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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The trees are starting to put on their fall color and that reminded me that our inbound exchange from Harrisburg, PA is hoping to see fall color when they arrive here next year on September 23. We have been working to solidify the dates for the 2015 exchanges, and we still need an ED for San Diego inbound. Thank you very much for filling out the hosting questionnaire at the September meeting. We now have a more accurate picture of how you can help support the incoming exchanges.

Our last group of outbound Ambassadors return this week from their road-trip and exchange with the FF of St. Louis. We look forward to hearing about their experiences. Lots of good memories have been made on earlier exchanges this year, and still more of our members will be joining other FF clubs exchanges yet this year!

And in the midst of all this, it's time to request our International Outbound Exchange for 2016! We will vote on possible destinations at the October meeting so I would like you to put some thought into this. The first requirement in voting is that you plan to participate in an International Exchange in 2016. Next, it is important to choose a place that might be available. We will have available a list of FF clubs around the world and the number of exchanges each country offers.

http://www2.thefriendshipforce.org/forms/club/Overview_2014_Exchange_Requests.pdf
Then, look in your directory to remind yourself of the clubs we've visited recently. Lastly, fill out your ballot at the October meeting! November is our last month for programs as we have the Holiday Party in December, and Esther Johnsen would really appreciate it if you have a great suggestion for a program to end the year. Please let me know ASAP so we can get it set up.

In Friendship,

Marilyn Garner

NEXT MEETING

*Fri. Oct. 10, 7 pm
1st Christian Church
2000 N. Lincoln,
Loveland*

PROGRAM:

*Dr. Carl Olsen,
Medical and
Humanitarian work
in Kenya*

OCT. 10 PROGRAM:

DR. CARL OLSEN, HUMANTIARIAN/MEDICAL WORK IN KEYNA

Our program at the Friday, October 10, meeting of FFNC will be presented by Dr. Carol Olsen, ophthalmologist at the Eye Center of Northern Colorado. Dr. Olsen and his son traveled to Kenya with Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son). It was there that Dr. Olsen performed surgeries as part of the work of the Christian Samaritan Group. We look forward to Dr. Olsen's program of photos and commentary, as he shares about his work and experiences in Kenya.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Rona Baer, our Social Activities Coordinator, recommends the "Thoroughly Historic Thursdays" programs at the Loveland Museum; 503 N. Lincoln Ave. 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Thurs, Oct. 2: "Preserve Your Past" Program about ways to keep your family history safe for future generations

Thurs. Nov. 6 "Ragtime Rhythm" program about the musical genre popular 1895-1918

Thurs. Dec. 11 "Dodd's Independent Company" program about Colorado volunteers who fought in the Civil War

Contact Rona if you are interested in more information about any of the programs/activities that she is coordinating, or if you'd like to be included in emails about other social opportunities such as Friday Friendship Walks, concerts, theatre events, "LEO (let's eat out), progressive dinners and cultural activities. **Rona Baer 970 744-9974** baerextremes@gmail.com

FFNC AMBASSADORS TO ST. LOUIS SHARE "COLORADO" ROADSHOW



NITA, ANNE, LYDIA, RAY, RONA, DEBBIE, MARCIA & CHERYL

SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

BY CATHIE MCCALLUM, FFNC PHOTOGRAPHER



Left to right: Nita Kopylay, Mark & Cleo Swenson, guests Blain, MN, and newest FFNC member, Barbara Moore



Linda & Phil Smith, FFNC members, who travel from Grand Junction, 290 miles to be here with us!



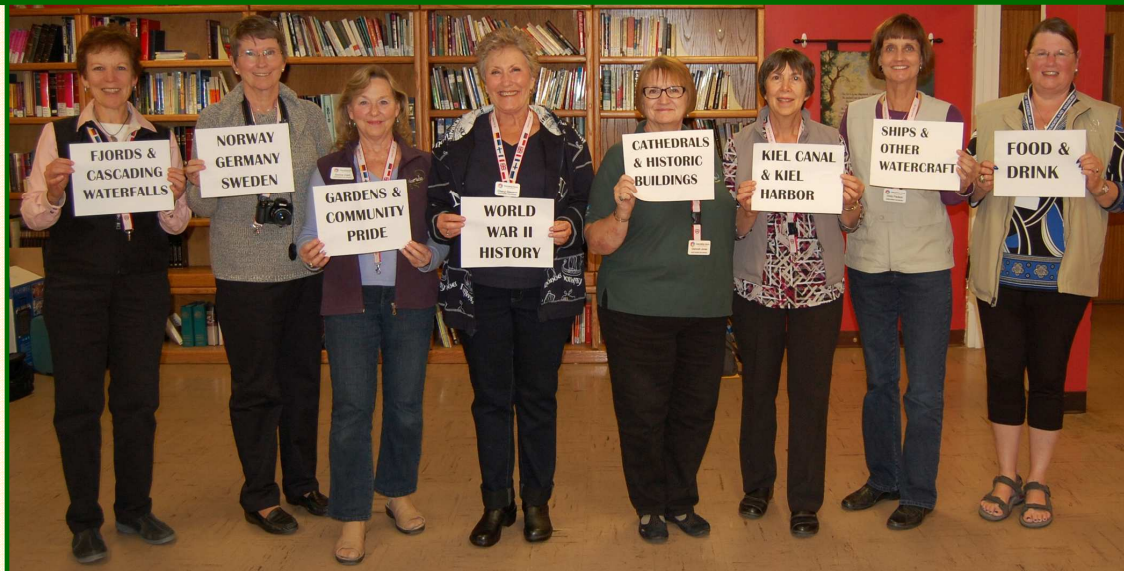
FFNC Store: Debby Jones, mgr.



