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What a glorious autumn this has been! We are truly blessed to have such beauty surrounding us. On my iPhone, I keep track of the weather in Pennsylvania and Kiel where my dear friends whom I met on my most recent exchanges live. They have very similar temperatures, but nearly every day seems to be cloudy when I check, and I am again thankful for our lovely sunshine!

The results from the Exchange Help questionnaire show that we have more than 50 available bed spaces for our 4 exchanges next year. That should mean we can spread out our hosting so that no one will be need to be overextended. Many volunteered for day hosting and dinner hosting, too! Thank you so much for responding.

Based on totals from the 2016 Exchange Request forms, our club's top 4 requests are CANADA, SWITZERLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND & THE NETHERLANDS. The new FFI procedures should get the results to us earlier next year than was our experience this year.

November's meeting will have a short report on our club's exchange to St. Louis in September. In addition, Barbara Guilford will have a presentation about Wayne Smith, the Founder of Friendship Force. Barbara, our Regional FFI Representative, is compiling an updated history on this admirable man and visited his home area in Georgia this summer.

The Holiday Party for our December meeting is being well planned by an enthusiastic committee. Save the date - December 12!

In Friendship,
Marilyn

NEXT MEETING

Fri. Nov. 14, 7 pm
1st Christian Church
2000 N. Lincoln,
Loveland

PROGRAM

Barbara Guilford
reports about
Wayne Smith,
FFI Founder

NOVEMBER 14 PROGRAM: SHINING A LIGHT ON WAYNE SMITH BY BARBARA GUILFORD

Barbara Guilford, Mt. States Regional Field Rep, will provide the program at our November 14 meeting. Barbara's program, "Shining a Light on Wayne Smith," will detail the life of Wayne Smith, founder of The Friendship Force International. Mr. Smith, with support from Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter, founded FFI in Atlanta, GA in 1977, and was instrumental in the organization's development, leadership and growth for many years.

After recent travels to Atlanta and Big Canoe, Georgia, Guilford has worked to compile a history of Wayne Smith's life, including his remarkable work as founder of The Friendship Force, an organization which connects people throughout the world, through its signature home-hosting program. "A World of Friends is a World of Peace." Thousands of citizen ambassadors participate in Friendship Force exchanges each year.

Each year, Friendship Force International honors outstanding individuals who exemplify the goals and ideals of the organization with "The Wayne Smith Medal." Wayne Smith Medals are awarded by local Friendship Force clubs around the world. Seven members of FFNC have been honored with this award.

HOLIDAY PARTY PLANS; DEC. 12



Holiday celebration plans are underway for our club's annual holiday party. We'll be in the front banquet room at Dorothy's.

Who: FFNC Members & Guests

What: Holiday Celebration

Where: Dorothy's Event Center

2248 W. 1st St., Loveland

When: Friday, Dec. 12, at 6:00 PM

Why: Good friends, good food, good times!

Cost: \$20 per person

Please plan to sign up at our November 14 FFNC meeting when we'll share the **menu** and **entertainment** plans. Reservation numbers need to be given to the restaurant by November 20, so please sign up and pay at the Nov. meeting, or if you can't be at the meeting mail your \$20 check payable to FFNC to:

Barbara Miller; 1302 SE 6th St; Loveland; CO 80537

FFI WORLD CONFERENCE IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND REPORT FROM SUE AND GARY CUMMINS



View of Auckland from the Sky Tower, tallest structure in S. Hemisphere

The 2014 World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand began with Maori welcome and war dances. Conference Chairman Alan Milne suggested that the bulging eyes, long tongues, and mean-looking faces "may have won the battle before the battle began." So it was; no enemies interfered thereafter with our enjoyment and edification as we met to further the conference goal--"Friendship for the Future."

Next was Matthew Nidek (FFI Program Manager for Australia and New Zealand), who, in the presence of the Maori troupe, welcomed them and the rest of us to the conference, first in Maori, then in English; and with no notes. IMPRESSIVE! Auckland's Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse reminded us that the Maori KIA ORA means "Welcome, Welcome, Welcome," and that "the city is yours for the time you are here." She also told us that Auckland sits on 50 volcanoes. This information followed our research about all of New Zealand which indicated that the country averages 400 earthquakes per year. Eeeeeek!



FFI Pres, Joy DiBenedetto presents the Outstanding Club Award to Koahshiu, Tiawan

Our president, Joy DiBenedetto, provided much food for thought during the conference, and her frequent kudos for her staff seemed to us quite deserved. She reminded us that we need to carefully consider changes in order to secure Friendship Force "for the next generation." The recent surveys, she said, returned with a "collective cry for revitalization." Both hosts and ambassadors said they want less stressful, more flexible exchanges. "Fish with a net," Joy told us; go after like-minded groups. Don't insist on taking ambassadors to every tourist attraction, but help them to "live like locals."



