebook instant message from one of our good friends from Birmingham that seemed very suspect. She was alerting me to financial benefits that were available to her from a group called BFAG (Benefits and Financial Assistance from the Government Trust Fund). During the course of our back and forth communication she appeared to be very anxious for me to participate in this program as well since she was shown a list of potential benefactors on which my name appeared. I researched the group online and found reference to a SCAM. I responded to her that I strongly believed this to be a SCAM and was not interested and recommended that she contact her bank since she indicated that she had received a check and it had cleared her bank. Being even more suspicious, I called her directly, only to get her recorded answer. I now believe that her Facebook Message account has been hijacked by an unscrupulous individual and have reported the situation to Facebook and have blocked the number which that individual had used to contact me (a Michael Wayne at 512-774-6350). I have still not been able to reach that Birmingham member.

I hope that others do not fall victim to this SCAM. Please be on your guard for things like this involving friends we have met through Friendship Force.

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner



2018 FFWC Quarterly Meeting

Next meeting will be the
October 18th, 6:15 pm,
First Baptist Church at 720
Grand Ave. Use church's
east entrance, then go
downstairs.

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	See Membership Booklet	See Membership Booklet



Rocky Mountain Regional

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



Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming, October 2-9, 2018

(HJC) Jacque B

We currently have 11 people coming and have a full schedule. Most everything is planned. You will soon be receiving your package of all the information you will need. If you have any questions contact Jacque Berwick ((970) 644-7347) or Claudia Waterman ((970) 243-2160).

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1 - 8, June 2019

(HJC) Needed

They will arrive on June 1 by train from Denver and leave on the 8th on the train for Salt Lake city. Currently have 8 interested, will be recruiting more. Still need HJC.

New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, November 2019

(HJC) Sue M

The maximum is 14 ambassadors. Only 2 spots left. Cost estimate at approx. \$800 plus airfare. (\$2,000?). If interested, please email Sue Moyer an application. The journey number is #15265. (suemoyer51@gmail.com). Deposit will be collected later this year.

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

(JC) Sue M

Pre-hosting 3-4 days of home hosting prior to World Conference in Boulder. This is just prior to the World Conference in Boulder. We are home hosting and then driving the ambassadors to Boulder the morning of the 23rd. Still need a few hosts and drivers to Boulder (members who are attending the world conference). We can have a few all club activities while they are here along with home hosts joining up for other activities. Will need day hosts for Shirley's guests. We have heard from the Adelaide, AU club that they have 4 interested in coming here.

Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

2019 World Conference, Boulder, CO July 23-27, 2019

(JC) Sue Moyer

Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference. Register early if you want to stay in the dorms. We are driving over on July 23rd with the ambassadors who came here for pre-hosting. Conference starts officially the morning of the 24th. Registration should start in October.

Welcome Baton Rouge!

It is good to finally meet you all. We hope you will enjoy all the adventures we have planned for you. Western Colorado and the Moab, Utah are magical places, with red rocks country, the Colorado River and quaint, lively downtowns.



Set back and enjoy yourself and if there is anything we can do to make your stay better, please do not hesitate to let us know.

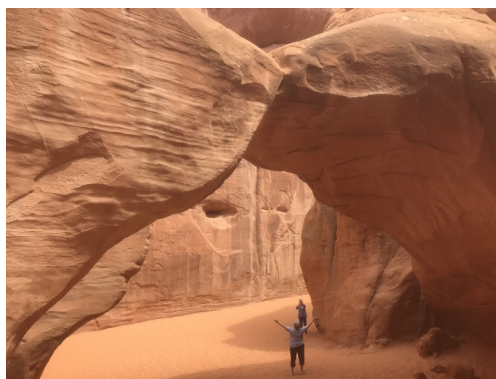


Friendship Force Western Colorado Welcomes you!

THE INCOMING BIRMINGHAM JOURNEY WAS A BIG SUCCESS



Western Colorado club president Jim Gardner and his wife Barb with Birmingham ambassador Bill Johnson (middle).



During our visit to Arches National Park, Reba Williams and Marlyss Giles take in the majesty of Sand Dunes Arch.



After a Scavenger Hunt activity in downtown Grand Junction, the group had lunch at The Main Street Cafe (from the left: Barb Sundermeier, Beth Castellini, Ann Taylor, Linda Burell).



At the Colorado National Monument with Independence Rock in the background (from the left: Bill Johnson, Marlyss Giles, Barb Gardner, Jim Gardner, Reba Williams, Sue Palmer, Ann Taylor, Linda Burell, DJ Clancy, Dan Clancy, Tina Coe, Joe Williams)

The incoming ambassadors thoroughly enjoyed their brief six days of activities in Grand Junction. Planned for them were the following: Grand Junction downtown scavenger hunt created by Cindy Beckage, a tour, hike and picnic lunch on the Colorado National Monument, wine tasting at 4 local wineries, a day trip to Arches National Park in Moab, UT, a visit to the classic car museum in Gateway, CO, and tours at the Museum of Western CO and Western Metals Recycling. My deepest thanks to the hosts, day-hosts, drivers and club members who helped to welcome the Birmingham ambassadors during these events.

