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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy
New Year!
I'm wishing

for each of you a wonderful year filled with great friends, delightful travel adventures and good health.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president these past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many of you in a variety of capacities. What an amazing group of people we have in our club! I'd like to extend special thanks to everyone who has served as an officer, committee chair, committee participant, home or day host, ED, dinner host, mentor, driver, newsletter contributor, setup/clean up helper, food contributor, and everyone else that helped the club in some way! In 2014 I am hopeful you will take the opportunity to stay actively involved (or get involved) in the workings of FFNC. There are multiple possibilities, including chairs of many of our standing committees, and each one offers you a chance to contribute to our vitality, become better acquainted with other members, and feel a greater sense of pride and belonging in our club. Watch the newsletters and listen during meetings for places where help is needed. We will definitely have some volunteer openings on our standing committees (see p. 7 of the newsletter) so please chip in where you can. The strength and vitality of FFNC depends on everyone's active participation!



Best wishes to our new (and returning) officers who will be installed at the January 10, 2014 meeting: Marilyn Garner, President; Gary Cummins, Vice-President; Paulette Weaver, Secretary; Alice Gibson, Treasurer. I have great confidence that we have a strong, capable board to carry us forward. I appreciate their willingness to serve FFNC.

We held a special celebratory holiday party in December. Those in attendance enjoyed great fellowship, fun singing and poetry, and delicious food. I especially appreciated the help of my co-chair Cindy Paulson, plus Rona Baer, Kay Thomas, Nita Kopylay, Willie Westdorp, Ed Brigden and everyone else who assisted in organizing this festive event. It was wonderful to gather together to laugh, sing and converse with one another!

All the best in 2014.

Marcia Ross

Next Meeting
January 10, 2014

7:00 PM

**World
Adventurers**

**First Christian
Church**

**2000 N Lincoln Ave.
Loveland, CO**

JANUARY 10 MEETING—WORLD ADVENTURERS

Between August 2012 and July 2013, Lana and David Bump traveled through 33 US states, and 34 countries, spanning 6 continents— by plane, train, boat, bus, car, Jeep, scooter, tuk-tuk, bicycle, kayak, foot, balloon, elephant, camel, and donkey. Trip highlights included hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, snorkeling in both the Galapagos and the Great Barrier Reef, touring the backbone route of Madagascar, and visiting the ancient sites of Egypt and Jordan. Travel documents included 10 journals and over 35,000 photographs.



Traveling from the first world to the third world and back, their most valuable souvenir has been a **sense of perspective on their place in the world, and their responsibilities to it.**

Esther Johnsen

EXCHANGE TO KIEL, GERMANY & EXTENSION CRUISE/TOUR MAY 21-JUNE 8, 2014

Join us for a special home-hosted week May 24-31 with FF Kiel followed by an exciting 7 night North Sea fjord cruise tour visiting ports in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. We'll also spend three days exploring Hamburg, Germany, making this an 18 day adventure.



Kiel, a major maritime center, is the capital and most populous city in northern Germany. It is 56 miles north of Hamburg, on the southwest shore of the Baltic Sea.

Estimated cost for the entire 18 day experience is approximately \$4000. This includes: airfare, transfers, Hamburg hotels, FF Kiel homestay & FFI fees, cruise leaving from Kiel, 2 cruise excursions, round-trip DIA shuttle, all gratuities, taxes and fees.

Additional costs: travel insurance (required); incidental expenses, host gifts, a few meals, and optional cruise excursions.

FF members may apply immediately by submitting a completed ambassador application and a \$565 deposit check payable to FFNC. Access an ambassador application on our website: www.ffncolo.com or copy and paste this link into your browser:

[www.ffncolo.comFormsAmbassador Application and Agreement.pdf](http://www.ffncolo.comFormsAmbassador%20Application%20and%20Agreement.pdf)

Mail application and \$565 deposit to Marcia Ross; 7020 Avondale Rd; Ft. Collins, CO 80516

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

Smile!
Cindy

Happy Holidays, Happy Friendships!



Carol
 Jan Marie
 Sarah, Eve
 Pat Boone
 My Bellefleur
 Pat Boone
 Perry Corio



Fifty three members of FFNC donned their holiday attire, traveled over the river and through the woods, to Dorothy's Catering we did go! Our greeter elves, Willie & Nita, welcomed everyone and distributed the Mingle Bingo cards & pencils. The Friendship Force themed spots on the Bingo cards provided opportunities for us to learn more about each other. Everyone enjoyed connecting with old friends and getting acquainted with new friends. Mingle Bingo winners were treated to holiday chocolates!



