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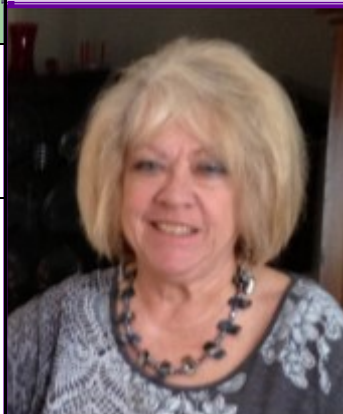
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Next Meeting:

Dec. 14, 2018
Holiday Party 6-9 p.m.
Rick & Suzi Gossard's home
921 Hazel Court
Ft. Collins

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Thelma Slocum, President

Writing this President's letter for the December Newsletter is getting a bit nostalgic as my presidency is winding down. I will hand that responsibility over to a new leader, Alice Gibson, at the January meeting. For me, this year has flown by so fast, but I've truly enjoyed leading FFNC for this past year. We're trying a few new things like CLEOS, and other social activities such as game nights, which we hope will bring us closer in friendship with members. I enjoyed our game night at Anne Brown's house on the 13th of November & the CLEO (lunch) in Severance. I hope everybody will take a look at the schedule for future months, and plan to participate.

I received an e-mail about early registration for the FFI World Conference in Boulder, July 23-27, 2019. Please consider attending this conference, which will be a great opportunity for FFNC.... Right in our own back yard, and won't be too expensive to attend. **The deadline for early bird registration discount is November 30th. See page 4.** There are many reasons to attend. It gives us the opportunity share our knowledge and experiences with old and new friends from around the world, as well as to learn their culture, thoughts, and experiences too. Exchanging views, knowledge, and culture among all the delegates, is an important strength of Friendship Force. This World Confernece provides many opportunities for us to be involved with workshops and training for new leaders, in membership recruitment, and for club development. Also, I know that many of you are planning to open your homes to guests for the post-conference mini-homestay here in N. Colorado. Contact Kay or Marcia for more information about home-hosting.

I hope we can increase our membership next year as I think we have super quality programs and journeys. I just want more people to be able to experience them. We all know how unique our organization is and it's interesting how many people I mention FF to that have never heard of it. Please take this opportunity to invite someone new to the Holiday Party in December as they may become potential members.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families.

Thelma Slocum, President

85 COUNTRIES & COUNTING

PRESENTATION BY ELIZABETH STANLEY

REPORTED BY BARBARA MILLER



What a treat to hear from Elizabeth Stanley, a retired university administrator and world traveler, at our November FF meeting. Elizabeth shared her early timeline of travels beginning in 1962 with Canada, then on to visit family in Italy in 1983, admitting it was a slow start. Things changed when she began working for various universities in the Middle East (Saudi Arabia and UAE). It seems men are allowed to be educated overseas, while women must stay close to home. Every religious holiday Elizabeth was off visiting another village, city, or country, often with personal tour guides. Her new travel goal was 70 countries by her 70th birthday!

Elizabeth provided insights into her Group Travel preferences

- * Her passion for photography
- * Road Scholar "Intergenerational Trips" with 2 granddaughters
- * Trips with a "Special Focus" (religious, music, mission, etc.)
- * Destinations with "Special Challenges",
 too expensive or dangerous to do on your own
 such as travel to Artic, Antarctic, Yemen, etc.

Independent Travel advantages and disadvantages.

<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>
Flexibility of dates/itinerary	- Time required to plan
More Photography time	- Less Info on best places for Photography
Able to revise day & trip	- May miss some great Highlights
My choice for lodging/flights	- Time required to research & reserve
My choice when & where to eat	- Time required to research
More opportunity to meet folks	- Less opp. to share impression during trip
Can have day trips or guides	
Able to do to concerts/opera	

Elizabeth is experienced and skilled in arranging with local tour companies and guides, which allows her to choose what she wants to see. FFNC appreciated and enjoyed Elizabeth's presentation of beautiful photography and interesting commentary and descriptions of interesting places throughout the world. Her photos included children and locals in their unique dress, unusual animals, birds and flowers, as well as mountains, valleys, volcanoes, forests and rivers. The cultures, architecture, and ancient ruins around the world are not to be missed.

