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## Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We really know how to throw a celebration dinner! Our World Friendship Day potluck was a wonderful event, due in large part to the excellent organization and creativity of the committee members (with Barbara Miller as chair), and the 9 table hosts. A huge thank-you goes out to all of the planners! You can see all of their names in the March newsletter.

It was such fun to see how splendidly and uniquely the dining tables were decorated to represent 9 different countries. Participants at each table viewed artifacts and maps to learn a bit about that specific country. The trivia game, "Find Someone Who...", was an excellent ice-breaker that caused members to circulate and converse with many others before the dinner. Several of you shared parts of your travel collections, and the displays were all very interesting. Kudos to Dennis Miller for his clever idea of creating a FFNC Passport, listing pertinent information about the club to hand out to our guests.

And the food...oh my, what a scrumptious ethnic variety! Although we were near bursting, we also enjoyed sampling the beautiful cake, yummy ice cream and fruit, in celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Friendship Force.

Ed Brigden did a great job of sharing a video from FFI about World Friendship Day, and leading us through the newly updated FFNC website. I hope you've all taken the time to check it out at <http://ffncolo.com>. Thanks to Ed, it is a very user friendly, dynamic and informative site---one that you're encouraged to go to for club updates, and to share with friends and prospective new members. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to a very special evening together.

I'll look forward to seeing you at our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, where we'll hear a presentation from 1) the administrator of the Global Village in Fort Collins and 2) our ambassadors from the outbound exchange in 2011 to Lincoln, Nebraska.



Marcia Ross

*Next Meeting*  
*April 13, 2012*  
*7:00 PM*

**Introduction to  
Global Village**

Faith Church  
Of Christ  
1020 Walnut  
Windsor, CO

## UPCOMING EXCHANGES

### LINCOLN, NE

JUNE 22—28

*Inbound*

Plans for the Lincoln, NE Exchange are moving along nicely. Larry Kluck, Lincoln ED, will have numbers to us by mid-April. Locally, our Lincoln committee has developed a great schedule of activities and events.

Thanks again to FFNC members who have volunteered to help. As we get closer, we hope each of you will help greet the Lincoln ambassadors June 22 at the Welcome Brunch (Dorothy's in Loveland). A complete itinerary of scheduled activities and events will be published in the May newsletter.

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### NEW ZEALAND

OCTOBER 14—20

*Inbound*

The Kiwis are Coming!

We just received news that there will be **nineteen** Ambassador friends from the Friendship Force of South Taranaki, New Zealand coming to Northern Colorado in October! These "Kiwis" hosted our Global Exchange to New Zealand, which was led by Nancy Brigden in November 2010. We are delighted to have the opportunity to reunite the group, including the 19 coming from New Zealand, 8 from other US clubs, 1 from Ontario, Canada, and the FFNC members who participated in the 2010 Global Exchange.

Please mark your calendars to participate in the activities during this exchange October 14-21. We're asking for people to sign-up to be home-

### BRAZIL

SAO JOSE DE RIO PRETO

CURITIBA METROPOLITANO

SEPTEMBER 17—OCTOBER 5

*Outbound*

The Brazil Exchange still has a couple of slots open for ambassadors, as we are nearly full on this wonderful opportunity to visit our southern hemisphere FF friends. Weren't you intrigued by our February program from Heloisa? She showed us that Brazilians are fun-loving, warm and welcoming people.

Both Brazilian clubs are planning a number of fun and interesting activities. They also assure me that we will not have any trouble with communication. You do not need to learn Portuguese.

Experience the largest country in South America,

one with a thriving economy. If it works for you, check with me—let's try to fill those last two positions.

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hosts, day-hosts, small group dinner-hosts and exchange planning committee members. I'll share more details at the April 13 Friendship Force meeting, and circulate the sign-up sheet.

We'll have an exchange committee meeting on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at my house (Cindy Paulson) in Fort Collins. Please consider joining the committee to help plan for this special week with our Kiwi friends!

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## APRIL 13 MEETING

Learn about the “Global Village” story. Eric, the Global Village administrator, will review and explain the history, purpose and contents of this museum.

The Museum, “Our Global Village Museum and Learning Center”, combined in 2009 with the “Peace Corps Museum” (from many who served as Peace Corps volunteers) and Mundoville. The Museum is currently in partnership with the City of Fort Collins.

The Museum provides interactive and experiential displays, permits storytellers to share stories, traditions and experiences, attracts artists who can recreate techniques, and hosts a center for global culture and understanding.

The late Jean Nash, a long-time member of FFNC, was a guiding force within the “Mundoville” museum.

