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Upcoming Events

**5/15 4-8pm
Fundraiser at Dos
Hombres, Clifton**

**5/16 6:15 pm
Meeting at First
Baptist Church on 7th
and Grand.**

**6/1-8 Brisbane Incom-
ing Exchange**

**7/21 3pm
Ice Cream Social**

Have a friend that like to travel?

Be sure to invite them to our activities
so they can see what we do and decide
if it is for them.

The Council Leader's Message – May 2019

Over the years, I have observed at least two reoccurring facts of life. The first is that all living things are drawn to bright shiny objects, from plants that bend toward the light to mankind who desire to follow strong leaders. The second fact is that there will always be leaders and followers. Who are the leaders? I find them to be the ones who hold true to a guiding vision. Those who also go to great lengths to share and enhance the vision. And those who don't allow the followers to get lost in the crowd to the extent that they lose sight of what the founding vision was. So, to that end, let us take a moment to step back and relook at what the original founding vision of Friendship Force was.

When Wayne Smith originally founded Friendship Force International in 1977, 42 years ago, it was founded as a non-profit, non-political, non-denominational cultural education and citizen diplomacy program focused on building world peace "one friendship at a time" through its hallmark program of homestay journeys. When we spend time in another person's home, we share not only their home, but also their meals and their experiences and good conversation. This sharing helps us to become better aware of different points of view and discover common ground. All of this leads to lasting friendships.

Upon further reflection, perhaps I should add to the previous two "facts of life" a third one. The third being that a chain (or organization) is only as strong as its weakest link. So that Friendship Force of Western Colorado can be a shiny object, one that draws new members, it must have a strong binding of established membership. ALL of the established membership, NOT just the Leadership Council, must participate and work together and provide guidance for the newer members.

To fulfil this third "fact of life" for Friendship Force of Western Colorado, I call upon our members to support our fundraising efforts so that a scholarship fund can be established to recruit and train new members to our ranks to serve as citizen friendship Ambassadors working toward World peace – "one friendship at a time". PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A SERVICE CLUB AND NOT JUST A TRAVEL CLUB !

YOUR next opportunity to meet this challenge will be Wednesday, May 15th from 4-8 PM at Dos Hombres in Clifton. OUR club is being given the opportunity to greet Dos Hombres customers that evening and share with them OUR vision to promote World peace. We will ask for the moral support of the public by asking them to present a promotional page at checkout. By their doing this for us, Dos Hombres will share a portion of their proceeds for the night with OUR CLUB to grow OUR scholarship fund. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Please also don't forget to come out on Sunday, June 2nd at 6PM for our welcome meet and greet of the incoming friendship Ambassadors from Brisbane, Australia, to be held at the Universalist Unitarian Church.

Until then, safe travels! Jim Gardner

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 finish planning Australia journey & World Conference, Norway trip by Jim & Barb
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 Tuesday, 7/2/19 9am, Leadership Council Mtg, Bozarth Chevrolet
 Friday, July 19-23, 2019, Incoming Pre-conference Ambassadors
 Sunday, July 21, 2019, 3 pm Ice Cream Social, Jeff Parker's Home, 787 N. Sedona Ct,

Grand Junction

Tuesday, July 23 - 27, 2019, FFI World Conference, Boulder, Colorado

Do you enjoy Facebook? Want to help spread the word about Friendship Force? We are currently looking for a club administrator for our Facebook page. If interested, please contact D J Clancy @djclancy68@gmail.com or 404.414.4205.



Happy Birthday:

May 13 - Shirley Schultz
May 13 - Rhonda Steele
May 14 - Barb Gardner
May 30 - Ken Weaver

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, 1 - 8, June 2019

(HJC) Dan Clancy



We will be hosting the Brisbane, Australian ambassadors from Saturday, June 1 through Saturday, June 8. Our club's grand western hospitality will be on display via planned parties and sightseeing events.

CURRENT UPDATE: Plans for the week have been solidified. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to host, day host, drive, or have a small dinner party. There are openings for two people on the Glenwood Springs Colorado River Float Trip, Tuesday, June 4th. The

cost is \$54. and we plan lunch in Glenwood Springs.

All members may attend the Welcome and Farewell Parties:

The Welcome Party is planned for Sunday, June 2, at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 6:00pm.

The address is 536 Ouray Ave, Grand Junction.

The Farewell Party is Friday, June 7, at 6:00pm, as a backyard fish fry & potluck dinner at the home of Carol and Pat Mobley at 2412 Applewood Circle, Grand Junction.