Thank you, Elizabeth Stanley, for an evening of travel, AND learning about traveling.



*Old Bridge in Mostar,
Bosnia & Herzegovina*



*Elizabeth Stanley at
Machu Picchu, Peru*



*Church in Komiza,
Island of Vis, Croatia*



View of Kotor, Montenegro

2019 WORLD CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Registration Is Open!

Online registration is now available for our 2019 World Conference in Boulder, Colorado (USA) from July 23rd-27th, 2019. Don't wait too long to register... Our special early bird registration rate is only available until November 30th.



**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.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Discount through November 30

Go to website below to register

<https://www.eventleaf.com/2019FFWorldConf>



DISCOVER CHINA

11 Days / 10 Nights Program and Itinerary: May 1, 2019 – May 11, 2019

Coordinator: Jim Kerr, FF Dallas judgejwkerr@juno.com

Enjoy the sights and history of China on this Journey that will introduce you to many impressive historical monuments, cultural experiences, and UNESCO World Heritage sites. Learn about different cultures while making new friends on this captivating Journey!

We are looking forward to strengthening our partnerships and programs in China and discovering the best of what this country rich in culture and history has to offer.
~FF Regional Support Manager

AN INTRODUCTION TO SIERRA LEONE

10 Days / 11 Nights Program and Itinerary: April 13, 2019 – April 23, 2019

COORDINATOR: TERESA WILKIN TERESAWILKIN@GMAIL.COM

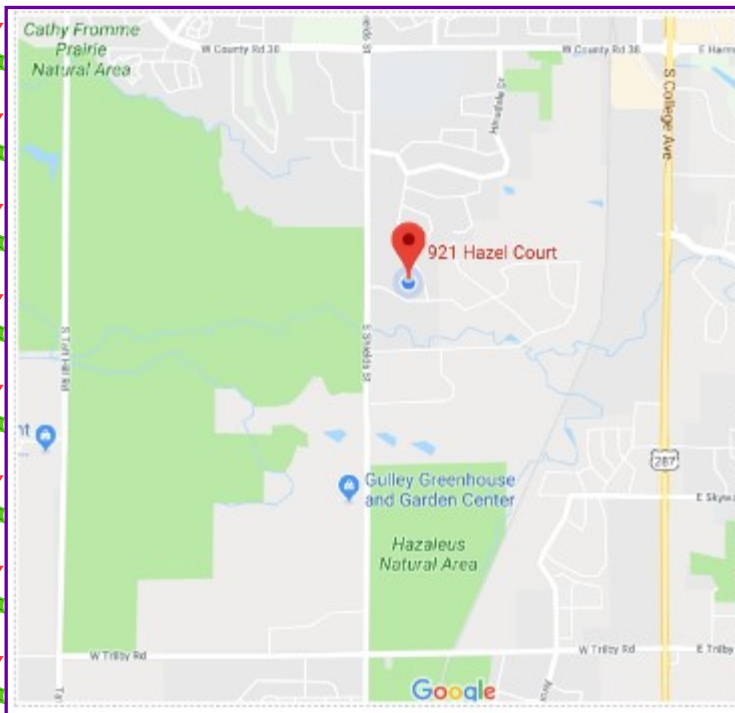
Spread the mission of Friendship Force on this Journey that focuses on creating personal connections with people from all walks of life in Sierra Leone. We will meet with students, government officials, and local families in Freetown and Bo, making new friends wherever we go!

Known locally as 'Sweet Salone,' Sierra Leone remains one of the friendliest countries on the continent. The smiling people and relaxed vibe are characteristic of this small nation." - worldtravelguide.net

FFNC Holiday Party

Friendship Force Holiday Social Gathering
Friday, December 14, 2018, 6:00-9:00 PM
Rick & Suzi Gozzard's Home
921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins 80526
\$20 per person

It's not too late to join in the festivities!
 Contact Suzi Gossard! 970-412-0691 or suzi.gossard@gmail.com
 If you have signed up, but haven't paid yet, please make checks payable to FFNC
 and mail to Suzi Gossard
 921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins, CO 80526
 We hope to see you there!



