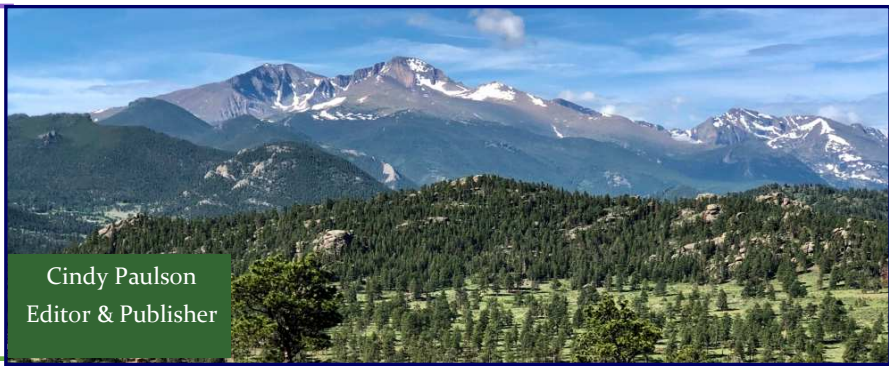




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## Estes Park, Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, Windsor and Surrounding Areas

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**Oct. 11, 2019  
Meeting  
7:00—9:00 PM  
Program  
begins at 7:00:  
Cyber Security  
(internet & email)**

**By Susan Vance,  
FC Police Crime  
Prevention Officer**

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

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT



*Alice Gibson*

I was up at Granby Ranch this weekend to watch some high school bike racing and got to enjoy the gorgeous color changing in the aspen trees. I'm glad that our incoming exchange next year is in this wonderful colorful season called autumn. We will really have the opportunity to show off our beautiful state to our Canadian visitors. Marilyn Garner has been selected to be the host coordinator for the trip and will update us all as the planning progresses.

Our journey to Australia and New Zealand in March 2020 is full. Cathie and Ladonna are putting the finishing touches on our agenda, including some pre and post journey extensions. We can look forward to a program later in the spring when the ambassadors to Australia and New Zealand will share photos and memories of their experiences.

The club continues to be troubled by hackers who are sending various emails to our members. Many of these appear to be sent by me. May are solicitations for money or gift cards or a plea for help. Again I ask that you ignore, block, or erase any of these scam emails. Cyber security is a very serious matter. Our Oct. 11 meeting program will be on this topic.

**Susan Vance, Crime Prevention Officer with the Ft. Collins Police Dept will give a presentation at our Oct. 11 meeting on how to recognize and prevent fraud and scams. This program will BEGIN at 7:00, so please arrive early and get seated by 6:55 so we can begin on time.**

Planning for our holiday party is underway. We will be gathering on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 6 pm, at the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley. This event will be catered (not a pot luck). Additional information will be available at the October meeting. Please sign up at the meeting or let me know by phone or text if you are planning to attend. 970 310 8848.

Thanks to FFNC members for all that each of you do for the club!



**JOURNEY THROUGH RUSSIA, FINLAND, LATVIA & ESTONIA, BY LADONNA PALM  
REPORTER CATHIE MCCALLUM**



LaDonna Palm took FFNC members and guests on a fascinating vicarious journey to Helsinki, Finland; Riga, Latvia; Talin, Estonia; and Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Korolev, Russia. Phyllis Scott and Rona Baer were her traveling companions for the multi-country tour that included FF home stays in Korolev.



They toured the Golden Ring, a string of seven cities east of Moscow.

LaDonna, Rona & Phyllis were impressed with the subways which were clean, ornate, graffiti-free, and each unique!

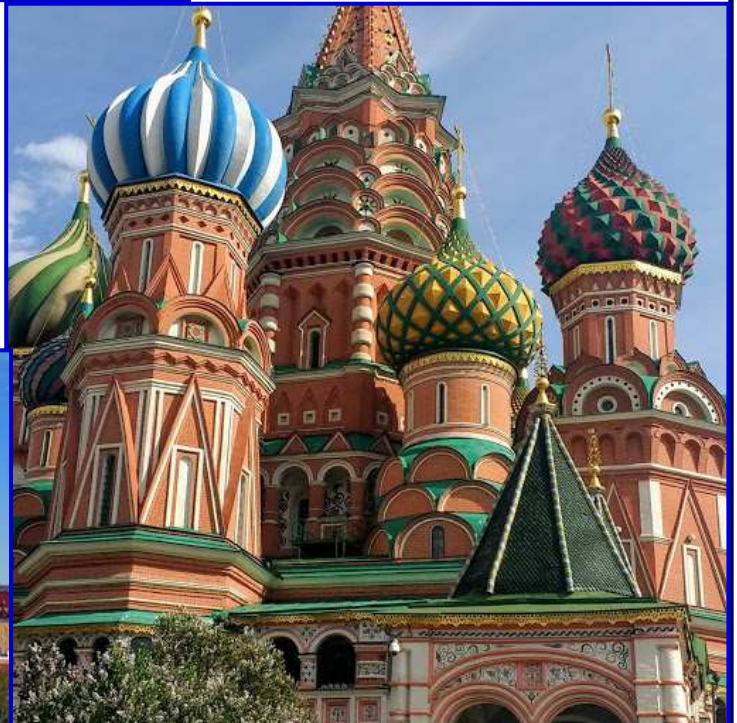


Fountains were a major feature in Peterhov, location of Peter the Great's summer palace.



Moscow's Red Square includes famous classic buildings ...and a McDonald's!

