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Gary Cummins, President

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The FFI World Conference, held in Vancouver last month, was attended by several FFNC members. Information about the conference will be shared by Cinda Clark at our October meeting. At the conference, the FFI CLUB OF THE YEAR recognition was given to our regional neighbor club, FF of Western Colorado. Our congratulations to Phil & Linda Smith and all of the FFNC club members! Also, our club was very proud to nominate Dot Cada for FFI's Humanitarian Award. For more information about Dot's nomination and Western Colorado's award, see page 6 of this newsletter.

We have been a busy FF Club during the summer months. Barbara Miller, Sue Cummins, & Nita Kopyay have each served us well as Exchange Directors as we hosted ambassadors from San Diego, New Zealand, and Harrisburg. They tried new activities, new venues, and did a superb job of showing off our Northern Colorado communities. Feedback I received from ambassadors has been totally positive. My sincere thank you to these ED's for their planning and organizing skills and for continuing to make the FFNC a destination that people request and that they enjoy visiting.

FFNC Meeting Date & Time: As we get close to a new calendar year, our club needs to review our meeting day of the week and time. I would like for us to consider all possibilities as we try to accommodate schedules, needs and preferences of our members. We may decide to stay with the second Friday evening at 7:00, select a different Friday or a different weekday evening at 7:00, or possibly earlier, or a weekend time. Please give some thought to this matter and share your ideas with your Board members. We'll consider your input and determine what changes, if any, will best benefit our membership. We may also need to expand our "share a ride" program to help transport members who need a ride to evening meetings.

Thanks to Nita Kopyay for facilitating the October meeting in my absence.

~ Gary

Next Meeting
October 9, 2015

7:00 PM

Cinda Clark will report about FFI & World Conference in Vancouver

First Christian Church
2000 N Lincoln Ave.
Loveland, CO

UPCOMING OCTOBER 9TH MEETING PROGRAM

Our October 9th, 2015 meeting program will be presented by Cinda Clark, FFNC member and FFI Board Member. Cinda will provide a recap of the Friendship Force International World Conference, held in Vancouver, Canada in August. She will speak about the overall state of the Friendship Force organization, give an update regarding the current search for a new FFI President, and present a short overview of various conference workshops.

2016 EXCHANGE UPDATES MARILYN GARNER, EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Now that our last exchange of this year is over, I hope we can step back and take a breath before we jump in again! We are already at work planning for next year and can unveil the tentative schedule for 2016 exchanges::

- * June 2016: Greater Hamilton-Burlington, Canada **inbound** to N. Colorado
Alice Gibson and Cathie McCallum, Exchange Directors
- * July 2016: **outbound** exchange to Stratford-St. Mary's, Canada.
We're looking for an Exchange Director
- * September 2015: **inbound** Global Exchange, Peaks to Plains.
Marilyn Garner, FFNC Exchange Director, Kay Thomas, overall Exchange Director
- * October 2016: **outbound** exchange to San Diego
Barbara Miller, Exchange Director

Do you plan to participate in Friendship Force travel in 2017? If so, please be sure to vote for where we FFNC will travel. If you were not at the September meeting, please contact me, Marilyn Garner, garner.marilyn@gmail.com to get a ballot before the Oct. 9 FFNC meeting.

FFNC STORE



Be sure to check out the wide variety of gifts at our Friendship Force Store. Store Manager, Debby Jones has many items including several new choices. You'll find Friendship Force and Colorado themed treasures that make wonderful gifts to take with you on exchanges, or to give to ambassadors whom we host.

ANDRES FLORES SHARES HISTORY THROUGH ART



Local historian & artist, Andres Flores, creates dioramas to share his passion for history. He began to develop an interest in WWII and military aviation in 2007, at age 12. He built models of villages and planes, completing his first diorama at age 14. He exhibited his work in the Larimer County Fair, receiving very positive response & was featured in the Greeley Tribune.



Andres has created dioramas of German and Italian villages and cities, complete with intricate detail including all aspects of the life of each place, unique landscapes, homes and other buildings, vehicles and aircraft, bodies of water, and in every case, the focus is on people themselves. These strikingly realistic works of art bring history to life!

Andres has shown his dioramas throughout the country, and has presented to multiple groups including the Colorado State Senate. As a CSU student, Andres, has worked in inner-city Denver in teaching fellowships. He currently works for Frank Ward doing restoration and development of historical displays. He is involved with the Honor Flight program, and said that he has enjoyed the opportunities to interact with the veterans. Andres invited FFNC members interested in sharing their experiences during WWII to participate in his project, "Your War Story" by emailing him at yourwarstory2015@gmail.com or you may contact him by phone at 970 405-3028. Andres plans to create dioramas with auditory narration, to tell your war story.



