



friendship force
NORTHERN COLORADO

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Next Meeting:

Nov. 9, 2018 7:00 p.m.
1st Christian Church
2000 N Lincoln Ave.
Loveland

Program:
Elizabeth Stanley
Travel & Photography



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Thelma Slocum, President

We had an enjoyable FFNC meeting in October. Rona did a presentation on her many travels. We surveyed members about their interest in social activities & events. Our Social Committee has planned a game night for Nov. 13 at Anne Brown's home, and also scheduled monthly lunch meetings: CLEOs. See page 6.

Plans have been made for this year's Holiday Party on Dec. 14, to be at Suzi and Rick Gossard's home. I hope many will be able to attend. Details on page 8.

Debby Jones keeps our FFNC store stocked with a variety of Colorado and friendship-themed gifts, including the always popular gold Aspen leaf pins. Visit the store at Nov. meeting for holiday gift ideas.

Friendship Force International conducts 300+ programs every year, in over 350 communities throughout more than 60 countries, providing opportunities to explore new countries and cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level. Through the signature program of home hospitality, local hosts welcome international visitors into their culture, sharing with them meals, conversation, and the best sights and experiences of their region. Here are a few of the types of journeys that are offered.

Homestay: hosting by a local family for an immersive cultural experience

Professional- such as Open World leadership programs

Language Learning-Take language classes during your homestay.

Humanitarian and Environmental Journeys-Learn about the environment or participate in volunteer projects as you travel the world.

Active and Outdoors-Enjoy a travel program themed around hiking, cycling, rowing, fishing, and more.

Teachers and Students- Participate in learning and development programs designed for students and educators.

Food and Drink-Experience a travel program themed around winemaking, cooking, pub, and more.

The Goal of Friendship Force moving forward is to find ways to engage youth, young families, and young leaders in our communities to come join us in our quest to reach a new level of global understanding.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH RONA

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRAVELS IN PANAMA, ITALY & SWITZERLAND

PRESENTATION BY RONA BAER, REPORTED BY DORIS ROGERS

The November FFNC meeting program was presented by our own Rona Baer, who entertained us with some of her many photos of Panama, Italy and Switzerland.

Her first set of photos were from her trip to Panama with Cheryl, Nita, Barb T., Kay, T. & Cindy K., from California. They flew into Panama City and took a boat to their hotel. They toured around the Panama City area and visited a village of a native tribe on an island. The men were playing instruments and women wearing colorful native dresses were dancing. Also they saw many monkeys, including one species that looked like half cat, half monkey. Of course seeing the Panama Canal & locks was a highlight.

Rona, being the adventurous person she is, flew into Rome by herself and met up with a FF group from Pennsylvania. She visited the Vatican, the Coliseum, with a removable floor, and showed little cars parked about 6 inches apart. Venice was very impressive. In Rona's own words, "Everything is so old and beautiful."

The scenery of Switzerland with the Alps was breathtaking. Pinocchio seemed to be well loved in Switzerland. She was blown away by the ancient architecture that allowed buildings to be built so long ago without the use of modern technology or equipment.

Wherever she travels she finds people to be so friendly and the only friends she doesn't have are people she hasn't yet met!



The Vatican



Colosseum built 72-80 AD



Watching ships travel through the Panama Canal



Traditions of Native Panamanian Culture



The Alps

NOV. 9 PROGRAM: ELIZABETH STANLEY TRAVEL & PHOTOGRAPHY 80 COUNTRIES & COUNTING

Elizabeth Stanley is a retired university administrator, and has lived in Fort Collins since 2010. Prior to that, she worked for about eleven years in the Middle East (Saudi Arabia and the UAE) and enjoyed many travel opportunities while living in that part of the world. She has traveled in over 80 countries, and continues to add to that count. Some of her trips have been with organized groups; many have been solo travel or travel with a friend.

Elizabeth will share the stories of some of her trips, and her experiences of both group and individual travel. Particular examples may come from recent experiences in Central America, Italy, and Eastern Europe. She has a strong interest in nature and travel photography, and will present selected images from her travels.

FFI WORLD CONFERENCE IN BOULDER JULY 23-27, 2019

FFNC members are actively involved in leadership for the 2019 FF World Conference to be held in Boulder July 23-27.

Kay Thomas is the chair person for all home stays throughout our region.
Marcia Ross is journey coordinator for FFNC post-conference home stays
Cathie McCallum is chair person for onsite registration.

If you have not yet let one of them know of your interest and availability for home hosting, please contact Marcia to let her know the dates you are willing to host; the number and size of beds you can provide; and your preference for hosting single male, single female, or couple ambassadors. Also, if you have already invited a FF member you know from previous exchanges to stay with you, please let Marcia know this, too.

Cathie needs your active participation preparing bags and staffing the registration table and other tasks not yet known. Conference registration has already opened through FFI. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in an international event held just down the road.

JUDY'S JOURNEY JOTS

JUDY FLATLEY, FFNC JOURNEY COORDINATOR

Outbound Journey to Bristol, England and Halle-Salle, Germany has been completed, and the group will be sharing their experiences at our January FFNC meeting. See page 5 for a few highlights.

A possible Journey to Bogota, Columbia is being planned for September 2019.

FFI World Confernece will be held in Boulder, CO July 23-27. See p. 5 for FFNC opportunities to be involved.



