



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO



December 2022

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Inside the Cover:

- **Monthly Board Meeting:**
December 6, 2022 9:00am
4-Winds Coffee Shop
- **Barnes & Noble Book Fair**
Tues. Dec 20th 9-7 (p7)
- **Sat, Jan 21 Monthly Meeting**
2pm New Covenant Baptist Church
"How to Use my.friendship.org"
Snacks provided by Members
- **Sat, Feb 18th 12:00noon** (p5)
"The Icicle Twist"
Murder Mystery Lunch—\$5/person
Plus sign up to bring a dish
(Your favorite winter dish)
- 4 openings for the Knoxville/
Shelby Trip. (p5)



December Birthdays

2 Nancy Wood
7 Wayne Wells
17 Poppy Woody
18 Sandy Miller
30 Herman Murray



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LEADER'S MESSAGE

The Christmas Season is upon us. This year I'm thinking of a few of our members who have been ill and not able to join club activities in the past months. Let's remember Gertraud Jones, Herman Murray, and Jennifer Swayne this season. We wish them well with speedy and complete recoveries.

The November vote for 2023 Leadership Council members has concluded. I want to offer my thanks to those members leaving the council: Ellen Bradley, Ron Bradley, DJ Clancy. The new 2024 Leadership Council will welcome Georgia Ray, Linda Gordon, and Don Matheson in the January meeting. I look forward to the enthusiasm and new ideas they are sure to bring to the council.


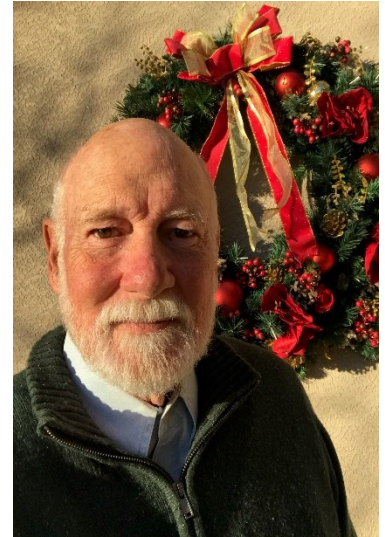
My time in the President's Chair has come to an end. The Council Leader position has a term limit in our club, and I must step down. Let's all welcome Nancy Wood as our new Council Leader. I know she will make an outstanding club leader. It has been my privilege to work with all of you the last three years to grow our club membership and create a fun atmosphere at club events. I will stay on the Council in two positions: as Journeys Co-Ordinator and partner with Rebekah as Events Co-Coordinator.

This club has done a spectacular job of bringing in new members this past year. All of them have been eager to participate in events, including our two inbound journeys. Thanks to all our members for making our club a welcoming and fun place to be.

Club business reminders:

- Barnes & Noble Book Fair 12/20, sign up sheets at Christmas Party.
- Give what you can to our Christmas Charity – help decide at the Christmas Party which local charity will receive our donation.
- Annual dues payments can be made now through 1/31/23.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'D' and a cursive 'an'.

Which Charity will FFWC choose this year? At our Nov. 19th meeting this list of charities was shared with all who attended, and we were asked to select the one we would want the club to make a donation to.

Please choose your favorite and mark it on the ballot that will be at the Christmas Party. Give your donation. The selection with the most votes will get the donation.

At this time of year when we have so much, let us share with those who have needs. Our club has made a donation to a charity each Christmas and with your help will also make a sizeable contribution this year. Thank you for Giving.



These 4 charities were selected because they do not receive grants or federal funding.

Mutual Aid Partners – This is a grassroots community-led nonprofit focused on providing resources and support to families in need. It started in 2020 during the pandemic, but is now committed to nurturing sustainable projects that lower barriers and create positive change. They also collaborate with other community organizations. They provide food, clothing, vaccinations for pets, pet food, haircuts, and more every Tuesday at noon in the Unitarian Church parking lot on Ouray across from the library.

Solidarity Not Charity – This is also a grassroots-oriented community nonprofit focused on providing resources, including food and clean drinking water, for homeless people living outside. Not charity because people receiving services are encouraged to contribute ideas and resources of their own.