Anita Smith & Cecil Roberts, FF Denver, receive the "Remarkable Membership Growth Award" from Joy DiBenedetto.



Gary & Sue Cummins, share some fun with "Charlie Chaplin" at Farewell

We were encouraged by Joy's quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.: "You don't have to see the whole staircase; just take the first step."

Visit the Friendship Force International's website to see and learn as much as you can about the World Conference, from which we learned many, many good action ideas.

Good on ya, Kiwis, for planning and hosting a most enjoyable conference.

~ Sue Cummins

DR. CARL OLSEN: HUMANITARIAN AND MEDICAL WORK IN KENYA

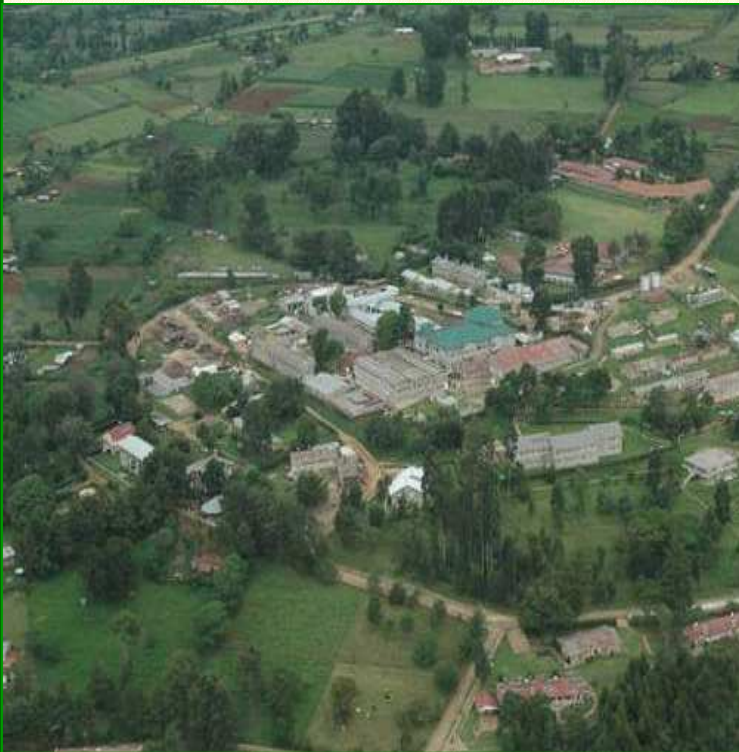
CINDY PAULSON, REPORTER

Dr. Carl Olsen, Loveland ophthalmologist, participated in a three week medical and humanitarian mission in Kenya. His work was part of Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational Christian organization which provides aid to people around the world.

Tenwek Hospital, Bomet, Kenya
World Gospel Mission
July 3 - 20, 2013



Dr. Olsen's mission served patients needing treatments & surgeries for eye conditions and injuries. The medical group brought 15 bins of donated medical equipment & supplies for the hospital. Their work was based at the Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya. This 300 bed facility was founded in 1937 by World Gospel Mission and has since grown to be a leading provider of quality healthcare in Western Kenya.



Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya

During their time in Kenya, Dr. Olsen and his group saw and treated patients at the Tenwek Hospital and also at outreach clinics in SW Kenya. People who otherwise would not have access to basic medical and surgical care are evaluated at the outreach clinics and then are scheduled to travel to Tenwek to receive the needed treatments.

Those who are interested in learning more about the work of Samaritan's Purse can visit their website samaritanspurse.org. If you would like to support the work that Dr. Olsen was part of, you can mail your donation to:

Ben Roberts, MD, Dept. of Ophthalmology
Tenwek Hospital World Gospel Mission
PO Box 948
Marian, IN 46953



PERU OUTBOUND EXCHANGE AND TOUR

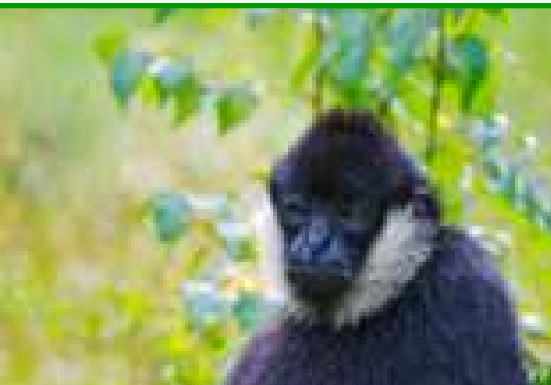
AMBASSADORS NEEDED!

