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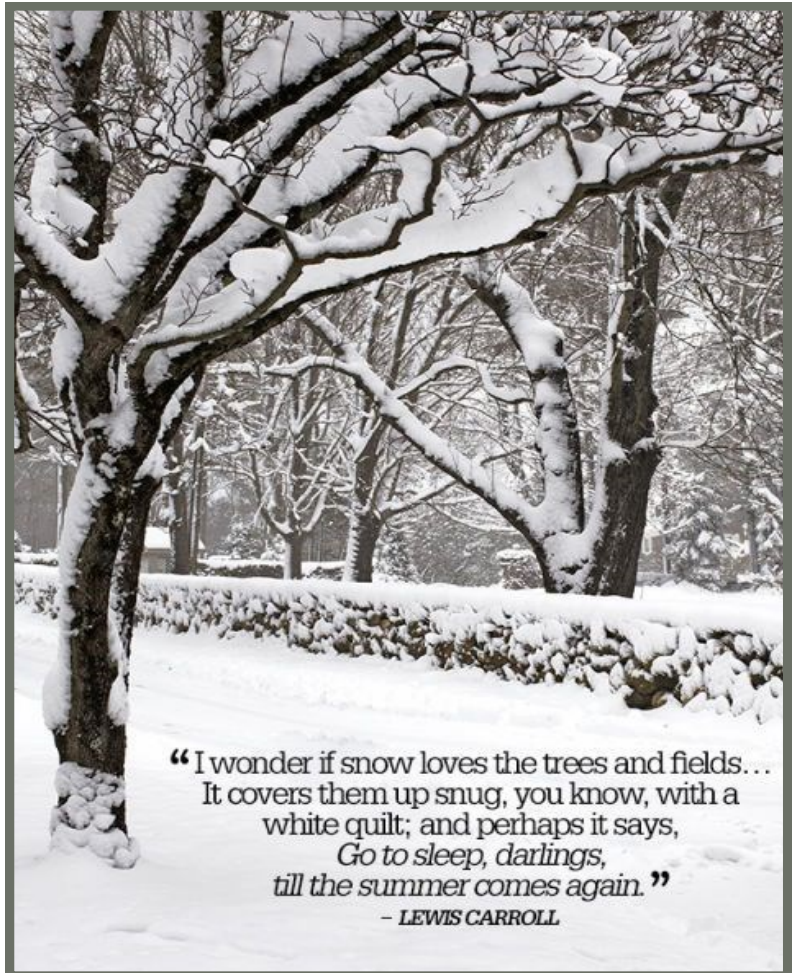


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January 2022

Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Board Meeting:**
Jan 4, 2022 9:00am
Four Winds Coffee Shop
12th & Bookcliff
- **January Meeting:**
Sat. Jan 15th 12 noon
“FFI Journey Matching” by Sue Palmer
New Covenant Baptist Church
Light, snacks
- **Thur. Jan 27th Day Trip** (page 5)
- **Sat. February 19th 12 noon**
“Bullets ‘n’ BBQ”
A Mystery Solving Lunch
(page 6) New Covenant Baptist Church



January

None So celebrate LIFE!



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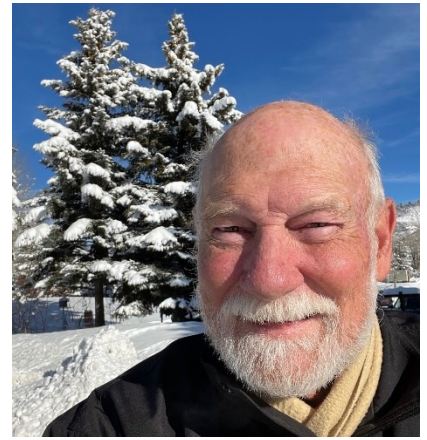
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Council Leader's Message

Happy New Year Western Colorado members,

I would say our club has had a pretty good bounce-back year in 2021, after surviving the do-nothing year of 2020. Members have reconnected through the Summer Picnic, the Ice Cream Social, the Chili Cook-Off, multiple day trip outings, and the recent Christmas Party. I expect that 2022 will be every bit as engaging and fun with a strong line-up of events planned.



Friendship Force International has been working very hard to expand the club's virtual opportunities for all of us to learn more about our club and its members throughout the world. I encourage everyone to visit my.friendshipforce.org and have a virtual experience offered by the FFI development team. If you have trouble getting into the site, I'll be happy to help you.

