



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

October- 2019



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Upcoming Events

**10/19 9:00am
Beakfast & Conversa-
tion, Starvin' Arvins,
Clifton**

**10/23 4-8pm
Fund Raiser at Dos
Hombres, Clifton**

**11/2 10-3pm
Cultural Fest at the
Main Library**

**11/5 9-11 Leadership
Council Meeting**

**11/10 10-8pm Fund
Raiser at Barnes &
Noble**

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.

Leadership Council President's October Message

Here we are again in October. The temperatures are finally turning cooler, the leaves are beginning to put on their color show for us, and my term in office as your Leadership Council President is rapidly coming to a close. It is also a rather busy time of the year for Friendship Force of Western Colorado. We already had our Christmas Party in August, and we have just had our annual "Friendship Day" encounter with the CMU International Students through a lively program where FFWC sponsored a speaker from the July FFI World Conference in Boulder, Carlyn Shaw (founder of "Strangers to Friends") to speak at CMU's "Global Conversations" meeting in the University Center. This event stimulated much interaction between FFWC members (approximately 15) and the International Students (approximately 20) and a lively exercise in generating in depth conversation designed to make lasting friendships. The International Students were then invited to continue the discussion at **our next "Breakfast and Conversation" meeting to be held at Starvin Arvin's in Clifton on Saturday, October 19th at 9am and to join in the conversation at Culture Fest to be held at the Public Library on Saturday, November 2nd from 10am until 3pm.**

I am once again making the call for one of our members to step up and continue our club's progress by volunteering to serve as our Leadership Council's President. This is the only office for which no one has volunteered to serve and is also the only office for which, through our bylaws, we have set a term limit in order to generate the continued flow of new ideas. **WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO KEEP OUR CLUB STRONG!**

We also need YOUR help with our fundraisers at Dos Hombres on Wednesday evening, October 23rd in Clifton from 4pm until 8pm as well as the Barnes & Noble Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, November 10th from 10am until 8pm. We are asking members to help to presell Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes to be picked up at Barnes & Noble on Sunday, November 10th in time for your Thanksgiving Holiday dinner, as well as volunteers to staff our club's information tables inside Barnes & Noble on the day of the fund raiser. I will have cheesecake order forms for you at our October 19th Breakfast and Conversation meeting at Starvin' Arvin, at the October 23rd fund raiser at Dos Hombres, and at Culture Fest at the Public Library on November 2nd. These order forms must be returned to me by November 3rd so that I can turn them into Barnes & Noble on November 4th to be ordered for pickup at the Book Fair on November 10th. And of course, I hope that you will join us at as many of these events as you are able to, to offer your support for the club.

As Always...Travel Safe,

Jim

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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. Ambassadors will be leaving October 31, just a few weeks.

Birmingham, AL & Huntsville, AL - Outgoing Exchange - March 14—28th, 2020.

Verna Bunn, Ambassador Coordinator

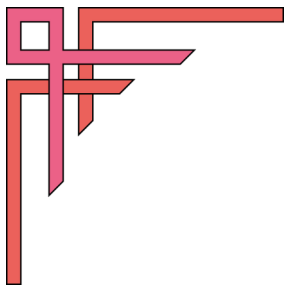
I am excited for our exchange to Birmingham and Huntsville. We enjoyed them so much while they were in Grand Junction. I am requesting the Ambassador Application and Agreement along with a \$200.00 deposit. I don't have any dollar amounts at this time from the clubs but am expecting the cost to be close to \$900.00 plus airfare for the two weeks. Please let me know if you plan on participating asap as I will be inviting our Eastern Slope Friends to join us in the exchange.

Keep watch for upcoming opportunities for an exchange.

