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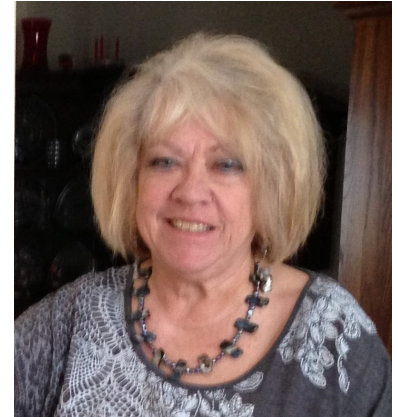
February
2018

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

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As we begin a new year with new officers and leadership for Friendship Force of Northern Colorado, I'm reminded of our mission as an organization. Our purpose is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. We are an organization of over 15,000 active members worldwide in 60 different countries. By sharing a home, meals, conversation and everyday experiences, people become friends, seeing beyond governments and borders into the heart of a country and its people. Exploration leads to understanding that leads to acceptance and a desire to serve our global village with words and actions.

We have an opportunity in 2018 to enjoy getting to know people in our outbound journeys to Germany, and the UK, and incoming with Detroit and St. Louis. Too, I hope that as many as you can will be a part of these journeys, either as ambassadors, hosts, day hosts, small group dinners, or just coming to the events planned and get to know the people.

I also want to encourage as many members as possible to sign up for the Western Regional Super Conference, May 3-5, 2018. Participating clubs are from the Pacific North West, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Western Canada. It is hosted by the Friendship Force of Sacramento, California Club. To register go to www.thefriendshipforce.org/westernconf.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year as your president and I know with the help of all of you it will be a wonderful experience. Cathie, Debby and I will meet to finalize our 2018 budget and goals for the coming year and share it with the board. Cathie McCullum has some great programs planned for the New Year and we are looking forward to those in the coming months.

February Meeting
February 9, 2018
Spanish: Language, literature, Culture
7:00—9:00 PM
1st Christian Church
2000 N. Lincoln Ave.
Loveland, CO

Thelma Slocum

FEBRUARY 9—SPANISH: LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, CULTURE

Our February program will consist of a panel of three CSU graduate students enrolled in the Languages, Literatures and Cultures program with a specialization in Spanish.

Panelists include Valentino Rahming from the **Bahamas**, Ernesto Juarez from **Mexico** and Stephany Caceres from **Honduras**. Their focus will be to share information about their countries, their graduate program and their impressions of life in the United States.



Join us to learn more from, and about our Spanish-speaking neighbors. ***Extra credit: Which flag belongs to which speaker?*



MARCH 9—WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY

International Potluck Dinner

FRIDAY, March 9, 2018 (regular meeting day)

6:00 to 9:00 pm

**First Christian Church (regular meeting place)
2000 N Lincoln Avenue
Loveland Co.**

Invite your friends and family.

Bring your favorite international dish.

Wear a costume from another country.

Bring some of your favorite souvenirs.

Help is needed for planning, set up and take down. Please give me a call if you have some free time to help out the club. Let's involve ALL members: new and not so new.

Alice Gibson 310-8848

DIANE LOCKE—CONVALESCING

Diane Locke is currently recuperating following ovarian cancer surgery three weeks ago. Cards, thoughts and prayers would be appreciated. Meals are taken care of; and please hold the calls.

For updates, please utilize the Caring Bridge site: www.caringbridge.org/visit/dianelocke.

JANUARY 12—TANZANIA AND UGANDA



For our January meeting, club members LaDonna Palm, Cindy Paulson and Marcia Ross shared with us their recent journeys to Kenya and Uganda (LaDonna) and Tanzania (Cindy & Marcia).

LaDonna Palm, and 22 Denver club FF members, spent 2 weeks in Kenya and Uganda followed by a 1 week Safari.

After arriving in Entebbe, the Kampala club transported them by bus to Kampala, Uganda. There they learned that:

* 75% of the Uganda population is under 35, due to deaths from HIV.

* 50% of the population is under age 15.

* “Boda boda’s” – A motorcycle taxi, which originally transported from “border to border”.

* Lots of vegetables, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, etc. and minimal meat

*Security everywhere - Security entering and within the Airport, as well as security for most other venues.

*Kampala borders Lake Victoria, which is the source of the Nile.

After a flight cancellation, they eventually made it to Nairobi, Kenya, which is a more modern city with malls, restaurants - again with lots of security. They had a home stay with a family with 2 children, ages 3 and 6, in a lovely modern home with 4 bedrooms.

