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WESTERN COLORADO



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**May 2021**

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Board Meeting: May 4, 2021**  
9:00am, Will meet outside at Spoon Bistro Masks optional.
- **Monthly Meeting: Thursday, May 20th**  
Details on front page
- **Day Trip—See page 5**

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#### Our first live meeting in 2021



Thursday,  
May 20th  
Sherwood-  
Park  
6:15-7:30pm

Yea!!! Our first meeting in person.

Masks your choice.

Bring your own snack/supper

Drinks provided by Events Committee

While we munch and catch up with each other, Dan will share information on day trips and events scheduled for a few months.

The proposed schedule is in this newsletter so you can be prepared with questions .

*See you there!*



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**May Birthdays**  
**13 Shirley Schultz**  
**14 Barb Gardner**  
**30 Ken Weaver**





## **Council Leader's Message**

Hello Western Colorado members,



It feels so good to be getting out and about more freely these days. I have been working on a 2021 events schedule, planning our club picnic (July) and ice cream social (August).

We should also be able to get together for day trips involving sightseeing and activities in our region. I see this as a way to reconnect with each other and maybe have a new experience at the same time. We will plan a few for the next few months. And if they are popular, we can schedule more throughout the year. You will see a description in the Newsletter, and I will send out a News Bulletin as a reminder.

**DAY TRIP:** I am planning the first day trip for Tuesday, May 18. We will drive to Sego Canyon Rock Art, Dead Horse Point State Park, Moab for lunch, and the Western History and Movie Museum at Red Cliffs Lodge. Even if you have been to all these places, I hope you will come along for fun and fellowship with the group. You can find itinerary details in a separate article in this newsletter.

**GENERAL MEETING:** The Leadership Council has decided to schedule the next general meeting in person. The meeting will be at Sherwood Park, Thursday, May 20 at 6:15pm. You will see additional details in a separate place in this newsletter.

**MEMBERS-ONLY WEBSITE:** Friendship Force International is continuing to offer the Members-Only website. For those of you who have not signed up, please do. The minimum information you need to sign up is your name, club name and your email address. All club members should do this. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up.

**2022 JOURNEYS:** FFI has announced the club matching results for Inbound and Outbound Journeys. FFWC has been awarded an Outbound Journey to Napa-Sonoma and Inbound Journeys from Tokyo, Japan and Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada. As a club, we may decide to have an additional Outbound Journey to another domestic location, which we would design ourselves. Ron Bradley, as Journey Coordinator, will be working on the 2022 journey schedule. He will be looking for an Ambassador Journey Coordinator for the Napa-Sonoma journey. If you are interested, let him know. Jim Gardner is assigned to Lake Simcoe, and Ron has requested to work with Tokyo. These journeys are months away into the future, and details will be given later.

Stay safe,



**HEAR YE!!! HEAR YE!!!**

Please join us in Celebrating the 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday for



~ Shirley Schultz ~



Her special day is Thursday, May 13, 2021

We would like to ask all members in  
Western Colorado Friendship Force Club  
To send her a **Birthday Card**



**PLEASE MAIL TO:** Shirley Schultz  
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Grand Junction, CO 81501



LET'S TAKE A TRIP!



Everyone is ready to travel.

Unfortunately, there are no FFI matched trips in 2021 for most clubs, including FFWC. In the absence of 2021 Journeys, our club is planning Day Trips (leave and return the same day by car). These are the Day Trips being planned:

Tuesday, May 18 – Moab – (Our 1<sup>st</sup> trip: details on next page)

Friday, June 24 – Rifle Falls State Park, Rifle Gap, Glenwood Springs

Friday, July 30 – Montrose – Ute Museum, Ouray – Box Canyon

Friday, August 27 – Glenwood Springs, Redstone Castle

Friday, September 24 – Montrose – Museum of the West, Black Canyon of the Gunnison

Friday, October 29 – Ridgeway, Telluride

**Day Trip itineraries are in the planning stage and may change from the information above.**

For more details contact Dan Clancy, Events Coordinator, 404 414-0642



# FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WESTERN COLORADO

## DAY TRIP - MOAB



**ACTIVITY:** Driving Tour : Pictographs in Sego Canyon – Colorado River Canyon  
Dead Horse Point State Park – Moab Lunch –  
Western History and Movie Museum  
Leave 8:00am - Return 6:00pm

