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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WELL...Thanks to Suzi, Rick Esther, Dick, Rosemary and her two granddaughters we had another very successful holiday party on December 14. I enjoy the sight of our members as they sit, talk and laugh together, having a wonderful time socializing. Thank you to those of you able to get out and attend this event. This keeps our friendships alive and well.



Food for thought: In an increasingly divided world, we need to work to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. We believe that we each hold much more in common than the divisions of politics, culture and religion might suggest. Our goal is to help individuals around the world and at home to experience different views and explore different cultures while discovering the common ground that brings us all together.

With each new friendship we make, our mission of uprooting the seeds of prejudice, discrimination and hate is accomplished. However, we also see the need to grow and change as the world around us changes.

Changes are coming: FFI is moving to support more opportunities for youth, families and individuals to participate in our mission. In the future, FFI aims to be an organization that provides opportunities to participate in our mission throughout a lifetime—for youth, families, working individuals and retirees.

With our 16,000 members in 360 clubs in 62 countries, we have a wonderful network to achieve our mission. Through personal encounters, strangers become friends...and discover common ground.

It has been my privilege to have been your leader and president this past year. I know that Alice and Ken will do a fantastic job for 2019.

Thelma Slocum

January
Meeting

January 11, 2019

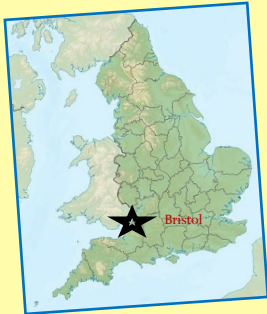
Bristol, England
& Halle, Germany
Journey Review

7:00—9:00 PM

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

JANUARY 11—ENGLAND & GERMANY JOURNEYS SHARED

Join us to enjoy slides and anecdotes by Ambassadors from their Journey to Bristol, England and to Berlin and Halle, Germany. Learn much, as these Ambassadors share and answer questions about this recent Journey.



MARCH 8—WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY

International Potluck Dinner

FRIDAY, March 8, 2019 (regular meeting day)

6:00 to 9:00 pm

First Christian Church (regular meeting place)
2000 N Lincoln Avenue, Loveland

Invite your friends and family.

Bring your favorite international dish.

Wear a costume from another country.

Bring some of your favorite souvenirs.

Entertainment: 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.

Cathie McCallum

DECEMBER 14—HOLIDAY PARTY



Hosts Suzi & Rick Gossard

The elves were busy getting the Gossard home ready for a delightful holiday party. A BIG thank you goes out to Rosemary Donovan, granddaughters Holly & Mariah Keirns, Dick & Esther Johnsen and our hosts Rick and Suzi Gossard. The planning and decorating were appreciated by everyone...getting us all into the spirit of the season. We especially enjoyed Holly and Mariah as they assisted with serving and cleaning—a true act of holiday kindness!

We enjoyed a variety of delicious foods, holiday cheer by the glass, warm fireplaces, and stimulating conversation at every table! What more could one ask for? There were even door prize drawings for the nine white poinsettia table centerpieces. Thank you again, to the committee for making this December FFNC “meeting” so very special!

Barbara Miller



Pictures by Cindy Paulson & Barbara Miller



DECEMBER 14—HOLIDAY PARTY CONTINUED

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

This year let's see if we can get all of our members renewed by the January 11th meeting. Bring your checkbook. If you cannot attend that night, please send your **\$35 per person** renewal to Kay Sheahan at 2102 Ponderosa Dr., Loveland 80538.

And this is a great time to talk to your interested friends about joining us this year!

FFNC GAME NIGHT—JANUARY 31



Come and join the fun at the next game night on Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Ross, 7020 Avondale Road, Fort Collins. Marcia will provide drinks and a variety of games such as Mexican Train Dominos, Yahtzee, shuffleboard and Liar's Dice. Bring an appetizer to share, and please text or call Marcia at 215-832 to RSVP.

ROSALIE SUMMERS—RIP



Rosalie Summers

February 11, 1838—December 1, 2018

Rosalie Eve Summers, of Longmont passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 1 after a valiant fight with autoimmune disease, scleroderma.

She was born in Detroit, Michigan. She was a latch key kid, an aspiring singer and a student at Wayne State University when she met and fell in love with Eldridge Melvin Summers. They married in October 1955, and so began a 50-year love affair. Rosalie helped Eldridge complete his accounting degree, and after all four children were born, completed her Master's in Education at the University of New Orleans. She taught kindergarten (even teaching son Michael), marched for the ERA, became a licensed realtor and ran for political office in Dodge City, Kansas.

Rosalie, always passionate about travel, in 1977 joined a newly formed organization called Friendship Force and went on a travel exchange to Guatemala. Over the following 4 decades, she founded the Kansas Friendship Force Club in Wichita, and participated in 30-plus exchanges out of and within the United States, including 2 trips each to China, Iran, Guatemala and many other countries. In 2005, after her husband's death, Rosalie moved to Colorado to start anew, staying active in the Friendship Force. She was a member of the FF Denver and FF Northern Colorado.

