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**October
November
December
2023**

Estes Park, Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, Windsor and Surrounding Areas

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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The season for Thanksgiving is beginning.

Thank you to all who attended our August picnic in Cheyenne. Thank you Rocky Padden for our CLEO outings and Marilyn and Susanna Garner for shepherding the Canada journeys.

Thank you to Barbara and Dennis Miller for the full schedule of second-Friday programs. Thank you to Cathie McCallum for keeping us posted and with Suzi Gossard planning our December holiday party. Thank you to all of our Board members, the officers this year, Susan, Marcia, and LaDonna, and Carol McGrath as 2024 Treasurer. We may need to propose a small increase in our annual fee. Most other clubs are at \$50, with half to FFI and half local. Our members can know that the discussion has been open and thorough.

Thank you to Ann and Rick Lohmeyer for bird-dogging our 2024 journeys, outbound to the United Kingdom and to Hungary, inbound from Southwest Florida and Austin, Texas. We have great travel and hosting opportunities to look forward to.

Special personal thanks to Cinda Clark and our regional representative Sue Palmer for their support of my application for the FFI Board. I'll report back from the World Conference at our October 12th Board Zoom meeting and our October 13th regular meeting, 7PM in Loveland.

**Next Meeting
October
13, 2023
7:00 PM
First Christian
Church
2000 N. Lincoln
Loveland**

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 13



Our speaker for October is Erik Miller, Dennis and Barbara's son. Erik has visited Boneza, Rwanda three times over the past few years to help support the program "Arise Rwanda". Arise Rwanda is transforming the Boneza through education, clean water, healthcare, Pastoral care and economic development. Learn more about these five programs!



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



CASA TABITO is a non-profit organization in rural Guatemala. Their aim is to end malnutrition and radically reduce infant mortality through disease prevention, high-quality medical care, community health education, and nutritional services. Jeff and Karlie Ruiter shared with us their journey to establish this organization stemming from the night an impoverished mother brought to them her malnourished infant at death's door. The couple lived in El Rosario, Guatemala, (elevation 6400') for five years. During that time and since returning to Loveland, they have organized a community supported and managed health support system including building a clinic in 2019. Projects the native Guatemalans have organized include revival of 155 malnourished babies, health classes, Pediatric services and medication provision, Mother training, bringing clean water (to prevent parasites) to existing homes and building new homes and constructing clean-air cooking stoves. 80 percent of the country is impoverished.

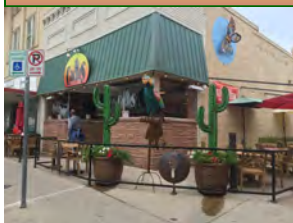
Here is an excerpt from their website:

100% of ALL public donations go directly to reviving sick or malnourished infants in rural Guatemala. We have two bank accounts. These accounts will forever stand separate, and never touched for any other purpose. One account is designated for ALL public donations, and this guarantees that every public dollar donated directly impacts a baby in need.

The 2nd account is for our overhead expenses. A small group of private donors believe so much in our mission they have elected to cover overhead costs - cost that include hosting a website, paying an accountant, putting on a fundraiser, and even postage stamps. This small group of private donors are more than financial support, they are our loyal partners that power the 100% model.

—Thanks to Barb Turnbull for reporting

JULY CACTUS GRILL CLEO



The food was great and we got there just at the right time to access both the Cactus Grill menu and the Egg King's menu! A good time was had by all. Some of us shopped around downtown Loveland afterwards.

Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of 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.



ANNUAL PICNIC WITH CHEYENNE IN AUGUST

We had a good turnout for the picnic, met some new people and ate delicious chicken and many side dishes. Ken had bought a plethora of pies and many of us tried several. The weather warmed up pleasantly shortly after we arrived.



SEPTEMBER CLEO



Janet,
owner of
Barnyard
Buddies



Pam and
Marcia
loving up
the goats





LAKE SIMCOE PICTURES

Our Journey to Lake Simcoe and Ottawa was just outstanding. We are excited to share detail of it when we present to the club, but here are a few highlights and photos to give you a preview.



Rain in the logging camp in Algonquin Park



Look at the size of those logs!

Bob Bowles, Master Naturalist led and educated us at the oldest house in Orillia and again at Algonquin Park and at the fishing weirs.



The trees are just beginning to turn



Historic Severn Lodge



Cruise on Lake Rosseau



View from Jon and Deb's at the Farewell Dinner

One of our favorite events was the Car Rally Scavenger Hunt we had. Ask us about it—We think it's an idea for us to use sometime.



OTTAWA PICTURES



Downtown Ottawa



Ibex in Parc Omega



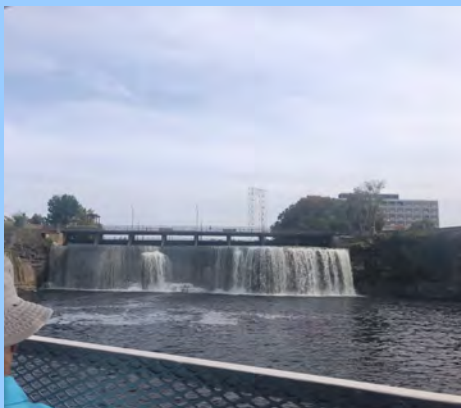
Julie feeding carrots to deer



Wild boar can bear 60 babies per year



Elk with deformed antlers



Falls from Boat



Anna's brother sculpting



Farewell dinner at Anna's home



JOURNEYS & EVENTS

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October CLEO may be in Fort Collins at Blue Agave; November we plan to do High Tea in Boulder; Christmas Lights in Denver is a possibility. Stay tuned for finalized plans from Rocky.



November 10 Program. LaDonna Palm will tell us about volunteering in National Parks. Randy Kurtz will give a 10 minute update on Global Village Museum.

December 8 Holiday Party at Last Year's Location
5:30pm to 8:30pm **Call Cathie to Volunteer** for set-up and clean up.

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OUTBOUND 2024 TO CORNWALL
- Cornwall UK, 5/23(Thu)-5/30(Thu) - (7 nights) **tentative dates**

Details to follow (5/30(Thu) from Cornwall by train to Budapest 6/02(Sun) Europe travel days **tentative dates**

OUTBOUND in 2024 TO HUNGARY
Pecs, Hungary, 6/03(Mon)-10(Mon) - (7

INBOUND 2024 FROM Southwest Florida
- June 25 - 30, 5 nights
Austin, Texas - September 13 - 18, 5 nights

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2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PRESIDENT: Ken Weaver
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If you are willing to help with any of the committees, please contact Ken Weaver, president, or the chair of the committee that interests you.

Committee chairs, invite someone to work with you! It feels good to be needed and wanted, —an active member!