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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Cathie McCallum, President

Happy 40th Anniversary Friendship Force International!

Wayne Smith, a former Presbyterian minister and missionary started Friendship Force in 1977. He wrote: "We are not a tourist organization. We are engaged in people-to-people diplomacy." Friendship rather than peace would be the primary concept because as individuals we may not be able to create peace, but "we certainly know how to make friends."

He chose the word "Force" because it relates to power, & is a synonym for army. We're an army of friends, a force for friendship. Pres. Jimmy Carter endorsed Friendship Force at a White House gathering of state governors on March 1, 1977.

Our FFNC World Friendship Day Celebration will be Friday, March 10, 6-9 PM, First Christian Church,
(See page 3 for complete details)

Start thinking about your participation in FFNC's **2018** domestic and international journeys. Friendship Force International has proposed a *double* journey for FFNC in fall of 2018: to **Halle-Saale, Germany AND Bristol, England!** We are going to host **Greater Detroit**. No dates or details have been established but you can help with the first step by volunteering to be the Journey Coordinator or a committee member for our Friendship Force Journeys!

Next Meeting:

March 10

6:00-9:00 p.m.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY

International Potluck

WFD Celebration

1st Christian Church

2000 N Lincoln Ave.

Loveland

Journey

Information about recently approved terminology changes
from Friendship Force International CEO, Jeremi Snook

Turning the page at FFI and opening our mission to a wider demographic means respecting a need for evolution in the words we use to describe FFI. The terms we have been comfortable with for many years - might have to adapt to new norms in order to effectively communicate our mission. Journeys were originally known as "exchanges," which came from our organization's early history when communities would actually exchange large delegations of citizen ambassadors. Recently, we have transitioned to using the more transformational term "journey," since it is better suited to the amazing programs our members plan and experience as they journey to become a temporary citizen for a few days through our home hospitality program. We think this gets you straight to the heart of a country and its people. After much research and discussion, these changes in terminology have been approved by FFI:

Exchanges are now called JOURNEYS

Exchange Directors are now called JOURNEY COORDINATORS (JC)

Leader of an incoming Journey is HOST JOURNEY COORDINATOR (HJC)

Leader of outbound ambassadors is AMBASSADOR JOURNEY COORDINATOR (AJC)

I invite you to continue on this journey with me of opening our mission and organization to the world and do all we can to connect with the thousands of members just waiting to join FFI by incorporating the voice of how future generations talk about the world, leaning on sound research, and extending a little trust and understanding. Together we will make 2017 not only a year of celebration around our 40th anniversary, but also a year of great growth!

In friendship,
Jeremi Snook

MT. STATES REGION 2017 JOURNEY OPPORTUNITIES

For more cultural Journey options with Friendship Force, go to our FFNC website FFNCColo.com and click on the REGIONAL tab. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see a table with details of several upcoming Journeys with our sister clubs in the FF Mountain States Region:

To Australia and New Zealand—Journey with FF Western Colorado in April

To Western Michigan and Dayton Ohio—Journey with FF Denver in May

To Southern Oregon with FF Pikes Peak in June

To Montreal, Canada- Journey with FF Pikes Peak in September

To Kampala, Uganda, Nairobi, & Kenya, Africa - Journey with FF Denver in Oct.

FRIENDSHIP OF NORTHERN COLORADO WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, March 10, 6-9 p.m.

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

International Potluck Dinner

FFNC World Friendship Day
Celebrating of 40 years of FFI

Remember the History
& Be Part of the Future of FFI

Parades Along the
Avenues of Nations & States

Wear or bring something to represent
somewhere you have traveled.

Bring a guest

Good Friends!
Good Food!
Good Times!

Bring an international main dish or
salad or side dish, labeled with
country of origin

Happy 40th Anniversary
FFI
There will be cake!

Fun door
prizes



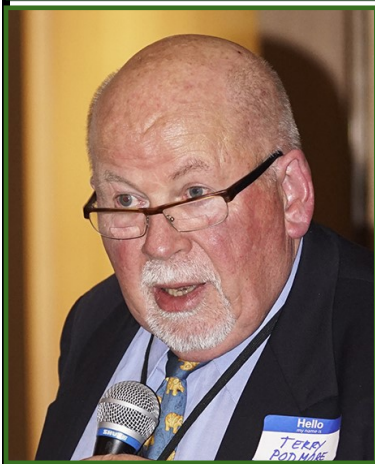
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INTERNATIONAL

Experience different views.
Discover common ground.



TERRY PODMORE LEADS VOLUNTEERS IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT IN UGANDA

BY THELMA SLOCUM, REPORTER



Terry Podmore, PhD

Terry Podmore, a native of England and CSU Professor Emeritus in Civil and Environmental Engineering for 30 years, spoke to us at the February 10th FFNC meeting. He is a staff member of EMI (Engineering Ministries International) and a professional engineer in irrigation of water projects and agricultural projects in **Uganda** and The Dominican Republic. EMI is an association of Christian design professionals volunteering to serve the world's poor with their unique expertise such as architects, engineers, surveyors, construction management, designing hospitals, orphanages, schools, water systems and other life-giving facilities that express the love of God.

