



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO



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June 2021

Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Board Meeting: June 1, 2021**
9:00am, *Spoons, Outside*
- **Game Night: Thur., June 17th**—details to follow in a separate email from Dan
- **Day Trip**—See page 8

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Friendship Force Members

What a blessing it was to be honored by my “party pals” of FFWC. It is hard to put into words the joy I felt in seeing and finally being with all my friends.

Sue Palmer, the hostess with the mostest, is in a class all by herself when it comes to organizing a party. The unexpected gifts and cards were awesome, and I wish to thank one and all for your thoughtfulness.

This get together proves that we care for each other and that Friendship is a great Force.. Again, THANK YOU for everything that makes my day!

Shirley Schultz



June Birthdays

8 DJ Clancy

8 Jan Reece

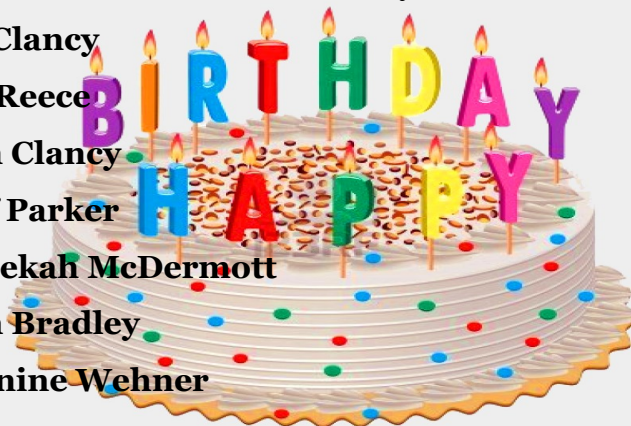
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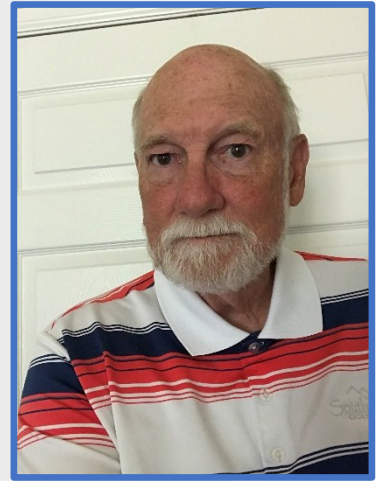
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Council Leader's Message

Hello Western Colorado members,

We did it! Well, 10 of us did it. On Tuesday, May 18, the group took the first day trip that the club had planned. We had three cars and caravanned to Sego Valley Rock Art, Dead Horse Point State Park, Moab for lunch, and Red Cliffs Lodge to see the Moab Film and Western Heritage Museum. I am told that everyone was happy to get out and thrilled with the things we saw and did. The next Day Trip is planned for Friday, June 25. The group will see Rifle Falls State Park and ride the gondola up to the Glenwood Caverns Lookout Grille for lunch. The full itinerary is described later in this newsletter.



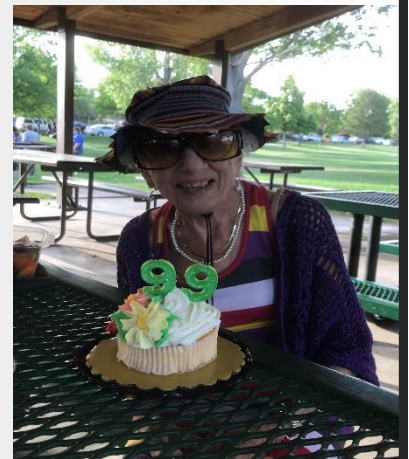
The July day trip to Ouray is planned for Friday, July 30. The itinerary will be in next month's newsletter.

The acting events coordinator has completed a working events calendar to help you plan for attending FFWC scheduled events the rest of this year. The events calendar is being emailed to all members.

The club had a general meeting at Sherwood Park on Thursday, May 20. We celebrated our first general meeting in person in over a year by eating chocolate cake (it was National Chocolate Cake Day) and Shirley's 99th birthday (May 13). There were 15 members and 5 guests in attendance. Ellen Bradley scribed the minutes of the meeting and you can read a copy of them later in this newsletter.

