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FRIENDSHIP FLYER

Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding Areas

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to fall, a most beautiful albeit rather schizophrenic season in Colorado. As you receive this newsletter, I will be among the 17 club members in Brazil. We will be completing our second homestay in Curitiba Metropolitan and then on to our tours to Iguazu Falls and Rio. I'm sure we'll have many wonderful stories to share upon our return, just prior to our next FFNC meeting on October 12.

BY-LAW REVISION

We will be having a formal vote at our October meeting to make a few changes to our By-Laws, as the board unanimously determined that the previous line item in our budget for Scholarships was no longer feasible. That category has now been renamed the Special Projects and Activities Fund. As a result, we have proposed some changes to the role of Vice President, as oversight of the Scholarship Committee was a previously designated responsibility. Additionally, we have approved the establishment of a new Ad Hoc position named Exchange Director Coordinator. This person will be appointed by the board president, with board approval, and will commit to a two year stint. Holding the position for two years will help with continuity of the myriad exchanges we have going over any two to three year period. Previously, oversight of exchanges was the responsibility of the vice president (typically a one year elected position), intended as a way to familiarize that person with the exchange process. In our new proposal, the VP will share some of the responsibilities of exchanges by collaborating with the Exchange Director Coordinator.

During the September meeting I did the first reading of the proposed changes. Besides deleting the Scholarship Committee responsibilities, we will vote at the October 12 meeting to add the following additional responsibilities to the role of Vice President:

- Collaborate with the Exchange Director Coordinator on oversight of all exchanges
- Plan with the Exchange Director Coordinator for appropriate training for all appointed Exchange Directors, including a review of policies and best practices.

Many thanks and three cheers to the following FFNC members who have graciously volunteered to serve as ED or Assistant ED for 2012 & 2013 exchanges: Carolyn Crowley, Alice Gibson (twice!), Judy Flatley, Doris Rogers, Cindy Paulson (twice!), Marcia Ross, Dot Cada (twice!), Elle Barr, Cinda Clark, Anne Brown, Nita Kopyay, Kay Thomas (twice!) and Barbara Miller. We'd love to see some of our capable men on the ED list for 2014!

I'll look forward to seeing you at our October 12th meeting in Windsor. Please consider bringing something for our snack table. Guests are always welcomed!

Marcia Ross

Next Meeting:
Friday, October 12
7:00 P.M.
Program by Bob
Meroney
"Jack (Alf) Slade & the
Overland Stage"
Faith Church of Christ
1020 Walnut
Windsor, CO

THE FREEDOM CLIMB - SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Shannon Perry, RN, PhD, and FAAN decided that she wanted to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa for The Freedom Climb. It was a climb to bring money and awareness of human trafficking worldwide. Each participant was to raise \$10,000 for their climb. Shannon is originally from Illinois and then Phoenix. She moved to Loveland, Colorado recently to be near her daughter and grandchildren.

Why did she do this? Shannon wanted to speak up for those who couldn't speak for themselves. Her group wanted to help break the cycle of poverty and stop slave trade worldwide. There are 37 million slaves in the world today -- 80% are female and 50% are children. Sex trafficking is a \$32 billion a year profit.

The requirements for participation in this climb included:

An application, biographical information, statement of Christian Beliefs, a letter from a pastor, a physical exam, agreement to try to raise \$10,000, and obtaining the necessary equipment, clothing, and supplies for the climb. (The equipment included a walking stick, back pack, waterproof jacket and pants, stocking cap, and heavy boots.)

Mt. Kilimanjaro is 19,340 feet high at its highest point. It is the highest mountain in Africa and is located in Tanzania. Shannon, at 73, was the oldest of the group of 48 women who hiked. Most were in their 40's and 50's. The youngest hiker was 18 years old. The women came from US, Canada, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Kosovo, Russia, South Africa, Zambia, and Cambodia.

To prepare, Shannon hiked in Colorado, climbed Pikes Peak, worked with a trainer in a gym 3 to 4 times a week and hiked 6-10 miles 3 or 4 times a week.

Day 1 they went 4 miles up to 8,700 feet, **Day 2** 5.6 miles up to 11,810 feet, **Day 3** 3.7 miles up to 14,210 feet, **Day 4** 5.6 miles up to 15,420 feet and **Day 5** reached the summit at 18,700 feet at Gilman's point and then on to Uhuru Peak -19,340 feet. Then they descended to Horombo Hut at 12,200 feet, a 3.1 mile descent. **Day 6** 12,200 ft. to 6,040 feet. The climb was 22 miles to the top. There were 130 porters that ran on ahead each day carrying the food, tents, toilet, and duffle bags of the hikers. The hikers had prayer teams praying for them each day and they prayed before each meal.