Our 2022 incoming journey schedule includes a club from Ontario, Canada (May) and another from Sacramento, CA (September). The incoming journey from Tokyo, Japan has been delayed until June 2024. The outgoing journey to Napa/Sonoma, CA has been delayed to 2023, with the journey timing being worked on. At this time, there is no other 2022 outbound journey planned, however, I am working on some short overnight trips, of 1 or 2 nights, that may be of interest to members. Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, and Estes Park are destinations being considered. More information will be given when it is available.

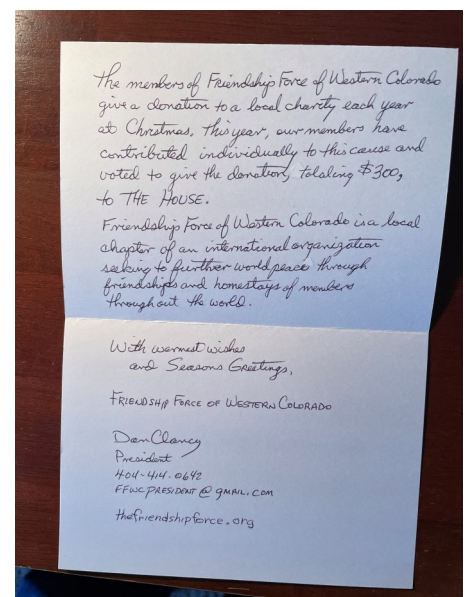
Membership Dues for 2022 are \$45 per member. Payments can be made in person or by mail to Dan Clancy or Rebekah McDermott, or you can mail your payment to the club at Friendship Force of Western Colorado, PO Box 3665, Grand Junction, CO, 81502. Please get your payment made no later than January 31, 2022.

A recap of our club fund-raiser at Barnes & Noble Bookstore on 12-19-21 was a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped, to DJ Clancy for making an eye-catching poster, and especially to those of you who shopped in the store that day. Your purchases helped the club exceed our expectations. You can read the story and see some pictures later in this newsletter.

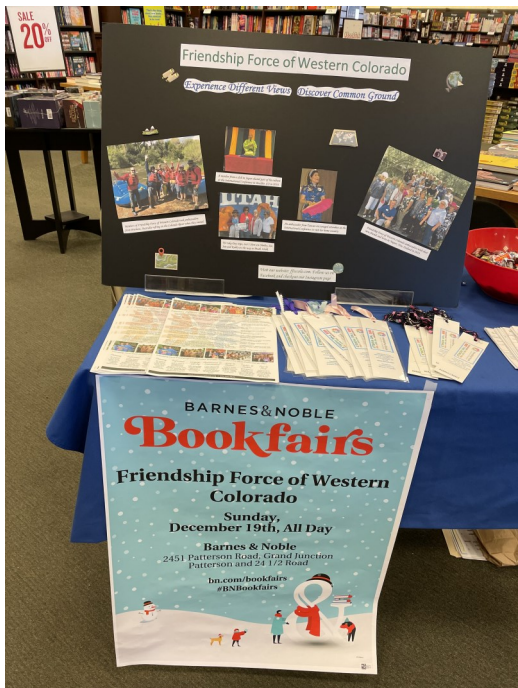
Our club has donated \$300 to the local charity, *The House*, in December. Thanks to everyone who helped with their generous donations.

Happy New Year! And stay safe,

Dan



Barnes & Noble Fund Raiser Recap



This welcoming table was our centerpiece for the event. DJ created the poster board display and Verna supplied the book-marks.

In addition to handing out coupons to customers who used them at check out for us to get credit, there were the beautiful new flyers about FFWC as well as bookmarks with FFWC info.



Nancy at the table ready to hand out coupons, and Jeanine convincing Santa to help us earn money



Other volunteers whose pictures were not captured are Kathy Nielsen, Sue Palmer, Jan Reece, Judy Sealy, and Dan Clancy. Thank you for doing your part to make the day a huge success.



Our gift wrappers are ready to go. Claudia loves to gift wrap and was ready with a smile. Poppy and Mary have all their supplies ready to go. Gift wrapping is a special service we offer that also fills the coffers.



Sunday, December 19, was the Barnes & Noble BookFair fundraiser. My thanks to our volunteers who gave up part of their Sunday to man the gift wrap table and the club information table. The store had a great day of purchases, being the final weekend day before Christmas. By three o'clock, the store had reached the \$5,000 total sales mark, meaning that FFWC would earn 8% of the day's total sales. At the end of the day, our club earned \$657.63. And there was \$50 in the tip jar at the gift wrap table, bringing our total to \$707.63. A very successful fund raiser indeed!