Ray Garcia and Dot Cada chat about Myanmar

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: EXPLORING HAMBURG, KIEL EXCHANGE & CRUISE EXTENSION

BY THELMA SLOCUM, REPORTER



FFNC had a wonderful presentation on Friday, September 12, by the ambassadors of the Kiel Exchange. The group of seventeen came from Colorado, Nevada, Washington, New Jersey, Virginia and Sydney, Australia to Hamburg, Germany in May. They traveled by train, bus, and ferries throughout the city, taking in the various sites such as: local cathedrals, churches, government buildings, the fish markets, and the Miniature Wonderland, a 25,000 square foot warehouse which boasts the world's largest model railway.



After three days in Hamburg they boarded a train to Kiel. Here they began their exchange week with FF of Kiel, Germany. Kiel is 56 miles north of Hamburg, on the southwestern shore of the Baltic Sea. It is one of the major maritime centers of Germany. The city is known for a variety of international sailing events. It has ship building as one of its many industries.

Water is a predominant feature of this city by the sea. Kiel is famous for the Nord-Ostsee Kanal (Kiel Canal), the world's busiest, which connects the Baltic Sea and the North Sea. It is an important port of call for cruise ships. Kiel was heavily bombed in WWII and many of the oldest buildings around the city were damaged or destroyed.



Most activities with the Kiel Club were centered on water-related history, transportation and industry. They visited a light house, German Naval Memorial, Kiel Harbor and a new shipping museum. They were formally welcomed by Kiel's Deputy President. They visited a Viking Museum & St. Petri Dom, a cathedral built in the early 1500's.

FFNC was able to attend the Kiel's FF monthly meeting, where they presented a Colorado Flag. New friendships & many memories were made. We look forward to hosting the Friendship Force of Kiel next spring.



After the Kiel exchange the group left for a seven night cruise to Kristiansand, Hellesylt, Geiranger, Flam, & Stravanger Norway, & Goteborg, Sweden. Ambassadors enjoyed the luxury of spacious cabins with private balconies, nightly entertainment & formal dinners. At every port were several excursion options of bus tours, walking tours, shopping, dining, etc. The Volvo Museum tour was popular in Goteborg.

Everywhere were fjords, towering mountains, small villages, and dramatic waterfalls. The eight ambassadors who presented the program felt that it was a special three weeks, and they enjoyed the FF of Kiel, Germany very much.

~ Thelma Slocum, Reporter



FFNC SHIRTS AND JACKETS AVAILABLE

Our Friendship Force of N. Colorado has green golf 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 October 10 meeting. We'll place the order soon & have the garments ready by the November meeting.



Women's short sleeve green polo shirts
Women's sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL



Men's Long sleeve, green, full-zip fleece jacket
Men's sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL



Men's short sleeve green polo shirts
Men's sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL



Women's Long sleeve, green, full-zip fleece jacket
Women's sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

All shirts and jackets will be **FOREST GREEN**

To order, call Debby Jones at 686-0303 or email dsj55@aol.com

FFNC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FFNC as of September 12, 2014 has 95 members. Three new members joined in September. They are: Burt Coleman from Durango, Phyllis Scott of Loveland, and Barbara C. Moore from Loveland.

Be sure to welcome these people when you see them at future meetings. We're so glad they've joined us!

If you've had a change in your e-mail address, phone number or address please let us know so we can update our records.

Thank You,

Thelma Slocum, Membership Chairperson

Exchange Directors Needed for Upcoming Exchanges

May or June 2015 - Kiel, Germany Incoming Exact dates to be set

June, 2nd week, 2015 - San Diego - Incoming

San Diego will be coming to Northern Colorado the 2nd week of June, 2015 for a 5 day exchange, then will go to the Denver club for a few days. FFNC plans to visit San Diego in 2016.

September 2015 - Harrisburg Pennsylvania - Incoming

Harrisburg is coming to Northern Colorado and to the Cheyenne club. We'll be coordinating with Cheyenne and Harrisburg to schedule exact dates in September.