Cindy Kenna & Sue Cummins



*Cindy, Rona,
Cheryl, Anne and
Marcia*



*New Members, Anna
& Leonard Martinez,
and Lorna Miller*

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY, CONTINUED

After enjoying our delicious meal, and yummy cookies for dessert, President Marcia entertained and delighted us with a reading of the ***Cajun Night Before Christmas***. “*De chirren been nezzle good snug on de flo'..... Dere's eight alligator a pullin' de skiff.....Mo' fas'er an' fas'er de' gator dey came.....Merry Christmas to all 'til I sees you some*”



Cindy P. reviews our song plan



“...and a partridge in a pear tree.”

The festive dining room at Dorothy’s was filled with holiday music when our friends Ray Conniff, Dean Martin, Elvis, Pat Boone, Harry Bellefonte, and Perry Como led us in singing some old favorites: ***Frosty, Rudolph, Here Comes Santa Clause, Silver Bells, The 120Days, Jingle Bells, and***

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!



Santa Don Locke



Rona sings eyes closed

MOUNTAIN STATES REG. CONFERENCE—MAY 2-4



***Utah Friendship Force
Hosting***



Golden Spike National Historical Park

Get Involved

Share your ideas

Plan to attend

We need good Participation to make it work

Meet our new FFI President, Joy DiBenedetto

**Get acquainted with members from Colorado, Wyoming
and Utah Clubs**



One of the best hotels in Salt Lake - newly remodeled restaurants.
What a place for our regional conference!

FFNC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE...AND DUES

FFNC had a total of 94 members for 2013. Yahoo!! May we have great numbers and, more importantly, an active and involved membership in 2014!

Dues for 2014 are now due, at \$35 per person no later than February 1.

I can accept payments at the January meeting or you can mail your checks to me:

Thelma Slocum
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Thelma Slocum

GREETINGS FROM OUR MYANMAR HOSTS/GUIDES



FFI Mentor Tin Aung Moe and Burmese children are depicted in an American scene for their Christmas card. I also heard from the Yangon leader of Trusted Partners, the founder of Compassionate Hands Myanmar.

These Trusted Partners understand the FFI concept and will help lead the way for Friendship Force in Myanmar (Burma).

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Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

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Kiel, Germany **May 21—June 9**
& Cruise/Tour
 Marcia Ross 377-0512
 Cindy Paulson 225-2252

Curitiba, Brazil **August**
Inbound
 Debby Jones 686-0303

St. Louis, MO **Fall**
Outbound
ED Needed

FFI International Conference
 Auckland, NZ **October 14—16**

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Harrisburg, PA **Fall**
Inbound
ED Needed

FFI International Conference
 Vancouver, Canada **September 11—14**

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CENTRAL EUROPE—FEBRUARY 14 PROGRAM

At 4:00 PM we stopped at the highlight village for the day. This was the famous tourist village of Spania Dolina, Slovakia, an important historic area. One of the buildings had 1650 as the date of establishment above the door. The most notable feature was an interesting museum, which also presented a "knocking board", (KLOPACKA) from the 16th and 17th centuries. This was used to wake up the village and issue a call to the miners to prepare for work in the mines of the area. This would awaken all in the village, miners as well as other inhabitants.

In the working museum, lace making was being demonstrated, and exquisite lace it was. There were many bobbins of thread, and in producing the fine work, the lady's fingers seemed as fast as hummingbird wings!

Come join us at the February 14 meeting to learn more about who and what we discovered on our early autumn exchange.

Cinda Clark

ENJOY MOUNTAIN REGION CLUB NEWSLETTERS

Wonder what other nearby clubs are doing? Or what Exchanges each club is hosting or planning? Now you can easily review a newsletter from each of the other clubs in our Mountain Region. Visit our website, ffncolo.com, click on Regional and then select a newsletter of interest from the Regional Newsletters box.

If you have an interest in a particular article or a detail from one of these newsletters, please print or make notes. There will be no archives of past issues; only the most current issue will be available on our website.

Currently selections include newsletters from the Denver, the Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs) and the Western Colorado (Grand Junction) clubs. As others become available, they will be added.

Ed Brigden

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE EXPERIENCE

What does the Friendship Force experience mean to us? Is it getting to know our host people personally? Is it seeing the area people and sites through the eyes of our hosts? Is it learning more about the culture firsthand? Is it an opportunity to get answers to our variety of questions about culture, country, history and people? The answer is **YES!**

"Hotels are a wonderful invention, but not the ideal window to the soul of a nation. They are designed to do the opposite—to keep you and the country at a comfortable distance."