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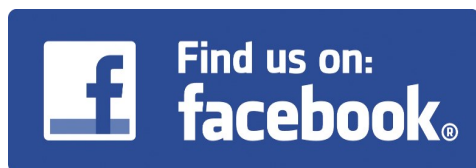


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September 2021

Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:00am, Spoons, Outside**
- **Club Meeting, Sat, Sept 18th 12 Noon. New Covenant Baptist Church See Council Leader's Message for details.**
- **Day Trip Thursday Sept 30th Ridgeway/Telluride . Details page 3**
- **Annual Highway Cleanup on the Mesa Monday, Sept 13th. 9a Meet at Starvin Arvin parking in Clifton m. All supplies provided. Lunch on your own at *The Wagon Wheel*.**
- **Special Event for 9/11 20th Anniversary. Page 4**



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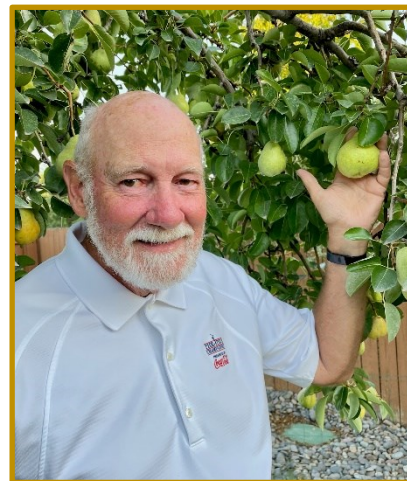
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Council Leader's Message

Hello Western Colorado members,

Say "Hello!" to three new members who joined our club in the last month: Nancy Wood, Bob Zaha, and Mary McDonald. You will learn more about them later in this newsletter. Please join me in thanking Jeff Parker for the use of his backyard patio for a very enjoyable Ice Cream Social get together. And I want to thank Kathy, Claudia, and Barb for assembling and serving the ice cream and all the goodies prepared by members. Mmmmmm.



There are scheduled day trips in September and October. This month we are going to Telluride (described in this newsletter) and in October, we are planning to go to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Contact either Rebekah or Dan when you decide to join the group. If you want to be a driver, let them know.

September is going to be one of the busiest months we have had in a long time. We are once again planning to go up on the Grand Mesa for roadside cleanup this year. The date is Monday, September 13. I'm delighted to say that 14 members have signed up to go. There are additional openings if you want to get out and get some fresh air and join the group for lunch afterwards. If you want to come along, please contact me and I'll put you on the list.

There will be a General Meeting on September 18 (SATURDAY) at 12:00pm at a new location: New Covenant Baptist Church, 3196 F Rd, Grand Junction. No steps, lots of room. Come see the new location. It is time for 2022 officer nominations and they will be taken at this meeting. We will entertain the idea of co-officers for council positions. If you want to help move the club forward in 2022, you are welcome to place yourself (or you and a friend) in nomination. All positions are open to any club member. The election will be held in November.

Watch for information on the Chili Cook-off (Oct), Culture Fest (Nov) and Barnes and Noble Book Fair (Dec). We will need volunteers for each of these, so watch for sign-up sheets, and help make these events a huge success.

Be thinking about the Christmas Party being held on Saturday, December 4, at the New Covenant Baptist Church. The events committee promises that this Christmas Party will be one you will never forget. The club is planning to give a holiday donation to a local charity, and there will be more information coming about that.

Is there too much going on? I hope that every member will participate in as many events as you are able. It's going to be a fun FFWC fall!

Stay safe,





SEPTEMBER

UPCOMING Events

Sept 7, (Tues) 9am FFWC Board Meeting at “Spoons” Outside.
Open to all members.

Sept 11th (Sat) Special program recognizing the 20th anniversary of 9/11. See pg 5

Sept 13th (Mon) Mesa Cleanup. Meet at Starvin Arvin’s in Clifton at 9:00am. All supplies furnished. Lunch afterward at The Wagon Wheel. Your pay/your choice
Contact Dan for details and signup

Sept 18th (Sat) Monthly Club Meeting 12noon. New Covenant Baptist Church
Light Snack Served at Meeting.

Sept 30 (Thurs) 8:00am Day Trip to Ridgeway & Telluride. Dan has details and sign up sheet

FFWC MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Sept 18th (Sat) 12:00 noon.

