

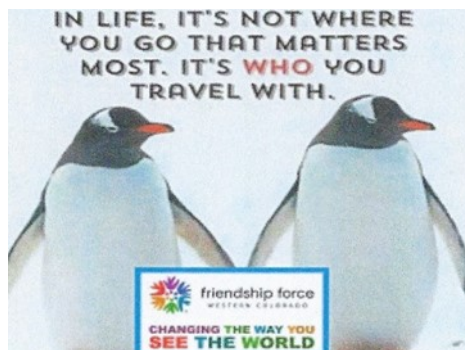


friendship force  
WESTERN COLORADO

# Newsletter

July - 2018

## Council Leaders Message – July 2018



As I sit here at my desk deciding what words of wisdom I should provide this month, I am reminded that we are almost to the mid-point of 2018. How fast time passes when you are having fun. So rather than think about these 100 degree-plus days, I choose to stay cool with memories of our recent COOL Ice Cream Social at Jeff Parker's home and, thoughts such as these penguins are providing and of going to "cool" places with our Friendship Force friends. Even if you have not started your Christmas shopping, it still is not too early to start planning to purchase one of these nifty travel signs, displayed with the cute penguins above, to take with you on your Friendship Force journeys – perhaps even to New Zealand in 2019. (We expect the price to be under \$10 each) I hope that you will consider purchasing one to include in all of your Friendship Force photos. It is also not too early to plan to attend our club's next "Breakfast and Conversation to be held Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 9AM at the Clifton Starvin Arviin's". And it also not too early to plan to attend our club's summer picnic/pot luck at 6PM on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Unitarian Church located at 536 Ouray in G.J. AND it is definitely not too early to start planning to host a fun group from Birmingham, Alabama from August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

I hope that you will ALL join me at these FUN and "COOL" FFWC events coming up.

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	256-0093	See Membership Booklet
	Claudia Kellar	201-8822	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*

**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**

## **Field Rep Article for Newsletters or Websites.**

Greetings –

### **Western Super-Regional Conference in Sacramento/Elk Grove, California**

In May, I had the pleasure of attending the first Western Super-Regional Conference hosted by the Sacramento California Friendship Force club. The conference was attended by 122 members from clubs from the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, West Coast and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The conference was kicked off with a “Welcome” from Steve Ly, Mayor of Elk Grove. The keynote speaker was Joy Justus, Outreach Manager, of World Relief Sacramento. She has been working with refugees through World Relief since 2012. Her presentation included a panel of refugees who gave firsthand accounts of their story. It was interesting and very “heartfelt”.

The conference included workshops on travel insurance, domestic journeys, leadership, recruitment, global journeys, using google docs, and sharing club photography worldwide. There was plenty of time to socialize, take morning walks, enjoy meals together and a fun Cinco De Mayo Gala Dinner! Sacramento FF Club did a wonderful job planning and hosting. I ended my travels with a Mystery Mini Journey in Sacramento.

### **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

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

The dates have changes, These are correct. Birmingham will be coming to Cheyenne and Western Colorado. Need home hosts, drivers, small dinner hosts, etc.

### **Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming, October 2nd –9th 2018 (HJC) Jacque B**

Have interacted with Baton Rouge, they have picked their events and the itinerary will be out soon. Need home hosts, drivers, dinner party hosts, etc.

### **Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1st week of June 2019 (HJC) Needed**

They will be visiting Western Colorado & Reno/Tahoe. Traveling by train.

### **New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, November 2019 (HJC) Sue M**

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.

### **Pre-World Conference, Boulder, CO July 2019 (JC) Sue M**

3-4 days of home hosting prior to World Conference in Boulder.

## Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

### **2019 World Conference, Boulder, CO July 23-27, 2019 (JC) Sue Palmer & Sue Moyer**

Stayed tuned for more on the 2019 World Conference.

# Incoming Journeys

## Incoming Journey from Birmingham, Alabama

August 30 – September 6, 2018



This is your chance to get to know some true American Southerners. On Thursday, August 30, we will welcome Friendship Force ambassadors from Birmingham, Alabama. They will stay through the week and leave on Thursday, September 06. 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. In addition, there will be additional free time scheduled for the visitors and their hosts to choose area activities that are not on the itinerary. Mark those dates on your calendar and get ready to show the Birmingham folks our own brand of hospitality.

All members are invited to the Welcome Party, Friday, 8/31, at the Church of the Nativity. Mexican tacos and tamales will be the main event. Also, all members are invited to the Farewell Party, Wednesday, 9/05, at the home of Pat and Carol Mobley, 2412 Applewood Circle where we will have a backyard cookout and fish fry. Hope to see everyone there at these events to meet the Birmingham Ambassadors.

There will be sign-up sheets for Hosts, day-Hosts, drivers, and small dinner party hosts at the next club activity on July 19th, Thursday - Picnic, pot luck - Unitarian Church 6:15 pm. You can also sign-up at the August Club Meeting on 8/16 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church @ 6:15pm. Or you can contact the Host Coordinator Dan Clancy, by phone: (404-414-0642) or by email: (dpcx2@outlook.com).