JULY 10-30, 2015; ALICE GIBSON, ED



FFNC will have an exchange with FF of Lima Peru, in July 2015. The Peru experience begins with touring July 10-16 followed by the homestay exchange in Lima, July 15-22 and finishes with another tour July 22-30.

Estimated cost which includes FFI and hosting fees, airfare, transfers, and touring, lodging and travel approximately \$4500.



Additional expenses:

travel insurance (required), some meals during tour days, miscellaneous expenses, and optional experiences such as horseback riding tour through the Sacsahuaman Ruins, & Day 16 additional/optional experiences at Machu Picchu.

Go to our website, ffncolo.com for a complete description and photos of the Peru tour. Click on Exchanges tab on left side of home page, then click Peru Exchange and scroll down for the tour description PDF. Applications also available on the website. Click on Forms tab.

Mail your application and \$500 deposit to:

Alice Gibson; 1012 Akin Ave.

For more info, email or phone Alice

aligibsco@gmail.com 970 310-8848



FFNC SHIRTS AND JACKETS AVAILABLE

Our Friendship Force of N. Colorado has green polo shirts, and green fleece jackets available with our FFNC logo stitched on the front left. In the last few years we have placed large orders for these customized garments and were able to offer them to our members for \$25. We will need to get an order of 20 or more, in order to have this price. Store manager, Debby Jones, will take orders by phone, or email, or you can talk with her at the November 14 meeting. We hope to place the order soon & have the garments in December.



All shirts and jackets will be **FOREST GREEN**
 To order, call Debby Jones at 686-0303
 or email dsj55@aol.com



"FRIENDSHIP IN ACTION" IN MYANMAR

MARCH 20-APRIL 4, 2015

Min ga la bar=A Burmese greeting for any time of day. If you ever wanted to really make a difference in a country moving toward democracy, the opportunity to teach at Aung San Suu Kyi's Education Network schools, is that chance. ESL students, interns to help, and 2 of us from the Pilot to join in the fun. The games we play teach critical thinking which is different from the official rote learning method. Teachers and students alike love the games.

8 straight days of teaching 3 hours per half day with 5 half day tours of Yangon, followed by 3 days of touring in Bagan and 3 days at Inle Lake including 2 meetings with Friendship Partners and honored guests at Aung San Suu Kyi's 4th year celebration on April 4 and at a Novice and Earring Piercing Ceremony.

Cost is \$2300-2600, plus airfare. As I will be traveling back to Saratov Russia to encourage our "sister" club we started in 2000, please contact Danny by email: dannycuneo@gmail.com until November 18th. After that you can reach me at DotCada@yahoo.com or 970-667-7548



Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE & EVENTS CALENDAR

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HOLIDAY PARTY Dec. 12, 6 pm
Dorothy's Event Center
2248 W. 1st St; Loveland

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Myanmar March 20-April 4, 2015
Outbound ED Dot Cada
dotcada@yahoo.com 970 667-7548

Kiel, Germany May 2015
Inbound ED Marcia Ross

San Diego, CA 5 days in June 2015
Inbound ED Needed

Lima, Peru July 10-30, 2015
Outbound ED Alice Gibson
aligibsc@gmail.com 310-8848

Napier, NZ Aug. 21-26 2015
Inbound ED Sue Cummins

FFI Int'l Conference Aug 29-31, 2015
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Harrisburg, PA Sept 23-30, 2015
Inbound ED Nita Kopyay

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San Diego, CA Dates TBD
Outbound
Plus possibility of 2nd week
with another California club

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INBOUND EXCHANGE FROM KIEL, GERMANY IN MAY 2015

MARCIA ROSS, EXCHANGE DIRECTOR

Initial plans are being made for our inbound exchange with club members from FF Kiel, Germany. We're delighted they will be coming to visit us, as they showed us such a wonderful time when we were there in May 2014. We're working on setting specific dates in early to mid-May, 2015.

We are in need of many volunteers to assist on the planning committee. Also, we'll need volunteers for home hosting, day hosting, small group dinner hosting, and group lunch planning.

Please contact ED Marcia Ross right away if you can help in any of these areas. mross3277@msn.com or 970-377-0512.

FFNC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2015

Please renew your FFNC membership by completing and submitting the 2015 form and \$35 check at the November meeting. If you are unable to be come to the Nov. meeting, you can mail your form (available on the ffncolor.com website) and check to: Thelma Slocum; 5025 Bluestem Ct; Fort Collins, CO 80525

ABASSADORS TO ST. LOUIS WILL REPORT

September 26, 2014



Our November 14 meeting will include a report about the recent exchange to St. Louis, led by Alice Gibson. The group will share photos and experiences of their fall days in Missouri.