We are planning day visits to Moab (Arches National Park), Glenwood Springs (river float) and Palisade (wine tasting and Alpaca Farm). We will also be sightseeing in the Colorado National Monument and the Grand Mesa. All members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining the group for any of these activities, contact Dan Clancy.

Dan Clancy is the designated Journey Coordinator.

Phone: 404-414-0642

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Pre-World Conference, Boulder, CO July 19-23, 2019

(JC) Sue Moyer

All the ambassadors have been matched with their hosts and should have been contacted.

We have 8 coming, most from US, 2 from Australia, and one from Sweden.

There is an Ice Cream social at Jeff Parker's on Sunday the 21st at 3 pm for the club to meet the ambassadors. If you went to Connecticut, you may already know some.

We will be driving them to Boulder on the morning of the 23rd.

New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, October 31 - November 16 (Sue Moyer)

We now have 4 spots left on the trip. Final payment of \$450 is due by the end of July, if you haven't already paid the \$950. Make checks out to FF Western Colorado. If you bring them to the May meeting, I won't be there, but you can give them to Dan Clancy or you can mail them to me. Sights include an Art Deco tour in downtown Napier and a visit to the NZ National Aquarium along with other nearby sights. In Southland we will have a tour of the Catlins area along the south coast of the South Island. Temperatures will be mild in Napier and cooler in Invercargill, so pack clothes to layer.

Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

No information at this time.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL NEWS

Greetings from ----- Sue Palmer, Field Rep

2019 WORLD CONFERENCE UPDATES

May marks only 2 months before the 2019 World Conference in Boulder, Colorado in July. I'm pleased to report that the current attendance of delegates is 390.

The homestays are arranged and I want to personally "Thank" the following clubs who are participating in the pre and post homestays:

Dallas; Cincinnati; western Colorado; Cheyenne; Northern Colorado; Denver and Pikes Peak FF clubs

I appreciate all the homestay coordinators and home hosts for opening their homes to the Ambassadors from all over the world. A special "Thank you" to Kay Thomas for her work on coordinating these homestays.

Items for the Bags for delegates: Cathie McCallum is the coordinator for gathering items for the World Conference Bags. A BIG "Thank you" goes to Cathie McCallum for agreeing to be our "Bag" Lady for the conference.

This is a reminder that we're STILL collecting items. Suggested contents include; local information pamphlets, post cards, lip balm, key chains, mints, suntan lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitizer, band aids, sun visors, water bottles, note pads, pens. We are asking all club members in the Rocky Mountain Region to donate items. Each club in our region is not expected to provide 390 items; if each club donates 50 to 75 items that would be terrific. Items that are listed will vary in each delegate's bag. I'm asking that club members contact their dentist, doctors, insurance companies, banks, etc --- for donations. Cathie and I are making arrangements to collect the items from each club.

Please let Cathie McCallum know what you collect so she can keep a running tally of items. If you need a document that includes a description of FFI world conference and a receipt to provide to donors please contact Cathie or me.

Cathie McCallum- e-mail: cathiemc@mail.com OR Sue Palmer – e-mail: alfshouse12@hotmail.com



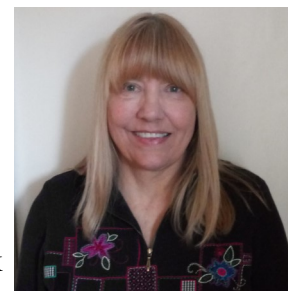
I hope to see many of you at the World Conference in July. If you have questions or issues on any other matters - please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you in July----- In Friendship, Sue

WELCOME NEW MEMBER SANDY MILLER!

Please welcome new member Sandy Miller to our Friendship Force club. Thanks to DJ & Dan Clancy for introducing Sandy to Friendship Force.

Sandy is retired from a career in non-profit management. She is getting ready to take an adventure of a lifetime! She will be an ambassador on the international journey to New Zealand in October/November with our club. As other ambassadors return back to Grand Junction, Sandy will continue her travels alone to Tasmania, Australia and then to Asia. She has no plans after Asia but will just wait to see what comes up! Sandy said she is "a lot happy" but also "a little scared" to travel alone in a foreign country! Her hope is to stay in a place long enough to really understand the people and their culture, however, if something does not feel comfortable she will certainly move on. Sounds like quite an adventure!