Both the Welcome Party and Farewell party were memorable. My thanks to Kathy Nielsen, Barb Sundermeier and their staff for creating such great get-togethers. At the Welcome Party, the ambassadors each described their favorite activity from their journey the week before in Cheyenne, WY. The Farewell Party was a backyard fish-fry (Sloppy Joes for land lubbers) at the home of Pat and Carol Mobley. The food and fun were excellent and even included a guitarist who played for group sing alongs. The Birmingham ambassadors performed a song of their own, to the tune of Sweet Home Alabama, inviting our club to Journey there. It was the perfect way to say "Thanks" for the great time they had visiting the Colorado Western Valley.

GRAND MESA HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Monday, September 10th. Thanks you Elsie for a great time.



Amazing, they got Don Moyer in the picture. See if you can recognize the rest of our clean-up crew and don't forget the thumb. Here's a hint.



Event Calendar 2018

This Month	Tuesday, 2nd - Council Meeting, 9:00am, Tuesday, 2nd - Incoming Baton Rouge arrives, arriving various times Wednesday, 3rd - Welcome Party, 6:00 p.m., Location: TBD Sunday, 7th - Farewell Party, 6:00 p.m. Location: TBD Tuesday, 9th - Baton Rough , departs, various times Thursday, 18th - General Membership Mtg., 6:15 p.m., First Baptist, 7th & Grand
November	Saturday, 3rd - Culture Fest, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (set-up @ 10:00 a.m.) Main Library, 5th and Grand Ave. Thursday, 15 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council members
December	Saturday, 15 th @ Unitarian Church 12:00 pm – Christmas Party

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

All events are open to friends and family, see you there.

October Birthdays!

Rachel Brown Oct 0

Sue Moyer Oct 0

Rachel Brown Oct 6
Sue Moyer Oct 08
Linda Smith Oct 25



Please welcome, new members Ron & Ellen!

WELCOME New Members Ellen & Ron Bradley!

Ellen & Ron met at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont while earning their Master's of Arts degrees in Teaching Languages. Ron's emphasis was ESL (English as a Second Language) and Ellen's was French. She taught French classes for 14 years at Colorado Mesa University.

In the late 80's & 90's they founded and operated the Colorado International Education and Training Institute. The institute offered international students intensive English language lessons in preparation for admission to colleges or universities throughout the United States. The institute also offered specialized programs for teachers and business people.

During the last 15 years Ellen and Ron have been involved in teacher training. This endeavor has taken them around the world as well as to training sites in Chicago, San Francisco and Boston. Are they retired....yes and no, both but especially, Ron, is still involved with online training!

Ellen lived in 13 different places including twice abroad during her childhood. That didn't change when she and Ron married. They have lived in Connecticut, Illinois, California, Japan and Grand Junction. Two of their 3 children were born in Japan. They feel very blessed to have their 3 children, six grandchildren and one great-grandson living in the Grand Valley.

Countries on their bucket list includes Norway, Vietnam, Cambodia, Tahiti and New Zealand. Last year the couple and three friends rented a van and toured Portugal, southern Spain and Morocco. Other favorite trips include cruising the western Mediterranean and a river cruise on the Seine in France which took them from Paris to the Normandy coast.

Ellen and Ron both like the concept of promoting international peace and understanding through personal experiences and relationships. Both like the idea of traveling with others, meeting new people and experiencing different cultures.

They are interested in volunteering for Friendship Force incoming journeys as a small dinner host or being a day tour guide. Ron is also interested in driving for journeys. Their travel experiences will be a great asset to our FF club.





Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes September 7, 2018

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

The August 7, 2018 Council Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

Membership Update: 46 members.

Exchange Update: Incoming: August 30-September 6, 2018 from Birmingham, AL. Dan Clancy was Host Coordinator. The exchange went extremely well. Weather was great, different venues and everyone loved the free day. Banners at the back of the cars helped locate all of us, especially in parking lots. The Alabama Clubs gifted us with \$100 for our choice to the local non-profit, Homeward Bound.

Incoming: Baton Rouge, LA from October 2-9, 2018. Jacque B is the Host Coordinator. There are 11 ambassadors coming. The itinerary is complete, host assignments made and pick-up at the airport is various times.

Incoming: Brisbane Australia will be here June 2-9, 2019. An Ambassador Host Coordinator is needed.

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 3-4 days). World Conference will never be closer or more affordable. We are encouraging our club members to participate in all the events.

Outgoing: Sue M was selected the Journey Coordinator for our trip to New Zealand, November 2019. No cost info yet.

Outgoing: 2020 will include a mystery trip; more info to follow.

Journey Coordinator training will take place after the first of the year.

Banners with the FFWC logo are available for purchase for \$10. We plan to take them whenever we go on journeys and when we have ambassadors visiting us. Photos taken holding the banners can then be used for publicity in our newsletter and other media presentations.

Publicity: Due to our goals to increase our membership, Jim G requested that Jim W. develop a committee of three or four interested members to help him work on all the ideas that have been presented lately. Please contact Jim W.