If you wish to contact Shannon and get more information on her experiences and her cause, you may get information at the following website: www.thefreedomclimb.net, or you may call her -- Shannon E. Perry at 602-228-0672.

BENSON GARDENS NEED HELP!

Hello Friends,

Give a plant, a weed or a person a break from the heat, a little bit of moisture and it's amazing what happens! Our garden in Benson Park shows what happens! In a couple of weeks visiting Ambassadors from New Zealand will tour the gardens. Unfortunately our part doesn't look as good as it did during the Sculpture Show. In fact, it could be downright embarrassing to have those green thumb Kiwis see it in the current state!

So if you have 10-15 minutes to give, take a plastic grocery bag, and stop by to reduce the bindweed explosion. I worked for 3 hours today and got the far southern part done, around the sedums.

Start anywhere you like. If you'd enjoy company, give me a call and I'll be happy to meet you there. It makes the time go so much faster working with others. Remember to keep track of your hours and let Cinda or me know what you've logged.

Our part of Benson Park will show a lot better as an FFNC project to have a bit of tender care before Oct 16. Hope you can give a hand.

Thanks,
Nancy Brigden



OCTOBER PROGRAM: JACK (ALF) SLADE

Our October program will be presented by Dr. Robert N. Meroney, Professor Emeritus, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Colorado State University. Dr. Meroney writes about himself: "For many years I have been a student of the history of technology. In these presentations I hope to introduce people to the fascinating web of relationships that exist between history, anthropology, politics, religion and science and technology. A large amount of this fascination is making the personalities of early contributors real...their personalities, their foibles, and their genius.

Dr Meroney fascinates audiences with topics as varied as "The aerodynamics of golf balls" to "The theology of Charlie Brown". Esther Johnsen, our program Chairperson, has selected for our October program :

Jack (Alf) Slade & The Overland Stage

A son of an Illinois Congressman, but he killed his first man at 13. This gunman, soldier, Indian fighter, stagecoach division superintendent, faithful husband, honest man, dangerous drunk, or vicious killer remains controversial even today. He may have killed as many as 45 men (more than better known bad men like Butch Cassidy, Jesse James, Wild Bill Hickock, Billy the Kid, Sam Bass, Cherokee Bill, John Wesley Hardin, Doc Holiday, & Tom Horn all combined!). Slade established the route, hired the men, and directed the Overland Stage line from Julesburg through Denver to Fort Bridger, WY between 1859 to 1864. Yet he was eventually hung in Virginia City, Montana, for "contempt of court"!

LINCOLN EXCHANGE

The Lincoln ambassadors arrived on Thursday, September 6 and were welcomed with a dinner at the Poudre Learning Center. They spent a couple of days in the mountains, a couple of days in the Fort Collins/Loveland area, and had a free day to visit Greeley, Windsor, or Boulder. Highlights of the week included: Global Village Museum, the Scottish-Irish Highland Festival Parade in Estes Park, a great tour of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, lunch at Shambhala with a tour of the Great Stupa, as well as tours of various gardens and New Belgium Brewery. Carolyn Crowley, ED for the exchange, reported that she received lots of favorable comments from the ambassadors. The pictures tell the story...



Conservation gardens at Northern Water in Berthoud



Northern Colorado hosts with guests from Lincoln, Des Moines, and Houston



Dinner at Kay Thomas'



Stanley Hotel porch



Picnic at N Lake Loveland

NEW MEMBERS OF FFNC

Ed Jakubauskas lives in Ft. Collins. He is a retired University administrator. His interest is travel. Ed has been a member of FFNC for many years and was a past president and is now back with us.

Christine Hall is from Estes Park, CO Her occupation is tourism coordinator, She joined the FFRM club in 1999 and is now joining our club. Her interests are cultures, bridge, weaving, and fibers, gardening. Her skills are citizen diplomacy, protocol, travel planner, and tour guide. She is willing to help FFNC in the areas of special event planning, mentoring new members, hospitality, exchange director, cooking, and day hosting.

Arla Squires is from Ft. Collins, CO. She is a retired French teacher. She heard about FFNC from Cathie McCallum. Her interest are playing the piano, cooking, reading, theater, travel and speaking French. Her skills are in piano and entertaining. She is willing to help FFNC with Music accompanist and day hosting.

Ray Garcia is from Loveland, CO. His occupation is accounting. Ray's interests are travel, sports, and bible studies.

