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WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

November - 2020



Upcoming Events:

Leadership Council Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov 3rd at 9 am
by Zoom.

General Meeting:

To be Announced

Vote by November 19th

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5th



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Have a friend who likes to travel?

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

Council Leader's Message

Hello Western Colorado members.

Our club had a Game Night on Thursday, 10/15 at the Masonic Lodge large meeting room. Thirteen members came out for fun and fellowship while observing local Covid-19 health rules. I'm sure that the events committee will be scheduling another game night in the coming months.

As you know, late in the month of October, Mesa County Covid-19 case numbers skyrocketed. This fact, plus the low attendance for the September General Meeting has led me to decide that the November General Meeting should be cancelled. We will be discussing this at the next Leadership Council meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd and an announcement will be made regarding the meeting status. There is no program planned for the meeting and the election of 2021 Council members (normally done at the November meeting) can be done by phone or email. You can see the BALLOT elsewhere in this newsletter. Rebekah and Marguerite did a great job working as the nominating committee.

There are two open positions on the Leadership Council for 2021: Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large. The Council wants to hear from you if you are interested in either position and being a Council member, helping to make decisions on club activities and scheduling. Previous office holders will be happy to help get new officers started.

The Mesa County Covid-19 infection status has resulted in the cancellation of our Fall fund-raising efforts. Dos Hombres has suspended the "Give-Back Wednesday" promotion indefinitely. Barnes & Noble has restructured the Book Fair promotion, not really lending itself to smaller organizations like ours. We are on their schedule for May and December 2021, hoping that conditions will improve by then. The Leadership Council will keep you posted.

The Christmas Party scheduled for December 5 is still on the schedule. We are observing health guidelines for Covid-19 safety. The Leadership Council will keep you updated on the status of this holiday gathering.

Be safe.

Dan

Western Colorado—Leadership Council

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November 6—Marguerite Collard
November 8 - Jim Witt
November 29— Carol Mobley

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

Each year FFWC votes for members of the Leadership Council in person at the November General Meeting. This year, the November General Meeting is being cancelled due to several factors including health concerns and meeting space costs. Therefore, members are being asked to **VOTE** for the 2021 Leadership Council by **phone** or by **email**.

The nominating committee, Rebekah and Marguerite, have solicited nominations for council positions from all members, interviewed members of the council about continuing in their current positions, and have presented the BALLOT elsewhere in this newsletter for your voting consideration. There are two positions still open that need filling. Contact Rebekah, Marguerite, or Dan Clancy if you are interested.

Send an email or call Rebekah, Marguerite, or Dan
to vote YES or NO for the 2021 Leadership Council

by **Thursday, November 19**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Marguerite Collard

Membership continues to stay active keeping in touch with current members. Though there has been no traveling, our members have not stayed idle.

You will be amused and amazed to talk with Rita Silva about her recent dog nap and rescue.

Due to Covid, Sandy Miller curtailed her round the world travels, so she is back home for a while. Listening to recounts of her trips are astounding.

We are thankful to report that Jim Gardner is well on the mend-----his surgery was certainly unexpected.

And many of our members enjoyed day trips-----so reach out and talk and share

Game Night Fun!



VOTE

BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Western Colorado Chapter's Leadership Council

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African Travels by Shirley Schultz

I celebrated my 95th birthday by taking a trekking trip to Tanzania and outdoor tent camping on the Serengeti plains. Arriving at Kilimanjaro airport was exciting. Seeing the snows of Kilimanjaro and knowing people are climbing this mountain was like being in the movie picture. It took us two hours or more to get to the resort in Arusha. The roads were narrow, dirt, and very bumpy. This definitely was not Highway 66. However, it was worth the ride. The resort in the middle of no place it seems, was fabulous. Completely equipped with a swimming pool, lounge area, indoor outdoor dining surrounded completely with beautiful flowers. The rooms Were luxurious as well. This was a former coffee plantation. On one of our tours of this resort they had a coffee shop equal to anything that Starbucks could put out.



We spent the next few days visiting villages and markets in tuk-tuk's. That was an exciting adventure in itself. A small taxi cab on a motorcycle. What more could you ask for. That is about all the roads can take here.

We visited the Ngorongoro conservation area. The exciting part came when we did our tent camping on the Serengeti plains. Real tent camping, no running water, one pail of water for shower, canvas toilet and a bowl of water in the morning to brush our teeth and wash our face. With all this rugged camping out, when we came back in the evening, there was a fire going surrounded by chairs, wine and snacks. This was rugged living. In the middle of Africa. Our days were very exciting, being in an open top Land Rover watching elephants, lions, tigers, cheetahs, hyenas and wildebeest.



I sometimes felt that I was in back of a photographer from National Geographic. We actually saw a cheetah kill. The kill was a wildebeest that was weak, and in back of a large herd. After feeding on the wildebeest, the cheetah takes their meat to a tree so that the vultures and other animals would not get it.



On one of our day trips we saw a pride of £.17 Lions all ages from 6 to 9 months old plus four mothers Playing with their cubs. Extraordinary. Another day, we saw a lion kill. The lions eat all they want while the vultures hang around waiting for the dessert. The lion prey, can be zebras, wildebeest or whatever is the weakest at the back of the herd.

We visited the Olduvai Gorge where Louis and Mary Leaky discovered the first primitive in Africa. Their son is now maintaining the site and gives lectures on the discovery that his parents made of the primitive being. Very informative.



One morning, we got up very early to have breakfast out on the plains. Our breakfast consisted of cold pancakes with slices of pineapple acting as bread in a sandwich. With hot coffee, you have no idea how delicious that can be when you're watching A herd of wildebeests passing by.

One of our days was taken up by a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti plains. We watched hundreds of animals: wildebeest, zebras and a deer like animal. *A real spectacular sight .*



The last couple of days of our journey we spent visiting local markets And the village of Masai tribe. We saw their local culture and participated in some of their events. In the market, we noticed large bags of pumpkin leaves. This seems to be a delicacy when prepared in their native manner. It was amazing to us, since we discard our pumpkin leaves or have no idea how to use

them. Travel can be broadening in more ways than one. I loved Africa with many happy **Memories**, including a birthday party with a birthday cake made in a tent kitchen, wine parties at the end of the day, and the most marvelous exciting discovery of animals in the wild that I hope to see.



Visit Africa!



At the Leadership Council meeting on January 7, 2020 it was decided that the Minutes of the Leadership Council will no longer be published in the Newsletter. However, be reminded that any member of the Club can attend Council meetings at any time. We meet at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet on the first Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Minutes are also available upon request.

Email: Ellen Bradley, Secretary, at FFWCsecretary@gmail.com and she'll be happy to send them to you.

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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