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021

<b>TIMES:</b>	<b>DESTINATION / ACTIVITY:</b>	
8:00am	Leave from Fruita, Dinosaur Journey parking lot at 8:00am.	FREE
8:00 – 9:30am	Drive to Thompson Springs, UT. View Sego Canyon Rock Art.	(1.5 HRS)
9:30 – 10:30am	Drive to Dead Horse Point State Park. Park fee is \$20/car.	(1 HR)
10:30a–12:00pm	Explore park scenery, visitor center, short hike to see canyon. Drive to Colorado River overlook, view canyon and river 1,000 ft. below.	(2 HRS)
12:00p- 1:00pm	Drive to Moab.	(1 HR)
1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch at Moab Brewery, “Best Burger in Town” - \$15-20.	(1 HR)
2:00 – 2:30pm	Drive Potash Road (state route #279) – pictographs	(30 Min)
2:30 – 3:30pm	Drive along river (state route #128) to Red Cliffs Lodge Resort.	(1 HR)
3:30 – 4:00pm	Visit Movie Museum at the Lodge.	(30 Min)
4:00 – 5:30pm	Drive back to Fruita.	(1.5 HRS)
6:00pm	Arrive Dinosaur Journey Museum parking lot, Fruita.	

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

Happy May to our Members. The month of the origin of blue jeans, Mother's Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day and even fun days such as on our meeting day of the 20th, National Chocolate Cake Day.



The FFWC Club is quickly moving toward meetings in person and short day trips. As Events Coordinator, Dan Clancy has diligently worked with information compiled from the survey done before Covid asking for ideas from you. Your ideas are now becoming reality with the day trips planned.

Last month I asked members to share funny and unusual things that happen during your traveling. You can read a couple of them below. So as we are planning to see each other again soon, be prepared for funny and unusual things to happen—even if we are simply traveling from home to a meeting....

Continue to share FFI with friends and invite them to our activities. Once they meet us, you know they will want to join such a fun group!!!!

**From Susan Moyer:** In the Central American, South American and Indonesian countries where I've stayed, the hot water comes from tanks on the roof that sit in the sun. I am a morning shower person and basically froze while showering until I figured out that afternoon/ early evenings are the best time to shower, if you can. Mornings are the worst for hot water.

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Here is something that happened to DJ and me when we went on an outbound journey to Bergen, Norway with the Atlanta club in 2003:

When we arrived at the Bergen, Norway airport at 8:00 am after traveling all night from Washington, DC and changing planes in Copenhagen, there was no one from the Bergen club to greet us. We waited patiently for a while and after about 15 minutes the Journey Coordinator called his contact in Bergen. Somehow they had gotten the idea that we were arriving at 8:00 PM. I can just imagine the scrambling that went on for all of our Hosts to stop what last minute preparations they must have making in their homes for us, and jump in their cars and drive out to the airport! After another 30 minutes or so, our Hosts arrived at the airport and we all had a big laugh about it.

Our hosts had expected to go to the grocery store that day before our arrival, so we stopped there on our way from the airport to their home. Our first experience in this Scandinavian country was going to the local grocery store and it was marvelous!

Dan & DJ Clancy



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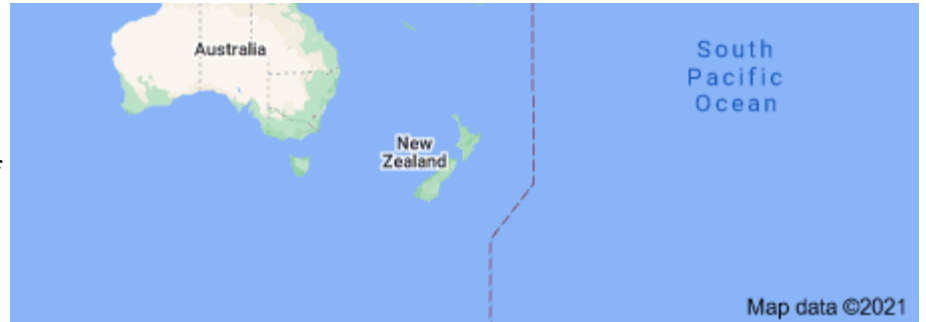




# New Zealand

New Zealand is an island country in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. It consists of two main landmasses—the North Island and the South Island—and more than 700 smaller islands, covering a total area of 268,021 square kilometres

Country in Oceania



## New Zealand Exchange + Add On. October 2019 Submitted by Sue Moyer

One of my favorite exchanges was to Napier and Southland, New Zealand. I was the exchange coordinator for our club and we added folks from the front range to fill out our numbers. Our first homestay was in Napier. I had been there before when we took travel vans to see the North Island of NZ after an exchange in Australia. We liked the Napier area and I was glad for a chance to go back and see the places that you only find when traveling with locals.



Those traveling from FFWC

Sandy Miller, Kathy Nielsen, Poppy Wood, Sue Moyer, Verna Bunn and on the back row Ken Weaver..



I traveled with my sister, Martha, from The Villages Club in Florida and our home hosts were Bob and Heather whose home was in Have-lock North, a community south of Napier on the flanks of **Te Mata peak**.

It was a lovely location and we had daily visits from several local birds to the bird-bath. One of my favorites was the Tui that looked like he had cotton balls at his neck.