The next general meeting will be held in July, in conjunction with the Summer Picnic at Rocket Park on Sunday, July 25.

Please make an effort to sign up for [MY.FRIENDSHIPFORCE.ORG](https://my.friendshipforce.org) (remember the dot after "my"). This new secure members-only site will be your entry into all the FFI club's information: Journeys to join, a world-wide member directory, virtual journeys and instructional videos, and documentation for hosting and being an ambassador. I am happy to help you through the process over the phone if you need help.



Stay Safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

PS. I am thinking about the possibility of a 2021 Fall journey. Watch for an email from me describing the club's Covid-19 vaccination policy and asking you to weigh in with your thoughts on a Fall journey.

Moab Utah Activity May 18, 2021

The FIRST (but not last) club activity was to Moab, Utah. Ten members enjoyed exploring Sego Canyon Petroglyphs rock art; we continued our Journey to Dead Horse Point State Park.



Dead Horse Point is one of the most photographed

scenic vistas in the world. Towering 2,000 feet above the Colorado River, the overlook provides a breathtaking panorama of Canyonlands' sculpted pinnacles and buttes.



We stopped for lunch at Moab Brewery and continued to make one more stop to visit the Movie Museum at Red Cliffs Lodge. The Red Cliff ranch was settled in the late 1800s and has been a working ranch ever since - raising cattle and horses to this day. While cattle raising has been a major part of the ranch history, filmmaking has also been extremely important. Many films have been shot at Red Cliffs Ranch (formerly White's Ranch), and displays and photos tell of the colorful cowboy life - past and present. John Wayne's movies are a special focus at the museum.

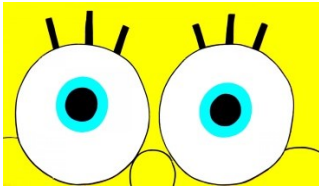
We headed home after a full day of exploring the beautiful places that Moab, Utah offers.



Hope you can join us at the next planned activity for the Western Colorado FF members.

PS: Can you name each FFWC member in this picture? The winner will be announced at our next gathering.

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WHO Turned 99

Right before our Eyes?



~SHIRLEY SCHULTZ~

Shirley turned 99 on May 13, 2021. On May 1, friends, family members and club members helped celebrate her Birthday at an open house at Sue Palmer's home. Shirley in her "HOT PINK" outfit had a wonderful time at the celebration. Shirley told me that she was having several Parties to mark this monumental Birthday.

Shirley is a very independent gal. She has been an active member of Western Colorado Friendship Force Club for over 39 years. Her first out-going journey was to England. She has hosted many Ambassadors throughout the years; participated on many out-going journeys and has traveled around the world at least TWICE!

As Shirley says; quote; "The only WAY TO GO -- IS UP!" --- "Open the door and I'm OUT for another adventure."



CELEBRATE!!!



Ron & Ellen Bradley, Their lives traveling and teaching.



Us in Costa Rica

In October 2017, FFWC hosted an inbound group of ambassadors from Sherbrooke, Quebec. Since Ellen speaks French (she taught French at CMU for 13 years), she was invited to the welcoming potluck dinner for the group, and so their journey with FFWC began. At that dinner, they reconnected with Jim Witt, whom they had known years ago as a fellow foreign language teacher, and also his late wife

Julie had taught in their ESL program years ago.



School for International Training in Vermont

They had been aware of Friendship Force, but never had the time to join during the years they were running their business and raising children. This seemed like a perfect time to join!



Turkish teachers

French.

Ron and Ellen met in graduate school and have enjoyed following the same career together during their almost 50 years of marriage. Of course, they soon discovered their mutual love of travel and over the years, have had the privilege of traveling both for fun and for business. They lived in Japan from 1973 to 1977, and during that time, both of their daughters were born. Ellen had lived in Geneva, Switzerland for three years immediately after graduating from college with a B.A. degree in

In the 90s Ron traveled all over the world, recruiting students for Mesa State and later their school, Colorado International Education and Training Institute, which was located across the street from CMU on the corner of 12th and Elm. Ron has been to 48 different countries. During those years, Ellen mostly stayed home minding the business and children, but when they became empty nesters in 2001, they embarked on the final phase of their career, traveling the world together and training teachers of English. This allowed them to stay in one place for a month to six weeks, which of course meant they could immerse themselves in the cultures and get to know the people.

