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Spring has once again spread its magical spell, awakening the earth and bringing to life resplendent growth and a multitude of fresh bright colors. It's a wonderful time for rejuvenation and fresh energy for our FFNC club to reflect on where we've been and to visualize and plan where we hope to head. The Regional Conference in Cheyenne was a great opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments and become aware of new ways to re-energize and "bloom" as a club. Special thanks to Cinda Clark, Betty Jean Demersseman, Judy Flatley, Cindy Paulson & Thelma Slocum for your presentations at the conference and to Dennis & Barb Miller for providing the fun Square Dancing on Saturday evening! Thanks to all of our members who were able to attend the interesting conference sessions and participate in the fun social activities.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



One of the greatest assets of our club is the amazing amount of time and energy donated by our members to various projects and committees. This month I'd like to extend a special "Thank You" to Esther Johnsen for her thoughtful recruitment of interesting speakers for our regular meetings, Esther spends lots of personal time going to presentations and making contacts to be sure the programs she recommends will be of interest to our members. Super job Esther---we all benefit from and appreciate your efforts!

As you have heard at our meetings and seen on our exchange calendar, we have several exciting inbound and outbound exchange opportunities on the horizon. We do still need volunteers to sign up to be Exchange Directors for 2013: Inbound from Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon, June 12-18, 2013, Inbound from Penticton/Okanagan Valley, Canada in September 2013. Please consider volunteering for these important leadership roles. These incoming exchanges are a perfect opportunity to jump in and help out FFNC. You can find the E.D. application on our website, or contact me at 377-0512. Support, training and mentoring are available if you do not have prior E.D. experience. We have our Exchange Resource Notebooks available for each inbound exchange committee, filled with contacts and lots of great ideas for activities. It takes the effort and energy of many of us to make these exchanges successful, and we want to be sure we put forth our warmest welcome to all ambassadors who come to visit us! If you are also interested in being considered for any of the E.D. positions, please get your application to me before May 9.

~ Marcia Ross

Next Meeting
May 11, 2012
7:00 PM
Program will be:

Dave Mills:

Libraries of Love
in Uganda

See p. 3 for details

Faith Church
Of Christ
1020 Walnut
Windsor, CO

UPCOMING EXCHANGES

LINCOLN, NE

JUNE 22-28, 2012

Inbound

Our friends from Lincoln will be here June 21-28! All club members are invited and encouraged to participate with us in the activities of this week. We'll have sign-up sheets at the May 11 FF meeting.

- ~ Thursday, June 21- Ambassadors arrive
- ~ Fri., June 22 – Welcome Brunch at Dorothy's Catering in Loveland followed by a day in the Boulder area: The Leanin Tree Western Art Museum & Gardens, Tour Celestial Seasonings, then sightseeing or shopping in Boulder
- ~ Sat., June 23 -Rocky Mt. Nat'l Park & Estes Park
- ~ Sun., June 24 –Free day with hosts

Small group dinners in the evening

- ~ Monday, June 25 – Tour of N. CO Water Conservancy District including interpretive display of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project and the Conservation Gardens. Visit Loveland sculpture parks, galleries and museums.

~Tuesday, June 26 –

Eaton Washing Machine Museum.

Lunch at Historic Bruce's Bar in Severance

Centennial Village in Greeley

- ~ Wednesday, June 27 – Fort Collins day: Silver Grille, Global Village Museum, box lunch/picnic at the CSU Trial Gardens, tour of New Belgium Brewery, and CSU Vet Hospital tour.

- ~ Thursday, June 28 – Visit Ted's Place, then lunch & visit to Shambhala and Great Stupa of Dharmakaya. Early evening Farewell potluck at Alice Gibson's cabin.

Signup sheet for participation in exchange activities will be at the May 11 FF meeting.

For more info., or to volunteer to be a dayhost, a homehost, or to host a small group dinner contact Exchange Director: Carolyn Crowley 377-1299 cjcrowley@gmail.com

BRAZIL

SAO JOSE DO RIO PRETO
CURITIBA METROPOLITANO

SEPTEMBER 18—OCT. 6, 2012

Outbound

Join us for 18 days in Brazil, a country with an astounding variety of natural and cultural wonders! We will have two delightful home-stays with our friends in Sao Jose do Rio Preto, and Curitiba-Metropolitan. Each club has planned an exciting itinerary in their respective areas, where we will learn about their unique history, culture and of course we will enjoy the Brazilian cuisine!

