

FRIENDSHIP FORCE WESTERN COLORADO MAY 2025 NEWS BULLETIN

CO-TEAM LEADERS, DONNA WALLACE AND BEVERLY SPEVERE: Let's all hope that this "W" settles down, dare I say the word wind, so we can have a lovely Summer Picnic at Hawthorne Park shelter. Details are in this bulletin, but if you have any questions, please call Kathy Nielsen (970) 260- 8548. See you there! Bev.

MEMBERSHIP: Please welcome Cynthia Mill to our club. She joined April 18th at our General Meeting. Her information is below. She is going to be a great addition to the club.

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Hugs and kisses, Joy

PROGRAMS: No report

JOURNEYS:

Outbound to Tokyo and Osaka – COMPLETED

Two fantastic weeks with the Tokyo and Osaka clubs. Our group went to several Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. These places are part of the revered history from 800 to 1200 years ago. We went to Japanese parks and gardens to view the Cherry Trees in full bloom. The crowded subways and trains were our main form of transportation in Tokyo. The food was unusual and delicious; most meals included fish and other seafood, rice or noodles, vegetables and ginger. Our hosts treated us like family and all members of the clubs were always welcoming. Every ambassador says they would be happy to return.





Inbound from Eastern Washington / Northern Idaho – June 22 – 28 (6 nights)

Coordinators – Sue Palmer and Dan Clancy

12 ambassadors coming – 5 couples and 2 single women. Itinerary is set. **Still need one home host for this group.** Please contact Sue Palmer if you can help.

Signup sheets for day hosts, drivers, Welcome and Farewell party and daily activity participants will be at the May picnic (5/17).

Inbound from Northeastern Ohio – September 12 – 18 (6 nights)

Coordinators – Sue Palmer and Kelly Corn

Planning the itinerary for the visit. Need hosts – contact Sue or Dan to sign up for hosting.

Sue Palmer – 970-260-4653

Dan Clancy – 404-414-0642

2026 FFI Journey Matching announcement

The Western Colorado club has been matched for a 2026 Outbound Journey with two clubs in CANADA – FF Lake Simcoe and FF Ottawa. The travel month is to be determined.

Currently there is no 2026 Inbound Journey assigned to Western Colorado. We are working on that with the FFI Planning group.

Sign-up Genius

Before her move, Becky Brooks gave the login and password permission to the Signup Genius App to Dan Clancy. Dan is working to set up signup pages for upcoming events. If you are interested in becoming the point of contact for the Signup Genius APP, please contact Dan at 404-414-0642 to relieve him of this super-important and fun responsibility.

Grand Mesa Road Cleanup activity

The Grand Mesa Road cleanup is scheduled for September and David Ahuero, a new member this year, has offered to lead this activity. Dan will be meeting with David to discuss what is involved, recruiting volunteers, scheduling the activity with CDOT, and renewing our agreement with CDOT for another 2 years. This is always a fun activity for our club. Mark your calendar for the first two weeks in September and be watching in July for a signup sheet or Signup Genius Page to volunteer your service.

LUNCH BUNCH

Snooks Bottom Barbecue

Wed. May 14th@ 11:30

Address: 664 North Ave.

Formally Mama Reese (may not have new signage)

Please call Karen Taylor, 760-8890503 for reservation if you didn't signup at the April meeting.

BOOKFAIR FUNDRAISER AT BARNES & NOBLE – Saturday, May 10

Still some open time slots to volunteer your time – Contact Kathy Nielsen at 970-260-8548.

FROM KATHY NIELSEN: *REMEMBER* our summer picnic, 11:30a - 3:00p, Saturday, May 17, Hawthorn Park, across the street from the Red Cross building. Club is furnishing baked and Fried chicken, soft drinks, and table services.

This is a potluck! Need salads, chips, rolls, veggies, baked beans, desserts. If you haven't signed up, message Kathy Nielsen with numbers attending and dish you are bringing. 970-260-8548

Looking forward to seeing you! In Friendship!

FROM DAN:

"Ken Weaver, a member of FF Western Colorado and on the International Board of Directors, plans to make it to our May 17th picnic. He asks that you consider reading the article 'Moving Forward, Branching Out' on FFI's website NEWS page (<https://friendshipforce.org/moving-forward-branching-out/>). He's eager to hear any observations and suggestions for innovation you might have."

NOTE FROM SHIRLEY SCHULTZ: I am being mentioned and honored as one of the volunteers of the year at the Clifton Community Center, Thursday, May 29th at 6 PM.

QUOTE FROM KATHY IRELAND: "We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us..." "