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#### FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It's been a busy few weeks since I was presented with the gavel that goes with being your president. I have been pleasantly surprised at how active this club is in every city in Northern Colorado. In January alone I met with two other board members for discussion of administrative issues on the 3rd in

Fort Collins, and on the 23rd in Loveland, prepared for and attended the board and general meeting of the club in Loveland on the 11th, enjoyed a CLEO luncheon with ten members on the 24<sup>th</sup> in Windsor and attended an inspiring production with seven members at the Lincoln Center that same evening. On the 31st Marcia hosted Game Night, and several members of our club enjoyed a variety of games such as Dominoes, Cribbage, Five Kings, Table Shuffleboard, Liar's Dice and some put an Iceland puzzle together. Good times! See photos on page 8. Getting to know everyone a little better has been a real treat! Please join us in February at any of the numerous activities the club has planned. Take a look at page 7 in this newsletter for our activities & events calendar.

I'm also putting out a call to all of our members to volunteer for some of our open positions:

- \* meeting room set up and take down
- \* managing the use and storage of our tablecloths
- \* Friendship Force Store Management
- \* FFNC garden at Benson Park scheduling & facilitating gardening sessions

Please give me a call if you can volunteer some of your time to help the club. I'm looking forward to a great year and great friendships in the Friendship Force of Northern Colorado.



Alice Gibson

**Next Meeting  
February 8  
7:00—9:00 PM  
1st Christian Church  
2000 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Loveland, CO**  
  
**Program:**  
  
**PAKISTAN  
by Paras Q. Memon**



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR & 2019 OFFICERS



**Suzi Gossard** is our Volunteer of the Year! Suzi has worked as our hospitality chair, arriving early before each meeting to set up refreshments and beverages and takes care of the clean up afterwards. She has worked diligently on our recent holiday parties, from planning, to cooking, preparing dishes, making center pieces, and opening her home to our last party in December. She's always willing to help. She was honored at our last **FFNC** meeting January 11, 2019 with an special apron of a map of the world and a beautiful red and gold serving bowl. Congratulations and thank you, Suzi.

Outgoing Pres. **Thelma Slocum** introduces 2019 FFNC officers:

Secretary **LaDonna Palm**, President **Alice Gibson**

Vice President **Ken Weaver** & Treasurer **Marilyn Garner**



## HOSTING AFTER WORLD CONFERENCE IN JULY

Registrations are rolling in and requests are being made by ambassadors wishing to have a post-conference homestay in N. Colorado. Thanks to those who have volunteered to home host after the World Conference. We'll host July 28-August 1 or July 26-Aug. 1. At our February meeting, we'll have an update about numbers and details, sign-up sheets for activities including a small group dinner evening, day hosting and planning committee participation. We will have a few whole group activities, but will also allow some flexibility and free time. I hope many of you have already signed up to attend the conference, and will also be willing to share in this opportunity to welcome our guests after the conference. If you are aware of friends who have told you they would like to participate in the FFNC post conference homestay but haven't registered yet and if you have some great new activity ideas we can consider for this short homestay, please let me know. **Marcia Ross, Post Conference Journey Coordinator** [mross377@msn.com](mailto:mross377@msn.com) 377-0512

## MEMBERSHIP MEMO

We are just past half way on membership renewal for 2019 with 25 members paid, and 23 more to go. Friendship Force membership is really quite a bargain when you consider our great programs, the opportunity to host incoming friends and the possibility of travel with Friendship Force. If you have yet not paid, please bring your \$35 (per person) check to the February meeting or mail it to: **Kay Sheahan; 2101 Ponderosa Dr. Loveland, CO 80538**



## JOURNEY MEMORIES: BRISTOL & HALLE

BY BARBARA MILLER, REPORTER



Our January program was a trip down Memory Lane for the 12 members who participated in the Bristol-Halle Journey in fall 2018. They shared the Pre-Journey to Stratford Upon Avon and London taken by five of the group. What fun to visit all the places that inspired Shakespeare; Anne Hathaway's cottage (wife), his school, his church and the new, modern theater where his plays are performed.