The Joseph Center was created about five years ago mainly to support children but has now expanded to support families who are in danger of becoming homeless and who need help with parenting. Its mission is to provide hope, establish stability, encourage resourcefulness, and confer a sense of belonging in our community. They provide clothing, daily hot meals, a food pantry, and help with filling out job applications and finding affordable housing.

Child and Migrant Services is a nonprofit organization that serves guest farm workers during the growing season. It provides clothing, food, hygiene products, English classes, and more.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our club has welcomed many new members this year.

Alan & Lea R

Georgia R

Anne N

Judy Edd

Linda G

Shar W

Sandy N

Clara & Bill R

Rhonda C.

And to end the year we can add one more. Mary C. visited our Nov 19th meeting after reading about us in the *Beacon*. She is excited to become active and participate in our events. Look for her information by separate email. WELCOME, MARY.

January will be our next New Member Coffee.

Sue M. and I send you this greeting



Upcoming

Knoxville - Shelby Outbound Journey April 23, 2023 - May 6, 2023

What could be finer than Tennessee and North Carolina in the spring? Won't you join us on our first outbound journey in three years. You could be one of only four slots currently available

On this active journey we'll be making new friends and seeing some wonderful sights. Our trip will include

- * City Tour of Knoxville
- * East Tennessee History Center
- * The Museum of Appalachia
- * Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Elkmont Area
- * Perhaps Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and/or a tour of Oak Ridge K-25 Plant
- * Downtown Shelby, Earl Scruggs Museum
- * Grandfather Mountain and Mile High Bridge
- * West Jefferson cheese making
- * The ever impressive Biltmore House and grounds.
- * And more!

For questions and information contact Nancy Wood or Sue Moyer (co-coordinators for this journey).

Approximate cost is \$600 not including airfare.

The Icicle Twist

A Murder Mystery Lunch

Sat. Feb
18th

12:00
noon

NCBC

Contact Rebekah
for details.:

\$5/person

Plus bring your
favorite winter
dish.

Sign up sheet at
Jan. meeting

Ivanovitch's murder casts suspicion on all of us. Before the inquest, we need to solve the murder ourselves so that our sordid pasts are not paraded through

2023 World Conference—Dubrovnik, Croatia, October 2-5, 2023



FFI members from around the world will gather in Croatia and what a long-awaited reunion that will be!

For more information as it develops, you need to be registered on [my. Friendship.org](https://my.friendship.org) where the postings and updates are on the Home Page.



*Don't annoy me this week,
because if you do..*



*I will give your number to all
the kids and tell them it's
Santa's Hotline.*

**CHRISTMAS TIME IS GREAT
BECAUSE YOU CAN SHOUT
"DON'T COME IN HERE"
AND PEOPLE ASSUME YOU'RE
WRAPPING THEIR PRESENTS,
INSTEAD OF JUST WANTING
TO BE LEFT ALONE.**



FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WESTERN COLORADO

DAY TRIP – GRAND JUNCTION



Reynolds Polymer



Atomic Legacy Cabin

ACTIVITY: Tour Reynolds Polymer Site off Patterson Rd., Lunch,
See museum exhibits at Atomic Legacy Cabin

DATES: Thursday, January 26, 2023

TIMES: **DESTINATION / ACTIVITY:**

Thursday, 1/26

9:30 am	Meet at the Enstrom's parking lot.	
9:45am-10:00am	Drive to Reynolds Polymer, Patterson Road.	
10:00am-11:15am	Tour at Reynolds Polymer	(1.25 HRS)
11:15am – 11:30am	Drive to McCallister's Deli	(15 min)
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch at McCallister's Deli	(\$15 – \$20) (1.5 HRS)
1:15pm – 1:30pm	Drive to Atomic Legacy Cabin	(15 min)
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Legacy Cabin Museum – see the exhibits	(1.5 HR)
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Drive back to Enstrom's parking lot.	(15 min)

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

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

- COVID-19 allowances: > Bring your mask. Masks optional inside car and may be required at some stops along the way.
- Cars will hold maximum of 4 people.