New Covenant Baptist Church—F Rd & 32 Rd

- .Discuss officers .Sign up for Chili Cook-Off (\$5 person) . Sign up for Day Trips
- . Suggestions for Charity for Christmas . Updates on 2022 Trips
- . Preview of Christmas Party . Sign up for Barnes & Noble event in Dec

Light Snack Served at Meeting

Be with us to enjoy the discussions and get updated information

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WESTERN COLORADO DAY TRIP

RSVP TO DAN OR REBEKAH BY SEPT 27TH



ACTIVITY: **Driving Tour:** Telluride, Mountain Village, Ridgeway
Dennis Weaver Memorial Park
Leave 8:00am - Return 6:00pm

DATE: **Thursday, September 30, 2021**

TIMES: **DESTINATION / ACTIVITY:**

8:00am	Meet at the <u>City Market parking</u> lot in Grand Junction 2770 US-50 (near fairgrounds)	Park near the Wells Fargo ATM
8:00am–10:00am	Drive to the Dennis Weaver Park near Ridgeway, CO. Explore and exercise – short stop.	(2.0 HRS)
10:00am-11:00am	Drive to Telluride	(1.0 HR)
11:00a – 12:00pm	Explore downtown, gondola to Mountain Village. (Free)	(1.0 HR)
12:00p – 2:00pm	Gondola ride, Lunch and explore village shops (Lunch \$15-20)	(2.0 HRS)
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Gondola down to Telluride, last look around downtown	(30 MIN)
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Drive from Telluride to Ridgeway, stop for ice cream	(1 HR)
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Ice Cream stop. (\$3 - \$5)	(30 MIN)
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Drive back to Grand Junction from Ridgeway	(2 HR)
6:00pm	Arrive at the City Market parking lot in GJ, 2770 US-50.	

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

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



Manhattan skyline and the Towers of Lights (Tribute in Light) at sunset in New York

20th Anniversary Special “Coming Together” Sept 11, 2021

It has been twenty years since the devastating tragedies of 9/11 but what continues to give us hope for the future are the compassionate stories of people who came together to help one another. When we remember, it deepens our gratitude for those who willingly chose to raise us up by the sacrifice of their own safety and causes us to forget the things that divide us. It helps us concentrate on the things that connect us and reveals to all of us what we're actually capable of doing to help one another.

Time: 8:46 a.m. (mountain) To be streamed at the symbolic time of the first plane crash in to the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. It will air on the Choir's [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#), [TheTabernacleChoir.org website](#), as well as [Broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#), and the BYUtv Mobile App.

Additional Times: 9:00 a.m. (mountain) on KSL TV (Channel 5), the BYUtv cable channel and BYUtv.org, and **3:30 p.m.(mountain)** on the BYUtv cable channel and [BYUtv.org](#).

Welcome to our New Members



Nancy Wood, a “world traveler want-to-be” is excited to be part of FFWC where she knows the group and has the opportunity get to know more people. As a new single woman, she plans to try drawing, needle felting, playing the classical guitar and learning about wine. She raised 2 children in Grand Rapids, MI where she was born, and only recently moved to Grand Junction. Currently living with her daughter and son-in-law, she is eager and ready to try all types of new experiences. She loves trying new recipes and hopefully we will enjoy tasting her creations. Since she is a behind the scenes person, count on her to greet, help organize and drive. Welcome, Nancy, We are delighted to know you more.

Bob Zaha , a “retired” yet still able to fly corporate pilot and flight instructor, moved to the area about 2 years ago when he inherited his mother’s home in Palisade. Since he has traveled so much, he is interested in driving and being a tour guide for the group. You will enjoy hearing of his travels and his love for flying. And since his father was in the Air Force, he joined to fly—in the Navy. He also enjoys scuba diving , and on his bucket list is a desire to swim with the sharks in The Great Barrier Reef, a long tropical reef system off Far North Queensland, Australia



Mary McDonald was ready to join the group after talking with Shirley Schultz. As a retired elementary school teacher here at Fruitvale and on the front range she knows how to communicate well. She said her husband persuaded her that Grand Junction was the perfect best place to live. Her appreciation of people as social beings thriving with connectivity is very evident as you talk with her. She would love to see Washington, DC and is open for all domestic travels. Already she has signed up to join in the day trips and meetings (unless her children and grandchildren are visiting her from Montana). She will gladly host when the time comes.



