

FRIENDSHIP FLYER



**September
2016**

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**Cindy Paulson
Editor & Publisher**



Barbara Miller, President

Welcome back to our regularly scheduled FFNC meetings at 2000 N. Lincoln Ave. in Loveland (First Christian Church), the 2nd FRIDAY each month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Our next meeting will be Sept. 9th. Bring a friend & enjoy a good program & tasty snacks!

Thank you to Judy Flatley for coordinating FFNC's visit to Cheyenne for the annual summer gathering of our two clubs. We had 37 members enjoy the fellowship and food. Many travel stories were exchanged as people caught up with one another. Thank you Cheyenne for a good time and delicious food!

As we reflect at mid-year on our FFNC goals, we all need to ask, "What have I done to help my club move forward and achieve the goals for 2016?"

- * Continue outstanding PROGRAMS at each meeting
- * Recruit NEW MEMBERS for our club, with invitations & mentors
- * Support two Inbound (Canada, & Peaks to Plains) & two Outbound (Canada & San Diego) EXCHANGES, through participating and serving (planning, hosting, dinners, day hosting, providing food, etc.)
- * PROMOTION and Publicity:
 - Print - business cards, brochures, newspapers,
 - Online - FFNC Website Facebook, email, Meetup
 - Community Events – displays or presentations
- * FELLOWSHIP – outside social activities (planning & participating), service with Benson Sculpture Garden or local food banks, helping guests and members feel welcome at meetings

From where I sit, we still have many areas to work on during the remainder of the year. We have had numerous people visit our club, but only one new member to date. It is my hope that all members will take responsibility for making these goals a reality. Soon our new president will be reaching out to the membership to fill various committees, please say, "Yes! I'd love to do that" when Cathie calls YOU.

~ Barbara

Next Meeting

Sept. 9, 2015

7:00 p.m.

**Gene Webb will
present program:
Big Thompson Canyon**

**First Christian Church
2000 N Lincoln Ave.
Loveland, CO**

PEAKS TO PLAINS SIGN-UP SHEET

The Peaks to Plains Exchange will be with our club Mon. Sept. 12 through Thurs, Sept. 15.

We hope many club members will be able to join in the fun of this special Exchange!

Yellow highlighting on the signup sheet below indicates events open to all.

Circle the events you plan to participate in, so we have accurate counts.

Print & mail the form & \$6 check to FFNC (if attending Welcome Lunch) by Sept. 5

To: Marilyn Garner, ED

808 E Elizabeth St., Fort Collins, CO 80524

BE SURE TO PRINT & KEEP A COPY FOR YOURSELF

Events & Activities	Cost per person	TOTAL
Monday, 9/12		
12:00 Welcoming Lunch with Cheyenne at REA	\$6.00	
2:30 Tour of Benson Park	no charge	
Return to Host Home		
Tuesday, 9/13		
8:15 Foundry Tour at Bronze Services		
10:00 Visit with Sculptor and lunch		
2:30 New Belgium Brewery (TICKETS REQUIRED), circle to reserve yours	No charge for tickets	
6:00 Small Dinners		
Wednesday 9/14		
10:30 tea, coffee and cinnamon rolls at Jo McFadden's		
Picnic lunch brought by host	Bring your own lunch	
RMNP Visitor Center/Film; Senior Park Pass (?) Park tour & eat picnic lunch	Join the group if you wish	
Hosts take Ambassadors out to dinner in Estes		
Thursday 9/15		
Morning at Leisure and Brunch/Lunch with Hosts		
1:30 Hosts meet Denver Club to deliver Ambassadors at Leanin' Tree in Boulder	Join the group if you wish	
TOTAL PAID: \$ _____		
NAME(S): _____		