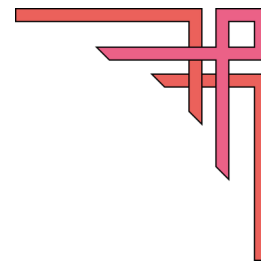
Happy Birthday:

Rachel Brown 10/4
Michele Wells 10/5
Sue Moyer 10/9
Rita Silva 10/15
Linda Smith 10/25





FF of Western Colorado
Leadership Council Minutes
10/01/19



Those present: Jim Gardner, Council Leader, Barbara Gardner, Secretary, Barbara Sundermeier, Membership,, Sue Moyer, Journey Coordinator, Claudia Kellar, Membership, Kathy Nielson, Event Coordinator, Verna Bunn, Newsletter & Outgoing Journey Coordinator for Birmingham, Bev Urban, member-at-large elect
Absent: Sue Palmer, Regional Rep., Dan Clancy, Member-at-large & Treasurer, Jim W, Publicity,, DJ Clancy,

Webmaster,

Jim G called the meeting to order & welcomed Bev Urban, Member-at-Large elect. 7/11 leaders present; quorum is 4. 9/3/19 Leadership Council minutes & 9/19/19 General Membership meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer

- 1) Club fund balance & Exchange/Journey fund balance reports were approved.
- 2) **No** checks will be written without the FFWC Expense Reimbursement Request Form with receipt attached.

Old Business

- 1) Meet the CMU International Students on Wed. 10/02, 6-7 pm during their weekly Global Conversations. Room 221 in the University Center. Kathy will call everyone with a reminder & directions. Carlyn Shaw will be presenting in person. She is from Boulder & was a presenter at the World Conference. All of our group that attended thought she was great. We have allotted \$300 as her fee. CMU is providing the room and snacks. The presentation is being video taped. KKCO TV will also be present.
- 2) A revised sample of the new business cards was passed around by Jim G. Friendship Ambassador catches the eye; people can then ask & we can explain our mission. The other side provides info about our club. Using the generic ffwcpresident@gmail.com on all cards gets the person to our president, no matter who is in office. There is also room for your info/address label if desired. Jim passed out the blanks for us to add our own info.
- 3) Holiday Donation: The club will have a say in the choosing of a non-profit organization (that helps underprivileged young people) where to give our holiday funds. Your donations (in any amount) are due by the 11/21 General Membership meeting.
- 4) At the September 19th general membership meeting there will be sign-up sheets for our fundraisers at Dos Hombres, Clifton & Barnes & Noble & our participation in the Cultural Fest at the Library. See Event Calendar for dates.
- 5) The Christmas Party was attended by 23 members & guests. Santa even came in his shorts!!!
- 6) Sunday, 11/10/19 Barnes & Noble (B&N) Fundraiser: the flyers, bookmarks & order forms are available. Jim G will bring to the Breakfast & Conversation & the Dos Hombres fundraiser. We can order Cheesecake Factory cheese cakes, as well as a variety of Starbuck's coffee, Haney & Sons Fine Teas & Godiva Chocolates. The order form is two-sided. ****** Since the order form was printed there are changes to the cheesecakes we can order: No Red Velvet; add Oreo Cheesecake & Italian Cream Torte Cake.****** There are 7 items to choose from on the cheesecake side. The coffee, teas & chocolates did not change. Last time we made more money in food sales than the books. Note that there is a 10% discount if you are a B&N member.

These order forms with the money MUST be to JIM G (778-6191) BY SUN. NOVEMBER 3, so the orders can be placed by B&N on Nov.4. Everyone must pick up their order on our fundraiser day, Sun. Nov. 10. Due to our prompt response to B&N, we have a better date for the 2020 B&N Fundraiser: Sat. 12/12/2020, 9am-10pm.

