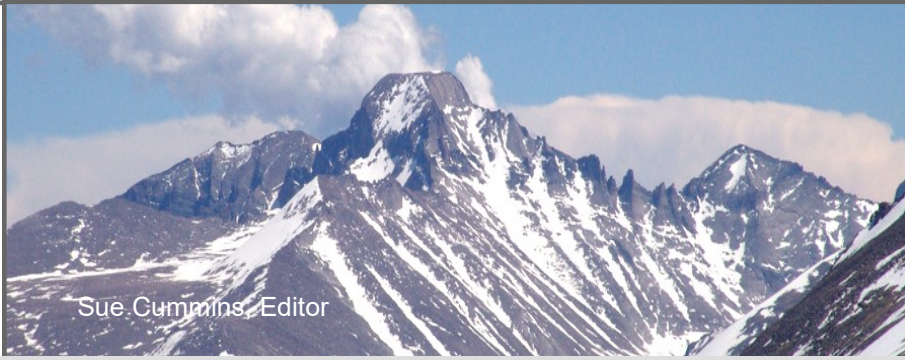




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Estes Park, Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, Windsor and Surrounding Areas

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The calendar says spring, but the thermometer is stuck in winter. This late season snow reminds me of how little control we have over things like the weather and how we manage no matter what the skies may bring us.

But we do have some control over our Friendship Force gatherings, socials, and game nights. We've made a change to the programs for our next two meetings. We will now do

our annual "getting to know you" gathering at our May 10th meeting and the Semester at Sea presentation at the June Meeting. July will find the group heavily involved with the World Conference in Boulder, followed by the post-conference home stay in our area.

August will feature our annual potluck picnic with the Cheyenne Club. We have reserved the picnic shelter at Edora park on Prospect for Sunday, August 4th, from noon to four, and we hope as many of you can attend with your family and friends as possible. More information will be available as the time draws closer.

Once again I want to shout out a sincere thank you to all of you who have assisted with the set-up and take-down of the meeting hall and all of the other good deeds that are done for the club and its members. You're a great group to know.

Alice Gibson

From the editor: Our erstwhile president managed to break her arm and muddy her head a bit in a bicycle accident last week. She somehow got this to me anyway.

Thanks, Alice. You're a trooper.

**May Meeting
Getting to
Know You
May 10, 2019
7:00—9:00 PM**

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



MAY 10TH MEETING: GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Don't wait to get better acquainted with your fellow members of the Friendship Force of Northern Colorado. Take advantage of this month's meeting to learn more about each other. Other ways to do that are to enjoy lunch together at Pueblo Viejo on May 23rd and/or to join us for Game Night at Anne Brown's home.

April CLEO at Mimi's Cafe

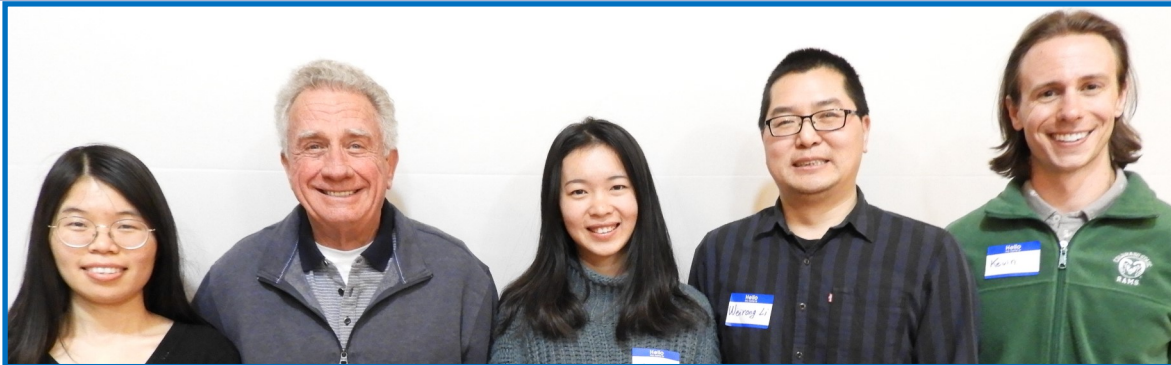


Fifteen people gathered at Mimi's for our monthly lunch. Attending were: Anne Brown, Rona Baer, Barbara Klein, Thelma Slocum, Kay Thomas, Ken Weaver, Marilyn Garner, Carol Heitman and granddaughter Sara Heitman, Barbara Miller, Debby Jones, LaDonna Palm, Dick and Esther Johnsen, and B. J. Demerseman. A good time was enjoyed by all.





CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT CSU PRESENTS APRIL PROGRAM



The program for our April meeting was given by Dr. Weirong Li, who is a professor and associate director of the Confucius Institute, administered by CSU's Office of International Programs. Also giving information about the Confucius Institute was its manager, Kevin Nohe, whose wife is Chinese. Having lived in China for several years, he continues to study the Chinese language. There are 700 Chinese students studying at CSU, and two of our guests are studying toward their Masters Degrees.