Directions Rick & Suzi's home:

From Loveland: Take N. Taft, which turns into S. Shields St. at Trilby Rd. Alternatively, take 287 north to Trilby. Turn left onto Trilby and turn right at the next light onto Shields. Go approximately 1 mile on Shields beyond Trilby Rd. to Hilldale Drive at the bottom of the hill. Turn right onto Hilldale. Take the first left onto Clarendon Hills Drive. Take the first left onto Hazel Court. Our house is the first house on the left.

From FC: We are southeast of the intersection of Harmony and Shields. Take Shields south from the Harmony/Shields intersection. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Hilldale Drive. Take the first left onto Clarendon Hills Drive. Take the first left onto Hazel Court. Our house is the first house on the left.

From I-25: Take the Harmony exit west to Shields, then follow the Fort Collins directions.

Remember, we live on a cul-de-sac so parking will be limited. Carpooling will be helpful! Three cars will fit in the driveway. We will reserve these driveway spots for our members with mobility challenges.

FFNC Social Activities

CLEO Lunch Bunch

Revised Nov. 2018

“Colorado Let’s Eat Out”

Our **Friendship Force CLEO Lunch Bunch** provides an opportunity to get together regularly on the 4th Thursday of the month in our various Northern Colorado communities; to have stimulating conversation and tasty food while maintaining friendship! When you get an email reply to the “Host” by phone for that month’s lunch so s/he can let the restaurant know seating needs.

Thursday Dates	Restaurant & Address	RSVP to: Host-Phone #
Nov. 29	Pho Lan 296 29 th St. Loveland	RSVP to Barbara Miller 970-667-7330 970-635-2956 c
Dec. 27	Egg & I 1112 Oakridge Dr. #100 Ft. Collins	Thelma Slocum 970-223-9855
Jan. 24, 2019	Okole Maluna Hawaiian Grill 431 Main St. Windsor	Debby Jones 970-686-0303
Feb. 28	Lucky Fin’s Seafood Grill 4530 Center Pl. Dr. Greeley	Ken & Paulette Weaver 970-381-3611 c
Mar. 28	Carrabba’s Italian Restaurant 1212 Oakridge Dr. Ft. Collins	Marilyn Garner 970-581-5156
April 25	Mimi’s Cafe 1450 Fall River Drive Loveland	Anne Brown 970-663-3727
May 23	Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant 4630 Royal Vista Cir. Windsor	Marcia Ross 970-377-0512 c
June 27	Serious Texas BBQ 201 W. 71 st St. Loveland	Anne Brown 970-663-3727
July 25	None – FFI World Conference in Boulder	
Aug. 22	Gourmet Grub 2118 35 th Ave. Greeley	Betty Jean Demersseman 970-775-4055
Sept. 26,	Tres Margaritas 4010 S. College Ave. Ft. Collins	Thelma Slocum 970-223-9855

First Game Night & CLEO

Fourteen members gathered at the home of Anne Brown for a delicious bowl of chili before settling in for some serious game playing. Doris taught the group how to play BUNCO. It is a fast-paced game with a lot of partner changing and table movement. We definitely got to visit with everyone who came. Snacks kept us going as well as delicious dessert brought by BJ. Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun at the next game night on **Thurs. Jan.31st** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Ross. More details coming in January.



CLEO LUNCH BUNCH

Ten friends enjoyed lunch and fellowship together at Bruce's in Severance at the first CLEO held on October 25, 2018

JOURNEYS & EVENTS

In Northern Colorado

Outbound

CLEO

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296 29th St. Loveland
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JANUARY GAME NIGHT

Thursday, January 31, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Marcia's Ross' home
7020 Avondale Rd; Ft Collins

2019 Outbound Journey Options
Gather your friends &
CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE
thefriendshipforce.org/journeys
See page 4

July 23-27, 2019

FFI WORLD CONFERENCE
BOULDER, COLORADO

See page 4 for registration information

Sept 2019

FFNC to Bogota, Columbia
& Extension Tour

PLANS DEVELOPING NOW!

Ambassador Coordinator needed

For more info, contact

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Ways & Means: Dick Johnsen, Larry Clark

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