



friendship force
WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

December - 2020



Upcoming Events:

Leadership Council Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 9 am
by Zoom.

General Meeting:

TBA in 2021

Christmas Party:

Cancelled



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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.

All of 2020 has been a “plan something - wait and see – cancel plans” kind of year. As we worked hard to avoid catching Covid-19, we sacrificed get-togethers, meetings, and journeys. The November general meeting and the Christmas party were cancelled. The result is we are all safe from the virus and looking forward to a better 2021.

Club membership annual dues are payable between December 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021. Because of minimal activities in 2020 and uncertainty about activities for 2021, the Leadership Council has voted that dues for 2021 will be reduced to \$20.00 per member. This amount covers the money our club pays to FFI for its international club charter and our individual membership in it. Given that our dues are usually \$40, if you want to pay more than \$20, FFWC will accept any amount over \$20 as a club donation. Dues can be mailed to the club at:

Friendship Force of Western Colorado, P.O. Box 3665, Grand Junction, CO, 81502

Dan Clancy, FFWC Treasurer, 852 Jasper Dr., Fruita, CO, 81521

The annual election of Leadership Council members was conducted last month, per the club by-laws. New for 2020, the voting did not take place at the annual meeting (cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions) but was conducted by email and text. Thank you for the strong turnout – nearly all members voted. The Leadership Council will remain as it was in 2020, with a few exceptions: Marguerite will take over the Events Coordinator position and Claudia Keller will assist Rebekah McDermott with Membership. The Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large positions are open. We need someone to step up for the Newsletter Editor position. That person will be given the club's newsletter laptop, complete with Publisher Software, and instructions from Michele during the handoff on how our newsletter is created and sent out. (Continued on page 2)

Western Colorado—Leadership Council

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December 7— Wayne Wells
 December 17— Poppy Woody
 December 18— Sandy Miller

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The Council wants to hear from you if you are interested in either open position and being a Council member, helping to make decisions on club activities and scheduling. Previous office holders will be appy to help get new officers started.

Lastly, I would like to thank Michele Wells for the stellar job she has done with the newsletter this past year. This is her final issue. Thank you, Michele for your attention to detail, organization, long hours, and flexibility you have given in producing our monthly newsletter.

Happy Holidays and be safe.

Dan

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &
Marguerite Collard

Marguerite and I thank you for all your support for Membership during 2020. We enjoyed the various coffees' allowing us to visit one on one. And we also enjoyed various phone conversations as we kept up with each other. Thank you fellow FFWC members.

Voting is complete for the 2021 Board Members and the ballot as shown will serve. The votes were unanimous. Thank you for taking time to call or email your vote.

There are still 2 slots open: Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large. Should you feel the urge to step forward, please contact me or Dan.

So until 2021, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!.

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Rocky Mountain Regional News --- from Sue Palmer, Field Rep

Greetings – I hope this finds you and your family well and safe.

Jeremi Snook, CEO conducted this month's Field Rep meeting. He shared some information about Friendship Force International's future plans to "A Stronger Way Forward" has an organization. Even though FFI has been hampered by restrictions through this pandemic the staff has embraced this opportunity to examine our mission and direction for a stronger, brighter future for friendship-building around the world.

Plans are underway to create a New Member Portal for all club members. The staff has been working on this year in the absence of our regularly scheduled journeys. You can find Jeremi's video on the Friendship Force website under "News and Updates" at the top of the home page. On the video you'll learn what plans the staff are making to keep us all better connected and about our vision for a post-pandemic Friendship Force.

Please click on the link below to see the video:

[A Stronger Way Forward | Friendship Force](#)



Journey Coordinator News

Since the pandemic decimated all of 2020 Journey's for Friendship Force, our Journey Coordinator, Ron Bradley has continued to work on possible traveling arrangement for 2021 and beyond. Below is the list of potential upcoming journeys, to keep us **dreaming** of future travels.