## OFFICER SLATE FOR 2013

The nominating committee (Nancy Brigden, Judith Cadarette and Dick and Esther Johnsen) are pleased to announce and recommend the following officers for the 2013 calendar year.

In accordance with FFNC bylaws, the FFNC membership shall have a chance to nominate other candidates and then vote on an officer slate at the June 8 meeting.



## GUESTS AT FFNC MARCH 9 CELEBRATION

FFNC members were thrilled to be introduced to 18 guests at the March 9 World Friendship Day celebration, potluck and meeting night. Does this number set a record?



We ask that all of the “invitors” re-invite these folks (and others) to our April 13 meeting. We,

and our invitees, have so much to share in our mutual quest for cultural understanding that leads to world peace.

We extend a hearty welcome to new member, **Marta Aguayo**, a retired teacher from Fort Collins (to right of LaVada).

<b>Marta Aguayo</b>	LaVada Goranson
<b>Linda &amp; Jim Becker</b>	Nita Kopylay
<b>Lorrie Berg</b>	Ken & Paulette Weaver
<b>Cathy Bird</b>	Carol Aslor
<b>Brittney Bond</b>	Elle Barr
<b>Rik Brandenburg</b>	Willie Westdorp
<b>Kim Carihfield</b>	Charlie & Helen Carihfield
<b>Dale &amp; Brenda Friedrich</b>	Nita Kopylay
<b>Ray &amp; Lydia Garcia</b>	Elle Barr
<b>Evi &amp; Paul Opler</b>	Willie Westdorp
<b>Alice Penwell</b>	Hazel Krantz
<b>Nancy Pike</b>	
<b>Aida Raider</b>	
<b>Ben Thompson</b>	Willie Westdorp

## FF REGIONAL CONFERENCE—CHEYENNE, WY—APRIL 27 & 28

### “Robin’ The Friendship Future”

Everything is in place for the Friendship Force Mt. States Regional conference in Cheyenne, April 27-28. So far, 79 people have registered from the Friendship Force clubs throughout our region, including 25 from FFNC.

If you have not yet registered, it's not too late! Go to our website [ffncolo.com](http://ffncolo.com), then click on the “REGIONAL” tab at the top center of the home page. The Mountain States Regional Conference section of the page has links to the conference flyer, the conference program and the registration form. Print the registration form, fill it out and mail with your check to Jan Behrens in Cheyenne. Registration cost is \$100, which includes Friday evening dinner, opening session, and entertainment, and all day Saturday

sessions and meals as well as the Saturday evening event, “Bunkhouse Barbecue”. This wonderful barbecue meal will be followed by square-dancing fun, with Dennis Miller as caller!

*If you need help with getting registered, call or email. Please note that hotel rooms are still available, but home-hosting options have all been taken.*

*Those of you who signed up for carpooling will be notified about the riders & drivers match-ups. If you want to be included in carpools and haven't signed up, please let me know.*

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### FFNC Fleece

Our Friendship Force fleece project is going well! We have ordered 39 jackets & vests and we have a few extras available for sale in the FFNC store. If you'd like to order a jacket &/or vest, please call or email me to find out if our store has your size.

I will be placing another order soon, so to get in on the \$25 bulk-order price, please act now!

*Cindy Paulson*

### March 9 Party Kudos

Eye-catching—to walk into our Friendship Force meeting room and see all of the beautiful decorated tables. Our table hosts did themselves proud. The food, as always, was exceptional. I am convinced that the best cooks are members of our Northern Colorado FF club.

Thank you to everyone for a very enjoyable evening.

*Barb McCluskey*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks for bringing friends to the World Friendship Day celebration! We had a record-setting 18 guests at our March meeting! Invite them back. Word-of-mouth advertising and personal invitations from friends are the most effective ways to grow our membership.

We are pleased to welcome one more new member this month: **Marta Aguayo**. We look forward to introducing Marta at the April 13 meeting and getting better acquainted with her!

*Thelma Slocum & Cindy Paulson, Membership co-chairs*

## FFI FIELD REP UPDATES

*Betty Jean DeMersseman*

The FFI Board of Directors is very pleased with the Expansion Plan (**as presented at our March 9 FFNC meeting/party**). Now for the hard part: Implementation.

The Board has approved the Exchange Policy for 2013. The only change will be an addition to the 2012 Policy to add a **Health and Mobility Checklist** for all ambassadors. See our FFNC web site: [ffncolo.com](http://ffncolo.com) for more details and for the form (See **Exchanges** and **Forms**). This addition will assure

that all Exchange Ambassadors are capable of participating in the planned Exchange activities.

The FFI Board will next look at the Host Club Program Fee. As of now, the base fee is \$100 but changes can be made.

