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**7 p.m., Friday  
September 8  
First Christian Church  
2000 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Loveland**

Welcome back to our regular second Friday evening meetings held at First Christian Church, 2000 North Lincoln, Loveland, from 7 to 9 p.m. Members, please invite friends and neighbors to come as your guests. Our current roster lists 76 members! Will you bring a snack?

Twelve ambassadors representing FF Ottawa, Canada will be visiting us Wednesday, September 27, through Tuesday, October 3. Thanks to all of you who will serve as home, day, and small dinner hosts. Contact Marilyn Garner or Kay Sheahan to get more involved! The Farewell Potluck, scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 3rd, is open to all.

We have three interesting, unique programs for this fall:

Friday, September 8, Erin Cubley, a PhD Student in Ecology at CSU and official liaison between the Peace Corps and the community, will speak about her Peace Corps experience and share ways to become involved. Kay Saelens, a former FFNC and Peace Corps member, will share her visions for a Cultural Center in Loveland with an invitation to get involved. You all have so much to share!

October 13 Dennis and Barbara Miller will share the thrill of their Kicks on Route 66! Are you singing the song yet?

November 10 FFNC members will share their experiences and the latest news fresh from the FFI World Conference in Manchester.

Our 2018 inbounds are Detroit in May and St. Louis in September. Think about ways you can be actively involved.

By November 1, we must submit our Outbound Destination Request Form to FFI.

In mid-February 2018 we will receive our journey assignment.

*Cathie McCallum*



## Picnic with Wyoming Friends

The 2017 Northern Colorado/Cheyenne Annual Picnic was held at Edora Park in Ft. Collins on Sunday, August 6 on what began as a rainy day. Most of us drove to and from the park in showers, but the weather cleared about the time we gathered, and we had a lovely afternoon of food and conversation with skies that smiled down on us.

We thank the Parks and Rec department for notifying the organizers of the volleyball tournament across the parking lot from our gathering, and they saved us the whole parking section closest to the Pavilion.

There were 55 FF members from both clubs in attendance, and from the photos you can tell there was no shortage of fabulous food brought by everyone. We also had yummy fried chicken, and some wonderful desserts. The tables were divided so that NoCo sat on one side and Cheyenne on the other. This led to great conversations, new friendships, and a lot of catching up. A great time was had by all!



## Peace Corps Liaison Erin Cubley, along with Former FFNC Member Kay Saelens To Suggest Ways We Can Get Involved; Friday, September 8



Erin Cubley, a doctoral student in ecology at Colorado State University and official liaison between the Peace Corps and the community, will speak about her Peace Corps experience and share ways we might want to be involved. Also speaking will be Kay Saelens, former member of the Friendship Force of Northern Colorado and a current member of the Peace Corps. She will share her visions for a Cultural Center in Loveland, including an invitation to get involved.



## Ottawa Friends Arriving Late This Month

Our guests will soon be here from Ottawa. The dates of this journey are September 27 through October 4. I hope many of you will join us for activities during the week. We still need help with small group dinners and day hosts if you are able.

In order for more members to be able to join us for the **Farewell on Tuesday, October 3**, we will have a potluck at the REA. We don't want to burden our hosts with fixing a dish that day, after a full day out of town in Boulder, so we hope our members will bring some of their signature potluck dishes to share with our guests. You are great cooks, as we all have experienced at World Fellowship Day, our picnics, and our monthly meetings. Please let Marilyn Garner or Kay Sheahan know if you will attend the Farewell Potluck so we can plan accordingly. They can be reached as follows:

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Please check out the scheduled activities on page 4 of this newsletter. There will be a signup sheet for Ottawa Journey activities and for potluck volunteers at the September 8th meeting. Contact Marilyn or Kay if you can't be at the meeting and you'd like to volunteer for one or more of the following:

Host a small group dinner, Sunday, October 1

Bring a dish to the Potluck Farewell on Tuesday, October 3

Join the group for one or some of the activities

Be a day host

## Activities for Ottawa's Northern Colorado Journey September 27-October 4

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| Wednesday 9/27 | <b>Meet at Cracker Barrel for lunch</b> (about 12:30 to 1:00)<br>Settle in with Hosts<br>Welcome Celebration at Marcia Ross' home (hosts and ambassadors) 6 p.m.   |
| Thursday 9/28  | <b>Loveland Day</b><br>Foundry tour, morning<br>Benson Sculpture Park with lunch<br>Small Group Dinners with FFNC members  |
| Friday 9/29    | <b>Fort Collins Day</b><br>Tour of Colorado State University's new \$220 million football stadium<br>Lunch on Campus<br>Magic Bus tour of Historic Fort Collins<br>New Belgium Brewery tour                                      |
| Saturday 9/30  | <b>Greeley Day</b><br>Fleece Factory, 10 a.m.<br>Picnic lunch at Centennial Village<br>Centennial Village (Civil War Reenactment), 1:30 p.m.<br>Dinner with hosts<br>John Denver concert at the Rialto in the evening, 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday 10/1    | <b>Free day</b><br>Small Group Dinners   |
| Monday 10/2    | <b>Estes Park Day</b><br>Tour Rocky Mountain National Park<br>Ambassadors take out hosts   |
| Tuesday 10/3   | <b>Boulder Day</b> (activities only open to ambassadors and hosts)<br>Brunch at Chautauqua<br>NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)<br><b>Farewell Potluck at REA</b>   |

## We celebrate life's beginnings...

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| August 2     | Marcia Ross   |
| August 9     | Gary Cummins  |
| August 30    | Frank Cada    |
| September 2  | Dennis Miller |
| September 3  | Barbara Klein |
| September 5  | Cindy Paulson |
| September 13 | Sue Cummins   |

In the United States, more babies are born in August than in any other month. September is in second place in that numbers game.

Could it be that the increased snuggling going on during our colder winter months results in sweet babies being born approximately nine months later?



## We mourn the loss of Cheryl's son.

FFNC member Cheryl Stevens lost her 50-year-old son to cancer on August 5. Born in Denver, Glenn had lived in the Fort Collins area since 1979. From his obituary, we learn that he was diagnosed in 2015 with the neuroendocrine cancer that took him.

Knowing Cheryl, we're not surprised to learn from Glenn's obituary that he was "quite the dare devil," and loved "anything with wheels that could go fast." Even as a child, he rode on motorcycles with his parents, and then, of course, on his own. He supported his passions by working first in his family's HVAC business, then for several other companies. Later in life, pool became his passion as he competed in leagues.

Also not surprising was the statement about Glenn that said "he brought joy to all with his big smile and laughter that filled the room." He loved the outdoors and fishing, and he "especially loved the company of his dog and his girlfriend," Chris.

Besides his mother, Cheryl, and his girlfriend, Chris, Glenn leaves his daughter, Sadie, and his sister Gina.

***What the heart has once owned...it shall never lose.***

Henry Ward Beecher

Inbound

Outbound

**JOURNEYS CALENDAR****2017 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**2  
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**Gather your friends and  
Choose Your Own Adventure  
at  
thefriendshipforce.org**

**Ottawa Ontario  
(Canada's Capital City)  
September 27-October 4  
Host Coordinators:  
Marilyn Garner  
Kay Sheahan**

**Detroit Inbound  
probably May  
Host Coordinator position  
open for applications**

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**Proposed Outbound Journey  
Halle-Saale, Germany  
and Bristol, England  
Host Coordinator position  
open for applications**

**St. Louis Inbound  
probably September  
Host Coordinator position  
open for applications**

**Super Regional Conference  
Rocky Mountain States Region  
Sacramento, May 3-6  
Application information upcoming**

*To be sure that your friend  
is a friend,  
You must go with him  
on a journey,  
Travel with him day and night,  
Go with him near and far.*

**Angolan Proverb**

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