Andres with his family members and supporters joining in the singing of *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE! FF HARRISBURG, PA VISITS FFNC



Nita Kopyay and Don Covaleski



**Magic Bus Tour of Fort Collins
at Horsetooth Reservoir**



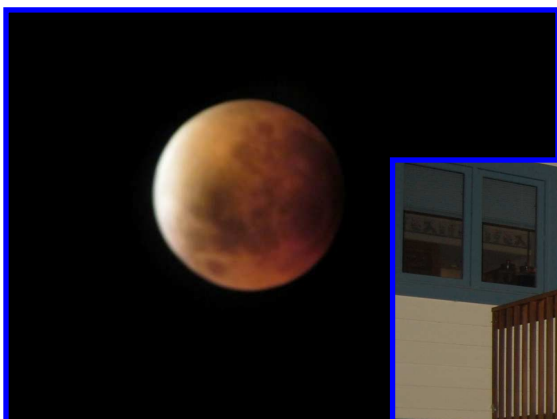
Dushanbe Tea House in Boulder



**View of the Rockies through the
Keyhole at Devil's Backbone**



Hiking at the Devil's Backbone



**Supermoon
total lunar eclipse
viewed through
Ed Brigden's telescope**



Ambassadors enjoy the Western Farewell Hoedown

FFI 2015 CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

Hearty congratulations to our friends from FF Western Colorado for being named FF CLUB OF THE YEAR for 2015, at the FFI World Conference in Vancouver. Our own Phil and Linda Smith were instrumental in promoting the idea of FF Western Colorado getting involved in the *Kids' Aid Colorado* food program so that community children would not have to go without food over the weekend. Phil and Linda first became involved with the program seven years ago, and FF of Western Colorado has been participating for the last five years.



As part of a team of over 140 community volunteers, 14 members from FFWC rotate in five at a time to the weekly process of filling bags with enough food to sustain each participating child from Friday supper through Monday breakfast. This program in Grand Junction/Mesa County is preparing and distributing about 2100 food bags each week.

Pallie Savoie, Conference Director & Matt Nidek, FF Programs Director presented the "Club of the Year Award" to FFWC President, Sue Moyer in Vancouver.

DOT CADA NOMINATED FOR HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This year at the FFI World Conference, FFNC proudly nominated Dot Cada for the *Humanitarian Award*. Although she did not receive the award, we feel that Dot embodies the essence of the FFI mission: **To promote global understanding across barriers that separate people.** For many years Dot has been instrumental in planning for **Open World Exchanges** with young business people from **Russia**. Her efforts through multiple visits to Russia resulted in FFNC being named a "sister club" to FF Saratov in 2003. Dot has provided humanitarian aid to citizens of **Saratov**, especially through her ongoing support of area orphanages.

During the past few years, Dot has led several successful **Global Exploration Exchanges to Myanmar**. She helped to organize and implement an English language tutoring program in which participating FF ambassadors volunteered to help dozens of young students from Myanmar improve their English and consequently their ability to seek jobs, primarily in the tourism industry. Additionally, she arranged for dozens of suitcases of school supplies and medical supplies to be brought into the country and distributed within the three communities in Myanmar where she was instrumental in developing **Friendship Partnerships**. Her ongoing work in Myanmar is truly a remarkable effort to extend the hand of friendship to people who have previously been deprived the opportunity to develop and sustain peaceful relationships with others throughout the world. We were proud to nominate Dot to recognize her dedication & selflessness in these efforts in Russia & Myanmar.



Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

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2016 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference May 13 -14, 2016

Grand Junction

Hamilton/Burlington, Canada June 2016
Inbound

Alice Gibson & Cathie McCallum, EDs

Peaks to Plains Global Inbound September 2016

Hosted by all Mt. States Region clubs

Marilyn Garner , FFNC ED

Kay Thomas, Overall Exchange Director

FFI World Conference October 2-5, 2016

Marrakech, Morocco

San Diego, CA October 2016
Outbound

Barbara Miller, ED



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PICS FROM FFI WORLD CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER

BARBARA GUIFFORD, MT. STATES REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Barbara Guilford congratulates Sue Moyer, Pres. FF of W. Colorado as she accepts the 2015 FFI "Club of the Year" Award



Barbara Guilford, Field Rep, greets Lamrani Lotfi & Naili Mounir, of Marrakech, Morocco, site of 2016 FFI Conference.



Marcia Ross and Kay Thomas greet Takao and Kiyomi Asakura, friends from Osaka, Japan