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WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

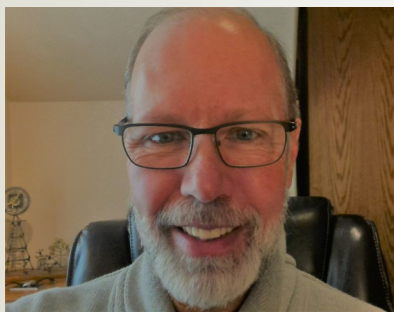
November - 2018

Council Leaders Message – November 2018

November is the month when we traditionally reflect on the many blessings we have had bestowed upon us during the past year. Therefore, please allow me to take a moment to list a few of the blessings which Barb and I have enjoyed.

1. We are thankful for the various opportunities to impact the lives of many less fortunate through the various volunteer organizations with which we have been associated. To be able to serve others is truly a blessing.
2. We are thankful for the numerous friendships we have made as a direct result of membership. In the Friendship Force of Western Colorado. To the members, we say a big heart-felt, "THANK YOU", for all that you do to make our club the success that it is.
3. We are indeed thankful for all of those who have stepped up to ensure that all runs smoothly.
4. We are thankful for the many of you who have continued as leaders within the club for often times back-to-back-to-back terms in office when others perhaps questioned their own abilities to do so.
5. We are thankful for many who have hosted inbound journeys as home hosts, day hosts, drivers, guides, and hosts of small dinner parties. Believe me, your dedication, hospitality, and warmth has shown through to all of our guests.
6. We are thankful that we have been involved with two highly successful inbound journeys during this year. (And we look forward to future journeys involving OUR club).
7. We are thankful for those among you who may be stepping into leadership roles this coming year for the first time.
8. And we are also thankful for the opportunity to spend more time with every club member this next year to try to make you more comfortable in your decision to become even more involved in the club in the future and to share your many talents.

Until then, safe travels!
Jim Gardner



2018 FFWC Quarterly Meeting

Next meeting will be the November 15th, 6:15 pm, First Baptist Church at 720 Grand Ave. Use church's east entrance, then go downstairs.

See exchange opportunities
on Page 3.



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a new
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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	See Membership Booklet	See Membership Booklet



Rocky Mountain Regional

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



Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1 - 8, June 2019

(HJC) Dan Clancy

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. Only 2 spots left. 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. Registration should start in October.

Baton Rouge Journey

This was one of the must active groups we have had since I have been in Friendship Force. Everyone was so much fun and enjoyed them all. We kept them so busy they didn't know what day it was or the time, go, go, go just like they liked it. I am very disappointed that the road to the Delicate Arch view was gashed out due to the rains the day before. This is the first time ever and not one comment. They were very grateful of everything they saw and did. A great group of people. Some of the things we did:



Great day for a raft trip.



On the way to Moab the rain poured down. When we got to the petroglyphs @ Thompson, the creek was running. We piled 9 people in by truck 2 in

the front, 4 in the back seat & 3 in the back bed. It's all part of the adventure.



Moab Giants was a great time. Larry was so excited at what he saw and the group was always ready for another picture.



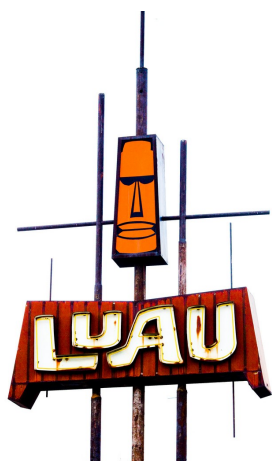
The whole week was full of fun and excitement. The Farewell Party went out with a good ol' Louisiana parade with beads, music and all. Our Fun and different dish was bear meat from the Moyers. An award to the 2 fastest girls I have ever known for climbing Delicate Arch trail in 1 hour & 15 minutes. Up and back.

Event Calendar 2018

This Month 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.



HOLD THE DATE! MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Saturday, April 6, 2019
CMU'S Polynesian Club's Annual Luau
at the CMU University Center Ballroom

More Information to Come!



November Birthdays!

Bev Campos Nov 07
Marguerite Collard – Nov 6
Jim Witt Nov 08
Nancy Galbraith Nov 09
Phil Smith Nov 10

Joyce Stryker Nov 13
Gunilla Bishop Nov 23
Carol Mobley Nov 2



Welcome Back Former Member Kathy Lyn!

Kathy was a member of our Friendship Force club in 2008-2010. Welcome back Kathy!

Kathy was born in Iowa and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. She move to Grand Junction in 1989 when she started with District 51. Kathy is currently Coordinator of Special Education Services for middle and charter schools in the district. During her career as an educator, she took a year off from District 51 to work in Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Kathy's adventurous spirit and love of travel has taken her to favorite places like Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Europe, Bonaire, Belize, Vancouver, Columbia, the Bahamas as well as to Hawaii, Florida, Alaska, Montana and D.C.

