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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This is my last chance to write on this front page, to tell you from an official and personal position how much I sincerely appreciate all the support, enthusiasm and participation you have demonstrated in 2017. Strong attendance at the monthly meetings and special events throughout the year demonstrates the strength of FFNC. Just a glance at the newsletter list of 2017 Officers and Committee chairs indicates how so many members are willing to take that extra level of responsibility to make FFNC a strong club.

THANK YOU! I could not have met my presidential responsibilities without the support of the entire membership.

2017 was a year with strong programs including presentations by **Ruth Cooper** sharing her life story as a young German girl during WWII; **Terry Podmore** discussing his worldwide volunteer irrigation projects; our **World Friendship Day** fashion show; **Cheryl Glantz** introducing us to Germans From Russia; **Preethi Burkholder** sharing highlights from her book "17 Women Who Shook the World"; **Getting to Know You** when members talked with each other in small groups; **Erin Cubley** and **Kay Saelens** introducing us to their Peace Corps experiences and letting us know how we can get involved; **Dennis and Barbara Miller** sharing their grand adventure on Route 66; and **Thelma, Larry, and Marilyn** bringing home ideas from the World Conference in Manchester, England. And add to that the **picnic with Cheyenne** in August and the **December holiday party** and you can see that 2017 was a busy, dynamic year as we learned about the world from members and guests. Whew! We really did a lot!

Several FFNC members traveled with other clubs to Australia, Tanzania, Kenya, and Vietnam. We hosted clubs from Connecticut and Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Prepare to share in our two inbound journeys from Detroit and St. Louis and our outbound to England and Germany.

I know you will continue to support Thelma Slocum, Alice Gibson, LaDonna Palm, and Debbie Jones as they lead us to new experiences designed to promote world peace and understanding one friendship at a time.



Cathie McCallum

**January
Meeting**
**AFRICA AND
AUSTRALIA JOURNEYS**

January 12, 2018
7:00—9:00 PM

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

JANUARY 12—MEMBERS' JOURNEY PRESENTATIONS

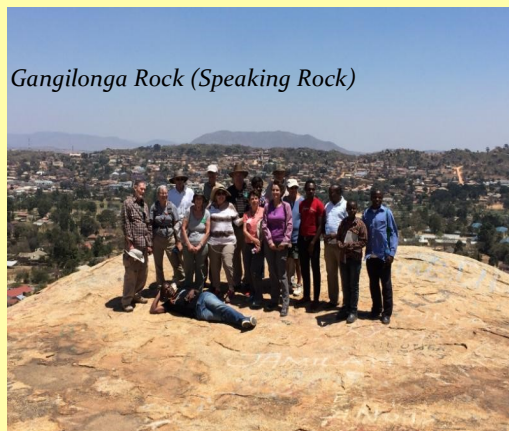
At the next meeting we shall hear of the cultural Journey experiences from members Marcia Ross and Cindy Paulson (Tanzania), Cathie McCallum (Australia) and LaDonna Palm (Uganda).

The January presenters illustrate how we can join other clubs on their respective Journeys throughout the world. With expanded options, we cultural travelers are not limited to Journeys through our local club. We are also eligible to apply for an opening in a Journey with any neighboring Mountain States club, or, for that matter, with any FF club in the world.

Please join us on Friday evening, January 12, to learn from fellow club members, Marcia Ross, Cindy Paulson, Cathie McCallum and LaDonna Palm as they share their thoughts and experiences from recent Journeys.



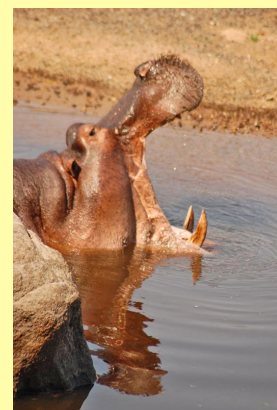
Perth, Australia



Gangilonga Rock (Speaking Rock)



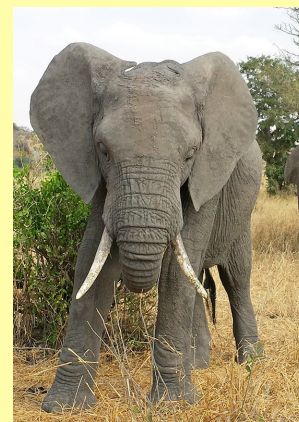
Kampala Commuter Traffic



Host family for Marcia & Cindy



Slums of Nairobi



DECEMBER 8—HOLIDAY SOCIAL

On December 8 at 6:00 PM the Adriel Hills Clubhouse was all aglow in blue and silver décor. Hostesses Suzi and Rick Gossard and Esther and Richard Johnsen did a beautiful job setting up, decorating, preparing and serving a wonderful buffet.

Marcia Ross greeted everyone at the door with her welcoming smile.

Gary Cummins offered the prayer before enjoying the buffet. A short meeting followed.