During the week they visited an elephant orphanage, a tea plantation, a bead factory, hiked the falls and one day their itinerary was totally canceled for election day as there was concern for potential problems, so they closed everything down (malls/restaurants/businesses, etc.). One evening, their host and neighbors roasted a goat in the backyard.

A third week was spent in Kenya on a Safari. LaDonna said it was an incredible and memorable experience and a journey of a lifetime.

Cindy Paulson and Marcia Ross said 26 Ambassadors communicated, planned and prepared for over a year for three weeks in Tanzania, which is South of the Equator, at the Indian Ocean. Also scheduled during the homestays were several humanitarian events. The first was for an elementary-aged school with children who were homeless, orphaned or without family. The group donated food (rice, beans and cooking oil), dental kits and even soccer balls. They visited other schools where they donated school uniforms, school supplies and candy. They also donated \$3000 as seed money to dig a well for the village. The women currently walk 6 or more miles daily to collect water from the streams, and the prospect of obtaining water nearby was thrilling. Other days they visited a kindergarten and a secondary school where they donated additional teaching and school supplies.

They were taught to cook African specialties, including “Ugali”, made from corn meal which is squeezed and rolled into a ball before eating. They walked the neighborhoods and marketplace and learned where and how food was bought from local vegetable gardens.

They viewed renowned historical sites, believed by archaeologists and scientists to have fossils and artifacts as old as 2 to 3.5 million years old.



JANUARY 12—TANZANIA AND UGANDA CONTINUED

The conclusion of their journey was a 10-day Safari. In pop-up Land Rovers they toured five National Parks on frequently rough and dusty roads, but were rewarded with up-close encounters with hundreds of animals and birds—each park noted for different animals. The first park (Taringire) is also distinguished for its elephant migration. Lake Manyara boasts over 400 bird species and large game; Serengeti covers 12,000 square miles and has an annual migration of over 1.5 million wildebeests, 250,000 zebras and also antelope. **Interesting fact*** They stayed 2 nights in the Serengeti in a tented camp, escorted



to their tents at night by Maasai sentries and were instructed not to venture out, but to use a whistle if there were an emergency. They could hear animals prowling outside and lions roaring nearby. The 2nd morning they awoke to 10 elephants right by the next tent, drinking out of the canvas water bucket that was used for the shower.



They toured Ngorongoro Crater National Park, 3200 square miles which houses every major African animal species. The last park visited was Ruaha. They took a walking safari and, among other things, were shown deep holes beside streams the elephants had dug to find water. The guide said the sand filters the water to make it cleaner and also prevents encounters with crocodiles hidden in the stream.

Their last day in Moshi they saw the elusive Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain on the African continent.

Kay Thomas



MORE AVAILABLE JOURNEYS

For FFNC

Detroit—Inbound

June 3—9

Coordinators: Cathie McCallum

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St. Louis—Inbound

September 5—10

Coordinators: Debbie Jones

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Dennis Miller

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Halle-Salle, Germany & Bristol, England

September 25—October 11

Coordinators: Ken Weaver

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970-223-0436

Super Regional Conference, Sacramento

May 3-6

Combines Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, West Coast AND Western Canada (see pg. 8)

Call 916-478-9000 for reservations

Or...Choose your own Adventure

Festival at Sea Cruise on Holland America

April 22—May 10

Coordinator: Laura Romero Laura@friendshipforce.org

FF workshops, make port in 8 different European cities. Activity level: Easy

Western Canada Journey

May 30—June 11

Coordinator: Verna Bunn 970-260-4787 bunnverna@gmail.com

2 weeks home hosting: Lethbridge May 30—June 5; Saskatoon June 5—11

Travel with FF Western Colorado

← Need more applicants

Western Washington Outdoor Adventure

July 23—30

Coordinator: Pat MacLachlan patkayaker@comcast.net

Home hospitality: FFC Olympia Activity level: Challenging

Discover Jordan

October 30—November 8

Coordinator: Matthew Nidek matthew@friendshipforce.org

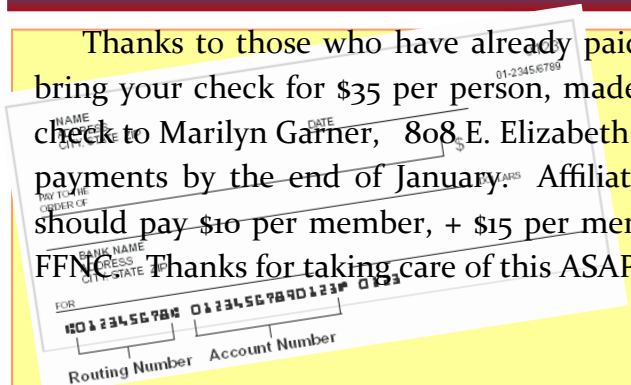
Bring back programming to Jordan! Three nights stay by local families

