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Council Leaders Message – September 2018

HELLO BIRMINGHAM Ambassadors!

I would like to be the first to officially welcome Linda Burell, Journey Coordinator, and the Alabama 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 Journey Coordinators, Dan and D.J. Clancy and their 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.

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner

Nomination Form for Elected Leadership Council Members and 2018 Bylaws will follow this newsletter.

2018 FFWC Quarterly Meeting

Next meeting will be the
September 7th, 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	773-1533	See Membership Booklet



Rocky Mountain Regional

Hi Everyone – When I attended the Field Rep meeting in Atlanta – they announced a NEW Redesigned Brochure for Marketing and promoting. YAHOO

If we order 100 more – it will be FREE SHIPPING.

Please check them out on www.friendshipforce.org under Member Resources and click On Marketing & Communication Materials. We can order off the website.

Let's discuss at the next Council Meeting. I have a few copies of the brochures to share With all of you. See you soon.

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

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

Come join us at the welcoming and farewell parties and meet our Birmingham friends.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming, October 2-9, 2018 (HJC) Jacque B

We currently have 11 people coming and have a full schedule. We are in need of HOME and DINNER PAERY host. Contact Jacque Berwick ((970) 644-7347) or Claudia Waterman ((970) 243-2160) if you can help.

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1 - 8, June 2019 (HJC) Cindy Beckage

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. We have interest from nine. 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.

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



Incoming Journeys

Incoming Journey from Birmingham, Alabama

August 30 – September 6, 2018

THEY’ER HERE!

WELCOME ALL!

Come join us at the **Welcome Party**, Friday, 8/31, at the Church of the Nativity (2175 Broadway, Grand Junction, 81507). Mexican tacos and tamales will be the main event, supplemented with potluck dishes from members. And: **Farewell Party**, Wednesday, 9/05, at the home of Pat and Carol Mobley (2412 Applewood Circle, Grand Junction, 81506), where we will have a backyard cookout with Sloppy Joes and fish fry. Hope to see everyone there at these events to meet the Birmingham Ambassadors. All members are invited.

Host Coordinator Dan Clancy, by phone: (404-414-0642) or by email:

Baton Rouge LA, here they come!

We are in great need for HOME HOSTS and DINNER PARTY HOSTS. If you can help us, please contact, Jacque Berwick @ (970) 644-7347 jjberwick@aol.com or Claudia Waterman @ (970) 243-2160 cw15282gp@gmail.com. The schedule and costs are listed below assist you. Thank you to everyone who is able to help with this Journey.

Jacque Berwick

Tuesday October 2nd		
Arrive		
Free Day		
Take host to dinner, Plan w/host		
Wednesday October 3rd		
River		
9:30 Float	(be there 15 min early)	\$45
1:00 Pick up time		
Free Afternoon		
Welcome Party		
Thursday Oct 4th		
8:00 Depart	(be there 15 min early)	\$20
9:00 Petroglyphs		\$10
10:30 Moab Giants		\$22
11:30 Leave Moab Giants		
12:00 Lunch	provided @ park/picnic	
2:00 Check-in, Main Stay Inn		\$100
Free Afternoon/Evening		
Dinner	On your own	
Friday Oct 5th		
Breakfast	provided @ hotel	
7:00 Depart for Arches	(be there 15 min early)	
7:20 Arches National Park		
12:00 Lunch	provided (@ park)	
1:00 Leave Arches		
Movie Museum (Leave in your own time/wine		
1:30 tasting is optional)		
Arriving back will unknown Call your host 20 min before arriving.		
Take host to dinner, Plan w/host		

Saturday October 6th			Option Day!
Grand Valley Wine Tasting Tour			
1:00 Arrive Grand Valley Wine Tasting			
3:45 Arrive pickup			
Grand Mesa/Apple Fest Tour			
8:30 Depart	(be there 15 min early)		
9:00 Arrive Grand Mesa			
Arrive @ Apple Fest/			
11:00 Cedaredge			
Lunch in Ce-			
12:00 daredge			You pay
2:00 Depart Apple Fest			
3:45 Arrive @ Pick-up			
Dinner - Small Dinner Parties Plan w/host			
Sunday Oct 7th			
Free Morning			
Colorado Nation Monument			
11:30 Lunch @ Devils Kitchen			
3:30 Arrive @ Pick-up			
Farewell Party			
Monday Oct 8th			
8:00 Depart	(be there 15 min early)	\$10	
9:00 Fort Uncompahgre		\$3	
11:00 Depart Fort Uncompahgre			
11:45 Lunch provided @ Devils Kitchen			
Arrive Museum of the Mountain			
12:45 West		\$7	
Depart Museum of the Mountain			
3:45 West			
5:00 Arrive @ pick-up			
Take host to dinner, Plan w/host			
Tuesday Oct 9th			
Take your guests to airport			



GRAND MESA HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Monday, September 10th

Meet at Starvin Arvin's, Clifton at 9 a.m. for car pooling.

