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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Cathie McCallum, President

THANK YOU! The World Friendship Day celebration March 10 was successful for several reasons.

Thanks to BJ and her committee of Rona, Kay S., Thelma, and Barbara M. for an outstanding job planning the agenda, designing the program, donating door prizes and table decorations, purchasing the cake and miscellaneous supplies, setting up the room, and for all the behind-the-scenes work that they did.

Thanks to everyone who helped with set-up, cleanup and who brought food. The tables were laden with delicious food representing many countries.

Many of you commented to me about the wonderful evening. I think one of the key elements of the event was the **TIME** to be together to talk and renew and continue friendships. Instead of a fifteen minute snack break, we had most of the evening to sit together and talk. The room was abuzz with conversation! We had eight guests!

I have contacted the presidents of both the Bristol, England and Halle-Sarre, Germany FF clubs for any information they can share about their regions to help excite us to want to participate in this Outbound Journey tentatively scheduled for October 2018. Save the date! Detroit is looking forward to visiting us in the spring of 2018.

The nominating committee will have a proposed slate of 2018 officers ready for a vote at the June meeting. If you would like to volunteer for a position, please let me know.

Next Meeting:
Friday, April 14,
7pm

Program:
Germans from Rus-
sia
by Cheryl Glantz

1st Christian Church
2000 N Lincoln Ave.
Loveland

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FFI REPORT BY DENNIS MILLER

More than sixty folks gathered to celebrate World Friendship Day & 40th year of Friendship Force International! In addition to our members, guests included: Carol Ague, Kay Edwards, Kathy Roe, Abby Chambers, Christa Denworthy, Jan Hurst, and Susan Kahn. The meeting room was alive with colors, flags, memorabilia, and ethnic clothing from around the world. Our program began with a welcome from FFNC President, Cathie McCallum and an informative video from FFI regarding the raison d'etre for our organization.



After the Invocation, everyone enjoyed the plethora of international culinary delights that filled the flag-draped banquet table! Selections included: Moroccan Chicken, East Prussian Meatballs, Brazilian Rice & Beans, Beer Bread, Dutch Potato Salad, Japanese Fried Rice, Peruvian Butternut Squash, Peas Pierre, & much more.



Thanks to WFD Committee: Betty Jean DeMersseman, Cathie McCallum, Rona Baer, Kay Sheahan, Thelma Slocum, & others who helped with the room set-up. Thanks also to the many who helped with the clean-up and tear-down of the banquet after festivities.

The scrumptious meal was topped off with mouth-watering chocolate cake and ice cream.

25+ year members of FFNC were honored by Vice Pres. Thelma Slocum. In attendance & presented with FFNC pin were Helen Chrifield, Esther & Dick Johnsen and Lavada Goranson.

Then, members in garb from countries far and wide got to "strut their stuff" as Rona Baer hosted an International Fashion Show on the runway down the center of the meeting room. Door prizes were awarded to lucky attendees.



The evening ended with a circle of friends singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



APRIL 14 MEETING PROGRAM:
GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
PRESENTATION BY **CHERYL GLANTZ**

Our April presenter, **Cheryl Glantz**, will share a program about the immigration of the **Volga (Russian) Germans** to the western US. The German families from Russia came to the United States in the late 1800's and early 1900's for work in agriculture, specifically to Colorado for recruitment into the burgeoning sugar beet industry. Cheryl's own maternal and paternal great-grandparents were among the "**Germans from Russia**" who immigrated to Fort Collins in the early 1900s.



Cheryl Glantz

Cheryl is a fourth-generation native resident of Fort Collins and is a proud Colorado State University graduate. She is a board member of both the **American Historical Society of Germans from Russia**, International in Lincoln, NE and is publicity chair of the AHSGR, northern Colorado chapter, where she helps to educate and promote the historical organizations that preserve and promote the German Russian culture for future generations.



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Discover common ground.

GARDEN IN BENSON PARK

BY KAY SHEAHAN, FFNC GARDENING COORDINATOR

FFNC received a lovely holiday greeting and thank you from the Loveland High Plains Art Council which included this good news: "During the year, we were pleased to learn that **Benson Sculpture Garden** was named the **#1 attraction in Loveland, on Trip Advisor.**"

Of course, we feel the gardens add to the beauty of the sculptures!

Now it's gardening season again and time to resume our work at the FF garden in Benson Park. This is a great way to get to know some FFNC members better, get a little exercise and some fresh air! **We usually meet there the Saturday morning after our regular meeting on the 2nd Friday.** Bring your garden gloves and any tools such as clippers & shovels, and always trash bags for the trimmings! Don't be concerned if you do not know much about gardening; there will be someone with suggestions of what needs to be done. If we have five or more people we can get a lot done from 9:00 to 10:30 or so.



