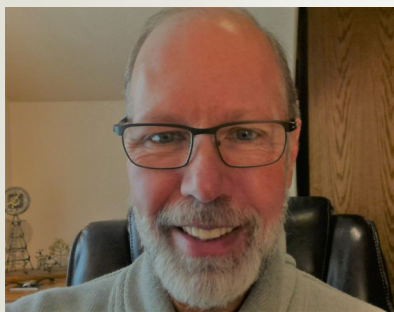




friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

April - 2018



2018 FFWC Calendar

Next meeting will be the
April 19th, 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!**

Council Leader's Message – April 2018

It was great to see 17 of our members participating in the observance of our International Friendship Month reception for the international students of CMU held at Kannah Creek on March 29th. 15 of CMU's 91 international students and 3 faculty were able to join us for this joint social event. Everyone appeared to have a great time speaking with the students about their homelands. The Leaders Council has already begun discussions about how we can continue to improve this social event next year.

The members of the Leaders Council hope that you all will join us for our next General Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19 at 6:15PM at the First Baptist Church on the corner of 7th and Grand Ave. We will be asking the members to approve the new Club by-laws that were sent out to each member through the March Newsletter.

Important parts of the new Club By-laws include:

1. Membership year changing to January to December (replacing the current July to June)
2. Current membership dues will carry members through December 30th when our next Membership dues will be collected.
3. Membership dues for 2019 will be \$35 per member if paid during the month of January 2019, otherwise, dues will cost members \$40 per member.
4. The revised By-laws also spell out specific compensation for Ambassador Coordinators
5. And various terms of the By-laws have been updated to reflect current terminology being used by FFI in Atlanta

The Leaders Council also plan to distribute a newly developed "New Member Orientation Packet" to all members to help everyone better understand our organization.

So, you can see that just as Spring and new growth has begun to fill the air of the Western Slope, our Club is also showing signs of exciting new growth and many changes. WE HOPE THAT ALL COME OUT ON APRIL 19TH AND JOIN US FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND NEW JOURNEYS.



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 News



Greetings –

I have good news regarding a new Friendship Force club!!!
Judi Smith, Field Rep for Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies, announced that
Ketchikan, Alaska has a NEW FF CLUB and their official name is:

Friendship Force of Southeast and Eastern Alaska

Judi Smith flew to Ketchikan and assisted Cathy Cooley, well known in the area, by recruiting 13 new members; three volunteered to be officers.

The new club is planning their first inbound with Moscow. Ketchikan has many wonderful resources of things to do and the salmon will be running when they have their first inbound.

This is one more great FFI opportunity to travel to Alaska and welcome them to the US.

I'll be attending the Western Regional Super Conference in California first of May along with others from our region. This conference will offer stimulating workshops for all attendees and a special presentation titled "Citizens of a Global Community" by the keynote speaker, Joy Justus, World Relief Sacramento.

Thank you. Sue Palmer, Field Rep – Rocky Mountain Region

Journey and Conference News

Western Colorado FFI Journeys

Birmingham, Alabama Incoming, August 31-September 7, 2018 (HJC) Dan Clancy
Birmingham will be coming to Cheyenne and Western Colorado.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana Incoming, October 2018 (JC) Jacque B
Date will be the first week.

Brisbane Australia, Incoming, June 2019 (HJC) Needed
They will be visiting Western Colorado & Reno/Tahoe. We will let you know more information as it comes in

New Zealand, Napier and Southland Outgoing, November 2019 (HJC) Needed
We will let you know more information as it comes in.

Other Region's Outgoing Journeys

Northern Germany, June 6-17, 2018 See information on page 4

Since our Canada trip to Lethbridge and Saskatoon did not fill, here are some other journeys that our club members can join.

Canada Toronto (1 day) and Haliburton Ontario, June 19-27, 2018 (HJC) Wendy Johnson @ Tallahassee Florida FF
Contact Sue M for phone number if interested.

Edmonton and Lethbridge Canada , August 1-15, 2018 (JC) Southern Connecticut
Journey number is 14283

Bogota Colombia, June 5-12, 2018 (HJC) Baton Rouge
Trip fee includes FFI , Colombian FF and BRFF fees of \$390.00. Colombia Club has prepared for us the Following places to visit: Santa Clara Museum, Gold Pre-Colombian Museum, Salt Cathedral, Botero Museum (my Favorite) Monserrat's Hill, Candelaria (historical part of Bogota) and more. **Hurry! Only 3 spaces left. We would like to know if someone is Interested by March 20, 2018.** Contact information: Morena Cazedessus, Journey Coordinator, Friendship Force of Baton Rouge, [225-937-4429](tel:225-937-4429), 12742 Lazy K, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

Outgoing Journey to Schwerin and Norderstedt Germany

June 6 – 17, 2018

You may have been to Germany in the past. But, have you been to northern Germany? Join members of the Friendship Force of Utah for a journey to Schwerin in the land of lakes and castles. Follow your stay in Schwerin with four days in Norderstedt where our hosts will give us a grand tour of Hamburg.

Schwerin is one of the few towns that was untouched by World War II. It lies in a densely wooded region on the shores of Lake Schwerin. The region is a paradise for nature lovers, hikers, art lovers, and history buffs. With its vibrant energy, cafes, shops, historic sites, and the fairy-tale Schwerin Castle this small city is a delight to discover.