Elsie B, our member-at-large, coordinated our service project, clean-up on the Grand Mesa on Monday, September 10. Fun and food was had by all.

Nominations are due to the Council for next year's officers by Monday, 10/1.

On Saturday, November 3 from 11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. FFWC has a table for the Cultural Fest. We need volunteers during that time. Set-up is 10:00 a.m.

Newsletter: please have articles to Jacque by the first of every month. Inclusions can include: members' photos, most memorable journey, travel tips/tricks.

Please Review 2018 Activity Calendar (in the Newsletter) for time changes and locations for all events.

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



Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting September 20, 2018

Council Leader, Jim Gardner welcomed all. 18-20 members and friends attended. FF Fun Bucks were distributed per protocol. Guests and new members were introduced: Poppy Woody, Debbie Hoey, Kathy Lyn, Nancy Winnie, Laura Dowlen, and Rhonda Steele.

Treasurer's report for Club funds and Exchange funds was reviewed by Leaders' Council. All are in order.

FFWC has a table secured for the Culture Fest at the Library Sat., 11/3, 11am -3pm. Set up is 10 a.m. We need volunteers to help out. A sign up sheet was passed around and will be at our next few events to gather more helpers. This event is very well attended in our community and is a great way to tell people all about us. Handouts including candy or trinkets were recommended.

It was recommended that we get information about a booth for Beacon Fest, a seniors event. We could also give a seminar about our club travels, packing tips etc. Jim W will pursue.

A reminder: 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.

Thanks to Elsie for coordinating our clean-up of the 2-mile stretch of highway on the Grand Mesa, one of our service projects. Fun and food were had by all.

Dan C, the Ambassador Host Coordinator for our Incoming Huntsville/Birmingham, AL exchange did a great job for this journey. Different venues and the "free" day were especially well received. The Alabama Clubs gifted us with \$100 for our choice to the local non-profit, Homeward Bound. They invited us to come and visit them.

Jacque B, the Ambassador Coordinator for our next incoming journey from Baton Rouge, LA reviewed her itinerary. Ambassadors will be here October 2 - 9, 2018. Again we need ALL club members to help out. Please respond when you are called to help. Plan on attending both the Welcome and Farewell Parties. See Calendar of Events for details.

The World Conference for FFI will be at the CU campus in Boulder, CO from July 24- July 27, 2019. July 24 & 25 will be meetings; July 26 & 27 will be fun activities. FFWC will be pre-hosting ambassadors from July 19 - July 22, then taking them with us to Boulder for the conference on July 23 for the registration.

We will also be assigned various jobs while there as Colorado is the host state. Please plan to attend the World Conference as this is the closest and cheapest it will ever be for us.

Brisbane, Australia is incoming June 1 - 8, 2019. We need an Ambassador Coordinator for this incoming journey. Please call Sue M or Jim G if you are willing.

Sue M is the Ambassador Coordinator for the outgoing journey November, 2019 to New Zealand. This is a two week exchange with possible extension on your own for more sightseeing. Please call/see Sue M very soon if you are planning on going as she is getting many requests from other FFI members to join us, but we have first dibs. They can only take 14 ambassadors. Please fill out an Ambassador Application found in Resources on the FFI website.

Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting

September 20, 2018

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We still have banners for \$10 and T-shirts for \$20.

Publicity: Tammy G of the Daily Sentinel placed an article on FFWC in her column a couple of Sunday's ago. Thanks, Jim W for meeting with her. He also has been in touch with KREX.

Newsletter articles are due by the first of the month. Vera Bunn (bunnverna@gmail.com) will be doing the newsletter for November. Please get your articles in on time.

No reports from the Web Master or the Regional Field Rep.

Sue P gave us a quiz on the Matching Process that Atlanta uses to assign us exchanges.

Annual Election of Officers will take place at the Nov 15, 2018 General Membership Meeting. Nominations are due to the Leaders' Council by Monday, Oct. 1 so a ballot can be developed for Nov. 15, 2018. By the Oct 2nd Leaders' Council Meeting the slate will be complete and must be published in the newsletter at least 30 days before the election, per bylaws. Newly elected Officers will begin January 1, 2019.

Please complete your Committee notebooks so new officers can use them to get quickly up to date in their jobs. in January 2019.

We approved funds to purchase 100 of the new tri-folds from the Atlanta FFI office.

Parameters for our Mystery Journey in 2020 include:

- two week trip
- total cost not to exceed \$3,000
- international or domestic - Europe or S. America
- need electric in bedrooms for CPAPs
- activity - mild to moderate
- climate - spring/fall? not too hot; not too cold

Membership - Emphasize younger members. Focus on CMU domestic/international
dents and do 3-4 day journeys to publicize our own area.

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Consider scholarships for CMU International Students - Check with CMU
ternational leadership

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Events - Denver train trip cancelled - not enough interest.

April 6, 2019 to CMU for the Polynesian Luau - more info to follow.

Continue Breakfasts and Conversation meetings after the new year

Christmas Party - 12/15/18 12noon - Unitarian Church

Barbershop Quartet and Carol Sing

Cookie and Recipe Exchange

Gift donation of toys/clothes for local children

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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