Proposed FFWC 2023 Events Calendar

Changes in Red
Updated: 11/25/2022

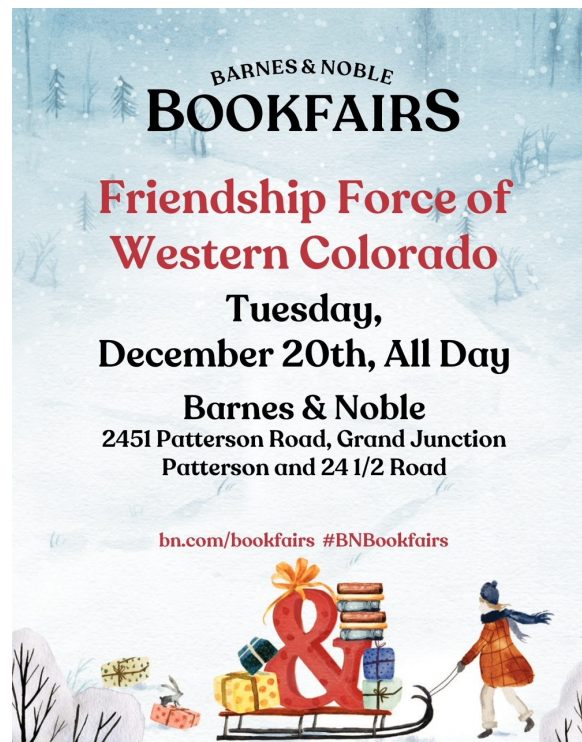
<p>January</p> <p>1/03 - Council Meeting – New and Old members attend 1/21 - General Meeting – MY.FRIENDSHIPFORCE.ORG presentation, see how to navigate our site.</p> <p>1/26(Thurs) - Day Trip – Reynolds Polymer plastic fabrication company, Lunch, Atomic Legacy Cabin</p>	<p>February</p> <p>2/07 - Council Meeting 2/18 – Murder Mystery Party Luncheon– The Icicle Twist Murder at a ski resort.</p> <p>2/24(Fri) –Day Trip– “Let’s Walk”: Fruita Paleo Trail and Lunch</p>
<p>March</p> <p>3/07 - Council Meeting</p> <p>3/18(Sat) - General Meeting – 10am Breakfast, Presentation – “My Trip to somewhere” by someone.</p> <p>3/24(Fri) – Day Trip– Dinosaur National Monument and Vernal, UT.</p>	<p>April</p> <p>4/04 - Council Meeting</p> <p>4/14(Fri) – Day Trip – Local Tours: Leitner-Poma chairlifts and cable systems, Lunch, Suncrest Orchard Alpaca Farm 4/23 – 5/06 – OUTBOUND JOURNEY: KNOXVILLE, TN & SHELBY, NC</p>
<p>May</p> <p>5/09 – Council Meeting (moved a week because of members who may be on outbound journey) 5/13 (Sat) – BookFair @ Barnes & Noble, 9am–7pm</p> <p>5/20(Sat) - General Meeting – “Summer” Picnic at a local Park Shelter 5/25(Thurs) – Day Trip – Rifle Falls & Fish Hatchery Lunch at Lazy Bear, New Castle</p>	<p>June</p> <p>6/06 - Council Meeting 6/11 – 6/17 - INBOUND – KNOXVILLE, TN</p> <p>6/28 (Thurs) – Day Trip – Grand Mesa drive, Cedaredge lunch, downtown shopping, and Appleshed Gallery</p>
<p>July</p> <p>7/11 - Council Meeting (Moved due to Holiday) 7/15(Sat) - General Meeting / Program OPEN</p> <p>7/27 (Thurs) to 7/28 (Fri) – 1-night Overnight Trip – Aspen Music Festival, John Denver Sanctuary, Stay in Snowmass; Marble & BarBQ lunch</p>	<p>August</p> <p>8/01 - Council Meeting 8/19(Sunday) - Ice Cream Social – inside at Church</p> <p>8/24 (Thurs.) - Day Trip – Telluride, Gondola to top, Lunch in Mountain Village</p>
<p>September</p> <p>9/05 - Council Meeting 9/12(Tuesday) – Grand Mesa Road Cleanup</p> <p>9/16 - General Meeting – Program OPEN 9/24 – 9/30 - INBOUND – SHELBY, NC (Welcome or Farewell Party includes “My Favorite Casserole”.) No Day Trip</p>	<p>October</p> <p>10/2 – 10/5 – World Conference in Croatia</p> <p>10/10 - Council Meeting (Moved a week due to members being at World Conference)</p> <p>Dates to be determined – 3-Night Journey to Northern Colorado FF Club – Proposed, and not yet planned.</p>
<p>November</p> <p>11/07 - Council Meeting</p> <p>11/18 - General Meeting – Election of 2024 Officers, Review of World Conference activities. No Day Trip</p>	<p>December</p> <p>12/02(Saturday) - Christmas Party, 4pm 12/05 - Council Meeting</p> <p>12/17 (Sun) - Book Fair Fundraiser, Barnes & Noble No Day Trip</p>