Lydia Garcia is from Loveland, CO. Her occupation is administrative specialist in payroll in Johnstown, CO. Lydia's interests are travel, hiking, bicycling, and gardening.

Donna Clark is from Ft. Collins, CO. She is a retired Elementary School Teacher from PSD. Her interests are family, church, reading, travel, piano, nature, learning, sudoku, crosswords, singing, and cooking in a gourmet group. Donna is willing to help FFNC with hospitality, decorating/set-up for events, craft work, cooking, telephoning, and clean-up.

Gary Cummins is retired from the US Marine Corps. He is director of the Colorado Dental Association, and a personal publishing consultant. He enjoys Musicals, skiing, family. He and his wife Sue were former members of FFNC and Gary served as president. They are now back with us in Ft. Collins.

Sue Cummins is a personal Publishing Consultant. Her interests are theater, sports, family, travel, and reading.

Merritt Martin is from Ft. Collins, CO. He is retired. Merritt originally joined FF in 1970. His interests are in music, travel, and sports. Merritt is a violinist and is willing to help FFNC with music entertainment and day hosting.

See the newsletter next month for more information on new members **Marta Aguayo** who is from Ft. Collins, and **Ramona Knipper** who is from Cheyenne, WY. Ramona recently joined our club at the Cheyenne picnic.

WHERE SHALL WE GO IN 2014?

At the October meeting we will have those members who hope to be active travelers in 2014 submit their top three preferences for potential international exchanges for 2014. If you are among the voters, please keep in mind the FFI mission statement: *To provide global understanding across the barriers that separate people.* When we turn in our requests to FFI, we will not submit choices to places we've had exchanges in the last 5 years. The following are our outbound International exchanges 2008-2013: Israel; Mount Barker,

Murray Bridge and Canberra, Australia; Morocco; South Taranaki and Christchurch, New Zealand; Manchester England; Berlin, Germany; Capetown, South Africa; Penticton & Okanagan, Canada; Curitiba and Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil; and Turrialba, Costa Rica. At the meeting we'll provide information that shows the number of clubs in each country, and data that shows the 2013 weeks that were available for hosting, plus the number of requests made to visit those countries. Please note that the 2014 FFI World

Conference will be held in Auckland, New Zealand. Also remember that you can always check out potential exchange opportunities with other FF clubs by going to the FFI website:

www.thefriendshipforce.org

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Holiday Plans.....

Hard to believe it's already time to plan another fantastic holiday party for our club! Since it is critical to find a location for December celebrating, a small group of our committee reviewed options and booked the banquet room at Johnson's Corners for our gathering on Friday, December 14th (5:30 pm Mixer and 6:15 Dinner).

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

Please plan to sign up at our next 2 FFNC meetings. 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 in late Oct. or early Nov. to plan activities, decorations, prizes, mixers, and whatever else you'd like!

--Esther Johnson, Barbara Miller & Marta Aguayo (Party Planning Sub-Committee)

Entertainment
Humorist – Gary Cummins

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

FFI WORLD CONFERENCE


2012 marks the 35th anniversary of the Friendship Force. Our president, Marcia Ross, vice president, Kay Thomas and field rep, Betty DeMeressman will join friends from around the world for an exciting conference organized around the theme of "Hiroshima for Friendship and Peace". The conference will explore the role that each of us can play in building a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.

Cinda Clark, FFI board member, let us in on a fun activity that will be happening at the Conference. Board members from around the world donated wonderful items from their region for a raffle. Some of the more unique items are a large oval tray with gold leaf from Turkey with a scene from centuries past, a Kingman Turquoise necklace, a beautiful handmade tapestry from Belgium, and a gold plated necklace and earrings from Columbia. Let's wish our representatives good luck in the drawing as well as a safe and memorable experience in Hiroshima!

PEOPLE IN HIGH PLACES



On Sunday, September 2nd, Barbara McCluskey was having a nice brunch with family members in Boulder, when Barack Obama crashed the party. He was nice enough to pose for pictures with everyone.

 Disclaimer: In keeping with the "Equal Time" rule, if any member has a picture taken with Mitt, we'll run it next newsletter.

NEW ZEALAND INCOMING

Our friends from NZ arrive Sunday, October 14. We have planned an agriculture day for Monday in Weld County, an arts theme day in Loveland on Tuesday, tours and activities in Fort Collins Wednesday, and Rocky Mountain National Park on Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be free choice days for activities with hosts. If you'd like to dayhost, please email Cindy. Our farewell event is a Hoedown at The Barn in Berthoud with BBQ dinner, square dancing & entertainment by our guests. All club members are invited to join us for the farewell.