A project in **Uganda** has focused on sustainable agriculture at their pastoral and agricultural training center. Terry led a team of 11 (consisting of 4 Ugandans, 6 engineers, architects and Intern volunteers) on an acreage of land in rural Africa for two weeks. The team surveyed the land and gave a site assessment of irrigation needs, plants, fences, soil condition, sandy loam soil and clay loam for cultivation, and top soil and depth in an area called Mary's farm supposedly where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Their job was to design a master plan for 80 acres to be built over 10-20 years to include buildings for research, a church for spiritual teaching, roads, paths, solar and wind needs, deforestation and poverty. They built a center of commerce and built Mary's market. The first year, students plotted 12 acres and later added 300 laying chickens, 200 broiler chickens (for eggs and meat). Added also would be 20 pigs, 10 dairy cows, fish ponds, and 2 systems for waste. They will use animal waste as bio cooking fuel. The crops would be soybeans, maize, elephant grass, rice, plantain, mushroom, vegetables and fruit. While there they attended a non-denominational church and a Catholic church together.

Leaving Uganda with the master plan, they then moved on to work in the **Lake Victory** area, and to **Zimbabwe**, a former British Colony that gained its independence in 1980. Unemployment is 90%, industries are shut down, and there is a decline in social services. They have a law that 51% of business be Zimbabwean ownership.

Terry's most recent volunteer project has been in the Dominican Republic where, with World Vision, his group renewed a derelict irrigation system.

EMI SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT LOCATIONS



Engineering Ministries International is designing a world of hope.

Terry can be reached at terry.podmore@emiusa.org

SPOTLIGHT – MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Anne Brown
March 26

Kay Sheahan
March 15

Debbie Jones
March 31



MEMBERSHIP REPORT By MARCIA ROSS

FFNC extends a hearty welcome to our newest member, **Deb Courtner**, from Fort Collins. Deb is a wealth management consultant and enjoys hiking, bicycling, snow shoeing, gardening, landscaping, writing and photography. She is already signed up to accompany her friend, Cathie McCallum, on a FF Global Journey to Australia this year.

DUES are DUE

Thus far we have received dues payments from 70 members for 2017. We have personally contacted members who have not submitted dues (\$35 p/p) for the 2017 year. If you are one of those last few who have yet to pay, please make your check out to FFNC and mail it ASAP to:

Marcia Ross 7020 Avondale Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80525

JOURNEY CALENDAR**2016 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE**

Inbound

Outbound

2017 Outbound Journey Options

Gather your friends &
CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE
 Look at the **Catalog of Friends**
 on the FFI Website

&
 See p. 8 of this newsletter

Connecticut Inbound**May 22-27, 2017**

Debby Jones & Paulette Weaver, EDs
 686-0303 356-5068

Ottawa Inbound**Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2017****ED needed**

Proposed 2018 OUTBOUND JOURNEY:

FFNC to
 HALLE-SAALE, GERMANY &
 BRISTOL, ENGLAND
 Details to be announced

2018 Detroit Inbound**Details to be announced****PRESIDENT: Cathie McCallum 223-0436****VICE PRES: Thelma Slocum 223-9855****SECRETARY: Kay Sheahan 667-4473****TREASURER: Debbie Jones 686-0303****Programs: Esther Johnsen 484-2666****Exchange Coordinator: Judy Flatley 223-1037****Newsletter Editors/Publishers:****Ed Brigden, Cindy Paulson,****Sue Cummins, Marilyn Garner**

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40th Anniversary Celebration at Sea March 30 to April 13, 2017 Beginning at \$1625

Join Friendship Force International CEO, Jeremi Snook, & Board Chairman, Bob Duncan, on a Cruise leaving from Fort Lauderdale, FL. After crossing the Atlantic, explore Funchal, on the delightful Portuguese isl& of Madeira. Explore the Mediterranean with three stops in Spain where you can join shore excursions to Seville, the Alhambra in Granada, & Roman ruins in Cartagena.

Contact: Laura Romero, FFI laura@friendshipforce.org +1 404 965 4353

Global: Discover Armenia & Georgia June 5 to 19, 2017 \$2590

Travel through Georgia & Armenia where you will explore the Caucasus region, from Yerevan to the Black Sea. See Georgia's tallest mountain, Kazbegi, & participate in a traditional bread making lesson, where you will learn how to prepare the country's national dish. You will taste organic qvevri wine, & explore some of Georgia & Armenia's oldest cultural, religious, historical, & archaeological sites. This exchange presents you with the opportunity to explore & learn about these cities on a guided tour coupled with a traditional Friendship Force homestay experience.

Contact: James W. Kerr, Jr. Judgejwkerr@juno.com +1 214 987 4411

Summer in the City of Arts & Innovation! Winston-Salem, N.Carolina July 31-Aug. 6, 2017

This global themed exchange includes visual & performing arts, nationally recognized galleries, museums & regional music all in the beautiful foothills of the Piedmont Triad Region of North Carolina.

Cost \$595 Contact Judy Greene, ED 336-768-1732 WSFFCNC@gmail.com

Moon Shadow Over Oregon: 2017 Total Solar Eclipse August 16 - 25, 2017

This is an opportunity to share in a rare natural phenomena - a total solar eclipse. Gather together with two host clubs in Oregon for the exciting event that has not been seen in Oregon since 1979. You will be hosted before & after the eclipse with two clubs (FF clubs of Oregon's Mid - Willamette Valley & Columbia Cascade) with its waterfalls, covered bridges, farm-to-table dining, world famous wines & vibrant craft beer industry.

Cost \$957 Contact Marilyn Peterson, ED 541-916-7431 Peterson.marilyn@comcast.net

FFNC members who have already accepted the challenge to "Choose Your Own Adventure" planning to travel to exciting destinations for 2017:

Barb Turnbull and Alice Gibson to Vietnam in March

Thelma and Larry Slocum to Manchester, England in August

Kay Thomas and BJ DeMersseman to Spain and Manchester, England in August-September

Cindy Paulson and Marcia Ross to Tanzania in September

Rona Baer going to Uganda and Kenya in October