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser Tuesday, December 20, 9am - 7pm

Once again we are manning both information and gift wrap tables. There are just a few time slots open for you to come participate in what has become an annual fundraiser for our club.

- 9-11 am Info Table
- 1-3pm Info Table
- 3-5pm Info Table
- 5-7pm Info Table
- 5-7 pm Gift Wrap

Sign up at the Christmas Party or give Nancy Wood a call (616) 403-3217 with your preferred time slot.



Help Choose 2024 Outbound Journey Locations

Be thinking this month about outbound journeys for 2024. In January our club must give FFI information regarding 2024 Outbound Journeys. To be prepared for that, all members can submit their choices to Dan or Ron at the January general meeting on 1/21 or notify them personally.

Select Friendship Force club locations anywhere in the world that YOU would travel to. Select 3 domestic and 3 international locations. Rate them 1st , 2nd , 3rd . The “votes” will be tallied, and the top two choices, one domestic and one international, will be submitted to FFI on January 31. We will be notified in Mid-April of 2024 of the FFI Outbound Matchings assigned to Western Colorado.

Dan Clancy, Journeys Coordinator

JOURNEYS NEWS: STATUS and UPDATES

Updated: 11/25/22

Updates in RED

2023

INBOUND from Knoxville, TN - #23192

- Ambassador Coordinators: **Rebekah McDermott and Nancy Wood**
- Status: Dates: June 11 - 17
- Update: This is a reciprocal journey after having hosted FFWC in May.

INBOUND from Shelby, NC - #23227

- Ambassador Coordinator: **OPEN**
- Status: Dates: September 24 – 30.
- Update: This is a reciprocal journey after having hosted FFWC in May.

OUTBOUND to Knoxville, TN / Shelby, NC - #23166

- Ambassador Coordinator: **Nancy Wood and Sue Moyer**
- Status: Dates: From 4/23 to 5/6.
- Update: Arrive Knoxville 4/23, to Shelby on 4/29-30, depart Shelby 5/6. Itinerary completed and journey sign-up continues. **Four** open spots remain. **Contact Nancy if interested.**

OUTBOUND to Napa/Sonoma, CA - #22511

- Ambassador Coordinator: **Sue Moyer**
- Status: Dates to be determined
- Update: Working on dates and combining this journey with a second club in the area.

2024

INBOUND from Tokyo, Japan - #22501

- Host Coordinator: **Ron Bradley**
- Status: Postponed to June 2024 from June, 2020.

INBOUND from New Hampshire Seacoast - #23203

- Ambassador Coordinator: **OPEN**
- Status: Dates: September 8-15, 2024.
- Update: Assigned by FFI in "It's A Match" program.

Future Journey Plans

Received invitation from Lake Simcoe, Ontario to come visit their club.

After inbound Western Kentucky journey, received invites for future outbound journeys to Western Kentucky and Tucson clubs.

Working on 2023 shortened (3 nights/4 days) outbound journey to Northern Colorado club.



Share your interests with other members.

Please send me pictures of your family enjoying the holidays. Also: Recipes, jokes, funny stories—I'd love to publish them.

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.

ABOUT THE CLUB

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

General meetings are now in person and held at New Covenant Baptist Church, 3196 F Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81504 . 2:00pm, 3rd Saturday on odd months.

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

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