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WESTERN COLORADO

Newsletter

September- 2020



Council Leader's Message

Hello Western Colorado members.

It is amazing to me that September is upon us. Think of what we have all endured the last 6 months: a pandemic virus, confined to living inside, wearing face coverings and six-feet distancing, unable to socialize in our usual patterns, typical Grand Valley heat, ashen rain covering our cars and plants, and relentless media opinions on the upcoming elections. Thankfully, in looking back, I see many happy moments that kept me going: my vegetable and flower gardens are the best in years, an indoor exercise program that I could never find the time to do is now routine, we discovered take out food from local restaurants is very convenient, I have caught up on old TV series that I never seemed to have time for in the past (some of them very good). And through the Friendship Force virtual journeys, I have seen places around the world from a unique perspective. I hope you have all had new and different experiences to help get you through the past six months.

We had our first social activity of 2020! Kathy Nielsen and her team put on an Ice Cream Social get together in Jeff Parker's beautiful backyard. I regret that DJ and I were unable to attend, as we had scheduled a trip to see our son in Montana at that time. I understand the event was well-attended and very much enjoyed by all.

This experience has emboldened the Leadership Council to consider holding the next scheduled general meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 6:00pm. Through the work of Rebekah and Marguerite, we have secured a large inside space at the Grand Valley Event Center at the Masonic Lodge. There is plenty of parking, there are no steps, there is an available kitchen, and plenty of room for social distancing. We are considering trying it for the September meeting, and check it out for future meetings and events. One downside is that no alcohol can be served.

At the upcoming Council Meeting on Tuesday, 9/1, we will also be discussing upcoming events and the election of officers. I encourage anyone who has a desire to be part of the club leadership and decision making to begin thinking about joining the Leadership Council for 2021. Watch the newsletter for how the nominating and voting process will be carried out. I am very hopeful that our club will come alive next year with all the activities that we could not enjoy in 2020.

Dan

Upcoming Events:

Leadership Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 1st at 9 am by Zoom.

Tentative Activities:

Highway Cleanup on Grand Mesa: Monday, September 14th

General Meeting: Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 pm at the Grand Valley Event Center at the Masonic Lodge, 2400 Consistory Court.

Chili Cook Off: October TBD



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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.

Western Colorado—Leadership Council

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Journey News

All Journeys for 2020 have been cancelled or postponed until 2021 or 2022.



Visitors at the
Redlands Community
Center



Grand Mesa Highway Clean-up:



IT'S FUN !!

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Jim Gardner joined the cleanup crew last year.

Coming in September – Monday, 9/14/20.

Volunteers from our club will once again be cleaning up the Friendship Force of Western Colorado section of the main road through the Grand Mesa. FFWC is a member of the CDOT Adopt-a-Highway program.

Join us and have a great time for a couple of hours helping to keep our designated area clean.

Cleanup tools, bags and safety vests will be provided.

We are targeting Monday, September 14 as the clean-up date.

We will meet at 10:00am behind the Dos Hombres restaurant in Clifton, and car-pool or caravan from there.

Dan Clancy is organizing the effort. We are looking for 8-12 volunteers, and all members are welcome to attend. No one will be turned away.

Please contact Dan directly to volunteer:

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It has been said: “Many hands make light work”.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Co-Chairs: Rebekah McDermott &

Marguerite Collard

Amidst fun and laughter, the 19 of us who attended our Ice Cream Social certainly got plenty of goodies. Kathy Nielsen, our now legendary events coordinator, did an outstanding job of providing ice cream snacks and cookies - each individually wrapped to comply with the Covid guidelines. Our group handled the distancing and wearing masks with wit and grace. Thank you Jeff Parker for sharing your beautiful back yard and patio for us to enjoy the lovely outdoor social - even with the "ash" rain. Jeanine, one of our newest members, brought a guest, Jack, who joined right in like he had known us for a long time. Verna brought a couple of men's FF logo shirts up for grabs-----Thanks, Verna, for sharing. It was also good to see Donna, Verna's daughter and former FF member. Overall everyone had lots to chat about and all are eager for our next gathering.

(Include any of the pictures you feel are worthy of the newsletter. I tried to get everyone in at least one of the pictures).

Marguerite and Rebekah will continue hosting "Coffee's" during September. These small gatherings of 6 members allow us to get to know each other better. Thus far we have extended an invitation to every member, and have hosted those who were able to come on the designated dates. So we will begin again!!!!

Directory Update:

Gertraub Jones has a new address:

The Fountains at Hilltop

3203 N. 16th Street #307

Grand Junction, CO 81506

home phone and email remain the same

**Ice
Cream
Social
August, 2020**







Vienna, Austria. By Kathy Nielsen

June 2015 a Lovely time of year!

Marguerite and I were hosted by Brigitte. This club is very small, about eight members total. We were given bus and train passes to get around, meeting at a central location for the daily activities. There are very few cars in Europe, most use public transportation or walk. We experienced a walking tour of the city to see the Architecture and the historical buildings, some of which were damaged during the war and the US has helped to restore. We saw the Lipizzaner horses train. We enjoyed the local Cuisine Wiener schnitzel and decadent

pastries. We attended several concerts and operas. On our free day the three of us rode on the first Ferris wheel in Europe, experienced the first underground pay public toilet in the main city square of the city. All the public restroom are pay even in the restaurants! We viewed many castles, many of which are summer homes to royalty. Beautiful Stadtpark, beautiful Burggarten, botanical gardens. We drove up the mountain to overlook the city, lavender fields and vineyards. The farewell was held in a beer garden and we enjoyed local food. Fun was had by all. The end of week 1.

We flew from Vienna to Dubrovnik, Croatia spent the night in a motel toured the city within the Walls on Dubrovnik. The main attraction of old town Dubrovnik are the ancient city walls with his intricate and complex system of forts bastions , and detached forts. Dubrovnik is known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. We boarded a small boat. They were about 30 people including the crew. And for the next five days we toured the coast of Croatia, the coastal towns, and islands. We had breakfast and lunch while on the water. Docked and had dinner on the island or in the village. We toured or shopped in the villages, wine tasted, visited the chapels, or highlights. One day we swam in the sea, the water was so buoyant that you would just float on the top with the undercurrents were really bad. Some of our people on the boat we're from Iceland and Finland or somewhere with short days with limited daylight they were there to enjoy the sun but it was a good thing the men were brigand could come out and rescue us. The crew prepared a beautiful farewell dinner, hors d'oeuvres, wine, fresh fish and desserts. Had to depart by 3am to ride bus to airport for return flight.

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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