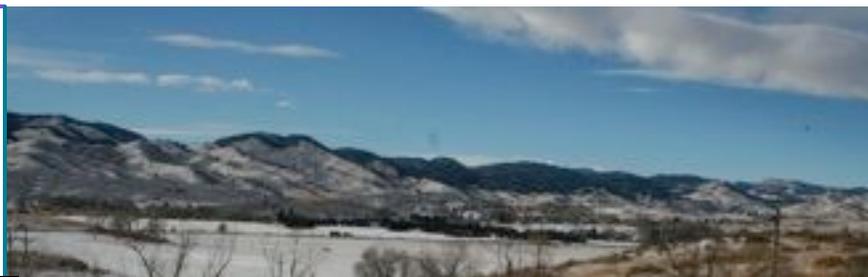




friendship force
NORTHERN COLORADO



2012

November

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

October Program Report	2
November Program Holiday Party	3
New Zealand Exchange	4
New Members **** Brazil Exchange Report	5
Exchange Updates FFI International Exchange Destinations for 2014	6
Exchange Calendar Officers & Chairs	7
Field Rep Report Faces, Places and More	8

FRIENDSHIP FLYER

**Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding Areas
FROM THE PRESIDENT**



As new friendships were forged and renewed, the Brazil outbound exchange and the New Zealand incoming exchange are now in our fond memories and photos. The Open World exchange is in full progress as you receive this newsletter, and early in November, the Dallas outbound group, under the leadership of Alice Gibson, will also be in progress. This fall has an unusually busy flurry of exchange opportunities for our club!

Seventeen of us who were fortunate enough to experience wonderful exchanges to Sao Jose do Rio Preto and Curitiba, Brazil and scenic extension tours to Iguazoo Falls and Rio de Janeiro owe Judy Flatley and Doris Rogers our thanks for a marvelous job of organizing the details of our journey. We made many new Friendship Force friends and experienced dozens of wonderful highlights during our exchanges and tour.

Our Kiwi friends from South Taranaki, New Zealand came at just the right time to experience the very best of our fall weather and a host of interesting, full days of touring our area. They seemed especially interested in visits to the Johnson Dairy and Dairy Tech Industry, the foundry tour and Benson Park in Loveland, the New Belgium Brewery tour and the drives and hikes in Rocky Mountain National Park. My guests marveled at the beauty of the fall foliage and the Rocky Mountains and were amazed that we could get so close to the elk, deer and bighorn sheep we encountered. Cindy Paulson and her committee planned and executed a fantastic exchange week for our NZ friends!

Dot Cada has worked tirelessly with her committee (especially Anne Brown) to develop an instructive and interesting exchange for our Open World guests, centering on the theme of Energy Efficient Technologies. Alice Gibson and Elle Barr have also been busy with correspondence and making arrangements to prepare their outbound group to fly to Dallas on November 7th, meeting up with both the Dallas and Montana FF clubs.

In every case, the success of our outbound and inbound exchanges depends on the contributions of many committee members, participation in the events by a variety of club members and strong leadership from our Exchange Directors. Many thanks go out to everyone in the club who has assisted or participated in any way in the planning and implementation of all of these recent exchanges. Whether you have contributed ED leadership, or helped to plan events, home host, dinner host, day host, or join the whole group activities, your participation is what keeps our club vital, interesting and fun! We are fortunate to have so many wonderfully active, contributing members in our club.

--Marcia Ross

Next Meeting:
Friday, November 9
7:00 P.M.
Cynthia Worayeth
"History of Libya"
Faith Church of Christ
1020 Walnut
Windsor, CO

OCTOBER 2012 FRIENDSHIP FORCE PROGRAM

Dr. Robert N. (Bob) Meroney provided us a lively and fascinating evening of a visit to the Wild West and life of Jack (Alf) Slade and the development of the Overland Stage. Dr. Meroney is a retired engineering professor from CSU who, described as a Master Naturalist, enjoys making real the lives of early contributors to the western U.S., including Alf Slade. He labeled his depiction of Slade as a channeling instead of a reenactment since Slade died at the age of 33, younger than Dr. Meroney's current age.

