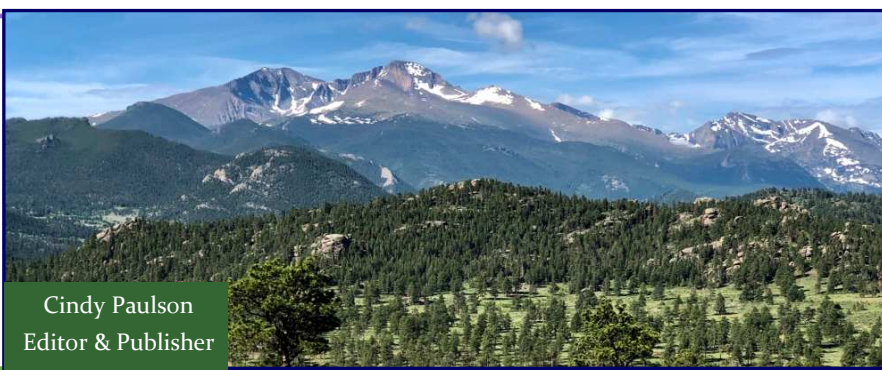




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NORTHERN COLORADO



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

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Alice Gibson

As our summer is coming to an end we can certainly celebrate our annual joint picnic with the Cheyenne club at Edora Park. About 40 members from both clubs attended and a happy time was had by all. Thank you to Sue Cummins who coordinated, organized, set up, decorated and MC'd the event. Everyone I talked with was pleased with the location, parking, food and entertainment.

The Friendship Force World Conference in Boulder was also a huge success. Our attending members learned a lot about the inner workings of the FFI, our parent club, especially when it comes to journey-matching. Ken has been following up with numerous club officers and will have some exciting information for the club in the near future. The conference also covered some new technology updates that Ken is working on to make our communications and information gathering easier to manage.

The Post-Conference Homestay led by Marcia Ross, was fabulous! See pages 4-7 for details and lots of photos.

CLEO continues to be a well attended event. Eleven of our members met on August 22 at Gourmet Grub in Greeley. The CLEOS allow members some time to visit with each other and actually have conversation! Great insights are gathered and are used to plan future speakers, trips and activities.

See you all at the next meeting on September 13. After a short business meeting starting at 7:00, we will have a presentation about a Russia Journey from our members: Rona, LaDonna, and Phyllis.

Sept 13, 2019 Meeting
7:00—9:00 PM
Program:
Journey in Russia
1st Christian Church
2000 N. Lincoln Ave.
Loveland, CO



FFNC HOSTS CHEYENNE FOR PICNIC BY KAY THOMAS, REPORTER

The 2019 Friendship Force Picnic with the Cheyenne Club was held Sunday, August 4 in Ft Collins, and as always with FF gatherings, there was NO shortage of food.

There was lots of conversation and sharing of exchange stories, "Where have you been?" and "Where will you go next?" along with lots of catching up on friendships.

Following a hearty meal of fried chicken and many, many, many delicious side dishes from our club members, there was a full table of yummy desserts furnished by the Cheyenne club members. Following lunch, Sue Cummins had each table competing with questions/answers about the history of Friendship Force. Some questions were easier than others, but most definitely, had all of us puzzling over the answers.

Do you know???

- Between what two cities' clubs did the first huge FF exchange occur?
- Who founded FF and in which country did he serve as a missionary from 1963-1970?
- How many communities are Friendship Force clubs currently active?



Answers:

Atlanta and New Castle, England, and 762 ambassadors were involved in that first exchange.
 Wayne Smith founded FF and he served as a missionary in Brazil.
 There are currently 350 FF clubs around the world, on 6 continents.

