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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Our annual picnic with Cheyenne was a tremendous success! More than 80 friends were in attendance and our club made up more than half the number. Cheyenne was hosting Western North Carolina so we were able to make even more friendship links. Another highlight was the inaugural launching of our new portable PA system which Larry Clark brought for our use at the picnic. Thanks, Larry! Also a big thanks to our members for being so prompt with RSVPs.

The program for September will be a report on our international exchange to Kiel, Germany this past May. It was truly a memorable exchange and I hope we can give you a glimpse of the wonderful experiences we shared.

Exchanges are the lifeblood of our club - "changing the way we see the world". Our calendar of exchanges for 2015 is FULL. We need the support of the entire club to make each one a success. Kay Thomas, our exchange coordinator, is working closely with newly appointed ED's to get our schedule nailed down. Details on page 4.

In addition to coordinating with the incoming club, we have to work out the logistics of the other hosting clubs they will visit. Since it is a complicated schedule, I will be distributing a survey to update our hosting and support capabilities at the September meeting so that we can determine the feasibilities of the potential dates. As always, we will need home hosting, day hosting, dinner hosting and planning support. Please be generous as you consider how you can participate.

In Friendship,
Marilyn Garner

NEXT MEETING
Fri. Sept. 12, 7 pm
1st Christian Church
2000 N. Lincoln,
Loveland
PROGRAM:
Report & Photos:
Kiel Exchange and
Norway/Sweden

FRIENDSHIP FORCE PICNIC IN CHEYENNE

The Cheyenne Friendship Force Club hosted the annual picnic on Sunday, August 24, 2014. John Kaiser, President of the Cheyenne club, welcomed 84 in attendance. He told me there were 25 from Cheyenne, 10 from North Carolina, 1 from Albuquerque, and 48 from Northern Colorado, including 5 guests.

The Cheyenne club provided chicken, and the table was laden with an awesome array of side dishes and desserts contributed by the attendees. The North Carolina club was on an exchange to Cheyenne so we had an opportunity to meet new friends as well as socialize with old friends and travel companions.

After the picnic, everyone enjoyed time for socializing and activities; walking in the park, and playing Bocce Ball and Ladder Golf.

We took advantage of the perfect weather to take a group photo—quite an accomplishment considering the number of people involved. Many thanks to the organizers for a very pleasant afternoon.

~ Marian Sparks, reporter



PICNIC PICS



Photos by Cathie McCallum

NANCY BRIGDEN HONORED BY BIZ WEST



The Northern Colorado "Women of Distinction" program is a wellspring of inspiring stories. This year's Women of Distinction award winners were honored at a breakfast on August 6. Nancy Brigden was presented with the honor of "LEADING LADY", for her many contributions to the Northern Colorado community.

Nancy has a passion for politics and social issues, and served on the Greeley City Council and as Greeley's mayor pro tem. She is currently active with Loveland Rotary (after many, many years with Greeley Rotary) and as we all know, she has been a backbone of the Friendship Force of Northern Colorado. Her organizational

and networking skills have helped her garner support for many worthwhile community projects in both Greeley and Loveland. With enthusiasm, intelligence and passion, she works to ensure successful outcomes.

Nancy says she learned marketing, team building and goal setting while working in marketing and sales for AT&T. Her positive imprint on Northern Colorado has been felt as she served as campaign drive chairperson for United Way of Weld County, through her leadership in making the Poudre River Trail between Greeley and Windsor become a reality, and in uniting all the Rotary Clubs in Weld County to raise nearly \$3 million to build the Poudre Learning Center. Most recently, as a member of Loveland's Rotary Club, she was instrumental in organizing the first "Paint Your Town" event, which is still continuing to help the community today.

Friendship Force of Northern Colorado congratulates Nancy on this most deserved honor!

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.

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, please give Marilyn or Kay a call.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITY

Social Activity Coordinator, Rona Baer offers this opportunity for September:

- * **The Unsinkable Molly Brown** at the Stage Theater in Denver;
Sun. Sept. 14; 1:30 p.m.
- * Ticket prices are \$49-\$59
- * **Call Rona by Sept. 5** if interested. **744-9974**
Rona will reserve tickets & coordinate transportation

Refer to our website, ffncoloro.com for newsletter issues and information on Programs, Exchanges, Leadership contacts, Upcoming events and for opportunities to apply for other regional club Exchanges (see Regional).