Orange vests and trash bags provided.

Please sign up with Elsie @773-1533 or ekblink@yahoo.com.
Choose ham, beef or turkey for your lunch.

TRAIN TRIP TO DENVER

Leave Grand Junction Monday, October 15 @ 10:25am,
arrive Denver 6:38pm.

Spend Tuesday, the 16th having fun and eating, of course.
Leave Denver Wednesday October 17 @ 8:05am, return to
Grand Junction @ 4:16 pm.

Train fares- Adults \$54.00 EACH way
Seniors (65+) \$48.50 EACH way

Hotels near Union Station run from \$191 to \$ 268 per night.

Trip will be 2 nights in Denver and 2 days spend on the train.

There should be good color in the mountains and maybe some snow.

Contact Elsie @773-1533 or ekblink@yahoo.com to sign up for this trip.



Event Calendar 2018

- This Month** Thursday, 30st - Incoming Birmingham, AL arrives.
Friday, 31st - Welcome Party, 6:00 p.m. Church of the Nativity,
2175 Broadway, enter at back left, down stair.
Wednesday, 5th - Farewell Party, Backyard Cookout, 6:00 p.m., Carol
and Pat Mobley's home, 2412 Applewood Circle, GJ.
Thursday, 6th - Birmingham, AL depart
Friday, 7th - Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, 10th - Grand Mesa Highway clean-up, 9:00am, Clifton Starvin Arvin's
parking lot
October Thursday, 20th -General Membership Mtg, 6:15 p.m., First Baptist, 7th & Grand
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
Monday, 15th - 17th Denver Train Ride
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, 15th @ 1st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council
members
December Saturday, 15th @ 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.

September Birthdays!



Harry Oliver Sept 6
Judy Martin Sept 17
Dottie Miller August 27

Please welcome, new member Rachel Brown!

WELCOME to Rachel Brown!

Rachel worked in the Denver Public School system for 30 years as a teacher and prior to retiring as an elementary school principal. After retiring she moved from Denver to Fruita to be closer to her daughter & 3 grandsons. Rachel did not stay retired for long, she currently works part time as a bailiff in the courts for the State of Colorado at the Grand Junction Justice Center.

Rachel lived in Kirksville, Mo while earning her undergraduate degree. She moved to Greeley to attend University of Northern Colorado. She received her BA & Masters from UNC.

Rachel has traveled to most of the 50 states including Alaska & Hawaii. She has toured France & many of the European countries. She also did a 14 day cruise through the Panama Canal. Currently, Rachel does not have an active bucket list---hopefully, that will change!!

Rachel joined Friendship Force to meet new people. She would like to volunteer as a tour guide or as a driver for incoming journeys.

Rachel's bestie is new member Harry Oliver!

Rachel, thanks for joining Friendship Force!





Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes August 7th

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

The July 3, 2018 Council Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

Membership Update: 45 members.

Exchange Update: Incoming: August 30-September 6, 2018 from Birmingham, AL. Dan Clancy is Host Coordinator. The itinerary and program are complete. The Welcome Dinner with Mexican theme is Friday, August 31, 6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity, 2175 Broadway, Redlands. The Farewell Party is Wednesday, Sept 5, 6:00 p.m., Backyard Cookout at Carol and Pat Mobley's home, 2412 Applewood Circle, GJ.

Incoming: Baton Rouge, LA from October 2-9, 2018. Jacque B is the Host Coordinator. There are 11 ambassadors coming. The itinerary is complete and calls are being made for work and hosting assignments.

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. Dorms and school cafeteria will be used. 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.

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. During an Atlanta web seminar our FFWC club was mentioned because of the article on FFWC in the June Beacon.

Elsie B, our member-at-large, has set Monday, September 10, to meet at 9:00 a.m. in Starvin' Arvin's parking lot to caravan to our service project on the Grand Mesa. We will be collecting trash on our 2-mile stretch. All are encouraged to attend. Highway clean-up includes smooth highway itself, as well as uneven surfaces on the sides. There's plenty to do for both types of walkers. A picnic lunch will be provided by the club.