- 7) Nominations for 2020: Elections are Thurs.11/21 6:15pm at the General Membership Mtg, President - **OPEN**
 Secretary - Ellen Bradley
 Treasurer - Dan Clancy
 Journey Coordinator - Ron Bradley
 Membership - Rebekah McDermott & Marguerite Collard
 Events - Kathy Nielsen
 Webmaster - DJ Clancy
 Facebook & our Regional Rep - Sue Palmer
 Newsletter - Michelle Wells
 Publicity - Jim Witt
 Member-at-Large - Bev Urban
- 8) All present leaders: get your Reference Notebooks completed.

Journey Update

Sue M is the Journey Coordinator for the 2019 New Zealand outgoing journey 10/31 - 11/8/19 to Napier, North Island and 11/8-11/16, 2019 to the South Island. There are 14 going. All is ready.

- 2) Verna is the Journey Coordinator for the outgoing journey to Birmingham, AL 3/14-3/20/2020 & Huntsville, AL 3/20-3/27/2020. \$200 & your application is due ASAP. They can take 15 ambassadors. Estimated cost is \$900 + airfare.
- 3) Jim G & our club are mentoring a new club from Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada; FFI has approved their Incoming Journey May 2-9, 2020. We will be their very first journey! Jim G was chosen Host Coordinator. Our time with them will include some FFI seminars.
- 4) Info sent to FFI for Incoming 2021: spring (April-June) & fall (Sept - mid Nov.) 1-domestic & 1 to 2 international. For hosting 8-15 persons.
- 5) Info sent to FFI for Outbound 2021: spring & fall; 1 domestic & 1 international for at least 2 weeks (can be different countries close by) Taiwan for the World Conference & possibly there for a week after, then Korea, Japan or Western Australia. Discussed incoming & out going on holidays - we agreed no to Christmas & Thanksgiving.

Member-at-large

Eleven members helped clean up our 2 miles on the Grand Mesa. Cool & windy but had a fun time. Through the Colorado Department of Transportation, we agreed to two more years as one of our service projects.

Newsletter:

Please send info in Word files, not PDF. Verna requests all info to her by Fri., 10/4. Use FFWCnewsletter@gmail.com to submit articles.

Webmaster:

Sue P is getting instruction from Donna M & will take over Facebook. Check out our webpage.

Events:

Future

- 1) CMU Theater productions for 2019 conflicts with our outgoing to New Zealand. Fiddler on the Roof is Feb 27 - March 7th, 2020.
Claudia K suggested Sunday afternoon on 3/1. Tickets are \$18 for seniors, \$22 others. Also there is interest in the CMU Polynesian Luau again. Claudia K will keep us informed.
- 2) Another possible event for our club to attend: High Desert Opera's presentation of The Wizard of OZ, New Year's Eve, Tues., 12/31/19 or the following weekend. More info to follow.
- 3) Another possibility - carpool to Glenwood Springs for the Vaudeville show, meal at Rosi's Little Bavarian Restaurant, hot springs, & stay over? More info to follow.
- 4) Kathy, Barb S & Claudia K visited new member Bev Urban's Urban Ranch Venue in Palisade. Bev has offered to host meetings, parties & guests but details to follow on insurance concerns & port-a-potty costs due to no bathroom facilities.. All said the ranch is wonderful with a lake, acreage and views. Kathy will work with Bev on the details.
- 5) Consider this service project: work in the warehouse of Kid's Aid 1st Thurs. of each month. Take to membership. ??? what hours/how many.

EVENTS UPDATE:

Sat., Oct 19, 9:00 a.m. Breakfast & Conversation, Starvin' Arvin's Clifton

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

Sat., Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cultural Fest at the 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 Jim G will coordinate.

NEED VOLUNTEERS. We will also be pre-selling Cheesecakes for pickup that day

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, **PICNICING IN DECEMBER!!**, at the Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray Ave, GJ

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

December 10th Saturday
12-2pm
Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray Ave, GJ



Our Christmas Celebration this year is "Summer Picnics". Save the date and join the fun by wearing picnic gear – in December!!!. Be prepared tell Kathy Nielson the side you plan to bring when she calls early in Dec

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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