Friendship Force Garden, located at the Benson Sculpture Garden east entrance with the "Ladies on the Bench", where 31st St. meets Beech Drive.

Contact: Kay Sheahan 970-667-4473 or text 970-405-1752

SPOTLIGHT — APRIL & MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Deb Courtner
April 4

Patti Stickler
April 3

Willie
Westdorp
April 24



MARCH BIRTHDAY GIRLS
Debby Jones, Anne Brown, Kay Sheahan

MT. STATES REGION 2017 JOURNEY OPPORTUNITIES

For more cultural Journey options with Friendship Force, go to our FFNC website FFNColo.com and click on the REGIONAL tab. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see a table with details of several upcoming Journeys with our sister clubs in the FF Mountain States Region:

- To Australia and New Zealand—Journey with FF Western Colorado in April
- To Western Michigan and Dayton Ohio—Journey with FF Denver in May
- To Southern Oregon with FF Pikes Peak in June
- To Montreal, Canada- Journey with FF Pikes Peak in September
- To Kampala, Uganda, Nairobi, & Kenya, Africa - Journey with FF Denver in Oct.

JOURNEY & CALENDAR**2016 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE**

Inbound

Outbound

2017 Outbound Journey Options

Gather your friends &

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

See page 8

Also check out the FFI.org website

Connecticut Inbound

May 22-27, 2017

Debby Jones & Paulette Weaver, JCs
686-0303 356-5068

SUMMER FF PICNIC

Edora Park in Ft. Collins

1420 E. Stuart

Sunday, August 6, 2017

1:-00-4:00 p.m.

FFNC and FF Cheyenne Clubs

Ottawa Inbound

Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2017

Host Coordinators (HCs)

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Kay Sheahan 667-4473

Proposed 2018 OUTBOUND JOURNEY:

FFNC to

HALLE-SAALE, GERMANY &

BRISTOL, ENGLAND

Details to be announced

2018 Detroit Inbound

Details to be announced

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Ancestral & Contemporary Puebloan Culture in New Mexico May 8-21, 2017

Understand and appreciate both the archaeology and history of the Puebloan cultures, including the contemporary peoples and their relationship and interactions with the larger society. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity to explore the Puebloan culture which is today present in only a few places.

Provided by the Friendship Force club of New Mexico. \$1800. 8 spaces remaining

Summer in City of Arts & Innovation! Winston-Salem, NC July 31-Aug. 6, 2017

This global themed exchange includes visual & performing arts, nationally recognized galleries, museums & regional music all in the beautiful foothills of the Piedmont Triad Region of North Carolina.

Cost \$595 Contact Judy Greene, ED 336-768-1732 WSFFCNC@gmail.com

Moon Shadow Over Oregon: 2017 Total Solar Eclipse August 16 - 25, 2017

This is an opportunity to share in a rare natural phenomena - a total solar eclipse. Gather together with two host clubs in Oregon for the exciting event that has not been seen in Oregon since 1979. You will be hosted before & after the eclipse with two clubs (FF clubs of Oregon's Mid - Willamette Valley & Columbia Cascade) with its waterfalls, covered bridges, farm-to-table dining, world famous wines & vibrant craft beer industry. Cost \$957 Contact Marilyn Peterson, JC 541-916-7431 peterson.marilyn@comcast.net

Chicago International Film Festival; Chicago, IL October 15 to 21, 2017

View a new film each afternoon or evening for five days (many films to choose from). Often there will be a director, producer, or actor at the viewing, with short question and answer session after the film. You'll also visit sites associated with Chicago filmmaking & film history. Contact: Scott Oliver, FF Northern Illinois 847-722-6275 \$650 includes FFI and host fees, local transportation, five film tickets to Chicago International Film Festival movies, tours, a small group dinner one night with two hosts, a welcome party and a fare well dinner attended by a professional filmmaker or critic.

Australian Pubs & Country Gardens Oct. 22-Nov. 6, 2017 approx. \$2200

Contact : Russell Veitch FFSouthern Sydney rveitch@optusnet.com.au

Join us for this great opportunity to explore and experience parts of Australia that tourists seldom see, traveling in small 10-seater mini buses along roads the bigger buses cannot negotiate. We will visit coastal, mountain and inland plains gardens joining in on their spring festivals and staying and eating at historic old pubs. This is a unique chance to immerse yourself in true Australian culture!

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