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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thank you to all members and friends who served as home, day, and dinner hosts to the ambassadors from FF Ottawa and to all who came to greet them at the Welcome Social at Marcia Ross' house Wednesday evening. In addition to good food and drinks we enjoyed a warm Canadian introduction from Ottawa JC John Cooke and personal introductions by the Ottawa ambassadors before each chose a surprise gift from BJ's supply of international gifts. The number of FF journeys taken by members ranged from this being the first for Sam Ludmer to 123 and counting for Clare Fortin. At the time of this writing there are still several days of shared adventure ahead—in spite of the cool, wet weather to start.



Be prepared for the **October 13** meeting. Dress for the 50s or 60s and study up on Route 66. Dennis will take us on a ride for our kicks! On **November 10** we will travel vicariously with Thelma, Larry, and Marilyn to Manchester, England for the World Conference *and* get a preview of Bristol England and Haale, Germany with Ken. The **December 8** meeting will be the Christmas party at Adriel Hills planned by Suzi Gossard and Esther Johnsen.

Many members chose their own journeys this year and will share their experiences at future meetings. I hope you will choose our FFNC outbound journey to Bristol/Haale for 2018. Check the FFI website for additional options as well as worldwide FF news. And remember that FFNC has a website kept up to date by Ed Brigden ([ffncoloro.com](http://ffncolorado.com)) and an FFNC Facebook page hosted and updated by Barbara Miller.

Cathie McCallum

October Meeting

ROUTE 66

October 13, 2017

7:00—9:00 PM

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

OCTOBER 13—ROUTE 66

At our next FFNC meeting on Friday, October 13th, Dennis & Barbara Miller will be taking us on a virtual trek from Chicago to Santa Monica across the 2,451 miles of the Historic Route 66! You'll view memorabilia from the Mother Road of the United States, see colorful pictures



from the Millers' trip last April, and learn a ton of trivia about the Main Street of America and eight states through which Route 66 passes. This is a presentation you won't want to miss. Bring yourself; and invite your friends! And, if you're game, wear some 50s or 60s threads to get into the spirit of the mid-20th century! Be there or be square!



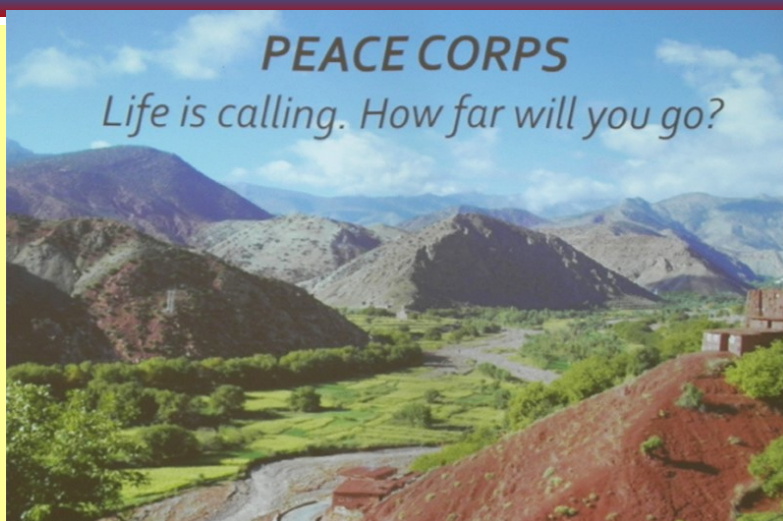
Dennis Miller



SEPTEMBER 8—PEACE CORPS

The guest presentation for our monthly meeting on September 8th featured Peace Corps Liaison Erin Cubley, along with former FFNC member Kay Saelens. Erin is currently working on her doctorate in ecology at CSU. She also serves as a public relations liaison with the Northern Colorado community. Erin gave a colorful and informational slide-show presentation and spoke about her assignment in Morocco, in addition to a short history of the Corps dating back to

its creation in the Kennedy Administration. She described her personal experiences in service and about how the Peace Corps helped her acclimate to the Moroccan culture, learn the language, and serve in a meaningful way during her deployment. Her descriptions of life in Peace Corps service were vivid and enlightening. She made a point of the need for volunteers of all ages...even seniors! Erin acknowledged that her placement in Morocco, albeit a bit off the beaten path, was not nearly as challenging with respect to the comforts of civilization as other assignments may be. She even had internet service!