Dan Clancy

Upcoming Events

January Meeting

Sat. Jan 15th 12 noon

New Covenant Baptist Church

“Let’s have some fun while learning how the FFI Journey Matching process works”!

Presented by Sue Palmer, Area Rep

(Light Snacks provided)

Day Trip

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022

**Gateway Auto Museum &
Paradox Grill**

(complete details on page 5)

Day Trip

Thursday, Feb 24, 2022

**Green River &
Goblin Valley**

(complete details in
February’s Newsletter)

**See each
month’s news-
letter for future
events and de-
tails.**

**AND, you have
the 2022
Activities Sched-
ule from Dan**

**Bullets “N” Barbeque.
A Mystery Meal**

Saturday February 19, 2022

“The Sheriff’s bit the dust.”
It’s up to us to find out who
done him in.”

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WESTERN COLORADO DAY TRIP



ACTIVITY: **Driving Tour:** Gateway Auto Museum, Paradox Grille
Leave 10:00am - Return 3:30pm

DATE: **Thursday, January 27, 2022**

TIMES: **DESTINATION / ACTIVITY:**

10:00am Meet at the City Market parking lot in Grand Junction
2770 US-50 (near fairgrounds) Park near the Wells Fargo ATM

10:00am-11:00am	Drive to Gateway, CO	(1.0 HR)
11:00a – 1:00pm	Explore Gateway Car Museum. (\$10.00)	(2.0 HRS)
1:00p – 2:30pm	Lunch at Paradox Grille and walk the grounds (Lunch \$15-20)	(1.5 HRS)
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Drive back to Grand Junction	(1.0 HR)
3:30pm	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:

Dan Clancy	dpcx2@outlook.com	Phone – 404-414-0642
Rebekah McDermott	rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com	Phone - 214-536-2250

- 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.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Sue Moyer &
Rebekah McDermott



Sue Moyer and I want to begin this year wishing you a very Happy New Year! Be on the lookout for the 2022 Membership Pictorial Directory at the February “Bullets n BBQ” event.

With the membership renewal emphasis almost over, as of this printing, we have 27 paid members. If you have not yet paid and want to continue as a member, you have until January 31, 2022 to pay. You may mail your check to Dan at his home or use the FFWC PO Box, give to one of us in person at the January 15th meeting or at the Jan 27th Day Trip. Reminder: Anyone unpaid as of January 31, 2022 will not be featured in the new Membership Directory. You can still pay after that date and be a member though. And if you do pay after that date, there is an extra fee of \$5.00 owed.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

Herman Murray
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Bday 12/30



Born in Lawrenceburg, TN he grew up in Alabama and recently moved here from Atlanta to be close to his daughter. He is an architect and house builder. He recently replaced the flooring in his apartment himself. He enjoys travel and companionship of all people. Herman enjoys playing cards, entertaining, and he is willing to co-host a dinner, be tour guide and in general help all people feel welcome.

A “New Member Coffee” is being planned for the first part of this year. I’ll be contacting the new members soon to confirm this time.

Membership is exploring the idea of pairing a new member with a more experienced member for a year. If you would like to be part of this pairing, please let me know: phone 214 536-2250 or email: rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com.

If you want to submit a new picture to Membership for the 2022 Directory, the deadline is January 15, 2022. Please send via email to: rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com.

Laughter is Good Medicine!

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:
"Windows frozen, won't open."
Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."
Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

Note to Self:

just because it pops into my head does not mean it should come out of my mouth.



OMG, I'm rich!
Silver in the hair,
Gold in the teeth,
Crystals in the kidney,
Sugar in the blood,
Lead in the butt,
Iron in the arteries,
and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas!



I never thought I would accumulate such wealth!

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How to navigate thru a large crowd: Put pennies in a can & shake it, asking people to donate. Everyone will move to avoid you.

@1000LifeHacks
1000LifeHacks.com

How to keep the neighbor kids out of your yard this winter...



Just tried to make my own hand sanitizer and it came out as a margarita.



Never be afraid to do something new.
Remember, amateurs built the Ark;
professionals built the Titanic

Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life.



Bizwaremagic's Funny Quotes



I'VE REACHED THE AGE WHERE MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT OFTEN LEAVES THE STATION WITHOUT ME

Laughter: ENJOY and Share

Warming Winter Treats

From Sue Moyer. "I guess I'm lazy. I just put Irish cream in coffee."

Nothing lazy about that. Sounds Delicious

"Hot Buttered Rum" is the winter warming beverage enjoyed by Jeanine Wehner. She says 2 put her to sleep and 3 put her under the table.



I do not have any warm winter recipes except for chicken noodle soup & it's from a Progresso soup can!