Club Profiles are in urgent need of an update. Our club president, Marcia Ross, informs us that FFNC has recently updated our profile. Something to remember—clubs use this reference to decide if they want to complete the “It’s a Match” Exchange.

## WEBSITE: FFNCOLO.COM

Hopefully you will have accessed the FFNC website by now so that you are familiar with its layout and content. Since the content continually changes, please continue to “check in” and see what’s new.

The date in the right corner of the footer on each page indicates the date of the last update

for that page. This presents a clue for information timeliness.

Frequently the monthly newsletter may not have enough space available for event pictures. Think of our website as a logical place for pictures that were not included in the newsletter.

*Ed Brigden*

## CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE EXCHANGE DIRECTORS!!!

One of the great perks of being a member of FFNC comes through participation on both inbound and outbound international and domestic exchanges. As you can see on page 7, we have several exchanges already in the works. Now that many are confirmed or nearing confirmation, it is time to assign Exchange Directors to each confirmed Exchange. Please consider giving your time and talents to one of the following exchanges through your participation as an Exchange Director:

**2012 November---OUTBOUND to Dallas 1 week (joining with the Montana club) specific dates are being set early in Nov.**

**2013 June 12-19 INBOUND Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon**

**2013 August 8-15 INBOUND ARTS & NATURE, Discover USA themed global exchange (not club-to-club)**

**On the horizon awaiting final FFI or domestic club approval:**

**2013 January OUTBOUND Turrialba, Costa Rica (dates TBD) 1 week plus add-on**

**2013 Spring OUTBOUND to Harrisburg, PA (dates TBD) 1 week (+ add-on?)**

**2013 September INBOUND Penticton/Okanagan Valley, Canada (dates TBD)**

**2014 Fall INBOUND Harrisburg, PA (specifics TBD)**

All of these exchanges will require preparation, planning and participation by many members of our club. With this exciting program on the horizon, we hope many of you will take the opportunity to apply for an ED position. Mentors are available if you are “green”, but would like to lead and learn from a “pro”.

Please contact me at [mross377@msn.com](mailto:mross377@msn.com) or 377-0512 to obtain an ED application. All applications will be screened and recommendations for final leadership appointments will be approved by a vote of the FFNC board.

*Marcia Ross*

## MARCH 9 MEETING—WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

We had a fun, interactive and informative international potluck to celebrate World Friendship Day and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Friendship Force International (FFI). FFNC members provided a variety of appealing ethnic main dishes and side dishes that were enjoyed by seventy-one members and their guests. Each of the nine tables had a host and designated country he or she had visited. Each was tastefully and thoughtfully represented using a variety of techniques including dishware, artifacts, snacks and trivia activities all of which facilitated discussion about and appreciation of the country represented. In addition, each host shared aloud to all in the room information about the country represented at their table so that we all learned about each country. For example, Nancy Brigden shared that it is against the law not to vote in Australia and we learned that Willie Westdorp was born and raised in the Netherlands!

Table Hosts and the country represented at their table were as follows:

- Table 1 - Nita Kopyay - Hungary
- Table 2 - Betty Jean DeMersseman - Malta
- Table 3 - Doris Rogers - South Africa
- Table 4 - Marion Sparks - Brazil
- Table 5 - Larry Clark - Turkey
- Table 6 - Nancy Brigden - Australia
- Table 7 - Willie Westdorp - Netherlands
- Table 8 - Dennis Miller - U.S.A.
- Table 9 - Helen Crihfield - Germany

Seating for each table was cleverly determined at sign-in by each participant drawing a stick numbered 1 through 9 resulting in mixed table seating to facilitate interaction and new acquaintances. A display of materials and souvenirs from members' travels was also available in the room for us all to see and learn more about the countries represented.

As members and their guests arrived, interaction began using an ice breaker to "Find someone who has..." and

listed a number of travel activities, such as has "Cruised Alaska" or "Been on an African Safari". I found it was fun to find someone who had done an activity as well as to be able to share my travel experiences. Clearly, a love of travel is a common factor all members share, so this activity made for fun interaction in this group!

A "Passport" about FFNC designed by Dennis Miller provided at all tables clearly explains our organization and its goals.

Following dinner, Ed Brigden shared a slide show from FFI for World Friendship Day in celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and success on 6 continents in 57 countries. The theme for this year is Building Friendships for a New Generation and the slide show explained that the focus for FFI is expansion of new clubs, more global exchanges, expanded leadership, and more use of technology so that people have more opportunity to make a difference through friendship and peace, one person at a time!