The Institute offers classes teaching Chinese language and culture, art, calligraphy, mathematics, pictographic/ancient Chinese characters, and Tai Chi. The Institute also promotes scientific research on water and environmental sustainability and develops educational exchanges between China and Colorado. The Institute does not teach Confucius.

Two of our guests, Chao Liu and Xieowen Luo, are studying toward their masters degrees. They are also instructors and teach classes at the Confucius Institute. These young women are going to be teaching a cooking class in Windsor in May. When asked what they were impressed with about us Coloradans, they said how active older Americans are, and full of energy and engaged with life. In China, they said, the grandparents stay home and help with the grandchildren. There is a great respect for the elders in Chinese homes. Part of their important ritual is showing respect. They believe that application of rites and rituals leads to harmony.

Another guest named Walter is a student of Mandarin. He has been studying for two years. The Confucius Institute in Fort Collins has a focus on the Mandarin language.

We learned that most Chinese surnames have only one syllable, but a few have two syllables. And we learned a few words in Chinese. "Yohe Lee" means "Friendship Force." "Ni hao" means "Hello," and "Xie Xie" means "Thank You." "Si jin" means "Good Bye," and "ce suo" is most important; "bathroom." There are eight basic strokes and 10,000 characters in the written Mandarin language. And whatever you do, don't wear a green hat in China (unless it is appropriate) because it means you wife is cheating on you. And don't use red ink; it is only used on tombstones.

For information about classes, contact Kevin Nohe at 970-492-4018 or kevin.nohe@colostate.edu.

Rosemary Donovan





Russian Honorary Consul, Colorado Author, and Germans from Russian at Global Village Museum

Russian Retrospective, an immensely popular display at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures, will feature three final programs before closing May 25.

Russian Revelations: Fact-Based Thinking on Diplomacy, Great Power Politics, Business, and Trade will be presented from 2-4 pm Saturday, May 11, by Dr. Deb Palmieri, Honorary Consul General of Russia in Colorado. Based in Denver, Dr. Palmieri assumed her duties in January 2007 after being appointed the Russian Federation's first Honorary Consul General in Colorado by then Ambassador Yuri Ushakov. Admission to the program is \$5/person and includes entry into the Museum's four galleries.

On Sunday, May 19, from 4-5 pm, *award-winning Colorado author Chris Goff* will discuss and sign copies of her newest book, *Red Sky*. The thriller begins when People's Republic Flight 91 crashes in northeastern Ukraine with a U.S. diplomatic agent on board. Raisa Jordan, the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service Agent, is sent to investigate, and it quickly becomes apparent that the plane was intentionally downed. The discussion and signing are free and open to the public.

Germans from Russia – from Catherine II's Heimat to Colorado Farms and Homes will be presented Thursday, May 23, from 5-7 pm. Due to the sold-out program in February, this is a repeat presentation by Kenneth Rock, Professor Emeritus of History at Colorado State University, and Cheryl Glanz, board member of both the Northern Colorado and international chapters of Germans from Russia. Admission is \$5/person and includes entry into the Museum's four galleries.

The Global Village Museum is located at 200 West Mountain Avenue. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 970-221-4600 or visit globalvillagemuseum.org.

2020 FFNC Slate of Officers

The nominating committee of Marcia Ross, Cathie McCallum, and Judy Flatley confirm that the following FFNC members have accepted their respective nominations:

President: Ken Weaver

Vice President: LaDonna Palm

Secretary/Historian: Paulette Weaver

Treasurer: Marilyn Garner

Voting will take place at the June 14 meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor if the nominee gives prior approval to accept the nomination.



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JULY 23 - 27, 2019

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: JULY 23 - 25
SOCIAL/LOCAL ACTIVITIES*: JULY 26 - 27
*OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.

Conference only, no room, dinner or breakfast: July 24 - 25

Cost is \$300.00

Includes two lunches (July 24 and 25; two full days of updates and training (July 24 and 25); general session with campus welcome, recognition of countries, host cup ceremony, FFI updates, and keynote speaker; five to six workshop sessions with at least 16 different topics to choose from; conference bag and gift. Also enjoy Friendship Force's "Bluegrass in Boulder" Night, our private party in downtown Boulder with barbecue buffet, bluegrass band, dancing, and awards.

Log in to thefriendshipforce.org/worldconference for information about registration that includes lodging.

How You Can Help

Cathie McCallum is the chairperson of a regional committee working to solicit donated items for the ambassador bags distributed at the World Conference in July. Please ask your doctor, dentist, bank, garden shop, any place where you feel comfortable asking, for a donation of an ITEM (not money!) to put in the bags. Accept whatever number they can provide. Not every bag will be identical. Perhaps your eye doctor can donate some lens wipes and your dentist small floss packs and your garden shop seed packets. Cathie will collect the items before the conference. Thanks to the members who have already arranged for donations!.