After seven days in Schwerin, we can extend our time in northern Germany and take a short train trip to Hamburg where we will meet our hosts from Norderstedt, a nearby sub-burb of Hamburg. Members of the Norderstedt club are looking forward to showing us the best of Hamburg.

Sightseeing Highlights - Schwerin

- Schwerin City Tour
- Schwerin Castle and Gardens
- Historical Open-Air Museum
- Schwerin Cathedral
- Art museums and galleries
- Guided tour of historical Wismar
- Walk/Bike the trails in the Schwerin Lake District



Add on a stopover in **Norderstedt** where our hosts will welcome us in Hamburg.



Come prepared to walk the cobbled streets of Hamburg, enjoy the great food and beer, music, and art.

Interested? Contact Judy Cohen, journey coordinator
judycohen@xmission.com
801-582-2431

Cost for visit to Schwerin
stedt
\$165 fee to FFI
\$150 fee to Schwerin club
club
\$25 Ambassador Administrative Fee

Cost for visit to Norder-
stedt
\$80 fee to FFI
\$100 fee to Norderstedt

Airfare and train travel are not included

World Friendship Day



I would like to thank the 17 FF club members who attended the Meet & Greet with CMU's international students on March 29 at Kannah Creek. We met with nine international students & 3 CMU staff members. We had a wonderful time socializing with the students.

They love sharing their country's culture.
Claudia K.



April Birthdays

1st Jacque B.
6th Claudia Kellar
8th Abdul Basti
22nd Verna Bunn
30th Jennifer Swayne



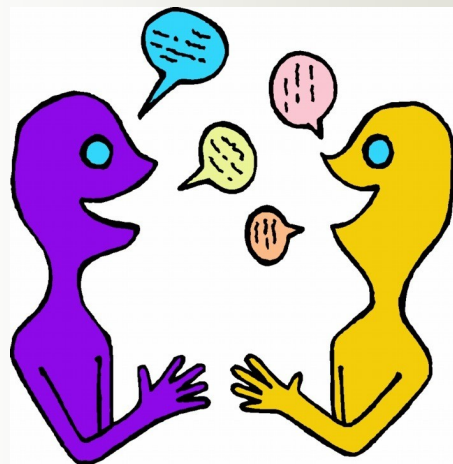
Breakfast & Conversation

Saturday, May 5th @Golden Corral 8:30 to 10:30

Cost to you from 8:30 to 9:00 am is \$5.99.

After 9:00 the cost is \$8.29 and drinks are extra.

Join us!



Location Change!

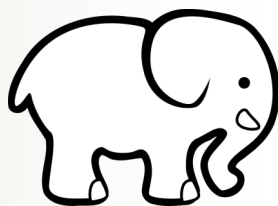
THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FFWC BUCKS AUCTION

Tuesday June 19th, 6:15 @ Jeff P's Home
Address is 787 N. Sedona Court.



Bring your white elephant items to our next meeting, Thursday April 19th, 6:15 at the First Baptist Church. This is the last meeting we will have before the event.

For more info call Kathy Nielsen (970 260-8548) or Jacque Berwick (970 644-7347).





Activities List 2018

April	Thursday, 19 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Sue incoming & Kathy auction @ ice cream social
May	Saturday, 5 th Golden Corral 8:30 – Breakfast & Conservation \$5.99 + tax you pay
June	Tuesday, 19 th @ Jeff Parker's home, 787 N. Sedona Court @ 6:15 pm - Ice Cream Social w/white elephant
July	Thursday, 19 th @ Unitarian Church 6:15 pm – Picnic, pot luck
August	Thursday, 16 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, Sue 2020 outgoing & 2018 incoming
September	TBD - Birmingham Incoming TBD - Mesa Trash Pickup
October	TBD, first week of month – Baton Rouge Incoming Possible Train Ride to Denver
November members	Thursday, 15 th @ 1 st Baptist Church 6:15 pm – Club Meeting, vote for council
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.

FFI of Western Colorado Council Summary April 3nd, 2018

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

Treasurer's Report:

Club Funds and Exchange Funds were reviewed.

The New Member Orientation Booklet was approved as updated.

Our World Friendship Day with the CMU exchange students was successful with 15 students and three of their advisors attending. 17 club members were present. Discussions were fun and food was good.

Our contact information was updated and submitted to the GJ Area Chamber of Commerce.

Agenda items for the regular meeting on Thursday, April 19th, 6:15 pm at the First Baptist Church, 7th and Grand Ave., basement level will include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Voting to approve the 2018 Bylaws
- 2) Presentation of the New Member Orientation Booklet
- 3) Bring nice, usable items to April's meeting for auction at the Ice Cream Social in June as a fund raiser by using our FF Bucks and cash
- 4) Review continued use of the FF Bucks and how you can obtain the bucks
- 5) Review our 2018 Incoming Journeys:
 - A) August 31 - September 7, Birmingham, AL. Dan Clancy is Host
 - B) Coordinator.
October (first week), Baton Rouge, LA. Jacque Berwick is Host Coordinator.
- 6) Review the 2019 Incoming and Outgoing Journeys, Sue M.
- 7) Sue P - Alaska has their first FFI group based in Ketchikan.
- 8) Travel DVD of New Zealand with Jim and Barb G
- 9) 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 Quarterly Meeting

Our last 2018 club meeting was January 19th

Our next club member meeting will be Thursday April 19, 2018 at 6:15PM at the Baptist Church, corner of White and 7th in Grand Junction.

Check out the Activity List to see the upcoming events.

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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