BRISBANE JOURNEY TO WESTERN COLORADO
JUNE 1 (SAT) - JUNE 8 (SAT), 2019
JOURNEY ITINERARY

- Saturday, June 1: 4:00pm - Arrival by Train, Pick-up by Hosts
Grand Junction Train Station
339 South 1st Street
No event planned
- Sunday, June 2: Morning Free
1:00pm – Meet at the Fruita Welcome Center (I-70, exit 19)
Drive to Colorado National Monument (No Charge - Drivers use passes)
Visitor’s Center movies and museum
Level hike along Rim Trail behind Visitor’s Center
Drive through National Monument Park on Rimrock Road
4:30pm – CO National Monument tour completed
6:00pm - **Welcome Party** – Universalist Unitarian Church
536 Ouray Avenue, Grand Junction, 81501
Picnic foods – club member potluck salads and sides, buffalo and elk burgers
- Monday, June 3: 10:00am – Meet at Museum of Western Colorado (club pays)
462 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, 81501
12:00pm – Walk around downtown Grand Junction – art/sculptures, shopping
1:00pm - Lunch – Rockslide Brewery and Restaurant (Club pays)
401 Main Street, Grand Junction, 81501
2:30pm – 5:00pm - Palisade Wine Tasting (costs on your own)
5:30pm - Return to Grand Junction, return ambassadors to Hosts
Safeway Market parking lot near bank
2901 F Road, Grand Junction, 81504
- Tuesday, June 4: 7:45am – Meet in Clifton, parking lot behind Dos Hombres – organize drivers
3245 I-70 Business Loop, Clifton, 81520
8:00am - Drive to Glenwood Springs - Colorado River Rafting (each pays)
1:00pm - Lunch – Culver’s in Glenwood Springs (club pays)
4:00pm - Return to Grand Junction Visitor’s Center
Horizon Dr. at I-70, behind Taco Bell
6:00pm - Small Dinner Parties – locations and groups on separate sheet
- Wed., June 5: FREE DAY
- Thursday, June 6: 7:45am – Meet at Fruita Welcome Center – organize drivers
8:00am - Drive to Moab, UT. Use Rt # 128 along the river.
10:00am - Arches National Park (No Charge – drivers use passes)
2:00pm - Lunch in Moab @ The Blue Pig Bar-B-Q (on your own)
3:00pm - Drive west along river on Potash Rd – if time permits.
7:00pm - Return to Fruita Welcome Center (I-70, exit 19)
Non-participating hosts pick up ambassadors.

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JOURNEY ITINERARY CONTINUED

Friday, June 7:9:00am – Meet in Clifton, parking lot behind Dos Hombres – organize drivers
3245 I-70 Business Loop, Clifton, 81520
9:15am – Drive to Grand Mesa - driving tour along route 65
12:30 - Lunch in Cedaredge (on your own)
Creekside Café -365 N Grand Mesa Dr., Cedaredge, 81413
1:30pm – The Apple Shed art gallery and home décor
250 S Grand Mesa Dr., Cedaredge, 81413
2:00pm – Drive to Palisade Alpaca Farm
3:00pm - Palisade – Suncrest Orchard Alpacas and Fiber Works (club pays)
3608 E 1/4 Road, Palisade, 81526
4:30pm – Return to Clifton, parking lot behind Dos Hombres
3245 I-70 Business Loop, Clifton, 81520
Non-participating hosts pick up ambassadors.
6:00pm - **Farewell Party** – Backyard fish fry and Club members potluck.
Carol and Pat Mobley Home, 2412 Applewood Circle, Grand Junction, 81506

Saturday, June 8: Morning and early afternoon – Open with Hosts
4:10pm - Departure by Train, Grand Junction Train Station, 339 S. 1st St.



FF of Western Colorado Leadership Council Minutes 05/07/19



Those present: Jim Gardner, Council Leader, Barbara Gardner, Secretary, Claudia Kellar, Membership, Kathy Nielson, Event Coordinator, Dan Clancy, Incoming Host Coordinator for Brisbane, Member-at-large & Treasurer, Sue Moyer, Journey Coordinator, Verna Bunn, Newsletter, Jim W, Publicity, Sue Palmer, Regional Rep

Absent:, Barbara Sundermeier, Membership, DJ Clancy, Webmaster
Jim G called the meeting to order & welcomed everyone. 9/11 leaders present; quorum is 4.
4/2/19 Leadership Council minutes were approved.

Treasurer

- 1) Club fund balance and Exchange/Journey fund balance reports were accepted.
- 2) **No** checks will be written without the FFWC Expense Reimbursement Request Form with receipt attached.
- 3) Dan will explore the use of SQUARE as a mobile credit card reader.