**IN 2020, TRAVEL TO WHARNGAREI, NEW ZEALAND
AND CASTERTON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**



Wharngarei, New Zealand
known as "The Land of the Whales"



Casterton, Victoria, Australia



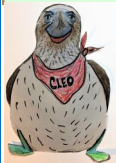
In Northern Colorado

Outbound

JOURNEYS & EVENTS

2019 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

11:30 am, May 23:
Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant
4630 Royal Vista Circle, Windsor
RSVP to: **Marcia Ross**
377-0512



Colorado Let's Eat Out

CLEO

11:30 am, June 27
Serious Texas BBQ
201 West 71st Street, Loveland
RSVP to: **Anne Brown**
663-3727

May Game Night
Details to Follow
Anne Brown 663-3727

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

FF Cheyenne/ FFNC Picnic Lunch
August 4th, Edora Park, Fort Collins
Details in June Newsletter

**Journey to
Wharngarei, New Zealand
and
Casterton, Australia**

Twelve FFNC members have signed the list indicating their interest in a journey to New Zealand and Australia in March 2020. Further details will be shared as soon as Cathie hears from the Host Coordinators of the two host clubs. Sign up at the next meeting or call Cathie McCallum at 223-0436 to indicate your interest.

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MISSING RICK GOSSARD



Richard Gossard, age 76, passed away at Anschutz Medical Campus in Denver on April 5th, 2019, due to complications following cancer surgery. Rick, an only child, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, to Viola Thompson. He was raised by his mother and maternal grandmother, Margaret Redmond. He is survived by his wife, Suzi of Fort Collins; his sons, Brandon Gossard and fiancée Rachel of Westminster, CO; Justin and Katy Gossard of Fort Collins; and his daughter, Shannon Gossard of Bellvue, CO. He is also survived by his beloved newborn granddaughter, Rowyn Grace, of Fort Collins, and a cousin, Patty Griffin of Warren, Ohio.

He graduated from South Hagerstown High School in 1961 and enjoyed returning for high school reunions and visiting with his former schoolmates, reminiscing about all the shenanigans of their youth. He started working at Mack Truck and joined the US Army Reserves. After working for Mack Trucks on the assembly line for several years, he decided he needed a college degree to pursue a different path. He received both his undergraduate (Economics) and graduate degrees (MBA in Finance) from the University of Maryland, College Park.

After graduating, his first job was with Conoco Chemicals. In 1984, he accepted a position with Filtrol Catalysts and continued in this career following the company's acquisition by other companies, serving as Senior Corporate Account Manager until his retirement in 2010. He was well respected in his field and forged many lasting friendships with colleagues and customers alike. Being bored after six weeks of retirement, he went back into business with a former colleague. When the friend decided to sell the business, Rick finally retired for good in 2017. Family was the most important thing to Rick. In 1976, he met Suzi in his hometown of Hagerstown, where she had come to teach. They married on August 22nd, 1981, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and started their life together in Hagerstown. After skiing several times in Aspen, they had a dream to move to Colorado and moved to Georgetown in 1983. Their three beautiful children, Brandon, Justin, and Shannon were born while they lived in Georgetown, and he taught them to love the mountains as much as he did. The family moved to Fort Collins in 2000. Watching his children grow and mature into the thoughtful and talented adults they have become gave him great pleasure, and he was delighted to welcome his first grandchild just a month before he passed. Everything that Rick did was done with his family in mind and, as he mentioned very often, he was a "proud papa."

Rick loved the mountains in every season and frequently went hiking, skiing, camping, or just watching moving water--always with a bottle of wine. He and Suzi also loved traveling, both domestically in their RV, and internationally. One of his favorite trips was a cruise to Antarctica with Suzi and her parents. Summer weekends were often spent at their mountain RV retreat at 7-Pines near Drake, CO, where he shared many a happy hour with cherished friends. He was never one for only small talk, but was always ready for a meaningful conversation, a debate about politics and current events, or an evening by the fire with a good book. His faith was important to him and he was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. With interest in friends and traveling, Rick was also a member of Friendship Force of Northern Colorado.

When asked what phrases reminded his family of Rick, they said: "to enjoy nature and cherish the moments that you can spend with your loved ones;" "work hard and play hard, but love even harder;" and "all is centered around cherishing those close to you." **In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Fort Collins Salvation Army, one of Rick's favorite charities.**

The full obituary is available at goesfuneralcare.com, where you can also share a memory or photo. The family and I are very appreciative of all the wonderful support we have received: thoughtful words, prayers, cards, flowers, memorial donations, meals... The outpouring of love we have received is overwhelming and makes the unbearable a little easier. Thank you all so much. Through it all, God is good. Hugs, Suzi