September - Fun Holidays

1. National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day | Letter Writing Day
2. Labor Day | World Coconut Day | National Blueberry Popsicle Day
3. Skyscraper Day | Another Look Unlimited Day
4. National Wildlife Day | Macadamia Nut Day
5. International Day of Charity | National Cheese Pizza Day
6. Read a Book Day | Fight Procrastination Day
7. Buy a Book Day | World Beard Day | ADD Awareness Day
8. International Literacy Day | National Grandparents Day
9. Opposite Day | Wonderful Weirdos Day | Teddy Bear Day
10. International Suicide Prevention Day | Swap Ideas Day
11. Patriot Day | I Want to Start My Own Business Day
12. National Chocolate Milkshake Day | National Video Games Day
13. Friday the 13th | Positive Thinking Day | Chocolate Day
14. Hug Your Boss Day | Iguana Awareness Day
15. Wife Appreciation Day | International Day of Democracy
16. National Guacamole Day | Stepfamily Day
17. Constitution Day | International Country Music Day
18. National Cheeseburger Day | Respect Day | National First Love Day
19. Talk Like a Pirate Day | National Butterscotch Pudding Day
20. Pepperoni Pizza Day | National String Cheese Day | Doodle Day
21. International Day of Peace | World Gratitude Day
22. National White Chocolate Day | Ice Cream Cone Day
23. First Day of Fall | Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Kids
24. Punctuation Day | Voter Registration Day
25. National Women's Health & Fitness Day | National Daughter Day
26. Love Note Day | Situational Awareness Day
27. World Tourism Day | Ancestor Appreciation Day
28. National Drink Beer Day | Good Neighbor Day
29. National Coffee Day | World Heart Day | Biscotti Day
30. National Love People Day | Translation Day

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Important September Days

6th LABOR DAY

7th FFWC BOARD MEETING

11th Remember 9/11

13th Mesa Hiway Clean up

18TH FFWC Monthly Mtg

22 BEGIN AUTUMN

30 Day Trip to Ridgeway & Telluride

What's Happening September in GRAND JUNCTION

- Rhythm & Brews Fest at Market on Main – **September 5.** downtowngj.
- BEACON FEST **September 9.** 9am-3pm Convention Center. Senior Info, Prizes, Games, Food, FREE
- **Grand Junction** Wine Week – **September 16-22.** Every year, the Colorado Mountain Wine Festival takes place in the charming Town of Palisade. ...
- Fruita Fall Festival – **September 27-29.** ...
- Color Weekend at Powderhorn – **September 28-29.**

“Wine is the divine juice of September.”

— Voltaire

ICE CREAM SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: While Poppy Woody takes notes, 🤪
the remainder of the group is sure they will remember EVERYTHING SAID.



Then the words everyone is waiting for---

**ICE CREAM
IS
SERVED.**

Kathy does her usual great job of getting everyone served



WOW Look at all the toppings and goodies.

Plus Peach Cobbler, Peaches, and Peach Pie to help celebrate PEACH DAY!!!!.

Thanks to each contributor.



Smiles on each face. AHHHH, we have enjoyed and indulged to the fullest. While we relax and let the ice cream settle, Sue Moyer begins sharing some good news about our trip to NAPA VALLEY AND SOME OF THE VINEYARDS in February 2022.



Not only to Napa Valley, but possibly extend to a second club. Let's make it worthwhile to be on the west coast.

Who wants to go? Sign up will begin at the September Club Meeting. As soon as prices are available, Sue will share the info.



One of our newest members, Mary McDonald sure is excited. And of course Shirley Schultz is always interested. Who knows, even Verna Bunn might be able to arrange her schedule to join the FFWC for the first trip since October 2019.

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!!!!!!

PS: Do you see the connection in the picture of Dan on the Council Leader' Message and the article from DJ about Bev Campos? If so, let Rebekah know.



FFWC

Chili Cook-Off

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021

11:30AM – 3:00PM

New Covenant Baptist Church

3196 F Rd (@ 32 Rd)

Men will provide the chili (you can ask your significant other to help)

Ladies bring sides, desserts and drinks

Sample each pot of chili ----- Vote for your favorite.

The chilis will be named; the preparers will not

Ballots provided as you enter.

A sign up sheet is provided at the September Meeting .

Contact Rebekah, Dan or Kathy with questions.

\$5.00 per person for dinner

Winner - gets \$25.00

Balance goes into the FFWC Fund

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Claudia Kellar



Again, welcome to our new members Nancy Wood, Bob Zaha, and Mary McDonald, A New Member Coffee was held August 12th with Claudia Kellar helping Rebekah McDermott host. Dan & DJ Clancy joined the training to become better acquainted with these new members.

Amidst the fun of answering questions and sharing information, time was made for Dan to show how easy it is to access FFI and the membership sites.

The new members' information is below:

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		Bday Nov 3

New directories will be printed in 2022

How do you reach out to new people. Hopefully this newsletter inspires you to take the next step to make contact. Shirley never meets a stranger, so for her, it seems easy. DJ & Dan came up with a great way—divide and multiply. And look what they got from meeting someone new.