During those years, they trained teachers in South Korea, Thailand, Costa Rica, Mexico, Algeria, Turkey and Kyrgyzstan, in addition to operating domestic sites north of San Francisco, Boston, and Chicago.

Ellen trained teachers in Brazil in 2014.



Cabinda, Angola



Ellen with Turkish teacher

Ron & Ellen Bradley, Their lives traveling and teaching.(cont)

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Angolan haircut with razor blade

Ron also had the opportunity spend time training and consulting in Saudi Arabia, Albania, and Angola.



Lunch in Saudi Arabia



Ecuadorian family, Quito

Both of them trained groups here in Grand Junction with follow up training and consulting for USAID in Guatemala, Belize, Costa Rica and Ecuador. Ron conducted several Zoom trainings to teachers in Yemen.



Teachers in Kyrgyzstan

Since their retirement, they have enjoyed traveling as often as they can. It's still their favorite thing to do together, whether it's a short day-trip to a local destination, a longer trip to an area of the U.S. they've never been to, or overseas. They have yet to participate in a Friendship Force journey, so that is something to look forward to in the future!

Friendship Force of Western Colorado

General Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

Fifteen members and five guests attended this meeting, which took place in Sherwood Park, starting at 6:15 p.m .

Following a social period during which we had delicious chocolate cake in celebration of Chocolate Cake Day, thanks to Rebekah, Dan welcomed everyone and briefly stated the mission of Friendship Force, since there were five guests in attendance.

Sue Palmer urged members to register on the portal at My.FriendshipForce.org. This is a new secure way for members to stay connected and ease communication. She also conveyed thanks from Jeremy, the CEO of FFI for “hanging in there” and keeping up the spirit and energy of FF Clubs during this pandemic emergency. FFI will not be formulating a blanket COVID-19 vaccination policy, but will rather encourage individual clubs to come up with one if needed. This will probably be added to the existing Health and Mobility form.

Dan then announced the inbound and outbound journey matches for 2022. Inbound journeys will come from Lake Simcoe, Ontario and Tokyo, Japan. Definite dates have not been set for Lake Simcoe, but the Tokyo ambassadors will probably be here the third week of June 2022. Ron Bradley will be the coordinator and Jim Gardner will be the coordinator for the Lake Simcoe group. There will be an outbound journey to Napa (Sonoma County), CA in 2022, but no dates have been determined. There is also a need for a coordinator for this journey.

Dan reported that the day trip to Utah (Sego Canyon, Dead Horse Point, Moab, and Red Cliffs Lodge Museum) this past Tuesday, May 18th had been a lot of fun. Ten members participated, car pooling in three cars. Dan mentioned several future possibilities for day trips in the coming months. More details will be found in future newsletters.

FFWC has also been tentatively invited to join the Northern Colorado Friendship Force Club in the fall, as they host an inbound group from New Jersey. This depends on the number of ambassadors who come.

FFWC will have a summer picnic on July 18, 2021 and an ice cream social at the home of Jeff Parker August 15th. More details of these two events will be published in the upcoming newsletters.

Other possibilities for get-togethers in the coming months might be another game night and/or lunches and/or dinners together. Dan will be putting together an events calendar for the next newsletter.

Rebekah asked for articles and other contributions to the newsletter, emphasizing that it's OUR newsletter!

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WESTERN COLORADO DAY TRIP

RIFLE FALLS & GLENWOOD SPRINGS

ACTIVITY: Driving Tour : Rifle Falls State Park, Rifle Gap State Park, Rifle Falls Fish Hatchery, Glenwood Springs Gondola, lunch at Glenwood Caverns Lookout Grille.