SAD NEWS



Donna Sapienza, former FFNC member passed away on August 14, 2014. She was 67. She was elected to the Greeley City Council in 2009, and decided not to run for re-election after a recurrence of breast cancer. As councilwoman, Donna was a staunch advocate for the city of Greeley, particularly devoted to Greeley's police and fire departments, saying she came from a long line of family members involved in public safety. She was an active supporter of the University of Northern Colorado.

Donna's legacy and love for her community will live on in many ways, including through a provision in her will to support a new fire training facility, which she backed as a council member.

Friends who wish to, may send condolences to Donna's husband:

Leonard Sapienza
1861 112th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631

MYANMAR OPPORTUNITY BY DOT CADA

MIN GA LOA BAR= AUSPICIOUS GREETING ANYTIME OF DAY.

Have you ever wanted to know how you could help a family to have a better living?



The overwhelming response we had in January 2014 at Aung San Suu Kyi's Education Network, with our "Pilot" of 2 ESL teachers from Japan and 4 of us to teach the "Conversational English", was a truly rewarding lifetime experience. Kevin called the experience in January "life changing".



Our FFNC club is the mentoring club for Myanmar and this first trip under the FFI tagline, "**Explore, Discover and Serve**" will arrive in Yangon on March 20th, 2015. It is my 9th trip and the third trip for Ms. Danny Cuneo, who as a teacher, will be the Co-Leader. We hope to locate another teacher to work with Danny on the curriculum development while I work on promoting new Friendship Partners and furthering our contacts with Rotary, Compassionate Hands Myanmar, and Inter-Collegiate Myanmar. English instruction will be 3 hour sessions for 8 days for each educator with the other half of the day for lesson planning, free time and half day tours every other day. The group will then continue on to Bagan to see the ancient ruins with local people still working the land around the pagodas and temples. The group will make a stop at Sister's Baptist Orphanage and then travel on to Inle Lake to see the boat rowers who stand on one leg, with the birds and mountains rising in the background. Due to the 10+ years of trips with our FFI in-country promoter, the group has an invitation to his children's Novice Ceremony. Then we'll travel back to Yangon for the 4th year Celebration on the 4th of April with Certificates of Appreciation being presented. Extension to Mandalay and a hill station is optional.



Cost is expected to be \$2300-\$2500 for land and domestic flights, and the FF package which includes "Day Hosts" in Yangon and meals in Bagan. In Yangon and Mandalay we will be with Friendship Partners. If this combination of "**Serving and Sightseeing in Myanmar**" is of interest to you, email or call Dot Cada.

Dotcada@yahoo.com or phone 667-7548.

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 at: Friendshipforce.org

Kiel, Germany Spring 2015
Inbound
Plans Pending, ED will be needed

San Diego, CA June 2015
Inbound
ED Needed

Lima, Peru July 2015
Outbound

Napier, NZ Aug. 2015
Inbound
ED Sue Cummins

FFI Int'l Conference
Aug 29-31, 2015
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Harrisburg, PA Sept 2015
Inbound ED needed

San Diego, CA Outbound
Plus possibility of
2nd week with another
California club Dates TBD

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FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WALKS



*Frank & Dot Cada, Cathie McCallum,
Rosemary Donovan, Cheryl Stevens &
Cinda Clark at Devil's Backbone*

Cheryl Stevens is coordinating/leading the Friday Friendship Walks. If you would like to be included in the group to receive emails with details of the walks, call or email Cheryl.

663-4588 cheryl2204@msn.com

The group walks on most, but not all Fridays.



*Cathie McCallum, Katie Crawford, Nita Kopyay
& Cheryl Stevens at Strauss Cabin Natural Area*

LOST & FOUND

If you attended the picnic in Cheyenne, and didn't get home with your serving utensils, contact Marilyn at 493-4137 The Cheyenne club found several spoons and spatulas that need to find their way home!