For more detailed information on these Journeys, check out the friendshipforce.org website

DUES FOR 2018

Thanks to those who have already paid your 2018 FFNC dues. If you still need to do so, please bring your check for \$35 per person, made out to FFNC, to the February 9th meeting, or mail your check to Marilyn Garner, 808 E. Elizabeth Fort Collins, CO 80524. We are aiming to collect all dues payments by the end of January. Affiliate members (those who belong to more than one club), should pay \$10 per member, + \$15 per member for FFI dues if you are paying that portion through FFNC. Thanks for taking care of this ASAP!

Membership Chair, Marilyn Garner



EVERY TEACHER'S DREAM...



You have taught and been in administrative posts for thirty-four years, within several schools and two school districts. You remember so many students—most, fondly.

But do they remember you? Many do. You get periodic plaudits at various local events from former students.

But, how often are you surprised by a former student who flies in from out of state for a day, to say “Hi! And Thanks.”?

This event was unexpected reality for FFNC member Marcia Ross at the January 12th FFNC meeting when Leslie Owens joined us in the audience.

Leslie was a student at a small school (one grade per class) in Topeka, KS in 1976. Her fifth-grade teacher: Marcia Ross. What an impressive and unexpected surprise to honor Marcia!

Leslie said she has been following Marcia on FFNC Facebook and noted that Marcia was to be a presenter for the FFNC January program. Impulsive move? Of course! How fun is that!

An Oklahoma City resident, Leslie currently supervises all Oklahoma programs for kids requiring court support.

Ed Brigden

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

WITH SYMPATHY



Feb 8

Dick Johnsen

Feb 11

Rosalie Summers

Feb 15

Doris Rogers

Feb 25

Alice Gibson

Feb 25

Ed Brigden

Feb 28

Rick Gossard

With sympathy from all FFNC members to Club charter members, Esther and Dick Johnsen for the loss of Esther's sister, Diane.

Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

Detroit

Inbound June 3—9
Cathie McCallum 223-0436
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St. Louis

Inbound September 5—10
Debbie Jones 686-0303
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Halle-Saale, Germany & Bristol, England

Outbound Sept 26—Oct 12
Kenneth Weaver 381-3611
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Cathie McCallum 223-0436
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Western Regional Super Conference
Sacramento, CA May 3—6
Get Registered ... and a place to stay!
See Flyer, pg. 8, this newsletter

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World Friendship Day Potluck, Mar. 10, 2017

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WESTERN REGIONAL SUPER CONFERENCE



FRIENDSHIP FORCE WESTERN REGIONAL SUPER CONFERENCE



May 3 to 5, 2018

Holiday Inn Express & Suites 9175 W. Stockton Blvd. Elk Grove, CA 95758
Call 916-478-9000 for Reservations

Participating clubs from the Pacific North West, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah Washington, British Columbia and Alberta. All Friendship Force members are invited. Hosted by the Friendship Force of Sacramento.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, May 3rd 1:00 pm President's Meeting
7:00 pm Welcome Reception

Friday, May 4th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Conference
Keynote speaker; panel discussions; workshops
Presentations by Friendship Force International Staff

Saturday, May 5th 9:00 am - 4 pm Conference
Workshops, panel discussions and wrap up
6:00 pm Gala "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner
Speaker and entertainment

Participate in fun, stimulating workshops for all members whether you are a new member, club leader, journey coordinator or just an enthusiastic member. Topics include Travel Insurance, New Member Q&A, Planning Global Journeys, Multi-Generational Journeys, Membership Concerns, Future Planning, Vetting Ambassadors, Websites and much more.

Registration Fee if paid by February 1, 2018 \$ 125

Registration Fee if paid between Feb. 1 and April 1 \$ 150

Gala "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner (not included in registration) \$ 45

Join a post conference Journey for 3 or 4 days sponsored by one of these clubs: Las Vegas, San Francisco Bay Area, Reno-Tahoe or Sacramento.

To register go to www.thefriendshipforce.org/westernconf

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