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 August 16, 2018

Current Meeting Minutes

Council Leader, Jim Gardner welcomed all. 13 members attended. FF Fun Bucks were distributed per protocol.

Jim G. attended the Regional President's meeting with Sue P in Fort Collins, CO on April 27 - 29, 2018. He also listened to Atlanta's webinars on Marketing and Public Relations on June 27 and July 31. Our club was mentioned due to the article in the June Beacon. There were over 100 international and domestic attendees at these webinars.

The Ice Cream Social at Jeff Parker's home in June, the Breakfast & Conversation at Stavin' Arvin's in Clifton in July, and the Annual Picnic at the Unitarian Church in July were all well attended. Thanks to all the helpers and hosts.

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. A signup 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 senior's 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.

Dan C, the Ambassador Host Coordinator for our Incoming Birmingham, AL exchange reviewed that all is in readiness. They will be in Cheyenne, WY August 24-30, 2018 and then they are coming to us August 30 thru September 6, 2018. We need ALL club members to participate in some way to make this a successful exchange for Alabama. Kathy N will be calling all members for your contribution to the potluck choices for the parties. Please plan to attend the Welcome and Farewell Dinners to meet them all. We will be hosting 9 ambassadors. 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.

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 thru 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 2 - 9, 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. We are planning on going to the Napier on the North Island, the first week and the Southland on the South Island the second week. Estimated potential costs were reviewed. 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.

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

Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting

August 16, 2018

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Donna Wallace has a new phone number: (785) 418 - 2617.

Membership passed out New Member Handbooks and the revised 2018 Bylaws to those who needed a copy.

Events: Our Christmas Party this year is at the Unitarian Church, Dec 15, 2018 at 12 noon. Since we are a service organization, we decided on gift donations for local children; more details to follow. We also decided instead of the white elephant exchange, we will try a Christmas cookie exchange. We will bring 2-4 dozen cookies each and then have a Cookie Walk to pick up a few of each for ourselves. Entertainment will feature a Barbershop Quartet and carol sing-a-long.

In 2019 we're planning Christmas in July, possibly for our World Conference ambassadors that are coming to stay before the conference and have our annual picnic in December!!

Publicity: Jim W had a face-to-face meeting with Tammy G of the Daily Sentinel. They had a good discussion.

Newsletter articles are due: August 26th so the newsletter can go out for all club members to see what's going on with the Alabama journey. Please get your articles in on time.

Sue M has been in touch with the Latino Chamber of Commerce and we exchanged brochures and information. The Latino group invited us to their picnic, 8/26 at 3 p.m. at Canyon View Park.

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

Annual Election of Officers will take place at the Nov 15, 2018 General Membership Meeting. The Nominating Committee of Sue M, Jacque B and Claudia K have the info on the Officer duties and responsibilities and all positions are open. 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.

Jim G gave a presentation on Marketing, Public Relations and Media Relations, Tip and Techniques. See handout.

Calendar of Events - NOTE DATE CHANGES

Incoming Alabama FFI, Thurs., 8/30/18, Time: TBD

Welcome Party, Mexican Theme, Fri., 8/31/18, 6:00 p.m. Church of the Nativity, Redlands, 2175 Broadway, enter at back left, down stairwell

Farewell Party, Backyard Cookout, Wed., 9/05/18, 6:00 p.m., Carol and Pat Mobley's home, 2412 Applewood Circle, GJ, 255 - 0444

Alabama leaves, Thurs., 09/06/18, Time: TBD

Council Meeting Friday, 09/07/18, 9:00 a.m. Bozarth Chevrolet

General Membership Mtg, Thurs., 09/20/18, 6:15 p.m., First Baptist, 7th & Grand

Council Meeting Tuesday, 10/02/18, 9:00 am Bozarth Chevrolet

Incoming Baton Rouge FFI, Tues., 10/02/18 Time: TBD

Welcome Party, Wed., 10/03/18 6:00 p.m., Location: TBD

Farewell Party, Sunday, 10/07/18, 6:00 p.m. Location: TBD

Baton Rouge departs, Tues., Time: TBD

General Membership Mtg., Thurs., 10/18/18, 6:15 p.m., First Baptist, 7th & Grand

Culture Fest, Sat., 11/03/18, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (set-up @ 10:00 a.m.) Main Library, 5th and Grand

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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