Our first glimpse of Slade came from a quote of Mark Twain (who had met Slade) in *Life on the Mississippi* showing his bragging and boasting personality by describing himself, saying "I'm the bloodiest son of a wildcat". Born in 1831 in Carlyle, Illinois the fourth of five children to a state congressman who died of cholera when Slade was young, he was a good student who became a trouble maker. At the age of thirteen, he killed a hobo from behind with a rock by the river where he was skipping school and smoking when the hobo threatened to tell his parents. The local sheriff didn't want to arrest him, but didn't want him to stay in town; so young Jack was sent to relatives in Texas where he learned to shoot a revolver and use a knife! Note: At this point, Dr. Meroney showed us a Colt revolver, a gun used in those days, and a Bowie knife that would have been used by Slade and westerners. It was "long enough to be a sword and sharp enough to shave with".

At age eighteen, Slade was 5'6" tall and weighed 150 lbs. He joined the Mexican-American War where he spent most of his time drunk and fighting. An example of him as a trickster (described by Twain) told of him tricking another man during a duel to lay down his gun with promise to do so also, but instead shot the unarmed man!

After the war in 1849, he became a teamster to carry the mail with the Pony Express which later became the Overland Stage. On his first trip on the wagon trails, he was confronted by fifteen Cheyenne Indians. He shot twelve of them, cut off their ears and took them to the nearest fort to give them to the chief. He was known as an enforcer of the trail and violent with those who bothered the wagon train, killing other Indians and horse thieves.

A famous story told why Slade carried an ear in his pocket. Jules Beni had been robbing shipments and stealing horses. He shot Slade thirteen times – six times with a revolver and seven shotgun shots. Thinking Slade was dead, Beni told his men to bury him. Slade raised up on his elbows saying he would wear Jules' ear around his neck. Slade was taken on a seventeen day trip back across Nebraska to Missouri where he spent a year in the hospital. Afterwards he went back and captured Jules whom he shot twenty-two times over twenty-four hours by shooting then drinking then shooting again repeatedly. He took off both Jules ears and put one of his watch fob (chain). He returned to Fort Laramie and surrendered himself. No charges were filed.

The Pony Express: The riders were typically around age 25 and 125 lbs. They were told to "run, not fight" if they saw Indians. The saddle they used was one third the weight of a regular saddle. The mail they delivered was written on onion skin paper so was also very light. In 1859, the Pony Express advertised for riders. Slade hired William (Bill) Cody. Cody said Slade never spoke an unkind word to him.

Further descriptions of Slade by Mark Twain in *Roughing It* told Slade to be "most gentlemanly in his appearance, quiet, friendly, gentle spoken and polite". So, we can see that Slade was a man of contradictions. He was also a devoted husband to his wife Maria Virginia Slade. Their primary home was in Virginia Dale, 25 miles north of Fort Collins, giving Slade a connection to this area.

Slade became a superintendent with the Overland Stage Line developed in 1862 by Ben Holladay from the Pony Express. Running from Missouri to California until 1869 when it was sold to Wells Fargo and the trains took over, it carried passengers through this area. The stage could go only about fifteen miles without changing horses so towns (including Virginia Dale) were established along the way where horses were changed or passengers could stay overnight.

Further exploits told of drunken sprees and killings in Wyoming with Slade and Virginia being run out of town. They bought two ranches in Virginia City, Montana and raised dairy cows, selling badly needed milk and cheese in this mining city. Slade got drunk, shot up the place and was ordered by the judge to leave the area since, as he said, "Slade never killed anybody not needing it". A vigilante committee of one hundred found and hung him on March 9, 1864. Virginia vowed Slade would be brought back to Colorado for burial, putting his body into a tin coffee crate filled with liquor which she kept under her bed all winter until it started to smell. She abandoned the crate in Salt Lake City, Utah where Slade was buried in an unmarked grave.

In 1958, a University of Utah professor wrote to Congress requesting a deserving tombstone for this veteran. Permission was sent to the professor who with his students put a tombstone on Slade's grave. Slade was believed to have killed as many as 45 men. His life and death remain controversial even today!



—Reporter, Brenda Wiginton

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Our speaker for November is Cynthia F. Worayeth. She will be giving us an overview of Libyan history from ancient times until now.



Personal Bio

I was born and raised in Fort Collins at 630 Whedbee, our church was First Presbyterian and I even attended Whitworth a Presbyterian college in Spokane Washington. I married my husband of 32 years who is from Libya. We have 2 adult children, our daughter is married and lives in Sierra Mardi, Los Angeles and Yousif lives here in Fort Collins and has blessed us with 3 grandchildren. We had managed to travel to Libya about every 3rd year while the children were growing up. We were in the process of ending our careers in Libya prior to the revolution and had established ourselves there, but we had to make some changes in Feb 2011.

Speaking qualifications:

- *Poudre R1 speaker on Islam for 12 years with grade school to high school presentations*
- *Numerous church affiliations speaking on Islam and history of the Middle east.*
- *Speaking engagements from women's and secular organizations (PEO, book clubs)*

Academic Background

*University of Northern Colorado, June 1981,
Bachelor of Arts in Education
Colorado State University, 1977-1979
Associates Degree in Business Management, June
1977, Rocky Mountain Business College
Whitworth Presbyterian College, 1974-1976
Humanities*

Cynthia and her husband started the company Advanced Engineering Professionals. She worked for the city of Loveland as Building Coordinator. She has also been involved in Community work with Saudi Student Affairs, teaching ESL, and the resettling of Cambodian Refugee families.



Holiday Party Plans...

Holiday celebration plans are underway for our club's December gathering. We'll be in the banquet room at Johnson's Corner. Please use the NE banquet door for our own private entrance that evening.

Who: FFNC Members & Guests
 What: Holiday Celebration
 Where: Johnson's Corner
 When: Friday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 PM
 Why: Because it's FUN!
 Cost: \$20 per person

Entertainment

Humorist – Gary Cummins

Menu

Roast Beef
 Broasted Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Broccoli with Cheese
 Tossed Salad
 Rolls and Drinks
 Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Please plan to sign up at our November FFNC meeting. Paying early may help relieve the \$\$ burden in the busy/costly month of December. Also, we can give accurate numbers to the restaurant; space is limited.

Committee members... we will meet Thursday, Nov. 8, at 5:00 pm at the IHOP restaurant in Loveland (NW corner, I-25 and Hwy 34) to plan activities, decorations, prizes, mixers, and whatever else you'd like to do!

(Esther Johnson, Holiday Party Chairperson)



NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE IN NORTHERN COLORADO

Twenty two ambassadors, including 18 from New Zealand, two from Washington, one from Ontario and one from Houston spent a week with us in Northern Colorado October 14-21. This week reunited friends who were together for the October 2010 Global exchange to New Zealand. What a wonderful feeling to complete the Friendship Force circle with a reciprocal exchange!

We enjoyed a wide variety of activities in the area, including:

- * Weld County Day with a visit to Johnson Dairy, tour of Dairy Tech, and lunch at Bruce's in Severence
- * Loveland Day with an arts theme including a foundry tour, gallery visit, Benson Park & Garden stroll, lunch and Welcome with Mayor Gutierrez, and a tree planting near the FF Garden
- * Fort Collins area activities with a visit to Old Town, tour of New Belgium Brewery, CSU Vet Hospital tour, and a visit to the Global Village Museum
- * Rocky Mountains Day with a Stanley Hotel tour, visit to Estes Park and driving & hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park including spotting lots wildlife: elk, big-horn sheep and deer
- * Friday and Saturday were free days for hosts & ambassadors to choose activities
- * Rialto Theater production of The Music Man
- * Farewell Hoedown at The Barn in Berthoud, complete with delicious BBQ meal, Bandana Charades activity, traditional Maori stick dance by our Kiwi friends, and Square Dancing!

Thank you to the 18 FFNC members who hosted, 4 who dayhosted, 10 dinner hosts, and several other members who participated in the whole group Fiesta at Tres Margaritas, the Rialto event and the Farewell. We heard so many positive comments from our Kiwi friends! They especially appreciated having so many of us participating with them in each day's activities. South Taranaki ED Ann Chisnall told us "It was lovely to have so many members of Northern Colorado Friendship Force involved throughout this wonderful exchange."



GET ACQUAINTED WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS

Marta Aguayo was born in Carnes City, Texas, but raised in Ogallala, Nebraska. After she married in 1959, she moved to Denver. There she taught Elementary Education until her retirement. Marta has two children and 3 grandchildren. In 2005 she moved to Fort Collins. Marta's interests are music (especially the symphony), theater, arts and crafts, and sewing. She loves literature and poetry.

Ramona Knipper just retired In April 2012, from the Federal Government after 36 years of service. Her interests are reading, crafts, sewing, gardening, traveling. She also enjoys spending time with her 3 grandchildren. Ramona is fluent in Spanish.

BRAZIL EXCHANGE REPORT

Our Brazilian Exchanges to Sao Jose Do Rio Preto and Curitiba in the southern part of Brazil were far beyond our expectations. Seventeen ambassadors learned about the Brazilian culture, feasted on delicious food (especially the "barbeques"), experienced a Sugar and Ethanol Industry plant, enjoyed the thermal waters of "Thermas dos Larangais" (a huge type of water park), observed the process of extraction and processing of latex at a rubber tree plantation, shopped at several open markets, visited cathedrals, and best of all enjoyed making many new friends. The Brazilian people are delightful, so gracious, fun loving, and welcomed us into their homes as if we had known them forever! We danced, we sang, we hiked, we laughed, we ate (all the

time)! After our exchanges the group toured Iguassu Falls and marveled at the beauty of the falls and area surrounding them. Our last stop was Rio de Janeiro, again experiencing breath-taking views of the city with its beaches, the Christ statue and the Sugar Loaf Mountain - a city getting ready for the World Cup in Soccer in the near future and the 2016 Summer Olympics! This was an adventure we will not soon forget!



Arrival in Brazil



Enjoying some of the Iguassu Falls



One of those delicious



Visiting the Sugar and Ethanol



At the Christ statue in Rio



Farewell dinner in Curitiba



Farewell dinner in Curitiba



Chilly picnic in Rio Preto

EXCHANGE REQUESTS FOR 2014

Our 2014 exchange requests have been submitted to FFI. As per the voting preferences of our traveling membership, the following requests were made: #1 Greece; #2 Northern Ireland; #3 Anywhere in Europe; #4 Anywhere in Canada. We submitted a request for one outbound international exchange of 2 consecutive weeks (in nearby clubs). We will receive our matches from FFI sometime in March of 2013. We also requested one inbound international exchange for 2014, knowing that we always seem to have a multitude of exchange possibilities that come our way for both inbound and outbound opportunities!

FFI WORLD CONFERENCE

From October 28- November 8, Kay Thomas and Marcia Ross will be representing FFNC at the FFI World Conference in Hiroshima, Japan. We are very sorry that neither Betty Jean DeMersseman nor her cousin, Janice Manning, will be able to join us, due to health concerns. I will be filling in for Betty Jean, doing her presentation on gaining and retaining new members and keeping club membership vital and active. Kay and I will also participate in a home-stay in Osaka after the conference.

--Marcia

MYANMAR

Dot Cada is the exchange director for the Myanmar exchange beginning February 16, 2013. Dot will be representing our club among International Friendship Force members from New Zealand, Canada, and both coasts of the US. Loveland Health Int'l will be supplying the humanitarian aid gifts that the group will be taking to Myanmar. There will be two Journalists going on the exchange.

SPRINGTIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

A trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is in the planning stages for late April/early May, 2013. We will have the dates by next meeting. This exchange was requested by many of our members and spring should be a beautiful time to visit. We anticipate 15 to 20 Ambassador slots will be available. The cost will be approximately \$261. Give Kay Thomas a call at 278-9054 or email her at KThomasLvInd@aol.com.