Kathy announced that the same committee will do the holiday party next year, only it will be held at Suzi and Ricks home.

Next months program will be presented by our club members who have been traveling: Cindy and Marcia to Uganda, LaDonna to Tanzania, Kathy to Australia.

Debbie requested that any outstanding bills need to be submitted before January 1st so the annual report can be completed.

Two guests were introduced: Sylvia Miller and Gary Akers.

A holiday sing along with Larry at the piano was enjoyed by all. A drawing for all the poinsettia plants followed with winners: Gary Cummins, Frank Cada, Carol Fulkrod, Cindy Paulson, Marilyn Garner, Thelma Slocum, Rosemary Donovan, Kay Sheahan and Barbara Klein, receiving plants to add to their holiday décor.

Many volunteers assisted with setting up as well as clean up afterward. Many hands make for easier work.

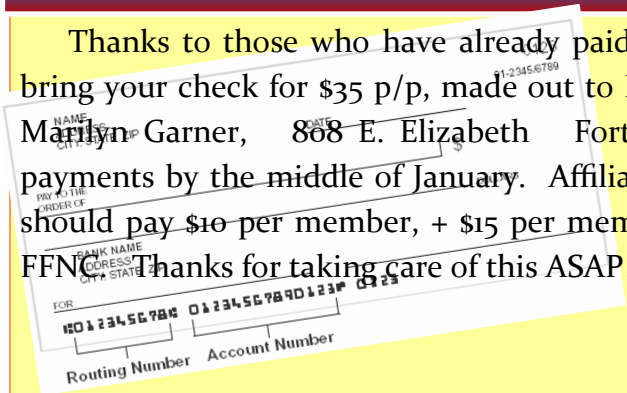
Devi Rogers



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 p/p, made out to FFNC, to the January 12th 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 middle 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 Chairs, Marcia Ross & Marilyn Garner



WHAT DOES FF MEAN TO US?

What does the Friendship Force experience mean to us? Is it getting to know our host people as individuals? 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!**

“I have found out that there ain’t no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them.” – Mark Twain

TIDBITS

MORE FFNC NEWSLETTERS ON WEBSITE!

Can you put your hands on your copy of the June, 2012 FFNC newsletter? Call another FFNC member and get others involved in your search. After all, we have plenty of time. Many are re-tired, right?

Wait! A better idea! Visit ffncolor.com and click on Newsletters. And **voila!** There is the June, 2012 issue among up to 55 past issues. See *how much time you saved when you utilized our website?* And you still have friends!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS—KEEP ON A COMIN’!



Jan 8

Cathie McCallum

Jan 12

Helen Cribfield

Jan 17

Larry Clark

Jan 21

Jo McFadden



MORE AVAILABLE JOURNEYS

For FFNC

Detroit—Inbound

May (exact dates to follow)

Coordinator: Cathie McCallum
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St. Louis—Inbound

September 5—10

Coordinator: Debbie Jones
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Halle-Salle, Germany & Bristol, England

September 25—October 12

Coordinators: Ken Weaver
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Super Regional Conference, Sacramento

May 3-6

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

Or...Choose your own Adventure

Ranch and Rodeo Friendship Festival (Florida)

March 6—11

Coordinator: Debbie Powell
Debbie@friendshipforce.org

Yogyakarta, Java and Denpasar, Bali—Indonesia

July 19—31

Coordinator: Kathy Keller, FF Las Vegas
kkellerbee@aol.com

Walk Through History: Experience the Authentic American Indian and Spanish Culture of the Southwest

October 1—14

Coordinators: Jim & Catherine Trapp, FF Central Arizona
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For more detailed information
on these Journeys, check out the
friendshipforce.org website

PRESIDENT-ELECT THELMA SLOCUM

I'm looking forward to leading our club as your president, to continue to have well-qualified people working together on each of the committees. With your on-going help, I know we will have another very successful year. Let's continue to spread the word about Friendship Force. And let's grow our membership for the new year!

Although I have not spoken with everyone regarding their committee role(s), the only committee lacking volunteers is World Friendship Day Coordinator. If you have interest or questions, please get in touch.

A special thanks to Esther Johnsen for all of her great programs over the past several years. We have all enjoyed the quality of these presentations.

Too, many thanks to Esther Johnsen and Suzi Gossard for a wonderful holiday party in December and for their willingness to host this year's holiday social in about 341 days (December of 2018). This next occasion will be at the home of Suzi and Rick Gossard.



At the moment, the Officers and Chairs roster is as follows:

President: Thelma Slocum

Vice President: Alice Gibson

Secretary/Historian: LaDonna Palm

Treasurer and Store Mgr: Debby Jones

Program Chair: Cathie McCallum

Journeys Coordinator: Judy Flatley

Membership/Mentoring/Directory Chairs: Marilyn Garner and Marcia Ross

Holiday Party Chairs: Esther Johnsen and Suzi Gossard

Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

Detroit

Inbound **May** (dates to follow)
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
Cathie McCallum 223-0436

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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