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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

G'day, mates! When this newsletter reaches you in early November Deb Courtner and I are in Australia on a FF Global *Pubs and Gardens* journey led by Russell Veitch. Some of you met him on previous FF journeys.

Wayne Smith, the founder of FF, wrote in 1983 that Friendship Force is more than a tourist organization. "We are engaged in people-to-people diplomacy" with ambassadors "willing to live anywhere under any circumstances for the sake of gaining a friendship across the barriers that divide persons." After the seventeen days of this global journey, Deb and I are flying across Australia to Perth where we will be guests of Andrea Ling, a FF member who was my roommate at the 2016 World Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco. Our friendship relates to three continents: Africa, Australia, and North America.

While international and domestic journeys are wonderful features of FF membership, the local opportunities are equally important parts of the whole FF experience. As we plan ahead for our 2018 domestic inbound from Detroit and St. Louis, plan to meet new and old friends when you attend the group welcome and farewell events; participate in daily activities; home host if you can provide a bed, bathroom, and breakfast; day host when you can provide transportation for a guest; dinner host when you enjoy having a group in your home for an evening.

Friday night meeting programs are the core of our club. These are the times we get together with FFNC members and guests. If you have a suggestion for a speaker please let Esther Johnsen, Cathie McCallum, or Thelma Slocum know. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join you at a meeting.

Design *your* FFNC experience to meet your needs, interests, skills, dreams. The more involved you are the more fun!



Cathie McCallum

November Meeting

WORLD CONFERENCE REVIEW

November 10, 2017

7:00—9:00 PM

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

NOVEMBER 10—MANCHESTER WORLD CONFERENCE



The 40th Anniversary of Friendship Force was celebrated at the FFI World Conference in Manchester, United Kingdom. Thelma and Larry Slocum and Marilyn Garner were able to attend and will share some of the highlights of the conference at the November Meeting. Over 300 Friendship Force members were able to attend the conference which was held at the 100 year old Midland Hotel -- site of the signing of an agreement

between Mr. Rolls and

Mr. Royce, marking the beginning of a great enterprise! The Conference was filled with nostalgic memories of the first "Exchange" and ambitious plans for the future of Friendship Force.



Marilyn Garner



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS—KEEP ON A COMIN'!



Oct 7
Duane Sharp

Oct 19
Barbara Turnbull

Oct 23
Bev Goering

Nov 5
Kay Thomas

Nov 8
Jane Willhour

Nov 14
Nita Kopylay

Nov 20
Cinda Clark

Nov 26
Suzi Gossard

Dec 2
Marilyn Garner

Dec 19
Bob Willhour



OCTOBER 13—ROUTE 66



Club members Dennis and Barbara Miller took us on an entertaining trip through time as they shared their recent trip on Route 66. The Millers decided to make the trek to fulfill a longtime dream of traveling the entire 2,451 mile route. Dennis and his son James rode most of the trip on their motorcycles while Barbara and a friend drove the "command car". Barbara played a key role as navigator during the trek, finding the route when it seemingly disappeared. The command car also towed a trailer in case the motorcycles could not be ridden at any point during the trip.



Starting in Chicago, the team followed the route through 8 states: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. The team was on a tight schedule to make the trip in only 9 days. After several long, grueling days, including one day with weather severe enough to warrant putting the motorcycles on the trailer, they arrived on schedule at the end of the road in Santa Monica, California.

Dennis and Barbara shared many highlights from each state they passed through while the audience filled out a Route 66 trivia quiz. We learned about the history of Route 66 and the various states of maintenance along the route. We saw pictures of many unusual and interesting sights along the way, including tourist spots like the world's largest pop bottle and wild burros in the streets of Oatman, Arizona. We also learned that Route 66 has a cult following outside the United States, and that busloads of foreign tourists visit many of the popular spots along the route.

The movie *Cars* drew heavily from the historic Route 66, with several places in the movie inspired by real places along the route. The Wigwam Motel in Arizona and the U Drop Inn in Texas are two examples. Barbara said they saw many places that inspired the artwork in the movie.

As part of their presentation, the Millers included several versions of the famous song (*Get Your Kicks on) Route 66*, written by Bobby Troup in 1946. Besides the classic Nat King Cole rendition, we heard versions sung by the Rolling Stones and George Benson. Dennis' challenged the audience to identify the artists but only Debby Jones was able to name even one.

The Millers told of the many "blessings" they experienced on the trip, including finding a parking space big enough for the car and trailer in downtown Chicago, and their fortuitous location when one of the motorcycles had a flat tire. Another blessing was the health and safety of the whole team during the entire trip.

Barbara and Dennis had some advice to share with others who might make the same trek. Most importantly, they said, was to plan more time for the trip. Nine days was not enough time to relax and enjoy everything along the way. They also recommended travelers take less luggage and more money--sound advice for most trips!

