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

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sending out a huge “thank you” and “job well done” to all our members who helped with the WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY celebration. The attendance was much better than last year, the decorations were fun and interesting, the food was scrumptious as always, and the dancers were both entertaining and enlightening.

Thank you, Thelma, Cathie, Susie, Ken and Marcia. Also thanks to all those who helped with the behind the scenes jobs. Set up and take down went smoothly thanks to all our members and guests who pitched in. I don't think anyone was there after nine thirty pm and all the mess was cleaned up and toted away.

We have some confirmed presenters for our next few meetings. In April we will have Dr. Li of the Confucius Society at CSU give us an overview of his organization's purpose and community involvement. May will bring us a Semester at Sea summary of the Fall 2018 sailing and how we might play a part in this adventure at some future time now that CSU manages this international program. June will be our annual “time to get to know each other better” gathering. July will find our club up in Boulder for the World Conference and August will be the picnic with the Cheyenne club. Information on many of these activities can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have some time to spare and/or want to help on any of these activities, please let me or Cathie McCallum, program coordinator (cathiemc@mail.com), know.

If you have any ideas for future presentations, let us know about it. We all know different parts of the northern Colorado area and we all have contacts with different, interesting, talented people. Let's share our friendships and we'll all be enriched.

*Alice Gibson*

**Next Meeting**  
**April 12, 2019**  
**7:00—9:00 PM**

**Dr. Weirong Li**  
**CSU**  
**Confucius Society**

**1st Christian Church**  
**2000 N. Lincoln Ave.**  
**Loveland, CO**



## WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY REPORT BY THELMA SLOCUM



Friendship Force International  
1 HOUR AGO



friendship force  
INTERNATIONAL

We celebrated WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY on Friday, March 8, 2019 with a wonderful international potluck. Members brought food from all around the world, it was a wonderful sharing of ethnic foods. Members also wore clothing from their collection of their travels to other countries.

The festive room was decorated with international flags and a table set up to share memorabilia from their travels. Members participated in a bingo type game trying to find people who had traveled to the countries listed on the game sheet. Members also filled out a map of Africa to see how many countries they could identify. Prizes were given to game winners.

The entertainment was provided by FALE: AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE OF FORT COLLINS. Since its inception in 2005 the group has been dedicated to learning, teaching, performing, and promoting traditional African rhythm and dance throughout the Fort Collins area. They even had our membership doing some hand movements as they danced. The dances they performed came mostly from countries of west Africa: Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Togo, Guinea, and a few from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe. Many of the dances express life events such as: men coming in from fishing, a mother with her child, a marriage, a coming of age, or even the full moon. They practice once a week and teach classes once a week. One of their teachers is from Togo and lives in Denver, Colorado.

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship to celebrate FFI's birthday. I can't thank our members enough for helping with the set-up and the clean-up of this event. Our members are wonderful for pitching in to help.

Thelma Slocum, Reporter







**PROGRAM, PRIZES, PARTICIPATION**



Fale Drummers!



Fale Dancers!



Door prizes!



Clothing from travels!



Audience participation with Hand Dancing to African rhythms!



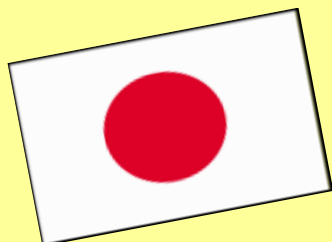
## POST FFI CONFERENCE HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

### Post FFI conference homestay update.

I'm anticipating that a few more conference attendees will hope to do a post conference homestay with FFNC July 26-August 1. Right now we have 9 firm registrations, 4 more very likely (from Bristol) who have indicated they are going to sign up, and potentially 3 additional ambassadors from Kenya who are trying to secure their Visas. I'm excited we have such a diverse group, with ambassadors from Japan, South Korea, Belgium, Kenya, Florida and Virginia so far. A few of you have indicated you have friends abroad who may come to the conference and then wish to participate in our homestay. It's getting close to the time we need firm numbers to do our planning and be able to make home hosting, dinner hosting and day host assignments. Please inform your friends that if they want to come here after the conference, they need to get registered and pay FFI right away so they can be added to our list. Please keep me posted as we are getting close to our maximum number.

I am still needing volunteers for day hosting, but I'm aware some of you haven't signed up because you don't know if you'll be home hosting. I hope to have all assignments made by early in April. If you haven't signed up to help in some capacity, we need you, even if it's to help with setting up for group events. It's a short amount of days, but we can pack in a lot of fun! Thanks for your support and participation.