One day we took a walk to the neighborhood park that Bob helped with maintenance and it was created from an old trash dump along a small creek at the back of the subdivision. They had created trails, added benches and cleaned up the trash to create an oasis. At the top of the park there used to be an old pottery factory and some spots, where the bank was eroding, there were pot shards.

We also visited the **National Aquarium of New Zealand** and got to see the feeding of the little blue penguins. It was quite the place and decorated outside with huge murals.



On **Guy Fawks Day**, we had a cookout on the beach and set off fireworks.





The week was full of activities, including a sightseeing tour of **Napier** which had been destroyed by an earthquake and fires and was rebuilt in Art Deco style.



We also took a tour of the area later in Vintage cars, ending at a rural restaurant where we enjoyed the food.



One day, we visited a goat farm where they milked the goats to sell the milk. The goats lived inside all the time and were milked on a rotating platform that they entered, were hooked up to the milk machine and by the time they got back to the beginning, they were finished and offloaded back to the sheds they lived in. I



tried the milk and it was quite good.





Then we went to my favorite spot, **Cape Kidnapper's**, where a large population of Gannets (seabirds) nest and raise their chicks until they are large enough to fly to Australia's coast to spend their years until they are old enough to mate and come back to the nesting area. The courtship dances were amazing, with a lot of necks reaching up and head shaking.



**Napier** had a lovely park with gardens and one of my favorites was the rose garden.



Our farewell was at a local winery and we had winetasting with food.



I never tasted that many wines before and was glad I didn't have to drive.







That evening we went to a school program where the children performed many Maori songs. Each school has its own cultural costume.



**Invercargill** had a great Queen's Park that we visited several times. The flowers were beautiful and they had an enclosure with Tuataras (and ancient species of Lizard).

They also had a sports building with all sorts of courts indoors and a cycling circle. They paid for this place with a sales tax on alcohol.



The next day we went on to Southland at the bottom of the South Island – next stop south would be Antarctica. We stayed at the Les Gibbs house in Riverton which was a drive from the main town of Invercargill. Les had a boat that he would sail to Stewart Island in the summer which was just south of Riverton.



We traveled all over Southland, particularly visiting numerous beaches and going on short hikes. One of the most interesting places we went was a historic **Flax Mill**. It is sort of a working museum where they show how flax was grown and harvested. It was a major agricultural product for many years, often made into ropes.



**Anderson Park**



We visited a number of museums and toured the countryside including a visit to **Anderson Park** which had lovely gardens and ducks, with their babies on the lawn.



We went to a local Riverton restaurant that look out over the inlet and the tide was out and huge mudflats appeared. At other times , it looked like a major waterway.

After the exchange was formally over, some of us rented a car and drove around much of the South Island and visited some beautiful spots in the **“Southern Alps”** and the west coast, including **Fjordland**. We also spent a few days with the Friendship Force club in Blenheim before driving to Christchurch and our flight home.

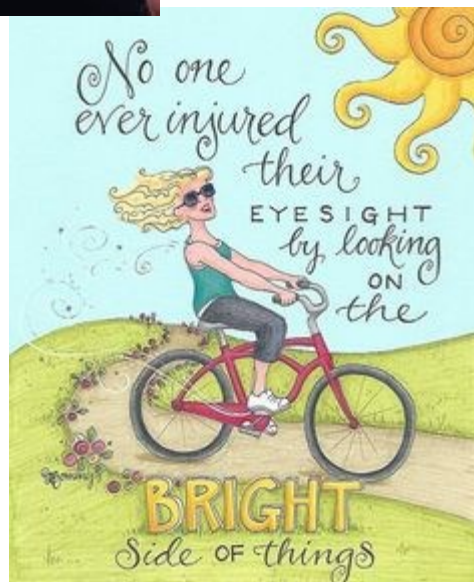




## Laughter is Good Medicine!

CHOCOLATE COMES  
FROM COCO WHICH  
IS A TREE, THAT  
MAKES IT A PLANT.  
CHOCOLATE IS SALAD.

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### Have a friend who likes to travel?

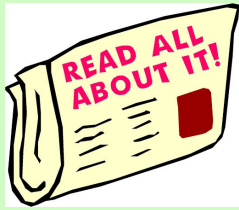
**Share with them the FFI website and let them see all the great places they can go.**

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

FFI website has all the updates, journeys and member information.

Check it out. [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org)





NEEDED: ideas for virtual events, book suggestions, local merchants to support, stories of your past travels, pictures of what you do during the year, jokes, etc.

Send to [ffwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ffwnewsletter@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.

### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Leadership Council holds in-person meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Any member of the Club is welcomed to attend this Council Meeting.

See the newsletter for location. Each month we are trying a new place.

### **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 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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