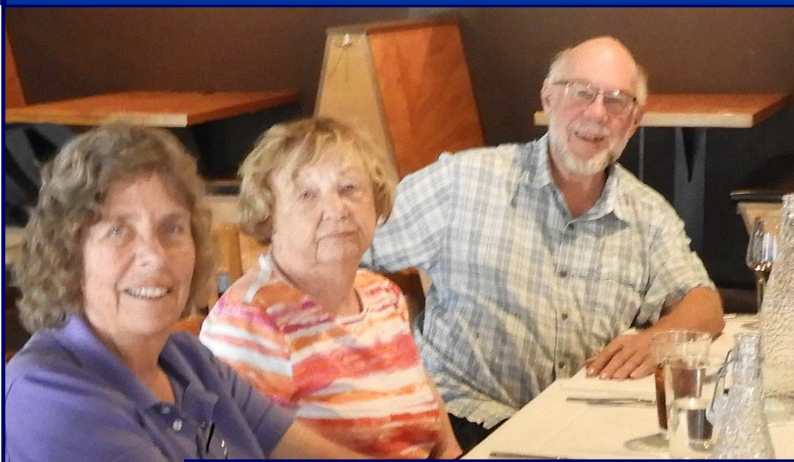


**Good food,
good friends,
good times for all!**





FFNC AUGUST SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Eleven Enjoy
Gourmet Grub in Greeley
at August 22 CLEO



Great Group of Gamers at
Ken & Paulette's House





POST-CONFERENCE HOMESTAY BY MARCIA ROSS



Following the FFI World Conference in Boulder, several FFNC members hosted a four-day homestay for a delightful group of ambassadors representing five countries.

Many thanks to hosts: Cinda & Larry Clark, hosting Nancy Murage from Nairobi, Kenya; Sue & Gary Cummins, hosting Teresa Chege from Nairobi, Kenya; Marilyn Garner, hosting Deborah Winslow from Central Virginia; Rick & Ann Lohmeyer, hosting Greta Smeyers & Daniel Vandenbroeck from Leuven, Belgium; Barb & Dennis Miller, hosting Lucy Kimani from Nairobi, Kenya; Cindy Paulson, hosting Martha McGregor & Kathy Speck from Madison, Wisconsin & Robin Scott from Atlanta, Georgia, Marcia Ross, hosting Takao & Kiyomi Asakura from Osaka, Japan & Bonnie Evans from Atlanta, Georgia, Kay Thomas hosting Jeong Hyang Hee & Charles Park from Seoul, South Korea; Ken & Paulette Weaver hosting Catherine Jensen from Orlando, Florida.





POST-CONFERENCE HOMESTAY WELCOME EVENT

All hosts & ambassadors and several other FFNC members attended a fun pot luck welcome party at Marcia's house where we socialized, enjoyed a tasty variety of food and drink and were treated to special traditional entertainment by Takao & Kiyomi.