Our post exchange tours include two days of sightseeing and tours of Iguassu Falls, some of the most magnificent water falls in the world! From there we will fly to Rio de Janeiro for three nights. We'll have guided tours of the local sites and sounds of this exciting city and return home on October 6.

Costs: \$3160 includes all flights, FFI fees, hosting fees, private tours, guides, accommodations, most meals on tours.
\$ 160 for required Visa
Passport is required
Travel insurance must be purchased.

Five spaces available, so ACT NOW to secure your place on this exciting exchange!

On Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. participants of this exchange will have a informational workshop at Doris Rogers' house.

~Judy Flatley 223-1037 flatleyjl@msn.com

ELECTION NOTICE

The nominating committee has recommended the following slate of officers for 2013:

President: Marcia Ross, Vice Pres: Marilyn Garner
Secretary: Paulette Weaver, Treasurer: Alice Gibson

The FFNC membership will have a chance to nominate other candidates and then vote on a slate of officers at the June 8, 2012 meeting.

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MAY 11 MEETING PROGRAM

Dave Mills will present our May 11 program about the *Libraries of Love* project, that he and his wife, Diane, participated in June 2011. Dave and Diane, from Loveland, joined a team of 14 volunteers (mostly from Texas) to create libraries at three elementary schools in Mbale, Uganda. The non-profit Libraries of Love, project, founded and led by Trudy Marshall, a librarian from Austin, Texas has created a total of 24 libraries in Uganda over the past 8 years. For the entire year prior to the trip, volunteers collected, sorted and labeled thousands of donated books. A 40 foot container was filled with books and sent by ship to Africa. Fortunately all schools in Uganda teach in English, but very few schools have any libraries as we know them. After building the new libraries, the volunteers visited many schools which had received books and buildings from Libraries of Love in past years. Project volunteers met with students, teachers and librarians and evaluated their library needs. The *Libraries of Love* project is committed to not only building libraries, but sustaining them as well.

When Dave presents the program to FFNC on May 11, he will tell us more about the project and show photos of the trip, including photos of Ugandan food, clothing, housing, transportation, classrooms, churches and some fascinating wildlife seen along the Nile River in Murchison National Park.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 74 members in FFNC. We hope to continue to increase our membership, so please remember to tell others about Friendship Force, and invite guests to our meetings. If you have not ordered your FREE Friendship Force business cards yet, get the order form from Willie or Carolyn at the Greeting Table at the next meeting.

Welcome to our newest member, **MARTA AGUAYO**. Marta retired after 24 years of teaching elementary school in the Denver area. She now lives in Fort Collins. She loves to learn about other cultures and peoples, and very much enjoys music and art. Marta is looking forward to meeting more friends in the club, and to involvement in Friendship Force activities.

JERRY DONOVAN had successful carotid artery surgery in April. He is home now, and doing well. Cards would be appreciated. Send to: Jerry Donovan; 3501 Florida Dr. Loveland, CO 80538

AL SHEAHAN is in a long-term care facility in Longmont, and is receiving excellent care from the medical staff with support from Hospice. Kay asked that this information be shared with the Friendship Force friends:

"Al fell at home on March 27, sustaining a severe head injury. Additionally his blood sugar dropped to a dangerously low level. Al was admitted to the hospital, where medical staff was able to help him stabilize. Al's kidney disease has progressed dramatically, to the point where he needed daily dialysis in the hospital. The treatments have become very difficult and uncomfortable, and we have recently we made the decision to discontinue dialysis. Al enjoys his days, visiting with us, and when he's able, he participates in some of the group activities at his care center."

Kay wanted be sure to let everyone know that Al was very, very happy that they were able to be at the March **World Friendship Day** event, and was delighted to have the chance to see everyone. After the evening, Al told Kay, *"It was so good to see those folks!"*

Al would love to hear from us. Friends who would like to send greetings, can mail cards to the Sheahans' home address 2102 Ponderosa Dr; Loveland, CO 80538 or emails to Kay658@peoplepc.com Kay makes daily trips to Longmont to be with Al, so she will take cards & emails to him.