JEWELS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

Plans are coming along for the Jewels of Central Europe. Applications are now being taken, and FFI is anxious to advertise our exchange. Now is the time to send applications and \$200 deposits.

Our friends in Bratislava have already chosen a banquet hall for one of the two nights we will be with them, so they are excited to meet us. We will probably also meet locals in one or two of the other cities we'll visit. The sightseeing, as we discover Central Europe's castles and cathedrals, gorgeous landscapes and museums, as well as the waterways, will be breathtaking. Come join us!

Please call or email me if you have questions:
Cinda Clark, [970.669.5426](tel:970.669.5426) or clarksmail@msn.com

DALLAS EXCHANGE

Alice Gibson, ED, and 8 of our club members will fly into Love Field November 7. They will travel with 8 members of the Central Montana club who visited us in 2009. This will be a "reunion" as the Dallas Club has exchanged with both Montana's club and ours.

INVITATION TO THE KASBAH (FORWARDED BY BETTY JEAN)

Dear Field Reps and Retired Reps,

I hope you are available to join my Global Exchange next Spring. We all meet in Casablanca. I am more excited about going to Morocco than any of my amazing previous adventures. I would love to share this event with you. My Ambassadors do not have to be members of FF and can come from anywhere in the world as long as they understand English and have good references. Please pass this information on to others but I hope you may find this tour with a humanitarian project of interest.

To see the itinerary go to the FFI link. http://www2.thefriendshipforce.org/catalog/catalog_africa.aspx#11305

The next step is to submit your Ambassador application, mailing it to me. 15 to 23 Ambassadors will be selected from the candidates that have sent applications. If selected you will be asked to submit a deposit and final full payment will be due the first week in January. As of today we have some spaces available but suggest that your applications be sent within a few days or let me know if there is an interest.

Our Ambassadors need not be members of Friendship Force but must be in good physical health and have good references.

With friendship,
Joyce Rulon, ED, joyspath@cox.net

EXCHANGE AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

2012 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Incoming

Outbound

2
0
1
2
FROM: Open World From Russia: Energy Efficiency
October 26-Nov. 3, 2012
Dot Cada 667-7548 dotcada@msn.com

TO: FFI World Conference in HIROSHIMA
October 30-November 3, 2012

TO: DALLAS November 7-14, 2012
ED Alice Gibson
310-8848 aligibs@yahoo.com

2
0
1
3
TO: COSTA RICA January 6-22, 2013
Turrialba homestay plus tour extension
Co-EDs: Cindy Paulson & Marcia Ross
cdp225@msn.com mross377@msn.com

TO: MYANMAR February 2013
Global Exchange for Aid
& to Assess New FF club
Dot Cada 667-7548 dotcada@msn.com

FROM: Mid-Willamette Valley, OR June 12-18, 2013
ED Anne Brown, Asst ED Nita Kopylay

FROM: Penticton, BC, Canada Sept. 2013
ED Barbara Miller Asst ED Kay Thomas

TO: DISCOVER EUROPE Sept 23-Oct.8, 2013
"Jewels of Central Europe"
Prague, Krakow, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna.
ED Cinda Clark clarksmail@msn.com
970 669-5426

Marilyn Garner, Editor & Publisher
Photos: Cindy Paulson, Judy Flatley, Ed Brigden

PRESIDENT: Marcia Ross

377-0512 mross377@msn.com

VICE PRESIDENT: Kay Thomas

278-9054 kthomaslvnd@aol.com

SECRETARY: Marilyn Garner

493-4137 garner.marilyn@gmail.com

TREASURER: Dennis Miller

667-7330 dmill5050@comcast.net

Programs: Esther Johnsen

484-2666 RNEJOHNSON@aol.com

Exchange Coordinator: Kay Thomas

278-9054 kthomaslvnd@aol.com

Website: Ed Brigden

352-3829 Brigden@comcast.net

Newsletter Editors/Publishers:

Ed Brigden, Cindy Paulson, Marilyn Garner

352-3829 brigden@comcast.net225-2252 cdp225@msn.com493-4137 garner.marilyn@gmail.comPublicity: Anne Brown 663-3727 abby144@aol.com

Member Directory: Ed Brigden

352-3829 brigden@comcast.net

Membership: Thelma Slocum & Cindy Paulson

223-9855 thelmaslocum@comcast.net225-2252 cdp225@msn.com

Telephone Tree: Barbara Turnbull

493-0787 b.turnbull493@gmail.com

Music: Rosemary Donovan, L. Clark

669-8818 donovangcd@aol.com669-5426 clarksmail@msn.com

Store: Paulette Weaver & Barb Turnbull

356-5068 interweaver@greeleynet.com493-0787 b.turnbull493@gmail.com

Historian: Ken Weaver

356-5068 interweaver@greeleynet.com

Greeting Table: Willie Westdorp 278-9054

Carolyn Crowley 377-1299

Hospitality: Mary Riney 356-8311

Debby Jones 686-0303

Tablecloth Mgr: Kay Sheahan

667-4473 kay6568@peoplepc.com

Lge. Drink Containers: Cindy Paulson 226-2262

Ways & Means: Dick Johnsen

484-2666 RNEJOHNSEN@aol.comPhotographers: Cathie McCallum, Ed Brigden,
& Cindy PaulsonReporters: Barbara Miller, Marion Sparks,
Thelma Slocum, & Brenda Wiginton

FIELD REP NEWS



FFI has received reports from 140 clubs concerning their choices for 2014. Our club is already on top of that. The deadline is November 1. I have heard from most of our region. Most are now in.

Club Charter Renewal is due in January. This is our membership count for 2012. I hope that you plan to rejoin us again in 2013. The International in New Orleans next year should provide everyone the opportunity to attend. Let's plan to make a Big Representation for FF of Northern Colorado.

FFI is planning to have all the conference workshops from Japan on the Web Site by January. They are also going to offer a Tool Kit for Increasing Membership. Yes, our club will be represented there. Marcia is going to present the N COLO part of the workshop in Japan.

Our Conference Call this month was on Felix. This is the FFI Main Frame. We can view documents from FFI each month, plus we have access to a Google.doc that gives us a complete list of all the clubs in our Region and beyond.

As for me, I now feel like I am back in control of my health and it feels so much better. I am improving every day and all the tests are coming back positive. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers. Thanks, bj

FACES, PLACES AND MORE

For many years the motto of the Friendship Force was "Faces not Places." This sentiment spotlights the uniqueness of traveling with the Friendship Force. When you return home, the photos you show will feature your new friends sharing their home and life with you.

For most of us, however, even with the Friendship Force we enjoy faces *and* places. That's why you probably haven't heard the "faces not places" refrain coming from FFI in recent years. But to truly understand the power of the Friendship Force, I suggest we go one step further.

It isn't just faces, or even faces and places. I prefer to think of the Friendship Force as featuring faces, places and *more!*

We make new friends – faces. We visit the great heritage sites of the host community – places. And when we combine the two by having our friends show us the places, a new dimension is added. We don't just see the sights; we create a personal connection with the hosts and their culture. As one Friendship Force leader puts it, "The faces bring meaning to the places."

Take a close look at the [special feature](#) for this issue of [Friendship Online](#). It features the recent "Outback adventure" sponsored by the [Adelaide club](#), and it's a great example of *Faces, Places and MORE*. The local hosts created a unique travel opportunity for the visiting ambassadors to experience the great Outback that means so much to Australians and their history.

I have my own stories of the extra dimension provided by the Friendship Force. One that comes to mind is when my host took me to the cathedral in Tbilisi, Georgia, on New Year's Eve. The church was packed, and as I joined my hosts for the service I felt connected to that historic place in a way that would have been impossible on a standard tour. Faces, places, and much more.

What about you? What stories do you have that illustrate the value added by the Friendship Force—the "more" that goes along with the faces and places? Send your stories (with photos if you have them) to editor@thefriendshipforce.org. We'd like to share them with others on the Web.

In friendship,

George Brown
President

