

December 2024 President's Note

Susan Mathre

Our Holiday Party will be December 13, from 5:50-8:30 PM. We are having an Italian theme dinner from Oregano's. BYOB. **Cost is \$30 per person. Please use Zelle or mail a check to LaDonna Palm (4605 Hahn's Peak Dr., #201, Loveland, 80538) by Dec. 2** so we can get an accurate count of how many people will attend. We will hold this at **Harvest Park Clubhouse, 5303 Corbett Dr., Fort Collins**, where we held it last year. Jan Rozman is coordinating the event. She will contact the volunteers with specific duties they can help with. *Bring a wrapped item to share in the fun of a **White Elephant Gift Exchange Game** to be played after dinner.*

So far so good! We have secured a contract with Elderhaus Adult Day Care Program facility to use their building. Several of us went over to sign papers and look at the facility again and get a feel for how we can arrange ourselves in this space. It looks very positive for us! They are very welcoming and open to us using their space with very few, if any, restrictions. We are purchasing two storage units to match the ones they are currently using and will store all of our items in these, just off the area in which we will be meeting.

Our next monthly meeting will be **January 10, 2025, when** we will begin meeting at the **Elderhaus Adult Day Program facility at 6813 S. College Ave., Ft. Collins.** Coming from Ft. Collins, this is located just south of Trilby Road on the west (right) side of 287, or if coming from Loveland, just north of the Fossil Creek Nursery on the west (left) side of 287. The driveway has two large white stone entry posts, one on each side of the drive, which helps to locate the small driveway. Elderhaus is increasing their lighting on the posts and up the driveway to improve nighttime visibility. There will not be a scheduled program during this meeting. We felt we might need some time to explore our new abode and catch up with each other following the holidays.

Inbound and outbound journeys

Baton Rouge to FFNC. August 19-26, 2025, are the approximate dates. Elizabeth McCoy will be Host Coordinator. She will be looking for a committee to assist in planning this journey. Please think about your ability to home host this journey. Please let Elizabeth (970-980-5112) know if you can host, along with how many people and what your bed configuration is. We will also have sign-up sheets at the Holiday Party. We need and appreciate your participation in home hosting, small group dinner hosting, and day hosting.

Central Phoenix would like an inbound journey to FFNC. We have offered the date of June 23-27, 2025. We need our members to step up and let us know if you would be available, both for how many ambassadors and the number of beds for this inbound journey. We do not have a Host Coordinator yet. Please help us if you can. Marilyn Garner will accept all Host Coordinator Applications.

Outbound FFNC to FFAustin and extend on to FFDallas. The dates we are looking at are March 19-28, 2025. I have had minimal communications with either the Austin or Dallas clubs. I have asked if they have any ideas on the number of ambassador they can host. We need to move forward with finding how many members we have that are interested in this Journey. Prospective Ambassadors need to fill out an Ambassador Application. I will have a sign-up sheet at the Holiday Party. Susan Mathre is the Ambassador Coordinator.

FFSeacoast New Hampshire Outbound Journey, Sept. 17-23, 2025. We are looking into options to extend this journey with a 9-day Caravan Tour into Nova Scotia & the Maritime Provinces. We need an Ambassador Journey Coordinator for this journey. Ken has offered to assist since he has made good contacts with them.

Cathie McCallum has volunteered as Program Director and would like to work with a committee to plan the programs for our monthly meetings. If you have ideas for programs from great presenters you've heard elsewhere, please let Cathie or our new president, Suzi Gossard know.

Our next Board meeting is on January 8, 2025, by zoom at 4:30 PM.