This event was well planned and executed by committee chair Barbara Miller and committee members Jane Willhour, Anita Kopyay, Betty Jean DeMersseman, Nancy Brigden, Cinda Clark, and Marion Sparks. Congratulations to them for a job well done and an event much enjoyed!

The new FFNC website was introduced and demonstrated at the meeting by webmaster Ed Brigden. The story goes that Ed volunteered to develop this website three years ago, researched it in February of 2012, developed it in three weeks and now has fifteen pages live and available at [ffncolo.com](http://ffncolo.com)! We can as members use it ourselves to access current and historical information and to refer to others interested in Friendship Force. It is certainly an asset to our organization and an effective resource to increase our membership. Remember to reference it whenever you need information

such as forms, contacts, and information on upcoming events or exchanges.

For pictures, refer to the FFNC website ([ffncolo.com](http://ffncolo.com)) and click on "Programs".

Inbound

Outbound

## EXCHANGE CALENDAR

## 2012 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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**Mountain States Regional Conference**  
April 27-28  
Cheyenne, WY

**Lincoln, NE** June 22-28  
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**Brazil** Sept 17-Oct 5  
**Sao Jose de Rio Preto** Sept 18-24  
**Curitiba Metropolitan** Sept 24-30  
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**South Taranaki, New Zealand** October 14-20  
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**FFI World Conference**  
October 30-November 3  
Hiroshima, Japan

**Costa Rica** January  
**Turrialba** ED needed

**Myanmar** February  
**Global Exchange for Aid & to Assess for new FF club** Dot Cada

**Willamette Valley, OR** June 12-18  
**Revisitation** ED needed

**Discover America** August 9-?  
**Arts & Nature** ED needed

**Penticton, BC, Canada** Early September  
**Revisitation** ED needed

**Discover Europe** Sept/October  
**"Jewels of Eastern Europe"**  
**Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Budapest**  
Cinda Clark

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## EXCHANGE: MYANMAR

Democracy continues to make inroads in Myanmar (Burma). In February, 2013, FFI is sponsoring a Global Discovery Trip under FFNC's leadership.

Some of you may remember our successful Mission Trip in 2006 when we visited the 7th floor apartment of Tin Aung Moe for an authentic Burmese supper and visit. Moe has been my guide and co-traveler for each of my 5 prior trips to Myanmar. In 2004 he received an invitation and materials to start a FF club there, but the political atmosphere was not yet ready. Now with the political changes of the past year, we are encouraged for a more positive outcome with this humanitarian aid and exploration trip.

We shall again explore the interests of the Myanmar people in forming a club to join us in our global goals. We have been offered some home visits and home meals and the government has authorized overnight stays as an option in an ethnic minority Long House.

- Yangoon-Swedagon pagoda
- Ride an elephant
- Country views toward panoramic view of Mandalay
- 200 year-old teak bridge
- Irrawaddy River cruise—"road to Mandalay"
- Bagan/Pagan with ancient temples
- See farmers plow fields with oxen

In addition to the tourist sites (see above), we shall deliver medicines, health equipment, learning aids, clothes and toys to NGO orphanages, nunneries and monastery schools. We shall view at least 1 of 25 completed water purification systems in orphanages, an ongoing project underwritten by Rotary.

Past trips have included novice parades,

engagement and wedding parties, festivals and puppet shows.

If you have an interest in this mentoring group, please contact me for an application, exact dates and costs as currently determined.

Help us support these kind and gentle people.

*Dot Cada*

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## BENSON GARDEN BREAKFAST & WORKDAY *April 14*

Why not join in for a joyful celebration of spring!! Come to the Potluck Gardeners' Breakfast and Garden Cleanup on Saturday April 14 starting at 9 A.M. at Anne Brown's home (1006 Alexandria Dr). Bring some fruit, rolls, or a breakfast dish to serve 4-6. We'll discuss our work plans, then head out to our adopted garden in Benson Park for the first workday of the season. We plan to wrap up by 11:30.

With the extraordinary warm weather in March, the daylilies and sedums are sprouting early. Bring along hand clippers, a plastic garbage bag, gloves and any other tools you like to use in spring cleanup. If you have a narrow spading shovel you might bring that along too. (Remember that bindweed grows deep!).

*Nancy Brigden*

April 14: Gardeners' Potluck Breakfast 9-10 AM  
at Anne Brown's home

Garden Cleanup 10-11:30 AM

April 21: **Rain/Snow Alternate Date** for Garden  
Potluck & Cleanup

May 12: Second Garden Workday 10-Noon

May 19: Continued May Workday 10-Noon (if needed)

June 1: Benson Gardens Combined Planting Day

June 9: FFNC Workday (if needed)