Marcia Ross FFNC Post Conference Home Host Coordinator



FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL  
WORLD CONFERENCE  
2019  
MAKE A BOLDER IMPRESSION!  
BOULDER, COLORADO, USA

WILLIAMS VILLAGE CAMPUS,  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

**JULY 23 - 27, 2019**

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: JULY 23 - 25  
SOCIAL/LOCAL ACTIVITIES\*: JULY 26 - 27  
\*OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.



## FFNC JOURNEY PLANS—2020



FFNC 2020  
Journey to  
New Zealand  
and Australia!



FFNC JOURNEY CORNER by Debby Jones, Journey Coordinator

Wonderful news! In March 2020 we will visit FF Club of Whangarei, New Zealand, located about 100 miles north of Auckland, on a spectacular sheltered harbor with lots of sandy beaches *and* FF Club of Casterton, Australia, located along the Glenelg River, southwest of Victoria, about 200 miles west of Melbourne area. Debby is accepting applications for Journey Ambassador.

**THE WHANGAREI FF**, chartered in 1985, has 75 members generally aged 60 to 80+ coming from all walks of life and varied occupations, including farming. They can host between 12 and 20-25.

The city, close to numerous sandy beaches with sheltered bays and rocky outcrops, has a variety of cafes, shops, museums, art galleries, crafts, public gardens, walks, waterfalls and restaurants. Farming includes dairy, beef, sheep, forestry and horticulture. International and local yachts abound in the 'Town Basin' and marinas. The climate is sub-tropical.

Sightseeing includes the spectacular Bay of Islands, the Matakoho Kauri Museum, the Whangarei Falls, Town Basin, Bird Recovery Centre, Quarry Gardens, oil refinery, farm visits, picnics and beaches. There will be many shared meals for all members as well as plenty of free time to spend

**THE CASTERTON FF CLUB**, chartered in March 1993, is a small club able to host a maximum of 20 - 21 ambassadors. The region, which has a temperate spring climate, hosts excellent sporting facilities for golf, tennis, lawn bowls, football, croquet, squash, basketball, indoor bowls, darts, badminton, netball, polocrosse, and horse racing.

Major agricultural pursuits include sheep and wool, beef cattle, with some dairying and cropping. Pine trees and more recently blue gum plantations are being developed.

Their supportive and friendly community enjoys meeting ambassadors from other clubs and countries and to display some of their features like, Warrock Homestead, Carnation Farm, Zaadstra's Art Gallery, Dergholm Droppers, Bailey's Rocks, The Bluff

The primary emphasis of the Casterton Friendship Force club is to make friends with ambassadors with a welcome reception. The week is then planned within the budget to include a group dinner, daily planned excursions and free days for ambassadors and hosts to indulge in leisurely activities. When planning journeys all special interests of ambassadors are taken into consideration and met where possible.





# CLEO MARCH 28

Eleven FFNC members enjoyed seafood at Lucky Fins in Greeley. Join us April 25 at 11:30 at Mimi's in Loveland.



## GET WELL WISHES TO RICK GOSSARD

Rick Gossard is recovering from a successful esophagectomy March 20 and waiting for heart bypass surgery mid-April. Watch for updates from Suzi shared via FFNC email.

They sincerely appreciate your thoughts and prayers and cards. Their children are taking care of other needs. Cards may be sent to their home address, 921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins, CO 80526

### WHAT DOES FRIENDSHIP MEAN TO US?



## GAME NIGHT!



Twelve members enjoyed snacks, games, a puzzle, and great conversation at the March 21 GAME NIGHT at the home of Barbara and Dennis Miller. Kay Thomas was declared winner of *Mexican Train*; Marilyn Garner scored big at *Rummikub*; and Barbara Miller starred at *Friendship Poker*.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND SCHEDULE

We still need homes to host game nights in May, June, August and January. Please contact Thelma if you can host one of these months for game night. Home hosts provide a variety of drinks and others bring snacks to share. Hosts and guests can provide games. Our game nights so far have been very well attended.

**COME PLAY WITH US IN MAY!**







## JOURNEYS & EVENTS

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### Colorado Let's Eat Out

**Mimi's Café** April 25  
1450 Fall River Dr., Loveland  
Anne Brown  
970-663-3727

**Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant** May 23  
4630 Royal Vista Cir., Windsor  
Marcia Ross  
970-377-0512

**Serious Texas BBQ** June 27  
201 W 71 St, Loveland  
Anne Brown  
970-663-3727

April 12 Meeting Topic  
**Dr. Li** will introduce us to the  
**CSU Confucius Society.**

May 10 Meeting Topic  
**Semester At Sea**  
Opportunities for YOU!

June 14 Meeting Topic  
*Getting to Know You*  
*Getting to know all about you*

July 23-27  
**FFI World Conference**  
Boulder, CO  
**Get Registered ...**  
<https://www.eventleaf.com/2019FFWorldConf>

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