Leave 8:00am - Return 5:00pm

DATE: Friday, June 25, 2021

TIMES: **DESTINATION / ACTIVITY:**

8:00am	Meet at Doubletree Hotel on Horizon Drive.
8:00am – 9:30am	Drive to Rifle Falls State Park. Park fee is \$9/car. (1.5 HRS)
9:30a – 10:30am	Explore Falls and Limestone Caves (1 HR)
10:30a – 11:30am	Drive to Rifle Falls Fish Hatchery and visit FREE (1 HR)
11:30a – 12:00pm	Drive to Rifle Gap Reservoir. Visit Curtain Memorial (.5 HR)
12:00p- 1:00pm	Drive to Glenwood Gondola. (1 HR)
1:00p – 1:15pm	Ride Gondola to mountain Top (\$19) (.25 HR)
1:00 – 2:30pm	Lunch at Outlook Grille - \$15-20. (1.5 HR)
2:30p – 2:45pm	Ride Gondola back down to parking lot. (.25 HR)
3:00p – 5:00pm	Drive to Grand Junction, Doubletree Hotel (2 HR)
5:00pm	Arrive Doubletree Hotel on Horizon Drive

CONTACT: For more information or to sign up for this Day Trip, please contact:

Dan Clancy Email - dpcx2@outlook.com Phone: 404-414-0642

Day Trip Rules

- COVID-19 allowances:
- > Participants must be fully vaccinated.
 - > Bring your mask.
 - > Masks optional inside car and may be required at some stops along the way.

Cars will hold maximum of 4 people. Driver and passengers will split equally all park entrance fees, tolls, parking charges.

Inside car: NO smoking, chawing, alcohol, musical instruments, loud videos from phone.

Driver decision on car radio music is final. Feel free to request anything.

Driver will collect \$10 per person for transportation costs.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Claudia Kellar

A new friend can be found most unexpectedly. At the birthday open house for Shirley Schultz I met Doralene, a former FFWC member from 2019. She came to our meeting May 20th and brought David, her fiancé, his mother Lana, and a neighbor Selah Burson. Verna Bunn met Diana at her garage sale and told her about FFW.

At this same party I met another lady, Debra Hesse, who also expressed interest in FFWC. She and Shirley worked together when Shirley was a volunteer. Who do you know to share with about FFWC?

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Add birthday – 8/13 – to Jean Alles Add birthday – 1/28 – to Gary Brison

Remove Ned Bunn – Deceased

Correct Barb Gardner email – bagardner227@gmail.com

Add Rebekah phone number – 214-536-2250

Change Carol & Pat Mobley address (Fruita)

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Carol has the email and phone. Delete email and phone for Pat

Change Sue Moyer birthday – 10/9

Correct Sue Palmer email address – alfshouse12@hotmail.com

Add birthday – 6/8 – to Jan Reece

Add birthday – 10/14 – to Judy Sealy

Add birthday – 10/15 – to Rita Silva

Change Rita Siva phone number – 970-275-7802 email address – rcsilva75@yahoo.com

Change birthday – Jennifer Swayne birthday to 4/30 email address – lydiaswayne1@gmail.com

Change Claudia Waterman email address – cw15282gp@gmail.com

Add Gertraud Jones: (8/22)

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Add Colleen Anderson: (2/10)