Also in 2016:

We are entertaining the idea offering a Global "Front Range Exchange". This is in the planning stages at this time. It would be a maximum of 20 Ambassadors, possibly Global, coordinated between all FF clubs of the front range.. Cheyenne / Northern Colorado / Denver and the Pikes Peak Region. Ambassadors would have a 2 day/2 night visit with each club, then a day for rest and travel to the next club, so possibly a 12 day exchange. There is a meeting with all clubs planned for early November. If you are interested in helping on this on a Global level or a local level, please let us know.

If you would like to be Exchange Director for any of these exchanges, please fill out an application (available on our website) and get it to Marilyn Garner. Co-Ed's, or having an Assistant ED, is also a possibility and would be a fun way to get involved and get acquainted in the club. Manuals with information on what to do and see in our Northern Colorado area are also available for your use. If you have any questions, call Marilyn 493-4137 or Kay 278-9054.

"FRIENDSHIP IN ACTION" IN MYANMAR

MARCH 20-APRIL 4, 2015



Are you looking for a humanitarian exchange where you can have a positive influence on the life of someone in need? Here's an excellent opportunity to help teachers & students at Aung San Suu Kyi's Education Network Schools improve their English communication skills. Together we'll be build on the foundation from our past 3 FFI trips to Myanmar where we worked to build partnerships with other organizations to help the community & build global understanding. Some of the group will join us on cultural experiences, day host us in Yangon and Bagan with a garden dinner party, and other activities.

Together we'll experience the kindness of these welcoming people while viewing the country's natural and architectural contrasts. We will see the splendor of Schwadagon Pagoda, and experience the serenity of Inle Lake. We'll view the ancient temples of Bagan, where farmers plow their fields between the antiquity of temples, pagodas and stupas. We'll visit the bustling local markets, river-ports, take a historical train ride in Yangon. Our main trip will end with us being Honored Guests at Aung San Suu Kyi's Education Network 4th year Anniversary celebration on April 4th.



Myanmar is a land that will lure you in with its intrigue, as you never know what the day will bring. It is the unexpected stops for photos and activities at places like waterholes, puppet shows, or street theatrical competitions, along with our interaction with our local partners, that make this trip the experience of a lifetime. For fifty years the country of Myanmar was closed off from the outside world. Only in recent years have travelers been allowed to enter. This will be a trail-blazing adventure in a society only just beginning to emerge from years

of isolation. Join us on a journey where showing our hearts of friendship and mutual respect can bring us all together and make a real difference in a people's future and change the way you see the world forever. **Contact Dot Cada 667-7548 dotcada@yahoo.com**



Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

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St. Louis, MO Sept 21—Oct 4

Outbound

ED Alice Gibson 310-8848

FFI Int'l Conference Oct 14—16
Auckland, NZ

Online registration *Friendshipforce.org*

Kiel, Germany May 2015

Inbound

ED Marcia Ross

San Diego, CA 5 days in June 2015

Inbound

ED Needed

Lima, Peru July 2015

Outbound

ED Alice Gibson

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

San Diego, CA Dates TBD

Outbound

Plus possibility of 2nd week
with another California club

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MT. STATES FIELD REP. NEWS

BY BARBARA GUILFORD

Conference Call: September 18, 2014

Atlanta Field Rep workshop evaluation discussed. Reps liked advance planning by having early materials, asked for partnership with other countries, early schedule for regional reports, and more time for discussion on marketing and recruitment.

Get to know Program Manager , Matthew Nidek

* Joy expressed thanks to all field reps for participation in the August Conference, DVD or Next Generation Initiative. Survey Results and Strategic Plan will be available in a couple of weeks.

* WebEx meeting with Presidents of regional clubs available through FFI

* Suggestions for clubs who did not receive an inbound/outbound in 2015. Joy stated emphatically that this will not happen in 2016.

Our **Atlanta Conference**, August 20-22, was a busy time centering on how to strengthen and engage the clubs in their regions. We received help with communication between the clubs and FFI. We shared info about travels, and connecting our clubs with their communities. My report about the Mountain States included a brief description of each club's strengths. I am encouraged about our cooperation and growth during the past year. Club size included: Denver 123, Northern Colorado 94, Pike's Peak Region 62, Western Colorado 48, Cheyenne 56, and Utah 61 for a total of 444.

Next Generation Initiative was discussed. We all want to build up our memberships and will plan a pilot study in each region for an exchange. Who?

I visited the **Jimmy Carter Library**, and spent the weekend in Big Canoe, GA where **Wayne Smith** lived. I received a warm welcome from members of his congregation and club. I met **Charlene Terrell**, author of "*THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN, Bridging the Divides*," about formation of FFI. Our club will be heading to Charleston, WV where Smith was born and I will try to follow my quest to find out more about the man. Did you know he wrote a children's book?

I hope all the clubs will take September and October to select their **2016 Exchanges**. Please see the exchange form that Presidents have received. I think we should share what our choices are before November 1. Let me know what you think. Barbara Guilford, 307-634-0309, Guibaum7@Yahoo.com