After several days, it was on to London to see many of the famous sites: **Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, the London Eye, Big Ben, the British Museum & more Shakespeare.** The Bristol group met us in London with a chartered bus for the 3-hour drive to a delightful welcome lunch, then "home" to relax for the evening. The week was filled with appreciation for the gorgeous countryside, age-old buildings, cathedrals, bridges, and a historical rebuilt village at St. Fagan's Castle in Wales. Here are just a few of our adventurous sites:

**Blaise Hamlet**, where estate workers lived in lovely thatched-roof houses

**The Clifton Suspension Bridge**, built in 1864

**St. Mary Redcliffe Church** with lunch in the **Arc Café** (Bangers and Mash)

Met the **Lord Mayor of Bristol, Cleo Lake**, with tea in her private chambers

**Stourhead** was 2,650 acres of pure beauty:

the mansion, artwork, Greek pavilions, gardens, the chapel, and our picnic lunch

**Castle Combe**, a picturesque village that hasn't changed in 500 years

**Wells**, with its phenomenal cathedral, & through the gorge to **Cheddar**, origin of the cheese

**St. Fagan's Castle**, 40 acres that included homes and businesses moved from all over Wales to show what past living was like from 1200's to post-war 1950's

**City of Bath** - a World Heritage Site, which included the ancient Roman Baths (1<sup>st</sup> Century AD) and another Cathedral with intricate architecture inside and outside...the stained-glass windows were breathtaking

We ended our stay with a fish & chips "Farewell Dinner" & entertainment by the Uke-aholics Band...it was a great sing-along because we knew all the songs they played. A good time was enjoyed by all!





## JOURNEY MEMORIES: BRISTOL & HALLE

Mid-Journey was a time to recharge and relax in a nice hotel between homestays. However, we were in Berlin and it just happened to be Unity Day (a celebration of the uniting of East/West Germany). Needless to say, there were numerous happenings that we just had to experience:

### **The Brandenburg Gate**

### **Checkpoint Charlie and The Wall Museum**

**The Reichstag Building**, seat of the German government; and the Bundestag (parliament)

### **Cruise on the River Spree**

An organ concert in a local church

The Berlin Bears, artistically decorated

A big thanks to the 7-8 members of FF Berlin who arranged bus transportation and gave personal tours around Berlin.

Our Halle (Saale) Journey opened many new insights for us as our German hosts shared with us over the week. Our Journey began with:

A walking tour of **Halle**, known for the salt mines and trading; it's known as the town of 5 towers which included: the clock tower, church with 2 Gothic towers and 2 Romanesque towers; **Handel's hometown**

The 7-mile Winery Walk, tasting along the way (free day)

**Freyberg** with the Rotkappechen Winery (origin of sparkling wine-Champagne) and the 900+ year old Schloss Neuenburg Castle (free day)

Tour of **Leipzig**; train station, opera house, Panorama Building, St. Thomas Church where **J.S. Bach** was organist & choir director

Monument to the Battle of the Nations – 4 countries united to fight Napoleon in 1813; 110,000 were killed over 3 days; this is the largest monument in Europe

Tour of **Dresden** – leveled during WWII, rebuilt in original building styles; Royal residences, Zwinger; Semper Opera House; Cathedral of the Holy Trinity; the Procession of Princes (timeline of Witten royal line of Saxony 1127 to 1904, it is 30 ft. tall and 630 ft. long made of 25,00 Meissen porcelain tiles; and the Jousting court behind the royal palace

Tour of **Wittenberg** – home of **Martin Luther**; visited the 360° panorama painting of life in Luther's time, 1517, a must see! Luther Museum; and the Castle Church where 95 theses are posted.

Again, we experienced a delicious "Farewell Dinner" and a singing performance from the FF Halle members, a night to remember.