FRIENDSHIP FORCE PICNIC IN CHEYENNE

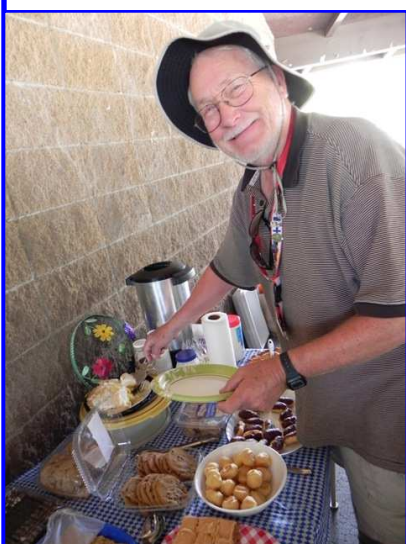
BY MARILYN GARNER , REPORTER CATHIE MCCALLUM, PHOTOGRAPHER



Our annual picnic with the Cheyenne FF was held Sunday, August 14. Our club was enthusiastically present with 37 of us there! It was fun meeting and visiting with Cheyenne club members we had not met before as well as re-newing old friendships.

The food was delicious! Cheyenne provided chicken and side dishes, while our club provided dessert.

After the meal, president Judy Eatmon presented the Cheyenne club's annual "Spirit of Friendship Force" award to David Larsen. It is a stained-glass wall hanging of FF clasped hands. David will keep the award until the next recipient is chosen.



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING PROGRAM

BY NANCY BRIGDEN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Big Thompson Canyon will be the topic of our September 9th program. Nearly every exchange we host includes a journey up the canyon with our guests. This is your chance to pick up some interesting facts to share about the history of the area along the Big Thompson River.



Gene Webb, who has lived in Loveland for more than 40 years, has long been a student of the Big Thompson. He will discuss the canyon including items of interest to both residents and visitors to our area. He will talk about how the river and the surrounding topography influenced the settlement of the area as well as how recent floods have continued to change the landscape and the use of the Big Thompson River.

Information you learn from Gene's presentation at our September meeting may be just what you can use the following week when the 20 Peaks to Plains Ambassadors will travel up The Big Thompson and visit Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. So come join us and get prepared at the Friday, September 9 meeting. Bring a friend at 7 p.m. to First Christian Church 2000, North Lincoln in Loveland. Hope to see you there!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE!

FFNC VISITS STRATFORD/ST. MARY'S, CANADA

BY CHRISTINE HALL, ED

Friendship Force of Northern Colorado went on our exchange in Ontario, Canada, visiting the Stratford-St. Mary's FF Club July 18 thru 27th. The ambassadors included Duane & Pat Sharp, Esther & Dick Johnson, Dennis & Barb Miller, Bob & Jane Wilhour, Marilyn Garner and Christine Hall, ED. We flew into Buffalo NY, rented a mini van, then our driver, Dennis Miller, was navigated by his wife Barbara. Every one of us had our assignments for the trip. First stop was Tim Hortons for a cup of their famous coffee.



*Ron Dodd at Wardrobe Museum
with Duane & Pat Sharp, Marilyn Garner*

Few places in Ontario are lovelier or more alive with culture than Stratford. It is a charming city nestled in pastoral countryside in Southwestern Ontario. The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is North America's largest classical repertory theatre, presenting the works of Shakespeare and other writers in its idyllic setting on the Avon River.

FFNC VISITS STRATFORD/ST. MARY'S, CANADA (CONTINUED)

The first day we toured the St. Mary's Cement Company, with its limestone deposits. Many buildings in the town and the farmhouses are built of limestone. It boasts Canada's largest outdoor swimming pool, The Quarry.

We had a visit to Huron County Hensall Co-op, which processes 50% of the beans for the UK.

It was very thorough and most educational. On to the Ice Sculpture facility. WOW! We wore heavy jackets inside so we wouldn't freeze. They build structures, ice bars, lounges, and beautiful ice sculptures for events. We drove through the beautiful agricultural countryside with crops of corn, soybeans, blueberries, and pumpkins as well as dairy cattle, pigs and wind generators.

We enjoyed getting to meet the entire club on our visit to St. Jacob's to hear the Mennonite Story at their museum. After lunch in the town, we enjoyed a horse drawn wagon ride to the farm. Stratford was an interesting place with its 3 theatre complexes and huge warehouse of costumes and furnishings. We toured the warehouse where everyone tried on period costumes. It was a hoot! We saw a marvelous production of "As You Like It".