Kay Saelens & speaker Erin Cubley

Following Erin's talk, Kay Saelens (former member of the FFNC) shared her recollections of Peace Corps service. It turns out that we had a few members in our audience who also have had Peace Corps experience. Their memories of service recalled the more "primitive" days early in the organization's history. Kay also shared her work at the Global Village in Fort Collins and how instrumental it is in sharing worldwide cultures with Northern Colorado. Kay also challenged FFNC members to interact with her to vision cast for a new Cultural Center in Loveland. She is in the early stages of developing such a venue.

Dennis Miller

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

Ranch & Rodeo Friendship Festival

March 6—11, 2018

Contact Debbie Powell at Debbie@friendshipforce.org

Festival at Sea Cruise

April 22—May 10, 2018

Contact Laura Romero at laura@friendshipforce.org

Quilting Mountain Style

May 23—31, 2018

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Judy Flatley

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL NEWS

In August, I attended the 40th FFI World Conference in Manchester, UK. The conference was attended by 320 members from all over the world. It was full of surprises and opportunities which included a pre-homestay in Leicester for 3 days. It was a “Short but Sweet” journey and I enjoyed touring the Leicester area; playing “Skittles”; visiting Foxton Locks on the Grand Union Canal and Calke Abbey with over 300 years of history. The food, scones and cream tea were delicious and the best part was making new friends.

Thursday, August 24 - the conference was kicked off by “Time-Travel Back to 1977” costumed gala. People got into the spirit -- wearing “70’s” clothes and dancing to disco music!

Friday, August 25 - Open ceremonies started out with a “Bang”-- each attendee had their own Bongo Drum and we all enjoyed banging our drum in unison! Keynote speaker was Suzy Smith Bennett, daughter of Wayne Smith, the founder of FFI. She spoke about the “early days” looking back when members traveled by charter plane to a destination and were home-hosted by newfound friends.

Jeremi Snook, CEO, read a letter from President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn congratulating us for 40 years as an organization.

Saturday, August 26 – There were optional day tours offered. I chose the Beatles Tour in Liverpool. It’s an interesting harbor city rich with history; and a great Beatles museum. The remaining days were filled with interesting workshops, i.e. strengthening clubs; leadership training; Family to Family Journeys-- creating a network of working-age ambassadors; media relations, cultural workshops and ending with a keynote presentation from Stefanie Powers. She became known globally for her role opposite Robert Wagner in the 1979-84 TV series “Hart to Hart”. She is very much involved with wildlife conservation in Kenya.

After the conference, I continued my journey to Isle of Wight, Normandy Beaches in France, Paris, and London. It was an amazing trip and very heartfelt to see the WWII museums, beaches, and American cemetery.

Sue Palmer, Field Rep –Rocky Mountain Region



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
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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**
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Rocky Mtn. Super Regional Conference
 Sacramento, CA **May 3—6**
Get Registered ... and a place to stay!
 See Flyer pg. 6, this newsletter

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OTTAWA JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

The thirteen ambassadors from Friendship Force of Ottawa enjoyed their time here, as we all made new friends while we saw the sights and sites. There were the Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley, RMNP and Boulder days. And there were several new or rare additions to our itinerary: the alpaca farm and fiber processor in LaSalle, the Civil War reenactment at Centennial Village and the NOAA visit in Boulder.



Our new friends were uncertain why FFNC touted “300 days of sunshine...”. The majority of their journey in Northern Colorado was in clouds and rain with no immediate promise of permanent clearing. Promises of “this is rare” fell on suspicious ears; they said, “this is just like home!”

We have since forwarded pictures and prose to our ambassador, to assure that we DO have fair and sunny weather.

Ed Brigden



Ottawa's John Cooke presents hat to Marilyn Garner

FFNC BENSON GARDEN

Please join with me and other interested members to clean and tidy our FFNC Benson Garden site for the winter. Meet at 0930 Saturday morning, October 14, to assist. The more the merrier ... and quicker.



Nancy Brigden

