



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

May - 2018

Council Leaders Message – May 2018

It is hard to believe that it is already May and spring is here. Well, with spring comes new growth! Therefore, I would like to challenge members to devote their efforts to recruiting new members. Don't be shy, invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a time of "Breakfast and Conversation" at the Golden Corral Restaurant this Saturday morning – May 5th – at 8:30AM. You'll find our group in the back room located in the back right corner of the restaurant. There is a reduced buffet cost for seniors until 9AM of about \$5.95 including your drink. We hope to see you there!

Taking to heart, the message of the photo which you see below



Your Leader's Council has begun discussing some new and exciting ideas which I have received from the recent FFI webinar "Growing Friendship Force Membership Through Positive Visibility in Your Community" or "Marketing, Public Relations and Media Relations Procedures, Tips and Techniques" as well as from the recent Rocky Mountain Region President's Meeting where I spent a day brainstorming with other FF Presidents from our region. (Pikes Peak, Denver, Northern Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico). We all agree that we must enhance our programs to attract new members to avoid decreasing memberships resulting from the aging process. I have passed these ideas along to our Leader's Council. Our next steps will be to prioritize and develop some of the ideas presented during our brainstorming session at the local level. Keep watching for what we believe will be positive and exciting new programs. And don't forget to let your Leader's Council members know which of these work for you as well as those which do not work for you.

At the Rocky Mountain Regional President's meeting, we also discussed new information concerning the next FFI World Conference to be held in Boulder on the CU campus from July 24 through July 27, 2019. Keep these dates open for ALL are invited. Our Club has volunteered to host a pre-World Conference journey for some of the conference attendees. This will be a shortened journey of only 3 days.

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner



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.

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
Journrey 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

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Birmingham, Alabama Incoming, August 31-September 7, 2018 (HJC) Dan Clancy

Birmingham will be coming to Cheyenne and Western Colorado. Need home hosts, drivers, small dinner hosts, etc

Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming, October 2nd -7th 2018 (HJC) Jacque B

Have interacted with Baton Rouge. More information to come.

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

Incoming Journey from Birmingham, Alabama

August 31 – September 7, 2018

This is your chance to get to know some true American Southerners. On Friday, 8/31, we will welcome Friendship Force ambassadors from Birmingham, Alabama. They will stay through the week and leave on Friday, 9/07. 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:

May 5th, Saturday – Breakfast and Conversation – Golden Corral, 8:30am

June 19th, Tuesday – Ice Cream Social – Jeff Parker's Home, 6:15pm

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



Outgoing Journey to Schwerin and Norderstedt Germany

June 6 – 17, 2018

You may have been to Germany in the past. But, have you been to northern Germany? Join members of the Friendship Force of Utah for a journey to Schwerin in the land of lakes and castles. Follow your stay in Schwerin with four days in Norderstedt where our hosts will give us a grand tour of Hamburg.

Schwerin is one of the few towns that was untouched by World War II. It lies in a densely wooded region on the shores of Lake Schwerin. The region is a paradise for nature lovers, hikers, art lovers, and history buffs. With its vibrant energy, cafes, shops, historic sites, and the fairy-tale Schwerin Castle this small city is a delight to discover.

After seven days in Schwerin, we can extend our time in northern Germany and take a short train trip to Hamburg where we will meet our hosts from Norderstedt, a nearby sub-burb of Hamburg. Members of the Norderstedt club are looking forward to showing us the best of Hamburg.

Sightseeing Highlights - Schwerin

- Schwerin City Tour
- Schwerin Castle and Gardens
- Historical Open-Air Museum
- Schwerin Cathedral
- Art museums and galleries
- Guided tour of historical Wismar
- Walk/Bike the trails in the Schwerin Lake District



Add on a stopover in **Norderstedt** where our hosts will welcome us in Hamburg.

Come prepared to walk the cobbled streets of Hamburg, enjoy the great food and beer, music, and art.



Interested? Contact Judy Cohen, journey coordinator
judycohen@xmission.com
801-582-2431

Cost for visit to Schwerin
\$165 fee to FFI
\$150 fee to Schwerin club
club
\$25 Ambassador Administrative Fee

Cost for visit to Norderstedt
\$80 fee to FFI
\$100 fee to Norderstedt

Airfare and train travel are not included

Join us! No RSVP Needed

This Saturday, May 5th @ 8:30 - 10:30 Golden Corral for Breakfast & Conversation



Before 9:00 \$5.99, after is \$8.29 + drink

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FFWC BUCKS AUCTION



Tuesday June 19th, 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 12th 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 Court (house on the left – Ranch Style-Succo White and Gray) – 787 N. Sedona.

For pick-up of your white elephant items call Jacque B.

Activities List 2018

May	Saturday, 5 th Golden Corral 8:30 – Breakfast & Conservation \$5.99 + tax you pay
June	Tuesday, 19 th @ Jeff Parker's home, 787 N. Sedona Court @ 6:15 pm - Ice Cream Social w/white elephant FF bucks auction
July	Thursday, 19 th @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm – Picnic, pot luck
August	Thursday, 16 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Friday 30 th - Friday September 7 th Birmingham Incoming, Sue 2020 outgoing journey & 2018 incoming journey
September	Friday August 31 st - September 7 th Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
October	Tuesday, 2 nd - Tuesday, 7 th Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
November members	Thursday, 15 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council
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.



May Birthdays

Shirley Schultz May 13
Kathleen Davis May 26



Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes May 1, 2018

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.

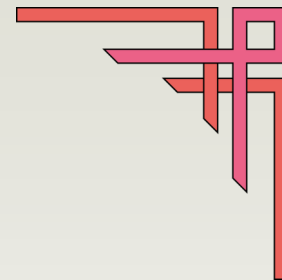
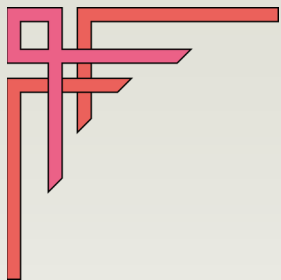
silent auction. It will be at

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 4/19/19

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

Ice Cream Social, Tuesday, 06/19/18, 6:15 pm at Jeff Parker's, 787 N Sedona Ct

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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