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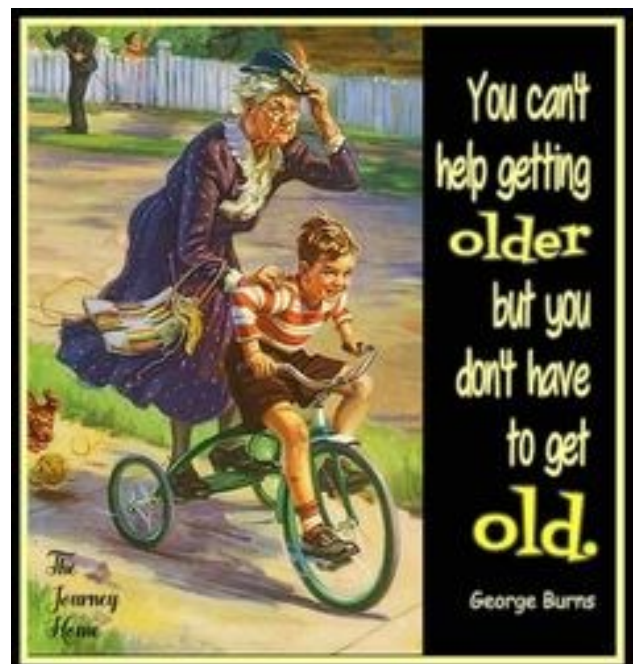
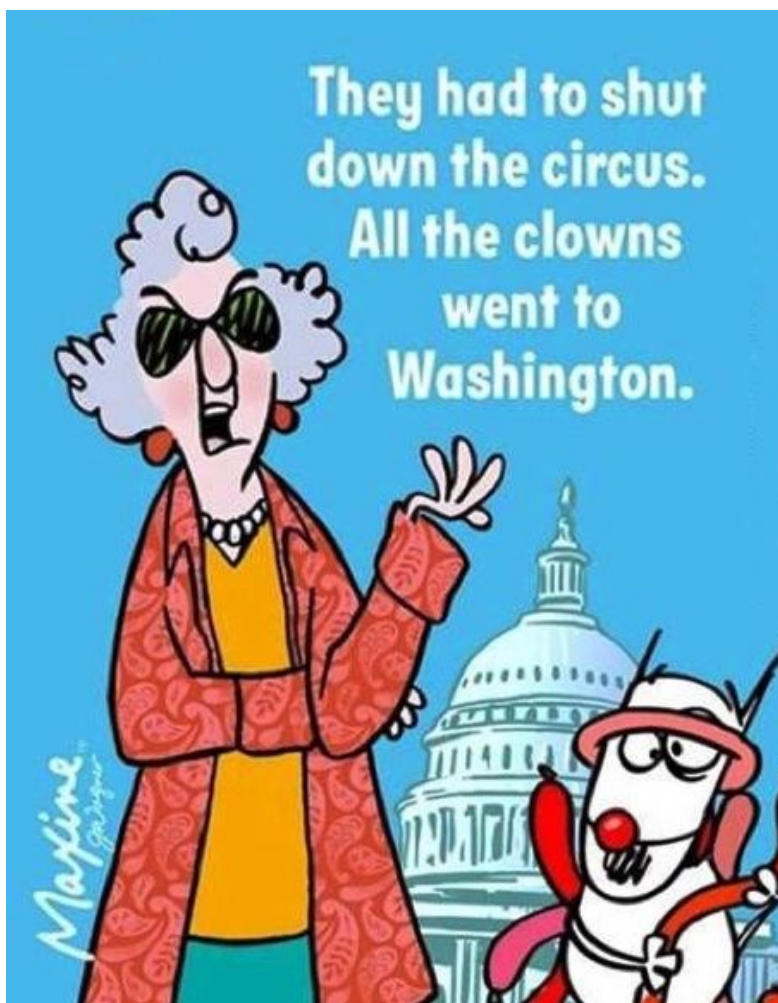
Remove Jim Witt as a member

Remove Beverly Urban as a member

Laughter is Good Medicine!



**NOW THAT I'VE LIVED
THROUGH AN ACTUAL PLAGUE,
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND
WHY ITALIAN RENAISSANCE
PAINTINGS ARE FULL OF
NAKED FAT PEOPLE LAYING
ON COUCHES.**



Laughter: ENJOY and **Share**



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Have a friend who likes to travel?

Share with them the FFI website and let them see all the great places they can go.

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



WANTED: Stories of your trips (with pictures is great), local travels, trips with your family, places of interest for us to see, quips & jokes, etc.

Send to rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com.

Deadline for your submissions is the 25th of each month.

The Newsletter is sent to you via email the 1st of the month.



YOUR IDEAS!!!!!! Because our current project with CDOT expires this year, we are open to new service projects in which our members could participate. This could be a project a couple of times a year, and could even be indoors. Please let Dan know of your thoughts.



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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ABOUT THE CLUB

Friendship Force Western Colorado, located in Grand Junction, CO., was formed in 1982.

General meetings are now face to face. See newsletter or monthly email for location.

Membership is open to all who are interested in the goals and purposes of the Friendship Force program.

Check our website or the newsletter for updates.

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