## Baton Rouge LA, here they come!

Baton Rouge's Friendship Force members sound like a lot of fun. Get ready to see some amazing thing on this trip. We will be going to The Museum of the Mountain West, view petroglyphs, rafting down the Colorado and Moab Giants again. Join us in welcoming our new and some not so new friends. I (Jacque) and my helpers will be contacting everyone to find out what you may want to do to contribute to this great time, very soon. **Their journey is from October 2nd through October 9th. Mark your calendars.**



## Event Calendar 2018

<b>This Month</b>	Saturday, 14th @ Starvin' Arvins, Clifton 9am—Breakfast & Conversation
<b>August</b>	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm – Picnic, pot luck
<b>September</b>	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Friday August 30st - September 6th Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
<b>October</b>	Tuesday, 2nd - Tuesday, 9th Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
<b>November</b>	Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council members
<b>December</b>	Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 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.**

**2 Events this Month!**

**Breakfast and Conversation –**  
**Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ Starvin' Arvins**  
**in Clifton, 9:00 am.**

**Don't miss out this time.**

**Friends & family are invited.**



## **July Picnic, Pot Luck**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm**

Kathy Nielsen will be contacting everyone very soon to coordinate the side dishes for the picnic. The ALL American BBQ main dish will be provided by the club.



# In case you forgot!

## THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Was Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 @ Jeff P's Home

# Checkout what you missed!



Great time has by all, ice cream was wonderful with the pies, cakes and cookies. All of our little white elephants found a new good home. Who could ask for more.



# July Birthdays

# Happy Birthday

Kathy Nielsen July 5  
Sidney Pauley July 17  
Beth Castellini July 22  
Elsie Blink July 24

**Corrections and new member information for the Membership Booklet. Clip and place in your Membership Booklet for further reference.**

**Corrections:**

DJ Clancy's  
new email: [djclancy68@gmail.com](mailto:djclancy68@gmail.com)

Jim Gardner's  
new email: [gardner970@gmail.com](mailto:gardner970@gmail.com)

Dan Clancy's Cell: 404-414-0642

Sydney Pauley Phone: 970-208-4952

Other Birthday will be coming soon.

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## **Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes June 5th**

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

The May 1, 2018 Council Minutes were approved.

The May 5, 2018 Breakfast and Conversation at Golden Corral was attended by 16 members and almost members. It was decided to continue them monthly or bi-monthly for breakfast or lunch.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

Membership Update: 45 members. Change Jim Gardner's email to gardner970@gmail.com.

Exchange Update: Incoming: August 30-September 6, 2018 from Birmingham, AL. Dan Clancy is Host Coordinator.

Dan has been in contact with his Birmingham counterpart. He will have sign-up sheets at the Ice Cream Social and Picnic.

Incoming: Baton Rouge, LA from October 2-9, 2018. Jacque B is the Host Coordinator. She presented her budget and itinerary.

Incoming: Brisbane Australia will be here June, 2019.

Outgoing: Sue M was selected the Journey Coordinator for our trip to New Zealand, November 2019.

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.

Tuesday, June 19 at 6:15 pm is our Ice Cream Social and auction. It will be at Jeff Parker's house,  
787 N. Sedona Ct., Grand Junction. phone: 241-2009.

Thursday, July 19, 2018 is our picnic/pot luck at 6:15 pm at the Unitarian Church, 536 Ouray, GJ. Kathy will be calling everyone to see what you are bringing.

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. 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. Website, Instagram, and Facebook are all places to get our club noticed.

June's Beacon had the article about FFI in the pullout travel section.

Newsletter: please have articles to Jacque by the first of every month.

**Friendship Force of Western Colorado**  
**Summary of Council Minutes**  
**June 5th**  
**(Continued)**

No Web update.

Regional Update: Sue P is involved in Tidbits - Club Cluster projects - learning how to use/combine snapshots for best publicity. More info later.

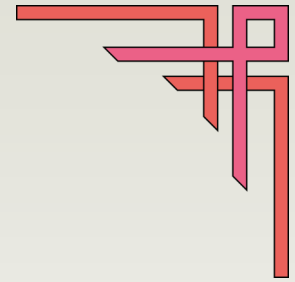
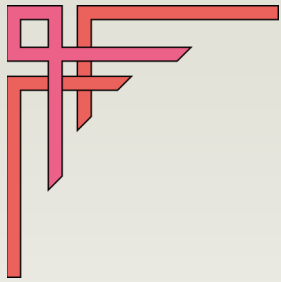
Jim G showed us his two projects that he and Barb created to publicize our organization. 2 trifold maps of our club's incoming and outgoing journeys, both domestic and international.

Small banners to be carried by members and displayed whenever/wherever pictures are taken. These can be purchased, rolled up and carried anywhere.

Both will be on display at the Ice Cream Social and the Picnic.

To help increase our membership, the board unanimously approved this incentive program: Get out of YOUR dues for a year if you bring into the club 5 new members in a calendar year.

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 these a success.



# **Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting Next Meeting August 16, 2018**

## **April 19, 2018 Last Meeting**

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

## **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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