Since people seem more open to conversations now, take that chance and share what you enjoy about Friendship Force. I was able to share after church one Sunday. I have also shared with my massage therapist who is interested and has children. It is easy....It is fun...It is worthwhile.... JUST DO IT!

A New Friend, A New Recipe

by DJ Clancy

Where you sit at a Friendship Force Meeting matters. I'll tell you why. When we moved to the Western Slope and discovered that there was a club here, Dan and I joined right away as we'd been members in the past while living in Atlanta. We decided that we would sit apart from each other at functions, that way we'd meet twice as many people. At one meeting I sat next to longtime member, Bev Campos. Bev was a retired nurse and loved traveling the world.

I told her that we'd been surprised to learn that the trees in our backyard were fruit bearing Bartlett Pears. We'd bought the house in March when the limbs were bare. "We must have over 500 pears," I told her. She said she'd be more than happy to take any extras, (including small, seemingly inedible ones,) as she used them to make raspberry pear jam. "That sounds delicious," I responded.

Within days Dan had collected tubs of pears and we delivered them to Bev. In return, she gave us a jar of jam from her previous batch. Well, we agreed it was the best we'd ever tasted. When we told Bev this, she said she'd be happy to teach us how to make it, something we'd never before attempted. Bev instructed us to purée 10 cups of pears and freeze them. She'd be in touch when she was ready for our lesson.

A month or so later she reached out and said that she had a couple of other people who were also learning how to make the jam. Could we come by the following Saturday? Yes, we could. We discovered that Bev had been dealing with health issues and was not feeling at all well. She wanted to be sure that the recipe lived on after her. When we arrived, her sweet friend, Lou, was there to help with instructions as Bev looked on. We could tell that Bev was happy to see her legacy being passed on and it made the experience all the richer for us.



Sadly, Bev passed away last October. We'll think of her when we follow her recipe every fall and hope that you will, too.

A New Friend, A New Recipe (cont)

Bev Campos' Raspberry Pear Jam

10 cups puréed ripe pears

10 cups sugar

¼ cup lemon juice

2 10 oz pkgs frozen red raspberries

2 6 oz pkgs red raspberry Jello (may need more to thicken)

1 Tbsp butter (prevents foaming)

- Bring first four ingredients to a boil, lower heat to prevent scorching and splat-tering, and continue cooking, stirring constantly, for approximately 20 minutes until sugar is dissolved and all ingredients are well mixed.
- Add butter if it starts foaming.
- Remove from heat. Add jello, stir well. Check consistency by dropping a small amount on a plate, cool slightly and taste.
- Carefully ladle into sterilized jars and lids, tightening securely. Makes 7 pints.



Dan is holding the last jar from the 2020 batch.

DJ and Dan are eager to have the Bartlett pears in their backyard ripen so they can make another batch this year.

Bev's "Raspberry Pear Jam" will be available for sampling at the October Chili Cookoff.

PS: Do you see the connection in the picture of Dan on the Council Leader' Message and the article from DJ about Bev Campos? If so, let Rebekah know.

Laughter is Good Medicine!

Dr. Oz says rubbing coffee grounds on your naked body prevents cellulite. APPARENTLY you can't do it in Starbucks 😂

And now the cops are here....

1999: IN 20 YEARS, WE WILL HAVE FLYING CARS.
2019: WE LITERALLY HAVE TO TELL PEOPLE NOT TO EAT TIDE PODS.

FIRST RULE OF CLEANING WHILE LISTENING TO MUSIC: THE TOILET BRUSH IS NEVER THE MICROPHONE...NEVER

SOMETIMES *My Mouth* Speaks *Sarcasm* BEFORE MY SOUTHERN BELLE BRAIN CAN SAY "Bless YOUR Heart!"

WALMART:
THE ONLY PLACE ON EARTH YOU CAN GET A HAIRCUT, EYE EXAM, ICE CREAM SANDWICH, TIRES FOR YOUR CAR, AND WITNESS A REAL LIFE "WHAT NOT TO WEAR" EPISODE.

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

I'm in a Wal-Mart parking lot watching a woman who can't remember where she parked. Every time she holds her remote in the air, I honk my horn.

Wouldn't it be nice if retail therapy was covered by health insurance?



IT'S SEPTEMBER ALREADY



So a burglar broke into the house...I put the red dot on his chest and the cat did the rest...

Laughter: ENJOY and **Share**



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Have a friend who likes to travel?

Share with them the FFI website
www.thefriendshipforce.org and let them see
all the great places to visit

Be sure to invite them to our activities so they
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 in person at New Covenant Baptist Church, 3196 F Road.

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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