Obituary forwarded by Cindy Paulson

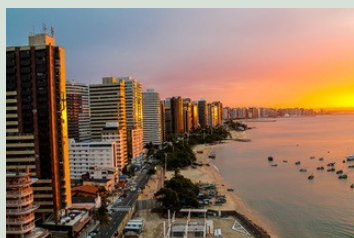
OTHER JOURNEY OPTIONS—2019

GLOBAL ART AND BUMBA MEU BOI FESTIVAL IN BRAZIL

15 Days / 14 Nights Program and Itinerary:

June 6 – June 20, 2019

Coordinator: Mary Jane DeVault, FF Greater Orlando mjdevault@gmail.com



Enjoy the friendly hospitality of FF Fortaleza, whose members will take you on a tour of Fortaleza to see its unique qualities as a city colonized by Europeans, but with a strong indigenous influence, affecting the cuisine, culture, language and the habits of its people. Following that homestay, members of FF Sao Luis hope to provide ambassadors the opportunity to experience the natural beauty of Maranhao, Sao Luis and Barreirinhas, with their stunning beaches, fascinating culture, delicious cuisine and rich history.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS ALONG THE RHINE

11 Days/10 Nights Program and Itinerary:

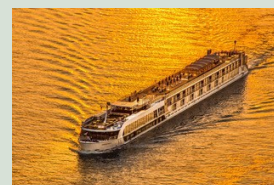
December 1—12, 2019

Coord: Laura Romero, FFI laura@friendshipforce.org

Maybe it's the sight of medieval landscapes glittering with colorful lights, or the familiar, heartwarming melodies of "Silent Night" and "O Christmas Tree" sung in their original German. Or maybe it's the excitement of the traditional Christkinmarkt (Christmas Market), brimming with handmade toys and ornaments, and filled with the delicious aromas of freshly baked cookies and warm mulled wine. For many, visiting the Christmas markets along the Rhine River is simply the most satisfying way to experience the holidays. This festive and enhanced Grand Circle River Cruise is a wonderful gift to yourself that will remain a treasured holiday memory for years to come.



Grand Circle Cruise Line



DISCOVER MALAYSIA

6 Days/5 Nights Program and Itinerary:

July 2—7, 2019

Coord: Noriko Kanamoto, FFI noriko@friendshipforce.org

Despite its small size, the Friendship Force club of Kuala Lumpur is excited to promote the mission of our organization with you on this Journey to Malaysia! Visit spectacular mosques and museums, learn about the preserved culture of Malaysia and enjoy interacting with local students when you have lunch at a local Islamic school.



Judy Flatley



In Northern Colorado

Outbound

JOURNEYS & EVENTS

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Okole Maluna Hawaiian Grill Jan 24

431 Main St., Windsor
Debby Jones 686-0303

CLEO

January Game Night Jan 31

7020 Avondale Rd., Ft. Collins
Marcia Ross's home
970-377-0512 **See more info on Pg 5**

Carrabba's Italian Restaurant Feb 28

1212 Oakridge Dr., Ft. Collins
Marilyn Garner 581-5156

CLEO

Lucky Fin's Seafood Grill March 28

4530 Center Place Dr., Greeley
Ken & Paulette Weaver
970-381-3611

CLEO

Mimi's Café April 25

1450 Fall River Dr., Loveland
Anne Brown
970-663-3727

CLEO

Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant May 23

4630 Royal Vista Cir., Windsor
Marcia Ross
970-377-0512

CLEO

Serious Texas BBQ June 27

201 W 71 St, Loveland
Anne Brown
970-663-3727

CLEO

CLEO = Colorado Let's Eat Out

FFI World Conference

Boulder, CO July 23-27

Get Registered ...

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

Bogota, Columbia

Outbound September

Journey Coordinator needed

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YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM 2018 BOARD LEADERS

Dear Friends,

As we come to each year's end, we often look back on everything that happened—the good and the bad—to make the year special.

In 2018, we saw extraordinary natural disasters displace and take the lives of so many. We saw world leaders who, instead of working to create peace and worldwide connection, boasted nationalism and an inward focus for their countries. We saw violence worldwide, mass shootings in the US, and decreasing trust between countries and neighbors.

While so many things currently seek to divide us, what remains truly special is our place in all of it as members, Journey coordinators, ambassadors, hosts volunteers, and leaders in this exceptional organization. Friendship Force International is needed now more than ever to bridge differences and create understanding in a divisive world. It is up to us, as informed, passionate, global citizens to promote the mission of Friendship Force with our time, energy, and, yes, even our money.

It may seem like the problems of the world are too large—that there is no way we could make a difference when it is all so much bigger than we are. But it was the belief of our founders, Rev. Wayne Smith and President Jimmy Carter, that the world can change and become a better, more peaceful place. All it needs is more people like us—the members of Friendship Force International—co come together in friendship and commit to caring for each other and the organization we all hold dear.

So as we look back at 2018 and forward to 2019, let's remember the ever-popular quote from **Margaret Mead:**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

We may not see global change in our lifetime, but we are planting the seeds of friendship, peace and understanding so that those who come after us may see our mission realized.

In friendship and peace,

Jo Custead, 2018 Board Chair

Bob Duncan, Immediate Past Chair

NITA KOPLYAY

Yes, we have personally verified that Nita is doing well in her new home in Austin, Texas.

Nancy & I recently passed through Austin on a personal journey and contacted Nita. Throughout our brief visit, She graciously showed us her home, introduced us to a number of friends in her building and showed off her neighborhood during a walking tour.



Ed Brigden