Rocket City Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Mission July 14-21, 2019



Join us on this potentially record-breaking Journey to Huntsville, Alabama, USA, where we will attend celebrations honoring the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing! Visit the US Space and Rocket Center where you will view fascinating space exhibits, participate in a celebratory parade in the Courthouse Square, meet descendants of the German rocket team behind the building of the Saturn V rocket, and participate in an attempt to break the world record by launching 5000 model rockets simultaneously at exact time of the Apollo 11 launch on July 16, 1969.

For more info. check out this link on the FFI website:

www.friendshipforce.org/journeys/rocket-city-celebration-of-the-50th-anniversary-of-apollo-11-lunar-landing-mission

Discover Spain & Portugal Nov 1-17, 2019

Join Friendship Force International on a grand tour of Spain & Portugal! Tucked into the corner of the continent, these countries have their own spice. Portugal and Spain share so much more than a border. The little towns and big cities in both countries are teeming with storied pasts, but also bring their own modern flavors and traditions to light. On this Journey, you'll delve into the art, architecture, and history of this lively region by walking along the cobblestone streets, seeing global landmarks, and visiting world-renowned museums. Though we do not have clubs in Spain and Portugal, you will get to know FF members from all over the world as we discover the best of these two countries.

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS: Prado - Toledo - Stock Exchange Palace—Douro Riever cruise - Tower of Belém — Fátima —Sintra —Evora's "Chapel of Bones" - Royal Alcázar — Alhambra - La Sagrada Família - Monastery of Montserrat

For more information check out this link to the FFI website

www.friendshipforce.org/journeys/discover-spain-and-portugal-ii/



Journey to Bristol & Halle

FFNC Journey to Bristol, England and Halle, Germany with two days between in Berlin was rated a big success by all twelve ambassadors. In addition to the 16 official journey days, many members added pre and post-travel. Ambassadors included Ken and Paulette Weaver, Rick and Ann Lohmeyer, Dennis and Barbara Miller, Marilyn Garner, LaDonna Palm, Marcia Ross, Phyllis Scott, Cathie McCallum, & Nancy Galbraith of the Albuquerque FF club. Come join these ambassadors for a vicarious journey at the January 11 meeting, when they'll share highlights of their experiences in Bristol and Halle.



Ambassadors gather in front of J.S. Bach statue in Leipzig, Germany



Ken, Paulette & Cathie with JC Gloria at the historic Blaise Estate in Bristol.



Ambassadors receive official welcome from the Bristol Lord Mayor at City Hall



Visit to Saale-Unstrut Wein vineyard and winery along the Saale-Weinmeile (6K wine walk along the Saale River)

FFNC Social Activities

CLEO Lunch Bunch

“Colorado Let’s Eat Out”

11:30 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of the Month

Our Friendship Force **CLEO Lunch Bunch** provides an opportunity to get together regularly on the 4th or 5th Thursday of the month. We will meet at restaurants in the various Northern Colorado communities to have stimulating conversation and tasty food while maintaining friendships!

Thursday Dates	Restaurant & Address	RSVP to: Host-Phone #
Nov. 29	Pho Lan; 296 29 th St., Loveland 685-4411	Barbara Miller 970-667-7330 970-635-2956 c
Dec. 27	Egg & I; 1112 Oakridge Dr. #100 Ft. Collins 223-8022	Thelma Slocum 970-223-9855
Jan. 24, 2019	Okole Maluna Hawaiian Grill 431 Main St. Windsor 686-8844	Debby Jones 970-686-0303
Feb. 28	Lucky Fin's Seafood Grill 4530 Center Pl. Dr. Greeley 673-8805	
Mar. 28	Carrabba's Italian Restaurant 1212 Oakridge Dr. Ft. Collins 225-6800	Marilyn Garner 970-493-4137
April 25	Mimi's Cafe 1450 Fall River Dr. Loveland 461-9888	Anne Brown 970-663-3727
May 23	Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant 4630 Royal Vista Cir. Windsor 204-9860	Marcia Ross 970-377-0512
June 27	Serious Texas BBQ; 201 W. 71 st St. Loveland 667-1415	Anne Brown 970-663-3727
July 25	None - World Conference Boulder	
Aug. 22	Olive Garden Italian Restaurant 2285 Greeley Mall Greeley 353-3808	
Sept. 26	Tres Margaritas; 4010 S. College Ave Ft. Collins 225-3811	

JOURNEYS & EVENTS**2018 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

In Northern Colorado

Outbound

GAME NIGHT**BUNCO with FFNC FRIENDS**

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Anne Brown's Home

1006 Alexandria Dr; Loveland 663-3727

2018 FFNC HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 14, 2018

Rick & Suzi Gossard's Home

921 Hazel Ct; Ft. Collins

412-0691

See page 8

2018-19 Outbound Journey Options

Gather your friends &

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

thefriendshipforce.org/journeys

See page 4

2019**FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL****WORLD CONFERENCE**

July 23-27, 2019

BOULDER, COLORADO

See page 3 for more info.

September 2019**OUTBOUND JOURNEY****FFNC to Bogota, Columbia****& Extension Tour****PLANS DEVELOPING NOW!**

Ambassador Coordinator needed

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FFNC Holiday Party

Friday, December 14, 2018, 6:00-9:00 PM

Rick & Suzi Gossard's Home

921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins, 80526

\$20 per person

Sign up at the November meeting

or contact Suzi Gossard. 970-412-0691
suzi.gossard@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to FFNC and mail to:

Suzi Gossard; 921 Hazel Court, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Or give to Rosemary Donovan at the Nov. meeting