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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT



#### "2020 Vision"

What an auspicious portent! The esprit and camaraderie at our mid-December holiday celebration made clear we're ready for the fine prospects of this new year.

Much is already in place. Cathie McCallum has programs lined out through Fall. She and Vice President LaDonna Palm will lead twelve ambassadors on the March 2020 journey to New Zealand and Australia. Thelma Slocum has already pulled together the year's schedule of Colorado Let's Eat Out (CLEO) lunches and game nights. You'll be hearing from Marilyn Garner, our Journey Host Coordinator for the Stratford-St. Mary's, Ontario, visitors coming September 16-23. Let her know how you care to help.

Yes, in all we do, through homestay journeys and personal friendships, our focus is promoting global understanding, cultural education and citizen diplomacy.

Yes, as Alice Gibson said in her President's message last January, we try our best to diminish prejudice, discrimination and hate. With each new friendship we make, we seek to overcome differences across barriers that separate. We cherish common ground.

"2020 Vision", what might that be for Friendship Force of Northern Colorado? Add another inbound and/or outbound chapter Journey in 2020? We're working on it. Also see the openings at website, [thefriendshipforce.org/journeys/](http://thefriendshipforce.org/journeys/).

Activities for current members who don't feel up to journey travel? We're continuing those. Special chapter outings? We have some in mind.

This quarterly newsletter from Cindy Paulson and the communication team describes our upcoming programs. B. J. DeMeressman will tell of Ireland January 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim and Sandy Cooper about nine years in Saudi Arabia on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The story of the Global Village Museum in Fort Collins on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Send your \$35 dues for 2020 to Kay Sheahan (see page 2) or bring it along to January's meeting. Bring along a friend who might be interested in joining.

We'll send occasional reminders of regular events, CLEO, game nights and special outings. Each month I'll send a brief message about what's in the works. In late February we'll learn which 2021 international and U. S. journeys we've been offered. Much to look forward to! Happy New Year!  
— Ken

### January 10, 2020

Program by BJ  
Demeresman

IRELAND

7:00pm

First Christian  
Church

2000 N Lincoln Avenue  
Loveland, Colorado



## 2020 PROGRAMS

Programs for Jan. , Feb. , Mar:

**January 10: BJ Demerssman** will take us on a vicarious journey to IRELAND!



**February 14: Jim and Sandy Cooper** will share their experiences living in Dhahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 1998-2007. Jim was Associate Professor of Marketing in the College of Business at King FAHD University of Petroleum and Minerals. He was also his wife's chauffeur!

Sandy describes herself as a VERY supportive wife and companion and travel director and social activities director outside of his work world. They depended on each other for so many things!

Come learn what it was like to live in a country *not* one of the typical FFI journey destinations. A September 17, 2019 embassy message reads: [Exercise increased caution in Saudi Arabia due to terrorism and the threat of missile and drone attacks on civilian targets.](#) This [FFNC program](#) will be safe!

**March 13: Leisa Taylor, Outreach Coordinator for the Global Village Museum**

*From an intriguing history to their intricate construction, Losel Dolls have fascinated the world as exquisite emblems of Tibetan heritage. The remarkable story of the Losel Dolls, first handcrafted by exiled Buddhist monks, will be chronicled by Leisa Taylor, Outreach Coordinator for the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. The Losel Doll collection was the favorite of Jeanne Nash, one of the Museum's founders, and the new Losel Doll House will be opening at the Museum on Feb. 7.*

For those who cannot attend the March 13 meeting, Leisa is also presenting *Losel Dolls ~ Trademarks of Tibet* from 2-4 pm Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Museum. Admission is \$5/person.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020

It's time to pay your FFNC dues for 2018. Please send your \$35 check to Kay Sheahan, 2101 Ponderosa, Loveland 80538. We are hoping to collect all dues payments by the January 10, FFNC meeting. Thanks for taking care of this ASAP!





## HOLIDAY DINNER 2019 PHOTOS

Nearly 40 members and guests gathered at the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley for a gala night of delicious Qdoba Mexican food, great visiting, and Caroling. Not only did we sing under the direction of Dennis Miller and Marcia Ross, we were enriched with a narrative of the history of many of the Carols. It was a fun night and started the Holiday season off with great spirit!





## REPORT ON 2020 JOURNEYS

### Future Journeys

In late February we'll learn from Friendship Force International whether our request to visit Ottawa, Canada, with an additional week in Quebec Province, comes through. Our backup preference was Taiwan and Japan, with Turkey and the country Georgia a third choice. We listed the U. S. Northeast, New England or the mid-Atlantic states as our favored domestic destinations, with the U. S. Northwest, California and Upper Midwest also desirable. We'll patiently wait to learn our 2021 fate, not quite on tenterhooks.

Also, since the World Conference in Boulder we've been in conversation with leaders of the Central North Carolina chapter, from near Winston-Salem. We might welcome them here in early July 2020, then go there outbound in mid-October 2020. We'll know soon. Let the journeys continue!  
 —Ken Weaver

MARCH 2020 Outbound Journey 20023: Twelve ambassadors from five states will meet at the Auckland airport on March 14 enroute to Whangarei, New Zealand for six days of FF home stay followed by three nights and two days in Melbourne then another six days of FF home stay in Casterton, Australia. Other highlights will include a pre-journey trek through the South of New Zealand. Bon Voyage! We'll hear about their travels at a future meeting.

## FFNC JOURNEY CORNER

by Debby Jones, FFNC Journey Coordinator

We have had wonderful holidays spent with our family and friends and of course lots of good food, now it's time to welcome in the New Year and decade with Friendship Force adventures, making new friends and memories:

**Friendship Force's 2020 Festival of the Sea, September 27 to October 12, 2020, Vancouver to Japan.** Set sail on Holland America's Noordam, sailing the Inside Passage, with stops in Ketchikan and Juneau. Then it's 7 days of cruising where you will attend workshops, social get-togethers, presentations, meals, and happy hours with your fellow Friendship Force travelers from around the world. In Japan you will visit Kushiro and Hokkaido Japan, before arriving at your departure city of Yokohama and returning home from Tokyo. Prices start at \$1399 for an inside cabin.

Just got home from Grandma's house and would prefer something closer to home, then **Escape to Wisconsin by Bike, September 14 to 21, 2020** might just be the ticket for you. Join the Madison Club for an adventure rolling through farmlands, lake-studded forest, glacial topography and picturesque small towns on a bike adventure, using trails around their four lakes.

**See the FFI Catalogue for more information if you are interested.**



## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

### GLOBAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

*Inspirational Women ~ Rising Through Adversity* opened Friday, Oct. 4 at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. Curated by the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, the exhibit will honor women who have risen from adversity to make a difference in the lives of other women. The exhibit is open until February 22, 2020.

Open Stage Theatre & Company is presenting four plays in the spring of 2020. Pay-What-You-Can nights are Thursdays. The January, March, and April performances are in the Magnolia Theatre at the Lincoln Center, 417 West Magnolia in Fort Collins; the June performance is outdoors at The Park at Columbine Health Systems, Centre Ave. and Worthington Cir. in Fort Collins. You can learn more about Open Stage and about each production by going to [openstage.com](http://openstage.com). the Lincoln Center box office does not sell tickets for PWYC nights. That night you may drop cash into a glass fishbowl in whatever amount you choose--what you can pay. If you would like to join your Friendship Force friends that evening, please contact Cathie McCallum at 223-0436 at least a week ahead. Cathie will contact Open Stage to reserve enough free tickets that will be waiting for us in the lobby outside the theatre.

Dates, titles, and times are:

January 23 at 7:30 Men on Boats

March 5 at 7:30 Constellations

April 2 at 7:30 Rumors

June 4 at 7:00 Sherwood

## WILL PIPER 5/17/35-12/4/19 IN MEMORIUM

Will and Linda Piper were members of FFNC for a number of years, leaving about 2012 for health reasons. Will took over the FFNC newsletter from departing members, Gwen and Joe Kelly. Knowing he did not want to be the sole editor/publisher, Will enlisted several of us to help by taking monthly turns.





In Northern Colorado      Outbound

**JOURNEYS & EVENTS**

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**GAME NIGHT** January 16, 2020  
**HOST: Marilyn Garner**



**Thurs, January 23, 2020, 11:30 a. m.** Location to be announced  
**RSVP to Alice Gibson**



**Thurs, February 27, 2020, 11:30 a. m.** Location to be announced  
**RSVP to Anne Brown**

**GAME NIGHT: March 2020**  
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**MARCH 2020**  
**Journey to**  
**Whangarei, New Zealand & Casterton, Victoria, Australia**  
**Journey Coordinator:**  
**Cathie McCallum 223-0436**

**SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**Inbound Journey from**  
**Friendship Force of Stratford & St. Marys, Canada**  
**Host Coordinator:**  
**Marilyn Garner**

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## FFNC SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We need 6 more people to sign up for hosting CLEO by picking a restaurant and making those arrangements for the following dates. July 23, 2020, August 27th, 2020, September 24, 2020, November 19, 2020, and December 17, 2020

We need one more member to host a game night In May 2020.

I will bring copies of this schedule to the November meeting so people can have the information.

Thanks for everyone's help in keeping our Social Activities going.

### CLEOS

(more details soon)

**Jan. 23, 2020 CLEO: Alice Gibson; FC location TBA**

**Feb. 27 CLEO: Anne Brown; Loveland location TBA**

**March 26 CLEO BJ Demerseman: Greeley location TBA**

**April 23 CLEO Thelma Slocum; Brewhouse;**

### GAME NIGHTS

(more details soon)

**Jan. 2020 Game Night: Marilyn Garner**

**RSVP to Marilyn 493-4137**

**Garner. marilyn@gmail. com**

**March 2020 Game Night; Anne Brown**

**May 2020 Game Night host needed**

**July 2020 Game Night; Marcia Ross**

## Google Toolkit

Expect soon to see a few messages from [ffnoco@gmail. com](mailto:ffnoco@gmail.com).

At the World Conference in Boulder, our chapter began to learn how to take advantage of the many Google tools available at no cost to non-profit organizations. We plan to gradually improve how we serve our members, raise visibility, and become more effective and efficient.

For example, thank you to all those who responded to the e-mail questionnaire asking about 2021 journeys. Your preferences went straight into a summary spreadsheet that generated colorful charts.

We've established secure Google Accounts with 15 Gigabytes of memory at [gmail. com](mailto:ffnoco@gmail.com) for our [ffnocopresident](mailto:ffnocopresident), [ffnocotreasurer](mailto:ffnocotreasurer) and [ffnocosecretary](mailto:ffnocosecretary). Also for our main standing committees. This will help us keep current and add continuity year-to-year.

So, expect to hear from [ffnoco@gmail. com](mailto:ffnoco@gmail.com). Luckily, capitalization doesn't matter. It can be No-Co or NoCO, like we're seeing here in so many names these days. Not to be confused with NC, that beautiful state on the East Coast. We're Friendship Force of gorgeous Northern Colorado. You can Google it.