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Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding Areas

Due to the hard work of ED Anne Brown and her assistant ED, Nita Kopyay, the recent inbound **Willamette Valley, OR exchange** was a great success. Thank you to the EDs and their planning committee for the organization and leadership. Thanks to all other club members who home hosted, day hosted, set up for events, prepared printed materials or participated in group events. The collaboration & support of so many FFNC members made for a wonderful week.

Our **Legacy Fundraising events** have been highly successful this year! Our treasurer, Alice Gibson reports that the grand total we raised was \$1500 including \$150 raised by the Costa Rica outbound ambassadors; \$45 from the Ross Memorial, \$50 donation from the Oregon club, \$680 from the “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” events organized by Betty Jean; and \$575 raised by our recent raffle. Many thanks to all who participated in our fund raising events through your cash donations, your hosting & attendance at dinners, your contributions of items for our raffle, and your purchase of tickets. Very special thanks to Marilyn Garner for her amazing organization of all of the raffle donations, and to Betty Jean for her time and efforts both in setting up the dinners, and for creating and donating the lovely comforter, pillows and pillow shams. The names of many members, and a few Oregon guests who bought tickets, were drawn to win the 34 wonderful raffle prizes. B.J. drew Cindy Paulson’s ticket as winner of the grand prize comforter set.

We are truly fortunate to have so many willing, able and **active volunteers** who will step up to fill a variety of roles in our club. Last meeting I asked for a new greeter, and right away Nita Kopyay had her hand up. I am now seeking someone (or two people) to take on the role of Program Coordinator. Esther Johnson has done an outstanding job in this role for many years, and needs a break! Please contact Marcia if you’re willing to help with this important job.

I hope to see all of you at our **Regional Picnic** from 1-3 on Sunday, Aug, 18, at Shelter #3 at the North Lake Park in Loveland. As hosts, our club will provide drinks, table service and BBQ sliders. **You will need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share** (enough for 8-10). If you have some lawn chairs, bring them, too. It’s always fun to see our friends from the neighboring clubs and of course to share a good meal! After we eat, you can play volleyball, croquet, or stroll through the Benson Sculpture Park.



Marcia Ross

**Next FFNC Meeting:
Sunday, Aug 18, 2013
Summer FF Picnic
North Lake Park
Shelter #3
29th St. & Taft Ave.
Loveland
Bring a side dish,
salad or dessert
to share.**

Friendship Force Regional Picnic
N. Colorado, Cheyenne & Estes Park

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Hosted by FFNC at North Lake Park in Loveland
29TH & Taft; Shelter #3

BBQ sliders, lemonade, iced tea, & table service provided

Please bring a side dish, or salad or dessert to share.

After lunch enjoy social time in the parks with friends:

Volleyball, croquet, or enjoy time with friends.

Walk through North Lake Park

& Benson Sculpture Park & Gardens

EXCHANGE TO KIEL, GERMANY - MAY 2014

We are honored to announce that we have been accepted for an exchange with the Kiel, Germany Friendship Force in May, 2014. Exact dates are to be determined. **Kiel** is the capital and most populous city in northern Germany with a population of over 240,000. Kiel lies approximately 56 miles north of Hamburg and is on the southwestern shore of the **Baltic Sea**, and is one of the major maritime centers of Germany. Kiel is known for a variety of international sailing events and 1972 summer Olympics were held in Kiel.



The oldest building in Kiel is the 13th century Nikolaidirche (St. Nicholas Church). The city also features a several museums which include zoological, geological, historical, fine art, industrial, and military museums.



Kiel is a major high-tech shipbuilding center, it has the University of Kiel and is a sea transport hub. **Kiel Canal**, the busiest artificial waterway in the world. Several passenger ferries to Sweden, Norway, Russia and other countries operate from here. Moreover, today Kiel Harbor is an important port of call for cruise ships touring the Baltic Sea. We have asked for second exchange to another FF club, and if this does not happen, we will explore possibilities of a cruise or an extension tour for a second week.

JUNE MEETING: POTLUCK SUPPER AND LEGACY RAFFLE



Potluck Paradise



*President Marcia always
“serves us well”*



*Ashley Rardin enjoys her raffle
prize, a Russian speaking cat!*



*Cindy Paulson with the GRAND PRIZE comforter set,
made & donated by BJ DeMerressman*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY OREGON VISITS NORTHERN COLORADO LOVELAND & ESTES PARK HIGHLIGHTS



*Barb Callner makes a friend
at Benson Park*



*FFNC & FFVW Celebrate Friendship
at ED Anne Brown's Home*



"Ride 'em, Cowgirls, Kay & Pat!"



Picnic at the Benson Park Gazebo



*Two bull elk in RMNP compete
for leadership of the herd*



*Ken Hoecker with
Clydesdales in Loveland*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY OREGON VISITS NORTHERN COLORADO GREELEY & FT. COLLINS HIGHLIGHTS



*Rattlesnake Kate Retells
and reenacts her Adventures*



Historic Tour of Fort Collins in the Two-Horsepower Wagon

BENSON GARDEN NEWS by Nancy Brigden

All of your good work has paid off! The FFNC adopted garden at Benson Sculpture Park looks well-tended in this hot early summer. The good job done at the Planting and Mulch Day shows. With the dry winds, and hot weather, some of the newly planted settings are weary but unfortunately that's to be expected with our limited water.



If you have a few minutes, stop by the garden to help keep it in good shape. Many hands make light work!

We look forward to the Loveland Sculpture Invitational Weekend, August 9-10-11 when our garden, & our name, FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF NORTHERN COLORADO will be on display for the thousands who will attend the Sculpture Show.



EXCHANGE DIRECTORS NEEDED

Our club will be needing Exchange Directors for the following 2014 exchanges:

May 2014 Outbound to Kiel, Germany (plus extension?)

August 2014 Inbound Curitiba, Brazil

Fall 2014 Outbound to St. Louis, MO

It is important to get an ED established soon for each of these exchanges, so please mail or email an ED application form to Marcia ASAP if you are interested in applying. Forms can be found on the our website fnccolo.com or you can call Marcia at 377-0512 for a paper copy.

ED selection for Kiel, Germany exchange will be made in August.

Please submit your application to Marcia by August 18.

HARRISBURG EXCHANGE MEMORIES



Monument at Gettysburg National Cemetery



Authentic Civil War Era Cannon



Carol & Willie relax while waiting for lunch outside the Amish Shoo Fly Pie Restaurant



Good Times at Hershey's



Eisenhower Farm

EXCHANGE & EVENT CALENDAR**Summer FF Picnic in Loveland**

**FFNC & Cheyenne &
Estes Park FF Clubs Together**

Sunday, August 18, 2013

1:00-3:00 p.m.

29th & Taft in Loveland

North Lake Park Shelter #3

Bring side dish or salad or dessert

Outbound to: DISCOVER EUROPE

Sept 23-Oct.8, 2013

“Jewels of Central Europe”

Krakow, Vienna, Bratislava,

Prague, Budapest

ED Cinda Clark

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Outbound to: FFI World Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana

November 22-25, 2013

Outbound to: Kiel, Germany

May 2014

**ED needed: Submit your ED application to
Marcia Ross by August 18, 2013**

Incoming Curitiba, Brazil

August 2014

ED needed

Outbound to: St. Louis, MO

Fall 2014

ED needed

To FFI World Conference

Auckland, New Zealand 2014

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NEWS FROM FIELD REP, BARBARA GILLIFORD

July-Aug 2013

Hello everyone,

On June 20, I participated my first conference call with FFI staff, Kathy Thomas and Ana Smulski. Pallie Savoie, is on maternity leave following the May 25 birth her daughter, Janie.

Kathy announced that a farewell dinner for George Brown brought 50 guests and former staff members dating back to 1983 when George started work for FFI. Saying good bye is hard and that goes for retiring Field Reps such as BJ DeMersseman who also joined the conference call. Thanks again BJ. I like the idea that old field reps don't really get to retire but continue helping us with the FF mission because they are "OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELD." (Picture BJ in a field of daises!) I have received a new Field Representative manual and plan to attend a training conference August 7-9th in Atlanta, plus of course will be calling upon BJ to help me as I learn the ropes!

FFI has announced the selection of our new President and CEO, Joy DiBenedetto. To read more about Joy, click on the this link <http://e2.ma/message/r49gg/7gelib> or copy and paste it to load.

The International Conference in November in New Orleans is completely booked up with over 600 attendees. Contact FFI immediately if interested in attending the conference. Kathy and Debbie have established a waiting list and are working on being able to accommodate more.

Summer schedule: The Cheyenne club is participating in Super Day, Saturday, June 22.

Judy Eatmon has put together a great brochure, an idea acquired from our club exchange with Spokane, WA. We will distribute the brochure and collect names for a special open-house meeting in November hoping to increase our membership and meet new friends in our own community.

Our summer picnic will be at North Lake Park in Loveland on August 18. The annual event will bring the Friendship Force clubs of Northern Colorado, Estes Park and Cheyenne together. Dot Cada, FFNC, e-mailed me that her efforts have been approved for a Global Discovery Exchange to Myanmar, in Feb, 2014 at a cost of under \$3000. Min ga la bar--ask Dot for info.

I am looking forward to the next two years and hope to be able to visit each of the clubs in our region. I do have a couple of power-point presentations that I am working on if you need a program.

In friendship,

Barbara Guilford, Mt. States Regional Rep

CONGRATULATIONS 2014 FFNC OFFICERS

At the June 14, 2013 meeting, the FFNC membership elected our 2014 officers:

President: Marilyn Garner

Vice President: Gary Cummins

Secretary: Paulette Weaver

Treasurer: Alice Gibson