They toured magnificent churches, monasteries, and cathedrals. LaDonna explained that although only 28% of Russians attend church, the people value their beautiful churches. Towns often build a large church to show off, then build smaller, warmer churches for winter services.



LaDonna mentioned that they were expecting that Russia might be a nation of gray buildings gray landscapes but they were pleasantly surprised and quite impressed by the beauty and elegance of the buildings.



# TECHNOLOGY NEWS

BY KEN WEAVER



At the July World Conference in Boulder, several of us were impressed by Allison Lindsey’s presentation on using the Google toolkit for non-profit organizations. Marilyn, Cindy , and I (Ken) attended a Google training at Farr Library in Greeley. Within our Board, there’s consensus that we can be more efficient and effective using some of the Google tools.

- “**Docs**” software for word processing including creating documents, forms and surveys
- “**Sheets**” software for spreadsheets and data/formula use
- “**Chrome**” internet browser and search engine
- “**Gmail**” email with easy options for filtering, sorting, organizing & saving/archiving
- “**Google Drive**” for secure cloud storage of files and photos. FFNC may want to use



Google Drive to store our club history, by-laws, board meeting minutes, journey records, etc.

Our FFNC Google account is **FFNOCO@gmail.com** Please save this as a safe contact in your own email.

Each Friendship Force of Northern Colorado member has now received a questionnaire asking about 2021 out-bound journey preferences. 12 of our 50 members have already responded. Thank you! If you haven’t taken the survey yet, you’ll get a reminder. Please take ten minutes to respond. We’ll be in touch with those who do not use e-mail. The sooner Alice Gibson and I send Friendship Force International our 2021 request consensus, the more likely we’ll have our wishes fulfilled. Thank you for testing this method of surveying everyone. Stay tuned, there are more innovations to come!

## Journey to Whangarei, NZ & Casterton, Australia March 2020

Cathie McCallum, Ambassador Coordinator

## FFNC JOURNEY CORNER

by Debby Jones, FFNC Journey Coordinator

Twelve women will experience six-night home stays with FF clubs in Whangarei, New Zealand and Casterton, Australia with added time in cities of Auckland and Melbourne. The twelve come from Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Nevada. Several are extending their trip to include the South Island of New Zealand. If you’re interested in this journey, let me know, and we’ll add you to the waiting list.

Contact Ambassador Coordinator, Cathie McCallum  
970-223-0436 cathiemc@mail.com



**FF of Stratford & St Mary’s Canada** has confirmed they’ll **visit FFNC in September 2020**. Marilyn Garner will be Host Coordinator for this Journey. Let Marilyn know if you’d like to help by being on the journey planning committee.

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**Interested in finding a FF Journey?** There are dozens of possibilities on FFI website: **Friendshipforce.org**



Discover Chile  
with FF La Serena  
Nov. 5-16, 2019



Escape to Wisconsin  
by Bike!  
Sept. 14-21, 2020



In Northern Colorado

Outbound

**JOURNEYS & EVENTS**

**2019 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**Tues. Oct. 15 GAME NIGHT**  
6:00 p.m. at Slocums  
5025 Blue Stem Ct; Ft Collins  
email or call to RSVP  
Thelmaslocum@comcast.net  
223-9855



**Thurs, Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m.**  
Location in Loveland  
to be announced  
RSVP to Kay Sheahan  
667-4473  
kay6568@peoplepc.com



**Thurs, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.**  
Location in Fort Collins  
to be announced  
RSVP to Marilyn Garner  
493-4137  
garner.marilyn@gmail.com

**FFNC Holiday Party**  
Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 6:00 p.m.  
Poudre Learning Center  
8313 West F Street; Greeley

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**MARCH 2020**  
Journey to  
Whangarei, New Zealand &  
Casterton, Victoria, Australia  
Journey Coordinator:  
Cathie McCallum 223-0436

**SEPTEMBER 2020**  
Inbound Journey from  
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## FFNC Social Activities

### Social Calendar and Sign-up

Mark your calendars for these events, and check out opportunities to help get FFNC social calendar filled up! We plan to continue CLEO lunches each month and GAME NIGHTS every other month (6 per year.)

**Contact Thelma 223-9855 to volunteer to coordinate a CLEO or host a Game Night**

### CLEOS

(more details soon)

- Oct. 24 CLEO: Kay Sheahan; Loveland location TBA
- Nov. 21 CLEO: Marilyn Garner: FC location TBA
- Jan. 23, 2020 CLEO: Alice Gibson; FC location TBA
- Feb. 27 CLEO: Anne Brown; Loveland location TBA
- March 26 CLEO BJ Demerseman: Greeley location TBA
- April 23 CLEO Thelma Slocum; Brewhouse; FC
- May - November 2020 CLEO coordinators needed**

### GAME NIGHTS

(more details soon)

- Oct. 15 Game Night: 6:00 p.m. at Slocum home**  
5025 Blue Stem Ct; Fort Collins  
RSVP to Thelma 223-9855  
thelmaslocum@comcast.net
- Jan. 2020 Game Night: Marilyn Garner**
- March 2020 Game Night; Anne Brown**
- May 2020 Game Night host needed**
- July 2020 Game Night; Marcia Ross**
- September 2020 Game Night host needed**
- November 2020 Game Night host needed**

## September CLEO



Anne, Thelma, Betty Jean, Marilyn, Cathie, Marcia & Alice (not pictured) enjoyed a delightful social and culinary time at Tres Margaritas.