MT. STATES FF REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHEYENNE

The Friendship Force of Cheyenne hosted 90 members from throughout our seven club region at the April 27-28 Friendship Force Conference. Our club was well represented at the conference, and six FFNC members were session presenters. Many more photos on ffncoloro.com Click on REGIONAL tab.

FFI President, **George Brown** mentioned our club specifically several times in his remarks, and commended Cinda Clark, Dot Cada, Betty Jean DeMersseman for involvement and service in our local club, as well as their leadership in our region and with FFI, especially with the Global Expansion of Friendship Force. **Cinda Clark**, as a member of the FFI Board of Directors, was the keynote speaker on Friday evening. Her remarks about "Working with FFI Trail Bosses" roped us all in with her clever description of all levels of communication and teamwork in Friendship Force. "Yippie-yi-yo-ki-yay!" **Betty Jean DeMersseman** was a presenter at the "Travel Tips" workshop. She emphasized importance of matching each ambassador's health & physical mobility levels with the rigors and activities of each particular exchange. **BJ** also facilitated the Leadership Session, and suggested ways of keeping clubs vibrant, and recruiting *active* new members. **Thelma Slocum** presented a segment of the membership general session, sharing ideas for recruiting, retaining and mentoring new members. **Judy Flatley** presented a workshop about planning an incoming exchange. She shared our Exchange Resource Notebook. **Cindy Paulson** shared tips about "Packing and Preparing for Overseas Travel" in her workshop. **Dennis & Barbara Miller** provided the equipment, music & the instruction for Saturday evening's Square Dancing fun! Dennis did the *calling*, and Barbara assisted novice dancers as they tried to grab a corner, do-si-do, promenade, and most importantly remember left from right!



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GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM REPORT BY MARIAN SPARKS

John Roberts gave a presentation on the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures that opened a year ago in Fort Collins. **Erik Hoffset** assisted with a slide show. John met John Kennedy in 1961, and was inspired to join the Peace Corps for two years. After law school he joined the State Dept. and was in Viet Nam for five years. While working for the State Dept., he was sent to 19 countries and acquired many items that were shipped back to the U.S. He has been a professor of International Studies at CSU for ten years. John is a world traveler. One of his favorite items is from the Solomon Islands where he asked Peter, a wood carver, to make a mermaid. Peter knows a mermaid is half human and half fish, but his carving is reversed to our concept of a mermaid. John calls it a “**Maidmer.**”



Erik Hoffset & John Roberts of Global Village Museum with the “Maidmer” carved statue.

In 2009 John met the late Jean Nash, a member of our club. They combined their extensive collections and opened the first facility (210 sq. ft.) in March 2010. The City of Fort Collins helped them move to a bigger space (8,600 sq. ft.) at 200 West Mountain Ave. in April 2011. The museum’s mission is to foster and celebrate international connections between Northern Colorado and the world through exhibits of folk art, crafts and artifacts from around the globe, to provide reference and research materials and training, and to become a clearinghouse where internationals in the region connect. It is “dedicated to the hope of preserving for the future the people of the past who dwell in the present.”

Since opening the museum there have been exhibits about Japan, West Africa, Mali and Timbuktu, Melanesia (South Pacific) and Games and Toys from around the world. A new exhibit opens May 4 on Beads and Baskets. Two more exhibits this year are Aug. 3 to Oct. 20--Native Americans, and Nov. and Dec.--Nativities from around the world. Admission fees are: Adults-\$5, Seniors and Students \$3, Children (4 to 12) \$1, (3 and under) free. Group tours by appointment.

Open Wed. – Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 970-221-4600.

MYANMAR GLOBAL DISCOVERY EXCHANGE

Friendship Force International sponsors Global Discovery Exchanges to new countries or regions where hosting may be limited or not yet available. Be the first to extend the hand of friendship by personally meeting with people of Myanmar and introducing Friendship Force.

Ambassadors will also participate in providing badly needed humanitarian aide to NGO orphanages, nunneries and monastery schools. This Global Discovery Exchange is Sponsored by FFI and mentored by the Friendship Force of Northern Colorado.

Date: February 2013

Costs estimated at \$2,500 including FFI fees, all meals, lodging, guides, transportation and flights within Myanmar.