The Post-Journey is often taken by a few folks after a Journey to countries, cities, or sites on the way back to Colorado. We shared memorable experiences from these brief trips taken by different members of our group to:

### **Paris, France - Iceland - Prague, Czech Republic - Switzerland**

Our Journey was blessed with safe and joy-filled travel. We became closer friends, made new friends and are all looking forward to the FFI World Conference July 2019 in Boulder; hoping to reunite with those we met.



## JOURNEY MEMORIES: BRISTOL & HALLE



*Stourhead Gardens*



*Castle Combe*



*Bath Cathedral*



*Checkpoint Charlie*



*Brandenberg Gate*

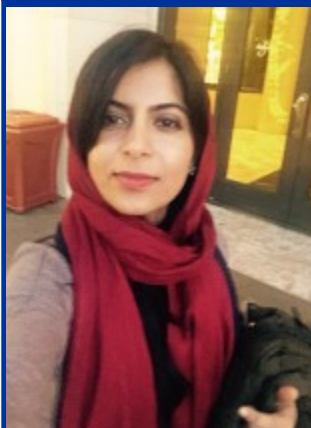


*Roman Baths*





**FEBRUARY 8 PROGRAM: PAKISTAN, BY PARAS QADIR MEMON**



Paras Qadir Memon is a PhD Fulbright Scholar from Pakistan studying Computer Science at Colorado State University. She will share her Pakistani life experiences, touching on topics such as identification, location, geography, life style, food, economy, education system, games, classes and castes, political life, non-governmental organizations, family bonding, weddings, hospitality, festivals, Sufism (poetry and music) and religion. She will also share how Pakistani culture is diverse with different languages spoken in different areas based on different cultures. For example Kalashi Culture, Hunza Culture, Chitrali Culture, the Culture of Pathans and FATA, Punjabi Culture, Sindhi Culture, Balochi...all so rich



and colorful and different from each other. She will explain the different traits of Pakistan during her talk. Come and learn about this fascinating country from one of its talented young scholars.

**WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY: MARCH 8, 2019**

**FRIDAY, March 8, 2019 (regular meeting day & place) 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**International Potluck Dinner 6:00 WFD Celebration & Program 7-9**

**Invite your friends and family. Bring your favorite international dish.**  
**Wear clothing from another country. Bring your favorite souvenirs.**



**World Friendship Day will feature African Dance troupe FALE. Fale means "bridge" in the Susu language of Guinea. This bridge helps to bring all walks of people together. Its foundation is built upon respect and value for traditional African culture. The bridge of community is sustained and enriched by everyone who shares, studies, and celebrates this rich culture. FALE, the backbone of the Drum and Dance collective, is a volunteer group that choreographs and performs traditional African dances**

- Friendship Force Int. lists many journeys to African countries in 2019. If Africa is on your preferred list, check out the following journeys:
- 15039 Dallas to Cape of Good Hope, S. Africa in March 2019
  - 15428 Introduction to Sierra Leone April 13-23, 2019
  - 15155 Brazil , Kampala, Uganda & Nairobi, Kenya Aug 2019
  - 15256 Rostov-on-Don, Russia to Mispah, South Africa Nov. 2019
  - 15261 Richmond, USA to Azrou, Morocco November 2019
  - 15214 Salvador, Brazil to Cape Town, South Africa Nov. 2019
  - 15452 Discover Kenya Nov. 2019





In Northern Colorado

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**JOURNEYS & EVENTS**

**2019 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**Feb 28** **Simmer Restaurant**  
2519 S. Shields St. Suite 1F  
Fort Collins  
  
RSVP to: Marilyn Garner  
581-5156



**March 8, 2019**  
**WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY**  
International Potluck 6:00  
WFD celebration & Program  
7:00-9:00

**March 28** **Lucky Fin's Seafood Grill**  
  
4530 Center Place Dr., Greeley  
  
RSPV to: Ken & Paulette Weaver  
381-3611



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



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



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



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**FFI World Conference**  
Boulder, CO July 23-27

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# GAME NIGHT JAN. 31, 2019