We said our goodbyes on Sunday morning and took off for our 3 day extension very close to the international border. The Niagara Club graciously offered to day host us.

Monday morning club members greeted us with umbrellas and lead for our walk thru Niagara on the Lake. It is a quaint town. Vineyards are everywhere, so of course we went wine tasting. Many of us had our first taste of Ice Wine and it was delicious.

The next day we went to the Niagara Falls with hosts from their club. We went to the IMAX to see a documentary, and then took a walk up the tower overlooking the falls. We donned our raincoats and boarded the boat for our thrilling ride near and under the falls. We all got drenched.

Niagara Falls is breathtaking and is a great place for a special occasion, such as a Friendship Force Exchange!



LOOK OUT, SAN DIEGO....FFNC IS ON THE WAY!

BARBARA MILLER, EXCHANGE DIRECTOR

Our FFNC San Diego Outbound Exchange is almost here (Oct. 12-18, 2016). I hope that our 21 Ambassadors are looking forward to this adventure as much as I am. We'll begin with a welcome dinner in a favorite club restaurant. The next morning we'll be touring the famous San Diego Zoo. The Midway Museum will give us a realistic view of naval working and living conditions as we traverse the various decks of the ship. A guided walking tour of Downtown San Diego is planned with a visit to the Library and possibly the Nature Preserve or a unique guitar concert. Other interesting activities are in the works... Sunday will be our FREE day so you may wish to visit Balboa Park for their international food booths and free afternoon performances. Plan ahead for your Sunday interests with your host when you arrive.

Ambassadors, be sure to watch your email for our SAN DIEGO EXCHANGE MEETING to be held at Dennis & Barbara Millers' home in Loveland, 1302 6th St. SE. Items to bring to that meeting include: Copies of Medical Insurance Cards, a Medications List, cell numbers, Emergency Contacts with phone number and your checkbook to pay your fees. A copier is available at the Millers' home.

2017 EXCHANGE UPDATES

MARILYN GARNER, EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

We have 2 INBOUND EXCHANGES SCHEDULED FOR 2017. Connecticut will be visiting us from May 22-27, 2017. Debby Jones and Paulette Weaver have agreed to be EDs for the Connecticut exchange.

The Ottawa club is planning to be here September 24-30th, 2017. We still need an ED for Ottawa. Please contact Marilyn 970 493-4137 if you are interested.

OUTBOUND EXCHANGES: OPTIONS FOR 2017



Because FFNC does not have an assigned outbound exchange for 2017, you are invited to check out the FFI World of Friends Catalog and choose your own adventure!

FFI already has several 2017 Global Exchanges posted.

Some examples: **Biking & Belgium**, **Humanitarian Exchange to Kitui Kenya**
Discover Armenia and Georgia, **Discover Morocco**

Check out the Catalog on the FFI website:

http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/catalog/all_list/

Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

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Peaks to Plains September 2016

Global Inbound

Hosted by all Mt. States Region clubs

Marilyn Garner , FFNC ED Sept. 12-15

Kay Thomas, Overall Exchange Director

FFI World Conference October 2-5, 2016

Marrakech, Morocco

San Diego, CA October 12-18 2016

Outbound

Barbara Miller, ED

Connecticut Inbound May 22-27, 2017

Debby Jones & Paulette Weaver, EDs

Ottawa Inbound Sept. 24-30, 2017

ED needed

2017 Outbound Exchange Options

Gather your friends &

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Look at the **Catalog of Friends**

on the FFI Website

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CONGRATULATIONS, PAULETTE WEAVER!

For her dedication and commitment to bringing hands-on science to the lives of K-12 Greeley students through the Poudre Learning Center, Paulette Weaver has been awarded the title of:

Best Community Volunteer in Greeley for 2016.

Paulette is passionate about introducing the students to the wonders of nature and the great Colorado outdoors. PLC Executive Director, Ray Tschillard, described Paulette as the Learning Center's "true compass". In addition to her hundreds of hours volunteering for the PLC, Paulette also has been an active volunteer traveling to Central America in support of Habitat for Humanity building projects.

Congratulations and well done, Paulette!



Paulette Weaver