Note: International flights are additional

Organizer (E.D.) Dot Cada

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Check out our website for more information about this opportunity. Click on the EXCHANGES tab on the left side of the page, then scroll down to “Exchange to Myanmar” and click on Myanmar Flier to see photos and detailed info about this

LINCOLN EXCHANGE REPORT BY MARIAN SPARKS

Alice Gibson was Exchange Director to Lincoln, NE in October 2011. Seven members of the group reported to FFNC about their experiences and interesting places they visited with their hosts.



Debby Jones, Bette Younger, Alice Gibson, Marylou Selch, Fermor Black and Willy Westdorp share experiences of the Lincoln Exchange

On the list were the state capitol and governor's mansion in Lincoln, the Canyon Coffee Co., a quilt museum, the Museum of Speed's large collection of cars, the Bedient Organ Factory where pipe organs are hand-made, Duncan Aviation, a company owned by one family for a longer time than any other in the world, and **shopping**. They visited an apple orchard in Nebraska City where Arbor Day originated.

In Omaha they toured Boys Town where girls are now included, and it has grown to be an international organization. They visited the Lewis and Clark Museum and drove by Warren Buffet's home. An outstanding feature in downtown Omaha is the Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness and Pioneer Park. It's a collection of 123 bronze sculptures depicting an 1841 wagon train covering sections of six city blocks.

Author's Note: All the sculptures are 1.25 life size. Three artists worked eleven years from conception to completion. One of the artists is world renowned Swedish born Kent Ullberg, who has a studio in Loveland. He sculpted 58 Canada geese and 9 bison. Loveland's Art Casting Foundry cast the geese—some bronze, some stainless steel in 2002. The Bronze Services foundry also in Loveland cast some of the bison. A documentary, "Making an American Monument: an Epic Journey in Bronze," was shown on PBS on January 5, 2012. There is an interesting article and great pictures on

<http://www.boodyfinearts.com/projects/firstnational.html>



SAD NEWS.....

Long time Friendship Force member, Bea Mohr, passed away in April. Bea and her husband Carl were active in FFNC during the 90's into the 2000's. They moved to Phoenix a few years ago.

Bea's obituary is online at the Coloradoan website below

<http://www.coloradoan.com/viewart/20120422/OBITUARIES/204220341/Beatrice-Bea-Mohr>

Friends may offer condolences in the online guestbook at www.hansenmortuary.com

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EXCHANGE CALENDAR

Lincoln, NE June 22-28
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To BRAZIL Sept 18- Oct 6
 Sao Jose do Rio Preto homestay
 Curitiba Metropolitan homestay
 Extension tour
 Judy Flatley 223-1037 flatjl@msn.com

South Taranaki, NZ October 14-20
 Cindy Paulson 225-2252 cdp225@msn.com

To Dallas November 2012
 ED to be announced

FFI World Conference
 October 30-November 3, 2012
 Hiroshima, Japan

COSTA RICA January 2013
 Turrialba Homestay plus tour add-on
 ED to be announced

MYANMAR February 2013
 Global Exchange for Aid & to Assess
 for new FF club
 Exchange Director, Dot Cada
 dotcada@yahoo.com 970 667-7548

Willamette Valley, OR June 12—18, 2013
 Revisitation ED needed

Discover America August 2013
 Arts & Nature ED to be announced

Penticton, BC, Canada September 2013
 Revisitation ED needed

Discover Europe Sept/October 2013
 "Jewels of Central Europe"
 Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Budapest
 ED Cinda Clark

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BENSON PARK FRIENDSHIP FORCE GARDEN

Even without many April showers, thanks to 26 hours contributed by our Friendship Force members, our garden is coming to life and looking good! Special thanks to Anne Brown for hosting the kickoff potluck breakfast last month.

Ten FFNC members ate heartily and chatted, then went to work at Benson Park. Our April work made some major renovation and cleaned up our adopted FF Garden on the east side of the park.

The City of Loveland park garden manager took care of removal of diseased plants. Those areas have now been tilled in preparation for Spring Planting Day on June 1. Now we all hope for blessings of gentle rain showers from Mother Nature to aid our efforts.



Please consider helping during May and June:
May 12 9 a.m. FFNC gardening session
June 1: 9 a.m. All City Planting Day
June 9, 9 a.m. Planting date, if needed



MORE MEMORIES OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHEYENNE

