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Summer is here!! And today is sweltering!!! I hope you are all in a nice air-conditioned area or out enjoying the great water activities we have in our beautiful state. This is probably my favorite time of year to travel, and I returned last night from two weeks in St. Augustine, getting to know the ocean and all the wildlife in that tropical area. I've never lived in a warm state and probably never appreciated what they have

to offer. I do know that I will NEVER learn to appreciate the humidity level in Florida.

We talked a little about the problems many of us are having with our email communications at the last meeting. I want to reiterate that I am not communicating with anyone in Friendship Force by email. If you get a message that appears to be from me please block it. I don't know of any other way to keep them out of your email system. If I need to talk to any of you, I will call.

About a dozen of our members are going to Boulder soon for the International Conference. I'm sure they will return with many new contacts and new friends and hopefully some leads for future travel and visits to our club or journeys to theirs. Also, please remember the post-conference visit from various FF members from July 28th to the 31st and the picnic with the Cheyenne club at noon on August 4th at Edora Park in Fort Collins at noon. There are various articles in this newsletter on these subjects.

I hope to see you at the picnic and/or CLEO, and/or Game Night, and/or our September meeting. Have a great rest of the summer.

Alice Gibson

Picnic with Cheyenne FF

Noon
Sunday, August 4
Edora Park
Fort Collins

Bring a side dish



JUNE 14TH PROGRAM:
SEMESTER AT SEA
PRESENTED BY BRIAN BUTKI, PHD

The June FFNC meeting featured an outstanding program about **Semester at Sea**, which in this case operated on board the **MV World Odyssey**, a floating university campus. This Semester at Sea was administered through its academic partner, Colorado State University. **Dr. Brian Butki**, a CSU professor, presented our program, sharing details, photos, and stories about his experience with this special shipboard education semester.

The Semester at Sea voyage takes place during one semester (approximately four months), and includes 13 ports-of-call on four continents (**North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa**). There are 53 days at sea and 53 days in port (5 days at each port). Students take a standard course load of 12-15 credits. They attend classes onboard ship and participate with their classmates and teachers in activities and experiences at each port. The port stops included time in each of these eleven countries: **Germany, Spain, Ghana, India, Myanmar, Vietnam, China, Japan, and the United States** (Hawaii and California). The common focus of all classes is globalization. Students (and teachers) learn about each area of the world visited with pre-port courses about the culture, education, politics, religion, and government of the area. Then, when in port, there are various opportunities to learn more through social events and experiences with the local people. Seminars and planned on-land activities round out the unique learning experience of Semester at Sea.

Brian, who usually teaches classes on the CSU campus in Fort Collins, was selected to be a Global Teaching Scholar (one of the 28 faculty members) for the 2018 fall Semester at Sea. He taught classes in health, exercise science, and psychology. There were 443 university students and 18 life-long learners on this voyage. In addition to the 28 faculty, there were 31 non-teaching personnel, plus 27 family members of the university staff. The 287 crew members ran the customized cruise ship, which has been retrofitted to become a floating university.

Brian's enthusiasm for teaching, his interest in our world and all life which shares our planet, and his own life-long quest for learning were evident throughout his presentation.

We appreciated the opportunity to have Brian's excellent program! The **Friendship Force** and the **Semester at Sea** have a great deal in common!

Cindy Paulson

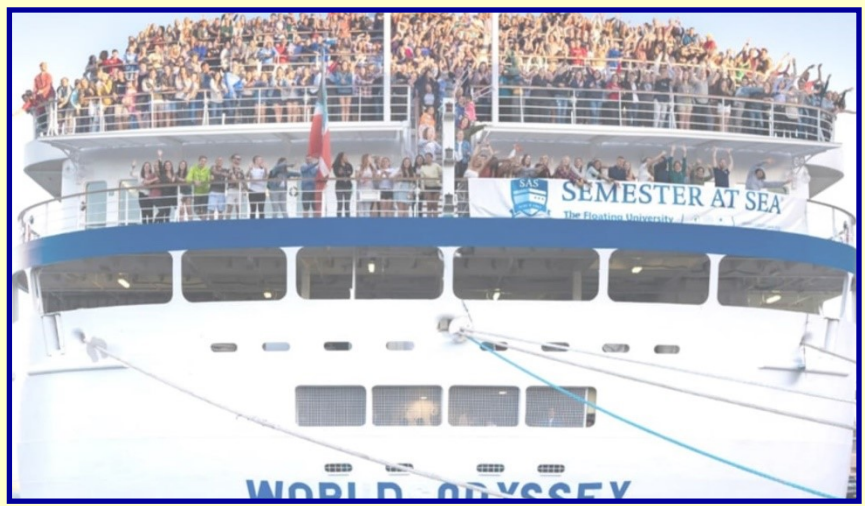




Class in China



Ballooning over Myanmar



Butki Family in Barcelona

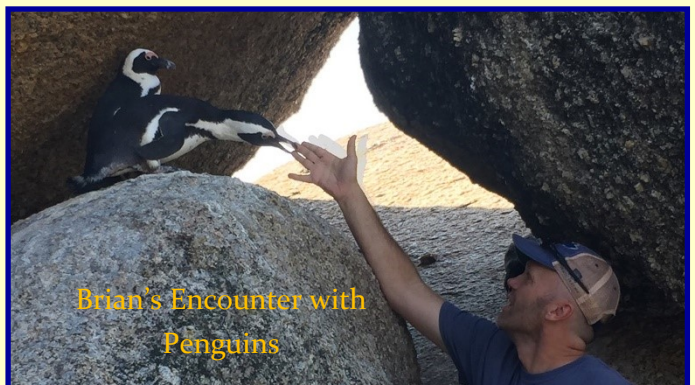


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Drumming in Ghana



Brian's Encounter with
Penguins



FFNC Garden Glory



The Friendship Force Garden at Benson Park is alive with beauty and color! The gorgeous spring (and now summer) weather, with many days of blue sky and sunshine and frequent rains, have given our plants an ideal start to this growing season. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of our FFNC gardeners, the plants have been nicely trimmed and tended, mulch has been spread and weeds pulled whenever they have poked through. We have **one more scheduled gardening workday, Saturday morning, July 20, at 9-10 a.m.** to do any necessary maintenance at the garden. If you have a few minutes, grab your gardening gloves and join us on July 20. Many hands make light work!



Debbie's Journey Corner

Cathie McCallum and LaDonna Palm are working conscientiously as Ambassador Coordinators to organize an unforgettable journey to Whangarei, New Zealand and Casterton, Australia in March of 2020. The initial list of potential ambassadors fills the 12-14 spots available at both sites. If you would like to be added to a waiting list, please contact Cathie.

Wonderful news!!! The FF Club of Stratford and St Mary's Canada has confirmed they want to come to visit our club in September 2020 after they visit the Kansas City Club. **If you would be interested in serving as the HOST COORDINATOR for this Journey, please submit an application to me by July 31, 2019: dsj55@aol.com or 348 Whitney Bay, Windsor CO 80550.**

Questions? Call me at 686-0303

Debby Jones



FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL
WORLD CONFERENCE
2019
WILLIAMS VILLAGE CAMPUS,
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
JULY 23 - 27, 2019
CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: JULY 23 - 25
SOCIAL/LOCAL ACTIVITIES*: JULY 26 - 27
*OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.
MAKE A BOLDER IMPRESSION!
BOULDER, COLORADO, USA

More than 400 ambassadors from around the world are registered to attend the 2020 FFI World Conference in Boulder July 23- 27. Members from clubs throughout our region are invited to solicit SWAG (Something We All Get) for the bags given to each participant. Each bag will contain a collapsible water bottle and a western bandana from FFI plus pens, small pads, maps, candy, mints, and miscellaneous items collected by members. Not all bags will have identical contents! If you have solicited SWAG from your doctor, dentist, credit union, beauty shop, bank, or any other source please contact Cathie or Kay Thomas to collect items from you before July 22.

Cathie McCallum

Ambassadors from Japan, South Korea, Belgium, Keya, Florida, Virginia, and Wisconsin will be enjoying homestays with FFNC members after the conference. **All FFNC members are invited** to the welcome party for these special folks and their hosts at the home of Marcia Ross on Sunday, July 28, at 5:30. Please call Marcia at 377-0512 if you can join the group. Bring a snack/hors d'oeuvres/your spectacular cookie recipe—whatever you'd like.

Our 2020 Elected Officers

President: Ken Weaver

Vice President: LaDonna Palm

Secretary/Historian: Paulette Weaver

Treasurer: Marilyn Garner

We love all of our willing and able volunteers!



In Northern Colorado

Outbound

JOURNEYS & EVENTS

2019 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Colorado Let's Eat Out

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11:30 am, August 22

Gourmet Grub

**2118 35th Avenue, Greeley
RSVP to B.J. Demersseman
970-304-0267**

**August 29th, Game Night
At the Weavers' Home in Greeley
RSVP to Ken or Paulette;
970-381-3611 (Ken)
970-381-8898 (Paulette)**

**World Conference, Boulder, July 23-27
Register at
thefriendshipforce.org/worldconference**

**FF Cheyenne/ FFNC Picnic Lunch
Noon, August 4th
Edora Park, Fort Collins**

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**March
Journey to
Whangarei, New Zealand
and
Casterton, Victoria, Australia
Cathie McCallum, 223-0436**

**September
Inbound Journey from
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and St. Marys, Canada**

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LET'S PICNIC WITH CHEYENNE FF

Edora Park

1420 East Stuart Street
Fort Collins

Noon, Sunday, August 4, 2019

Our club will furnish chicken, and if each of you FFNC members can please bring a side, our guests from Cheyenne will bring the deserts. Bone up on your Friendship Force knowledge for a little competition/education. We'll bring some lawn games for all to enjoy.



Alas, the wine pictured in this famous painting is not allowed at our park.

From I-25 exit 268, west on **Prospect Rd** (2.7 miles) to **Welch St**.

2. South (left) on **Welch St** (couple blocks) to **Stuart St**.

3. East (left) on **Stuart St** and take the first left into **Edora Park**.

Our shelter is to the west of the baseball field. Watch for our FFNC signs.