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| 2020 Inbound Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada | (Postponed to 2022; Jim Gardner - Coordinator) |
| 2020 Outbound Northern Colorado | (Invited for a 2-4-day journey TBD 2021) |
| 2020 Inbound Shelby, NC | (Possible reciprocal journeys in 2022) |
| 2021 Outgoing Napa Valley | (Journey #21111, Coordinator needed, Dates TBD) |
| 2022 Incoming Tokyo, Japan | (Ron Bradley - Coordinator, Dates: June, 2022) |
| 2021 Incoming Western Kentucky | (Journey # assigned, Coordinator needed, Dates TBD) |

Reminder – Check out the **FFI Website**—from Dan Chancy

We are all members of a global organization. Friendship Force International has used this past year's travel shutdown to create new virtual opportunities for all members to continue to learn about new places, people and cultures on the FFI webpage at friendshipforceinternational.org. The staff at FFI, the same people whose jobs you saved with your donations during the fund drive last spring, have created easy-to-click-on windows to experience a wide variety of virtual experiences:

Learning a Language

Trivia Quiz - monthly

Community Gardening in Sacramento

Let's Paint

Traveler's Tales

History of the Kaleidoscope

Ikebana – Japanese flower arranging

Solo Travel Tips and Tricks

Faces and Places: Brazil – France – New Zealand – Japan

Mexico – Siberia – Australia – Romania

Discover Australia

Discover India – Delhi to Mumbai

Hosting Ambassadors from Incoming Journeys

Another portion of the Friendship Force Journey activities is Hosting. Wayne and I haven't traveled as ambassadors, but we have home hosted guests. This article will review our hosting of Albert Safin from Moscow. We continue to correspond with Albert. We treasure our friendship that we made through Friendship Force.

The Russian Ambassadors, traveled to The Arches in Moab and the Hot Springs Pool in Glenwood Springs. Some of the ambassadors went to Ouray, or as Albert and his friend went north of GJ to look at pictographs, as self directed travel. Other activities included a tour of downtown GJ and a meeting of the City Council.

Albert and the other members all received a calendar of the City of GJ that we all receive every year. Albert studied the portion of calendar that held the budget of the city. He asked us questions concerning the budget, (some items we knew, some we didn't, to our chagrin). The biggest surprise of our discussion was that back in Moscow, budgets are not discussed or displayed. What we take for granted as part of our daily life, was a surprise for Albert.

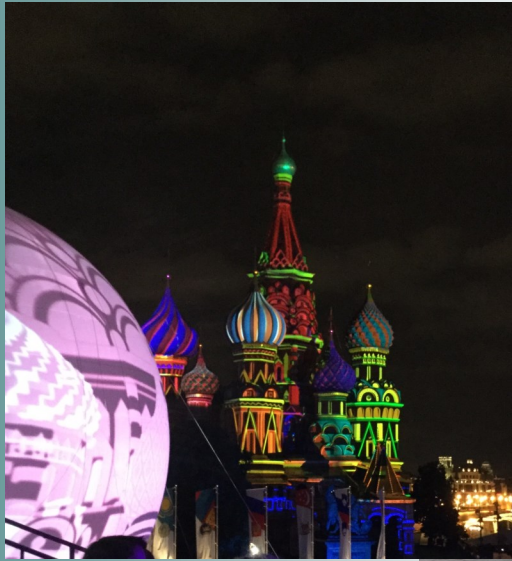
Another surprise was a GJ Rockies baseball game. The game was a fast playing game, many hits, homeruns, stealing bases and outs. Sorry to say, Albert and most of the other Russian ambassadors couldn't fathom **why** baseball is enjoyed in the United States.

Albert made Borsch for us as a parting gift. It was delicious!



It was nothing like American made Borsch. We went shopping to find fresh vegetables. It took 4 hours to make. Bread from the bakery accompanied the Borsch. Yum!

Our local club took a return journey to visit the Friendship Force club in Moscow. Wayne and I couldn't take the journey, but Sue Moyer has shared her pictures of Albert and his wife, Lana, whom she was home hosted by. Plus, there are a few photos of Moscow from her journey.



So even if you aren't able to travel, you can invite other countries or different parts of the US into your home. It's wonderful way to travel while at your home. I hope in the near future, that travel and hosting will become the norm again....

I'm sharing a quote that Sharon Palmer spoke at the past Council meeting:

“A World of friends is a World of peace.”

The following photos show more of Sue Moyer's "World of Friends"



North Africa Ambassadors

Vancouver Canada



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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