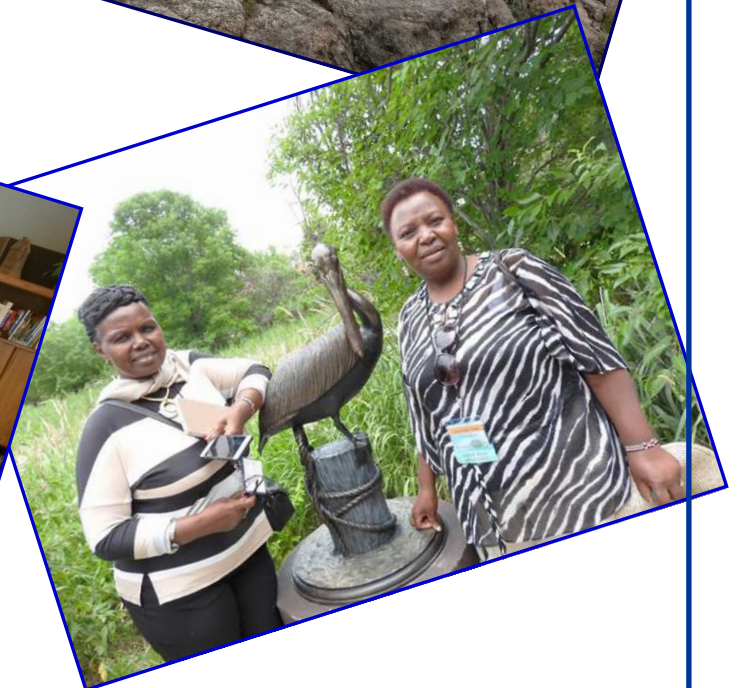
POST-CONFERENCE HOMESTAY WELCOME EVENT





HOMESTAY ACTIVITIES AROUND NORTHERN COLORADO

On the following days, participants seemed to enjoy the various group activities including a Magic Bus Tour, a tour and lunch at FOCO Café, tours at New Belgium Brewery and Art Castings Foundry, and a picnic and walk around Benson Sculpture Garden. Hosts had a chance to show off our beautiful mountains with a day in RMNP. The weather cooperated, the ambassadors were enthusiastic and the hosts did a wonderful job sharing a slice of Northern Colorado with our guests. Thanks to all of the non-hosting members who attended group events, especially to Alice Gibson for helping to arrange for Fort Collins tours, and to Rosemary Donovan & LaDonna Clark for their help with the Benson Park picnic. The days were full and the time passed quickly as new friendships were forged, old friendships were rekindled, and the spirit of global goodwill was abundant.





HOMESTAY ACTIVITIES AROUND NORTHERN COLORADO





In Northern Colorado

Outbound

JOURNEYS & EVENTS

2019 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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September 26, 2019
CLEO
Tres Margaritas
4010 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins

Thelma Slocum 223-9855

FFNC Holiday Party
Friday, December 13, 2019

Details To be Announced Soon

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MARCH 2020
Journey to
Whangarei, New Zealand
and
Casterton, Victoria, Australia

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SEPTEMBER 2020
Inbound Journey from
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL NEWS

From Sue Palmer, Mountain States Field Rep



Andrew Kelly, Sue Palmer & Jeremi Snook

Greetings! The World Conference in Boulder at the Williams Village in CU campus went very well. Everyone had plenty of time to socialize and connect with old and new friends. The dorms were comfortable, the cafeteria was 1st class, and the workshops offered an array of subjects and discussions. The optional activities were fun too! On behalf of all the clubs in Rocky Mountain Region, I was presented the 41st World Conference Host Trophy. The Host Cup Ceremony is a tradition, of passing the cup host region. In 2021, Taiwan will host the World Conference. A BIG THANK YOU goes to the members of FF Northern Colorado for all the help, support, home-hosting, entertaining, planning and helping at the host table. I'm so pleased we had so many members willing to help make the Friendship Force World Conference a success.

FFNC Outbound Journey to Whangarei, New Zealand & Casterton, Australia March 2020

The first round of applications with deposits have been submitted to Cathie McCallum. The next round of applications and deposits is due by September 15, first come first served. When the number of ambassadors reaches the number the host clubs say they can accept, applicants received later will be placed on a waiting list. Contact Ambassador Coordinator, Cathie McCallum at 970-223-0436 or cathiemc@mail.com



FFNC JOURNEY CORNER

by Debby Jones, FFNC Journey Coordinator

Wonderful news! **FF of Stratford & St Mary's Canada** has confirmed they'll **visit FFNC in September 2020**. If you would be interested in being Host Coordinator for this Journey, please submit an application to me by September 6, 2019 dsj55@aol.com or call me for more info. 970-686-0303

If you're interested in a FF Journey this fall, check out these possibilities on FFI website

***Outdoor Adventure Journey New Zealand Nov 2019**
FF of Taupo, NZ. Travel into two of the leading areas for hiking, biking, rafting, canoeing, archery, golfing, plus visit some of New Zealand's famous sites.

- * **Bangkok Thailand/Vietnam Oct. 12–Nov. 3**
- * **Explore Myanmar & Laos Oct.15 – Nov. 2**