

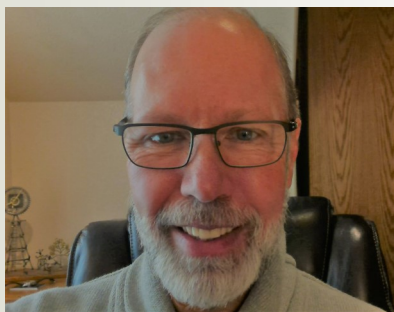


friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

August - 2018

Council Leaders Message – August 2018



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!**

It was great to see so many attending both our annual picnic and our latest "Breakfast and Conversation" at Starvin Arvin's in Clifton. We sure do eat well! And if you have't noticed, we are also learning how to promote our local chapter of Friendship Force International. **DON'T BE LEFT OUT!** Our Leadership Council hopes that ALL members join us by proudly displaying their own personal Friendship Force of Western Colorado banner for all photo opportunities involving the club. It will be great to see your photos taken with the incoming ambassadors from Birmingham, Alabama incorporating your own creative ways to include our new banners. We hope to use these photos in future press releases. I'm sure that when nonmembers see the fun and fellowship we enjoy, they will begin to ask, "How can I become a member of that GREAT group?" I will have banners available for purchase at the nominal cost of \$10 each while supplies last.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

Tuesday, Aug 7 9AM – Council Meeting at Ed Bozarth Chevy

Tuesday, Aug 7 7PM – Meeting of Birmingham hosts at Dan & D.J. Clancy home 852 Jasper Dr.

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Thursday, Aug 16 6:15PM – General Membership Meeting at First Baptist Church, 7th & Grand to

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prepare for Birmingham's incom-

Thursday, Aug 30 – BIRMINGHAM ARRIVES !!!

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner

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

**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

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



**Happy Birthday
August Babies!**



Ruth Yancey August 12
Jim Gardner August 24
Pat Mobley August 29

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

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

Most everything is done. See Dan's article on page 5 for more information.

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

We currently have 10 people coming and have a full schedule.. JoEllen says they are ready to see new things and have some fun. I and others will be contacting you to see what you may be willing to help with. I have heard from some people already. I will keep you in the loop. Baton Rouge, has picked their events and the itinerary will be out soon. Need home hosts, drivers, dinner party hosts, etc.

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

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

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 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.

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.

Incoming Journeys

Incoming Journey from Birmingham, Alabama

August 30 – September 6, 2018

We are still planning to receive 9 Birmingham, Alabama Friendship Force ambassadors on Thursday, August 30. They will stay for a week and leave on Thursday, September 06. They are driving 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 has been created containing 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 Western Colorado hospitality.

All members are invited to 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.

Also, all members are invited to the **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.

There will be sign-up sheets for additional Day-Hosts and Drivers at the August Club Meeting on 8/16 at the 1st 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, Fort Uncompahgre, Moab Giants and more. Join us in welcoming our new and some old 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

This Month	Thursday, 16 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting,
September	Friday August 30 st - September 6 th Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
October	Tuesday, 2 nd - Tuesday, 9 th Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
November	Thursday, 15 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council members
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.

All events are open to friends and family, see you there.

In case you missed it! July Picnic, Pot Luck

Thursday, 19th @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm



It was a great showing of new people and old members. The food was wonderful and everyone had a great time. Jeff, Ned and others were manning the grilling. Everyone did their part by bring their favorite picnic side dishes. Everyone is here with the exception of Sue Palmer our photographer and the two fuddy duddies Don and Dennis. Hope to see you at our next event.

Breakfast and Conversation

Was Saturday, July 14th @ Starvin' Arvins, Clifton, 9:00 am

Read more in the Council leader's message.

Please welcome, new member Harry Oliver!

Please welcome new member Harry Oliver! Harry has the best of two worlds--he lives part-time in Vegas with its glitz and fast pace & part-time in laid back Grand Junction. Originally born in Fruita, Colorado he has also lived in Denver, Colorado & Louisiana. His daughter lives in Denver with grandchildren in Colorado Springs and Texas.

In the 1970's a plane was diverted to Grand Junction. A call came to Harry inquiring if he was available to do a woman's hair. That woman turned out to be the one & only red-headed Lucille Ball of the "I Love Lucy" show. Harry is into his 50th year as a hair stylist/hairdresser.

Interest that Harry would like to share with our Friendship Force Club is the knowledge of entertaining and his love for gourmet cooking. We'll take him up on both! He would like to home host, take part in dinner parties and coordinate get togethers for incoming journeys.

Paris and Caribbean cruises are among Harry's favorite vacations. His bucket list includes such places as Italy, Spain and Greece.

Harry, thanks for joining Friendship Force!





Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes July 3rd

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

The June 6, 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.

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

Incoming: Baton Rouge, LA from October 2-9, 2018. Jacque B is the Host Coordinator.

Incoming: Brisbane Australia will be here June, 2019. Tentative dates June 2-9, 2019. An Ambassador Host Coordinator is needed.

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.

Saturday, July 14 at 9:00 am is our second Breakfast and Conversation at Starvin' Arvins, Clifton.

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.

Elsie B, our member-at-large, created the Activities of the Western Slope Notebook full of info and brochures from the GJ Visitor's Center to help our Ambassador Host Coordinators plan events. We will continue to add to this as more info is discovered.

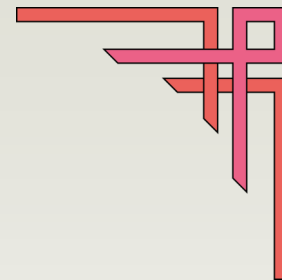
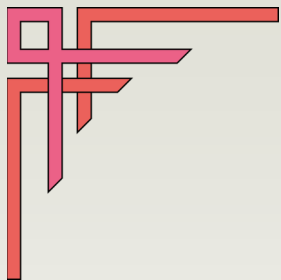
Newsletter: please have articles to Jacque by the first of every month.

See the trifold maps and small banners that have been created to help publicize our club at area functions and when we are on the road at the Breakfast and Conversation and Club Picnic. See Activity Calendar (in the Newsletter) for details.

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

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 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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