Claudia Kellar



Wassail:

- 1 1/2 quart bottle Cranberry Juice Cocktail
- 2 1-qt bottles apple juice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1 1/2 tsp whole cloves (tie in bag or use a tea ball)

Combine all ingredients in pot and simmer for 90 minutes.

A history of Wassail:

Wassail is a beverage made from hot mulled cider and spices, drunk traditionally as an integral part of wassailing, an ancient English Yuletide drinking ritual and salutation either involved in door-to-door charity-giving or used to ensure a good cider apple harvest the following year.

Wassailing is a **Twelfth Night tradition** that has been practiced in Britain for centuries. It has its roots in a pagan custom of visiting orchards to sing to the trees and spirits in the hope of ensuring a good harvest the following season.

The Christmas spirit often made the rich a little more generous than usual, and bands of beggars and orphans used to dance their way through the snowy streets of [England](#), offering to sing good cheer and to tell good fortune if the householder would give them a drink from his [wassail](#) bowl and let them stand for a few minutes beside the warmth of his hearth. The wassail bowl itself was a hearty combination of hot ale or beer, apples, spices and mead, just alcoholic enough to warm tingling toes and fingers of the singers.

Instant Hot Chocolate Mix

Rebekah McDermott—1962

Sift together:

- 1 8 quart box of Carnation Instant Milk
- 1 pound jar of Cremora
- 1 pound Nestle's Quick Chocolate
- 1-2 cups sugar (can use sugar substitutes)
- 7 heaping tablespoons cocoa

Store in tightly closed jar til ready for use.

Use:

- 1/2 c mix for each 8 oz cup. Add hot water.
- Leave enough room at the top for marshmallows or whipped cream.



DJ and Dan enjoy Wassail . Maybe Dan will make this for our January meeting? Rebekah can make her hot chocolate. Add the German Chocolate bars from Sue Palmer & we have a light snack for all to



Warming Winter Treats

Blue Cheese Dip

Ingredients:

½ Cup Sour Cream
2 Tablespoons Mayo
4 ozs Crumbled Blue Cheese
Hot pepper Sauce/Fresh Pepper
2 Tablespoons Fresh Parsley, Chopped
½ Lemon, juiced
1 Scallion, Sliced

Directions:

In medium bowl combine sour cream and mayo.
Stir in Blue Cheese. Squeeze in Lemon Juice.
Add a dash of hot pepper sauce and pepper.
Add parsley and scallions. Stir to combine.
Chill Blue Cheese Dip for 1 hour.
Serve with crackers or veggies. ENJOY
Sue Palmer

STUFFED MUSHROOMS

8-10 Large Fresh Mushrooms
8 oz Ground Pork (Jimmy Deans is great)
4 Water Chestnuts (finely chopped)
1 to 2 Green Onions (finely sliced)
1 Clove Garlic (minced)
2 t. Sake
3 T. Soy Sauce
1 T. Teriyaki
1 T Cornstarch
Salt and Pepper
Wash mushrooms and remove stems.
Chop stems and add Pork.
Mince water chestnuts, onion; Add remaining ingredients.
Fill Mushroom Caps with Meat Mixture.
Place in greased pan.
Bake at 375' for 30 Minutes
Bon Appetite'
ENJOY recipe from Carol's Oriental Kitchen..... Sue Palmer

Sue Palmer certainly knows how to relax and enjoy winter warming recipes. Anyone up for trying one soon?

GERMAN CHOCOLATE BARS

Combine 11 oz. Kraft Caramels; 1/3 Cup evaporated milk, ¼ cup butter and melt over low heat. (OR microwave these ingredients until melted and Blended)

Special Note: 5.33 fl oz small can of evaporated milk is the perfect size for this recipe.

Combine a Package German Chocolate Cake Mix, ¾ Cup Melted Butter (1 ½ Cube), 1/3 cup evaporated milk and 1 cup Chopped Walnuts.

Spread ½ mixture in buttered 9" X 13" pan.

Bake for 6 minutes at 350.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with 6 oz. chocolate chips. Spread caramel mixture on chips. Top with remaining batter.

Bake 18 minutes more. Cool. Cut and Refrigerate.

ENJOY ! Sue Palmer



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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.

Help me capture memories from FFWC 2021. What did you enjoy best? Where did you laugh the most? Who did you meet? Include a picture too. Send your thoughts:

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.



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.

ABOUT THE CLUB

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

General meetings are now in person and the location is New Covenant Baptist Church, 3196 F Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81504 . 12 noon, 3rd Saturday on odd months.

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. www.ffwcolo.com

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