Diane Locke

FFNC JOURNEYS AHEAD

Detroit—Inbound

May 2018

Host Coordinator—Cathie McCallum

St Louis—Inbound

September 2018

Host Coordinator—Debbie Jones

Halle-Saale, Germany & Bristol, England—Outbound

End of September, early October, 2018

Ambassador Coordinators: Kenneth Weaver & Cathie McCallum

Super Regional Conference, Sacramento May 3—6

Judy Flatley

OTHER FFI JOURNEYS OF INTEREST

Lamphun, Thailand

Jan 25—Feb 12, 2018

Home Hospitality by FF Lamphun

Ranch & Rodeo Friendship Festival

March 6—11, 2018

Contact Debbie Powell at Debbie@friendshipforce.org

Turkey & Georgia—History & Culture

Apr 19—May 15, 2018

Home Hospitality by FF Tblisi & Meeting with FF Kayseri

Festival at Sea Cruise

April 22—May 10, 2018

Contact Laura Romero at laura@friendshipforce.org

Arts & Architecture in Dallas

May 15—22, 2018

Home Hospitality by FF Dallas

Quilting Mountain Style

May 23—31, 2018

Contact Joan Manfree, FF Western North Carolina at jcmanfre310@gmail.com

Judy Flatley

FFNC HOLIDAY SOCIAL—DEC. 8

Friendship Force Holiday Social Gathering

Featuring:

Festive Food, Wonderful Wine and Exciting Entertainment!

Friday, December 8, 2017

6:00-9:00 PM

Adriel Hills Clubhouse

Contact Suzi Gossard to sign up (or sign up at the Nov. Meeting)!

970-412-0691 or suzi.gossard@gmail.com



We are planning a wonderful evening to welcome the holidays and hope you can join in the festivities!

\$20/person. Checks (made out to FFNC) can be sent to: Suzi Gossard
921 Hazel Court
Fort Collins, CO 80526

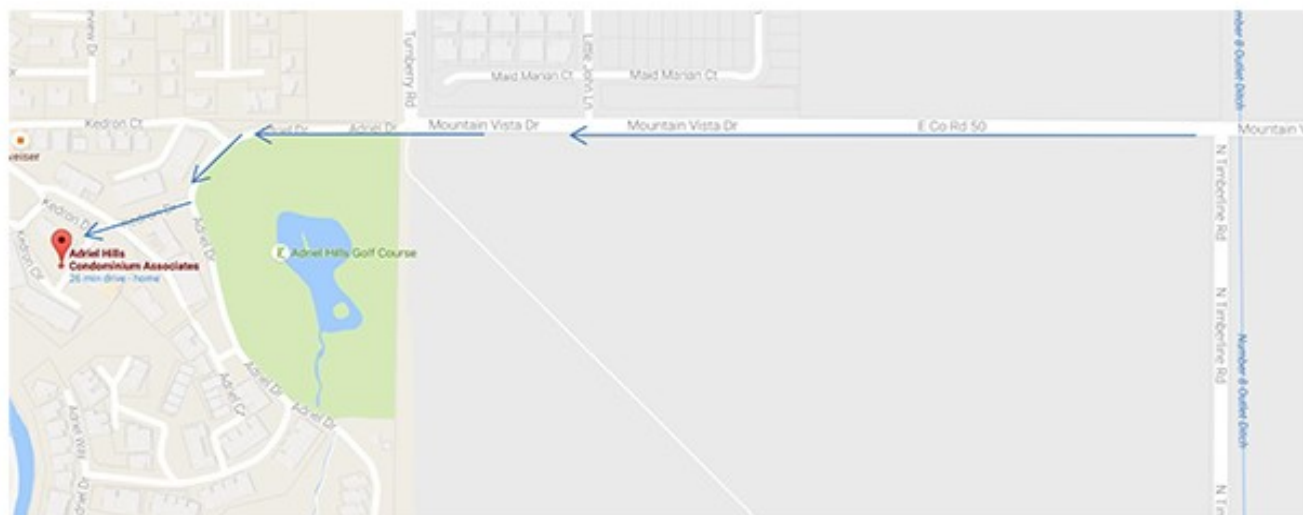
Let Suzi know if you can help set-up (2:00-4:00) or clean-up (9:00-9:30)!

Directions from Fort Collins:

Take Timberline north until it ends in a T. Turn left onto Mountain Vista Drive. Follow this straight into housing area (Adriel Hills). Mountain Vista turns into Adriel Drive as you enter the area. Follow the road around the left curve. Turn right onto Kedron Drive (Watch for balloons marking the turn). The Clubhouse will be straight ahead and parking will be on your right.

Directions via I-25 (coming north or south)

Take exit 271 (E CR 50/Mountain Vista). Turn west (toward the mountains). Follow this straight into housing area (Adriel Hills). Mountain Vista turns into Adriel Drive as you enter the area. Follow the road around the left curve. Turn right onto Kedron Drive (Watch for balloons marking the turn). The Clubhouse will be straight ahead and parking will be on your right.