Old Business

- 1) Our FFWC banners to carry to events are \$10. T-shirts are \$20, mostly large sizes remaining.
- 2) Fund Raisers
Dos Hombres, Clifton, Wednesday, May 15, 4-8 pm. We will set up a table in the foyer with the new video, our banner & our maps. We will hand out our flyers, answer questions (we're raising money for the Scholarship Fund) & ask them to mention FFWC when they check out. Members **are encouraged** to eat there that night. Jim W coordinating. Kathy will call all members as a reminder.
Barnes & Noble fundraiser set for Nov. 2019. More info to follow.
- 3) Do meet the CMU International Students in September. Claudia K will check with Annie, their coordinator about early September; possible picnic near her office. **Plan to discuss July Leaders' Council and at July Membership Meeting**
- 3) Jim G needs us all review the New Member Orientation booklet for any updates, so he can get that published.
- 4) Voted down supplying small plastic bags with our logo for the Cultural Fest.
- 5) Decided not to assign mentors for the new people. Most are joining due to friends.

Leadership Council Minutes Continued

Membership:

- 1) 2019 Membership booklet is published. 10 copies were \$50 at Copy Copy. Jim G will make black & white copies for all members. We do not want all the info on Facebook with addresses, etc.
- 2) There are 42 paid members. Dan gave Jim the updated graphic of attendance at meetings & events.
- 3) Jim G is concerned that the new members are not participating. Kathy calls all members before all events.

Newsletter

If newsletters need to be sent by mail to individuals, Verna needs that info and stamps. Please send info in Word files, not PDF. Verna requests all info to her by Friday, 5/10/19.

Journey Update:

- 1) Dan C is the Host Coordinator for the incoming Brisbane, Australia journey Sat., June 1-8, 2019. Five ambassadors are coming. They will arrive & depart by train. Publicity, Jim W would like to involve TV stations, noon newscasts, & media for this journey. Jim W asked Dan to speak. Updated (as in 2019) copy of drivers' insurance cards to Barbara S and Dan C
- 2) FFI World Conference will be held on the CU-Boulder campus (instead of Puerto Rico) July 24-27, 2019. Our club will be expected to help out. Pre conference home stays (3-5 days) will happen here, and elsewhere in Wyoming and Colorado. At present there are 8 ambassadors requesting Western Colorado for pre-conference. We will have an all club ice cream social on Sunday, July 21, 3:00 p.m. at Jeff Parker's home/backyard. As our club members go to Denver to attend the conference, they will be able to transport any visitors. Registration is still open. **Sue P requesting small items for the goodie bags for 390+ delegates. Sam's, Target, & Walmart might contribute. Consider the \$ Store.**
- 3) Sue M is the Journey Coordinator for the 2019 New Zealand outgoing journey 10/31 - 11/8/19 to Napier, North Island and 11/8-11/16, 2019 to the South Island. Additional private extra days are possible. She has been in contact with their coordinators. Cost - \$950 in fees plus airfare (about \$2000+). There are 4 openings for this journey & the other clubs in our region & FFI are being sent the info.
- 4) No info yet from Allison at FFI about our 2020 exchanges.

Field Representative:

Sue P asked we consider hosting a FFI One World Journey - theme could be Agriculture, Business, Government, Recreation; **revisit 6/11/19 Leadership Council meeting**

Publicity:

Consider HS international students as well as CMU students. We could possibly use them as speakers at our meetings.

Events:

Our Conversation & Breakfast at Golden Corral was attended by 10 members. The music was off - yeah!

Member-at-large

No report

Webmaster:

DJ is still looking for help with Facebook. Donna Miller is willing to train a new person. Check out the webpage as DJ is "changing the face". Something new!!

New Business:

- 1) Our Leadership Council meeting is changed to Tuesday, 6/11/19 due to Brisbane being here 6/4. Still 9:00 a.m. at Bozarth's.
- 2) CMU Theater productions for 2019 & 2020 include Fiddler on the Roof & Pride & Prejudice. Also there is interest in the CMU Polynesian Luau again. Claudia will keep us informed.
- 3) Jim G listened in to the FFI Town Hall Mtg on the Strategic Plan 2019-2021. Recruitment of younger members mentioned (as we know).

Leadership Council Minutes Continued

4 .FFI's Homestay Auction Fundraiser

- *Complete and submit volunteer host information form by May 15
- *Bidding - 6 weeks of bidding begins mid-June, closing end of July
- *minimum bid of \$100 payable to FFI
- *Homestays between 8/15/19 & 12/31/2020.

Regional Rep:

Reported on the World Conference.

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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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