Email Cindy to make your reservation and send a \$20 check to 2914 Blue Leaf Ct., Fort Collins, 80526

Cindy Paulson, exchange director
Cdp225@msn.com

MYANMAR

Dot Cada, exchange director for the Myanmar exchange beginning February 16, 2013, reports that 23-24 ambassadors are now signed up. Dot is our club's only current member going, but there are FFI members from Australia, 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. Each ambassador will carry a suitcase full of aid and some are taking an additional one and paying the extra baggage fare. Besides Jan Goodwin, the war correspondent who is going, a male journalist from Denver will be accompanying the exchange. FFI says: *This is a development program to explore forming a club or partnership in Yangon or surrounding areas. This program does not include overnight home hospitality.* Dot thinks it will take 2-3 years to actually get a club established in Yangon, Myanmar, but the groundwork this exchange will do is the first step. From FFI: *This is a unique opportunity to build bridges of Friendship in Myanmar and learn about this fascinating country and its people with ambassadors from Friendship Force clubs all over the world. Estimated Price: \$2670 USD. Includes hotel for 11 nights, transportation within Myanmar, some meals and activities. Does not include international airfare.* Contact Dot Cada (see page 7)

SPRINGTIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

A trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is in the planning stages for late April/early May, 2013. We hope to have dates soon. 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. Give Kay Thomas a call at 278-9054 or email her at KThomasLvind@aol.com.

JEWELS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

Now that the weather is cooling, our exchange planning is heating up! The travel agent assigned to us by FFI had a two-month hiatus in the summer, followed by a research trip to Germany, and now a family cruise to the Mediterranean. In the two days he was home between the two trips, he sent a partial itinerary. I have responded with a few change requests. He won't be able to check prices and book hotels until less than a year ahead, which begins Monday, September 24th. And the same is true for us regarding airlines. Although the itinerary planning and coordination have gone more slowly than I would like, I keep telling myself that people of other countries have different ways of looking at timing.

There will be several days when we will have half-day walking tours. Other days, when we are traveling between countries, we might have only one or two brief stops. As a bonus, our FFI coordinator is working to set up contacts for us in Poland and Austria, in addition to our two-night homestay in Bratislava, Slovakia.

The exchange dates, again, are September 24 through October 8, 2013. Please call (669-5426) or email to clarksmail@msn.com if you have questions.

~ Cinda Clark, E.D.

DALLAS EXCHANGE

Alice Gibson, ED, reports that the Dallas exchange will include 8 members of our club and 8 members of the Central Montana club who visited us in 2009. They are flying to Love Field November 7. The flight was arranged by one of our new members, Ray Garcia. (THANKS!) The Dallas Club has exchanged with both Montana's club and ours. A fun reunion for all.

EXCHANGE AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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October 26-Nov. 3, 2012
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TO: FFI World Conference in HIROSHIMA
October 30-November 3, 2012

TO: DALLAS November 7-14, 2012
ED Alice Gibson
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TO: COSTA RICA January 6-22, 2013
Turrialba homestay plus tour extension
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TO: MYANMAR February 2013
Global Exchange for Aid
& to Assess New FF club
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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"
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FIELD REP NEWS



The words from Japan are very encouraging. We have 375 delegates from 22 countries and the luncheon is full. So they are calling it sold out. Wow! That is quite an achievement. Marcia Ross, Kay Thomas and I will be attending. We plan to hook up with many who might be interested in coming to Northern Colorado. Where would you like us to concentrate? Let us know.

I will be a presenter along with Colin Ridge and Hiro Onishi, on Membership and keeping new members. We have a great program created by members of our club and FFI has asked us to share it. We will be featured in one of the spot videos.

The Expansion Plan is on track. We need to keep new clubs developing. Would you like to do that? We could sponsor a new club in East Africa or Russia.

Exchange Leadership Training provides a needed Leadership Pool. At least it works that way in our case. Many up and coming leaders are first seen this way. FFI is planning a Leadership Tool Kit for the web site to help motivate new leaders to advance to the next level. Launch date is expected to be in November.

There will be a survey on how clubs handle Host fees sent for Club Responses about October 1st. Exchange Request forms for 2014 will be due by November first.

New Orleans International Conference will be launched at the International in Japan. Plan to attend this one. There is some talk of taking a Mississippi Cruise before the Conference. Would you be interested?

--- Betty Jean ---



Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission and that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. I can make a difference.