WESTERN REGIONAL SUPER CONFERENCE



FRIENDSHIP FORCE WESTERN REGIONAL SUPER CONFERENCE

May 3 to 5, 2018

Holiday Inn Express & Suites 9175 W. Stockton Blvd. Elk Grove, CA 95758
Call 916-478-9000 for Reservations



Participating clubs from the Pacific North West, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah Washington, British Columbia and Alberta. All Friendship Force members are invited. Hosted by the Friendship Force of Sacramento.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, May 3rd 1:00 pm President's Meeting
7:00 pm Welcome Reception

Friday, May 4th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Conference
Keynote speaker; panel discussions; workshops
Presentations by Friendship Force International Staff

Saturday, May 5th 9:00 am - 4 pm Conference
Workshops, panel discussions and wrap up
6:00 pm Gala "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner
Speaker and entertainment

Participate in fun, stimulating workshops for all members whether you are a new member, club leader, journey coordinator or just an enthusiastic member. Topics include Travel Insurance, New Member Q&A, Planning Global Journeys, Multi-Generational Journeys, Membership Concerns, Future Planning, Vetting Ambassadors, Websites and much more.

Registration Fee if paid by February 1, 2018	\$ 125
Registration Fee if paid between Feb. 1 and April 1	\$ 150
Gala "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner (not included in registration)	\$ 45

Join a post conference Journey for 3 or 4 days sponsored by one of these clubs: Las Vegas, San Francisco Bay Area, Reno-Tahoe or Sacramento.

To register go to www.thefriendshipforce.org/westernconf
More questions? Contact Pat Ghiglieri at pat.ghiglieri@sbcglobal.net or 916-212-7111
or Marty McKnew at martymcknew@comcast.net or 916-709-1347.

Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

Detroit

Inbound **May**
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Inbound **September**
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Halle-Saale, Germany Bristol, England

Outbound **Sept, October**
 Kenneth Weaver
 Cathie McCallum 223-0436

Rocky Mtn. Super Regional Conference Sacramento, CA **May 3—6**

Get Registered ... and a place to stay!
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OTTAWA JOURNEY REVISITED

Our guests from Ottawa arrived from Denver on a cloudy day--weather that persisted through the entire week. We lunched at Cracker Barrel; then the hosts took their Ambassadors home to get settled before the Welcome Party at Marcia Ross's home. As a mixer, Betty Jean called up the Ambassadors one at a time to give a quick biography and then she presented each with a gift bag of FF memorabilia from her many travels.



Coordinators John & Danielle Cooke, Marilyn Garner & Kay Sheehan

In spite of the inclement weather, we were able to tour the foundry and Benson Sculpture garden with our umbrellas handy on Thursday. Friday: the new stadium at CSU, lunch in Old Town and a ride on the Magic Bus. Saturday: to LaSalle to The Fleece Factory where our tour covered from when the fleece comes in, dirty and full of sticks and leaves to finished yarn. There is no waste—the fibers too short to spin are felted into useful matting. Then on to Centennial Village, where we participated in a Civil War Reenactment and toured several homes of the period. At night, we attended a John Denver tribute concert at the Rialto in Loveland—featuring Brad Fitch, from Estes Park!

Tuesday we met at Chataqua in Boulder for Brunch and a view of the Flatirons. A tour of NOAA was the afternoon activity. Tuesday night was the farewell dinner at the REA in Windsor. Our guests treated us to a photo review of our week together with gracious thanks. What a wonderful group of Ambassadors!

Diane Locke

Honorary Certificate Presented to FF Ottawa at Farewell:

The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado presents this honorary entitlement to The Friendship Force of Ottawa. The Friendship Force of Ottawa will from this date of October 3, 2017, carry, in perpetuity, the title of being the first journey or exchange in the 31-Year history of the Colorado club to have been awarded this certificate of distinction.

The members of this Northern Colorado club do hereby award to The Friendship Force of Ottawa the honorary title of "THE FIRST EXCHANGE AND/OR JOURNEY SINCE MARCH, 1986 TO HAVE EXPERIENCED AN ENTIRE WEEK OF CLOUDY - RAINY - SNOWY WEATHER IN THE CENTENNIAL STATE OF COLORADO".

This certificate of entitlement is presented to The Friendship Force of Ottawa and to any member, certified to be in good standing, to a second hospitality journey to be claimed at a future date when weather conditions will enable said Canadians to experience clear blue skies and spectacular Rocky Mountain scenery in Colorado.

Furthermore, this offer includes: warm, sociable picnics to be enjoyed beside cool mountain streams; spectacular scenic views from relaxing automobile drives or invigorating bicycle rides; exhilarating hikes along breath takingly beautiful trails; leisurely glasses of wine or bottles of craft beers enjoyed on lovely outdoor patios or street side cafes; watching the white billowing clouds as they float over the red Colorado earth beneath any of the 53 white-capped mountains over 14,000 ft. towering toward the golden yellow sun depicted in the Colorado flag.

Certified by: _____

Marilyn Garner, Journey Coordinator

Cathie McCullum, President

The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado October 3, 2017