Her "Bucket List" includes Thailand, Argentine, sailing near Greece and a trip around the world. Kathy says her favorite possession is "MY PASSPORT"! That is understandable!

Kathy feels her enthusiasm, sense of adventure and love of Grand Junction will enhance our Friendship Force club. She is interested in home hosting and hosting small dinner parties for incoming journeys.

Thanks Kathy for joining Friendship Force again!





Friendship Force of Western Colorado Summary of Council Minutes October 2, 2018

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

The September 7, 2018 Council Minutes were approved.

The September 20, 2018 General Business Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

Membership Update: 49 members.

Exchange Update: Incoming: Baton Rouge, LA from October 2-9, 2018. Jacque B is the Host Coordinator. There are 11 ambassadors coming. The itinerary is complete, host assignments made and pick-up at the airport is various times.

Incoming: Brisbane Australia will be here June 2-9, 2019. Dan C was selected the Host Coordinator.

FFI World Conference will be held at CU-Boulder July 24 - 27, 2019. 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 3-5 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.

Outgoing: 2020 will include a mystery trip - parameters were discussed at the September Business meeting. all info will be forwarded to Atlanta.

Journey Coordinator training will take place after the first of the year.

Banners with the FFWC logo are available for purchase for \$10. T-shirts are also available for \$25.

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. Please contact Jim W.

Elsie B, our member-at-large, coordinated our service project, clean-up on the Grand Mesa on Monday, September 10. Fun and food was had by all.

Nominations for all the Council Positions were approved by the Council. Elections will be November 15, 2018 at the General Business Meeting.

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 Verna (for November) 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 October 18, 2018

Council Leader, Jim Gardner welcomed all. 16 members attended. Guest Laura F was introduced. An update for our membership book was passed out. Not enough copies were available so Claudia K will send them digitally.

Treasurer's report for Club funds and Exchange funds was reviewed by Leaders' Council. All are in order. A \$150.00 check was sent to Homeward Bound from the donations of the FFI Clubs from Alabama and Louisiana. Claudia W also told us about TSA doing a Pre-check application process at our airport from Nov. 5-9. Cost is \$85 for 5 years. Must take birth certificate, marriage license or divorce decree if there is a name change. Also your driver's license. You can sign up for an appointment at [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov).

Jim read the thank you notes from members of FFI Birmingham and Baton Rouge.

FFWC has a table secured for the Culture Fest at the Library Sat., 11/3, 11am -3pm. Set up is 10 a.m. 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.

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.

Jacque B, the Ambassador Coordinator for our next incoming journey from Baton Rouge, LA did a great job. The weather included rain every day, but we managed. Thanks to all who helped, drove, made food and otherwise entertained our guests.

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 - July 22, then taking them with us to Boulder for the conference on July 23 for the registration. Registration opens 12 a.m. EDT (10 a.m. our time.) Friday, October 26th using the [FFI.org](https://www.ffi.org) website.

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 1 - 8, 2019. Dan Clancy was selected the Ambassador Coordinator for this journey. He has been in contact with his counter-part to discuss itineraries etc.

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. 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.

Minutes of FFI Western Colorado Monthly Meeting

October 18, 2018

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

Publicity: Beacon Fest - cost?? Jim W to follow-up. Barnes and Noble helps organizations with fund raising. This will be discussed at Leaders' Council to see if we are eligible and want to pursue. [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) does cost but is a great way to meet people with the same interests, per Rhonda S.

Newsletter articles are due by the first of the month.

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 nominations/ ballots were reviewed at this meeting with opportunity for discussion. The ballot will be published in the Nov. newsletter too. Newly elected officers will begin January 1, 2019.

Please complete your Committee notebooks so new officers can use them to get quickly up to date in their jobs in January 2019.

Jim G submitted our 2020 outbound destination request to Atlanta. This also includes our Mystery Journey. Parameters for our Mystery Journey in 2020 include:

- two week trip
- total cost not to exceed \$3,500 for international, \$2,500 if domestic
- international or domestic - Europe or S. America
- need electric in bedrooms for CPAPs
- activity - mild to moderate
- climate - spring/fall? not too hot; not too cold
- Request that any cultural differences would be communicated to us prior

Membership - 50 members

Events:

- Saturday, April 6, 2019 to CMU for the Polynesian Luau - more info to follow.
- Continue Breakfasts and Conversation meetings after the new year
- Christmas Party - 12/15/18 12noon - Unitarian Church
 - Barbershop Quartet and Carol Sing
 - Cookie and Recipe Exchange
 - Gift donation of toys/clothes for local children

Program: Jim G asked "what has been your most unique souvenir?"
A lively discussion followed.

We ended our meeting with singing practice; singing Mountain Trails and Let There Be Peace on Earth - the words are perfect for our organization.

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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