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WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

January - 2018

2018 FFWC Calendar

Next meeting will be the January 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!

Council Leader's Message – January 2018

As I look forward to a new year – I also look forward to new fun and exciting travel experiences.

Friendship Force of Western Colorado can play a part in developing memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Your Leadership Council hopes that you will choose to join us this year as we move forward with planning for both incoming and outgoing exchange journeys. Remember, even if you do not choose to travel this year, you can still participate in the planning and hosting of these journeys and be successful in accomplishing the Friendship Force mission to "promote understanding across the barriers that separate people" and "bring about world peace – one friendship at a time".

Your Leadership Council has already been busy at taking another look at our club's By-Laws, planning many exciting and fun activities, and exploring new ways for you to share your most prized travel souvenirs – your travel memories – with your friends and club members. We look forward to listening to your input as to how we can work together to improve YOUR club.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Activities Committee (Kathy Nielsen and her helpers) for a GREAT Christmas Party! I was encouraged by seeing a number of guests. Please continue to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for our member meetings so that we can continue to grow our number and advance our goal of peace and international friendship.

I hope to see you all at our January meeting at the Baptist Church on the corner of 7th St and Grand at 6:15pm on Thursday the 18th.

Until then safe travels.

Jim Gardner

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Rocky Mountain Regional News ---

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

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

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Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Saskatoon and Lethbridge Canada Outgoing, May 30-June 11th, 2018
(JC) Verna Bunn & Donna Wallace

The dates are May 30 - June 5 for Lethbridge and June 5-11 in Saskatoon. Our re accepting requests to be the Ambassador Coordinator for this Journey through Thursday, September 21 (our next meeting). Interested parties that have not already contacted me should do so by then. More information on page 4.

Birmingham, Alabama Incoming, September 2018 (HJC) Needed
Birmingham will be coming to Cheyenne and Western Colorado. Waiting for Cheyenne to pick their dates, but hopefully in the first half of September. Need Host Coordinator. If anyone would like to be the HJC for this journey, contact Sue Moyer.

Outgoing Journeys 2019 The four most popular outgoing journeys we applied for are: NewZealand; Japan; Sweden; and Hawaii. We will let you know which journey we will be taking when we get that information.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming & Outgoing, 2018/2019
Baton Rouge is coming the first week of October (no specific days yet). Need Host Coordinator. If anyone would like to be the HJC for this journey, contact Sue Moyer.

Other Region's Journeys

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January Update

Canada Exchange: Verna Bunn, Exchange Coordinator

Our Canadian Exchange includes 2 weeks of home hosting: The first week will be in Lehtbridge from May 30, 2018 to June 5, and second week in Saskatoon from June 5 to June 11.
The cost of the exchange will be between $800.00 and $1000.00 plus air fare and travel insurance for the first 2 weeks

The quote from First Class Travel for the first two weeks is $1042.00. To add the airfare from Vancouver using the train is $1171.94. You would have the $245.70 train fare and don't forget the travel insurance. So the total of the exchange should be under $2000.00 for the first two weeks.
I don't have activity information from Lehtbridge as yet as their meeting isn't until January. In Saskatoon we will be touring their University, Canadian Light Source Syncatron, Lunch at Waneskewin World Heritage site, a demonstration of indigenous dances and a teepee set up, Western Development Museum Curatorial Center, Bessborough Hotel and there are some optional activities. Some of which are a River cruise, Remai Modern Art Gallery, Ukrainian Museum, Berry Barn or Diefenbaker Center. It sounds like some great things to see and do.
I will be looking into leaving Saskatoon on the train to Vancouver and visit Victoria Island which will be on your own but I haven't done much on that as yet. I just know the train trip would take 1 day and 12 hours and cost about $245.70, I would be looking at returning on June 17th. This would be an add on after the exchange.
I would like to have the application and the $200.00 non-refundable deposit by January 18th. This is the date of our next meeting. If we don't have 16 from our club, I will then send it out to other clubs in our region. I hope many of you will join us in the exchange, I think we will have a lot of fun.

Welcome!

Please welcome DJ (Dorothy) and Dan Clancy. They recently moved to the Grand Junction area after living in Atlanta, Georgia for 35 years. They are new to our area but not new to the Friendship Force organization. Both were members of the Atlanta Friendship Force Club from 1996 to 2006. One of their favorite journeys was to Bergen, Norway with the Atlanta club.

DJ said she has many great experiences with international visitors while belonging to the Atlanta Friendship Force Club. She also served on the Georgia Council for International Visitors.

Dan's travel bucket list includes Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Japan, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands. Wow, what a list!

Some of his favorite trips has been to the Grand Cayman, Vancouver, Seattle, New York City and New England.

DJ's bucket list would be to visit Australia, New Zealand and Northern Europe (she has relatives in England that she would like to visit).

DJ and Dan both agree they love meeting people from other countries. Once they are settled, would certainly like to home host and show off our wonderful Grand Valley!

The Clancys have been married for 35 years and have two sons, ages 31 and 34.

Welcome to both of you!

Carol Basti Jan 02
Virginia Taylor Jan 28

2018 Valentine's Day Party
Friday, February 16th

Come One Come All to our 2018 Valentine's Party
at Chez Lena

$25 per person, includes food, drink, tax and tip

Kathy Nielsen will be calling everyone soon
with more information

See you there.

Calendar of Events

It has been proposed, starting in 2018 we will have 4 quarterly meeting with social activities all other months of the year. Below is our proposed schedule of event, which will be discussed at the January meeting, January 18th 6:15 @ the 1st Baptist Church, 720 Grand Ave.

Proposed Activities 2018

January	Thursday, 18th @ 1st Baptist Church 6:15 - Club Meeting, Shirley Schultz & Verna Bunn on Canada
February	Friday, 16th @ Chez Lena 12:00 - Valentine's Lunch, $25 you pay
March	TBD - Friendship Month w/CMU foreign exchange students
April	Thursday, 19th @ 1st Baptist Church 6:15 – Club Meeting, Sue incoming & Kathy auction @ ice cream social
May	Saturday, 5th Golden Corral 9:30 – Breakfast Social $8.69 + tax you pay Wednesday, 30th Canada outgoing journey
June	Tuesday, 19th @ Jacque Berwick's house @ 6:15 – Ice Cream Social w/white elephant
July	Thursday, 19th @ Unitarian Church 6:15 – Picnic, pot luck
August	Thursday, 16th @ 1st Baptist Church 6:15 – Club Meeting, Sue 2020 outgoing & 2018 incoming
September	TBD - Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
October	TBD, first week of month – Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
November	Thursday, 15th @ 1st Baptist Church 6:15 – Club Meeting, vote for council members
December	Saturday, 15th @ Unitarian Church 12:00 – Christmas Party

FFI of Western Colorado Council Minutes
January 2nd, 2018

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

Treasurer's Report:
Club Funds as of 12/31/17 $6001.14
Exchange Funds $2500.30
Documents are ready for our annual audit and will be sent.

The 2006 Bylaws are being revised and will come before the Club Members for approval when completed.

New Member Orientation Packet is being developed using info from FFI, Atlanta/Lincoln, Nebraska.

2018 Proposed Activity Calendar (see in newsletter) was approved and will be reviewed at the January 18th Club Meeting.

Our 2018 Outgoing Journey is to Canada. See Verna Bunn for details.

We have two Incoming Journeys:
September 2018 - Birmingham, Alabama
October 2018 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana
We need all club members to participate in one form or another to make these a success!

Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting
December 2017

Our Christmas Party was this month, no Monthly Meeting.

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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