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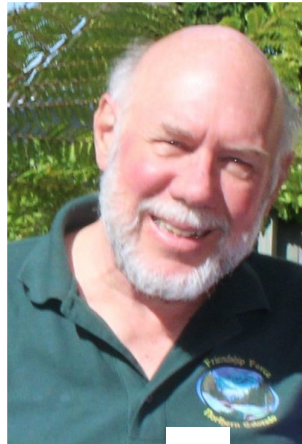
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**One earth,  
many friends**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**2020 ENDURANCE**



The mystery novels with fictional heroine Maisie Dobbs, psychologist and private investigator, are favorites in our household. The series author, Jacqueline Winspear, in a June 2020 newsletter, describes a life growing up in England in her forthcoming memoir.

“The elements of endurance and resilience are woven into the fabric ... of a rural childhood ... the very fact that we are on this earth is a result of ancestors enduring the worst of times. Plagues have come and gone before—and our ancestors made it through. They persevered through wars, social unrest, prejudice and sickness; ... Our existence is a testament to their fortitude—now we have to draw upon that hardiness ... And as my Dad would have said, This time next year, we’ll be laughing.”

This Time Next Year, We’ll Be Laughing is the title of Jacqueline Winspear’s new book. She writes “The moment those words were uttered, it was as if sunshine had burst through the windows. In my mind’s eye I could see into the future—there we were—the Winspears—laughing with joy at our good fortune, and it would all happen in just a year.”

Within our chapter and throughout Friendship Force International, let’s share this wisdom of resilience and endurance. Be well. Stay safe. This time next year, we’ll be laughing.

Ken Weaver, President, Friendship Force of Northern Colorado



## ELECTION AND SURVEY RESULTS

With our members voting overwhelmingly for each of them, your 2021 officers are LaDonna Palm, President, Susan Mathre, Vice President, Ann Lohmeyer, Treasurer, and Paulette Weaver, Secretary. We begin anew January 1st, 2021.

In the survey a handful said they'd attend the anticipated Sunday, August 2nd, picnic in Cheyenne, with twice as many respondents saying "Maybe".

The majority of us said "Let's wait until 2021 to begin regular meetings." Others were open to starting meetings again as early as October.

Regarding journeys in 2021, twenty of us expressed some interest in a summer outbound journey to Raleigh, North Carolina. Ten are willing to host or help if Southern New Jersey comes here, with another fifteen saying maybe. Most everyone is willing to host or help if the ambassadors from Bristol, England, choose to come to Northern Colorado and Cheyenne in 2021.

Respondents made many fine suggestions for activities. Perhaps virtual Zoom meetings, where we tell our stories about memorable experiences in Friendship Force and unforgettable hosts and guests. Perhaps virtual presentations. Perhaps brief photo essays from past exchanges and recent journeys. Properly physically distanced picnic lunches, where we draw straws to see who sits together at each table. Maybe even a virtual game night through the STEAM web site.

Your Board plans to meet mid-July to develop ideas for Fall using Zoom. If you have more suggestions, please send them by e-mail to [ffnoco\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:ffnoco(at)gmail(dot)com).

## 2021 INBOUND AND OUTBOUND JOURNEYS

FFI announced that our 2021 outbound visit will be to **Raleigh, North Carolina**. Inbound journeys will be from **Southern New Jersey** and **Bristol, UK**. Responses to our survey about participation indicate clearly that many of us are still approaching plans with a definite *maybe*. Stay tuned!



## ANNUAL PICNIC PLANS/HOPES

FF Cheyenne members are as eager as some FFNC members to get out of the house and socialize with our Friendship Force neighbors. These picnics are always a fun time and the food is always GREAT!! Cheyenne club will provide the chicken and sides, along with drinks, table service, and great hospitality; FFNC members will supply the desserts.

In Cheyenne it is *strongly suggested* to wear face masks, physical distance by six feet, and, of course, if you are not feeling well, don't attend any gathering. On July 25, FF Cheyenne officers and their picnic committee will *review current respective guidelines* of the city, county, state, and national organizations, to determine whether or not they can host the pic-nic based on the number of attendees and the facilities.

A final decision on the logistics of the picnic and whether the picnic is a "go" or "no go" will be determined by Monday, July 27 to allow time to inform everyone so they can make a final decision on whether or not to attend.

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 3 pm

**R.S.V.P. by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2020 to Ken at 970-381-3611, [interweaver\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:interweaver(at)gmail(dot)com).**

Location: Cheyenne's Lions Park North Picnic Shelter - where we have hosted before

Directions: From I-25 traveling north, exit 12/Central Avenue, and turn right onto Central Avenue taking the second right entrance onto Kennedy Road. The first right entrance goes into the Governor's Mansion. On Kennedy Road, take the first left onto Martin Esquibel Drive, and you will see the brick picnic shelter on the right, which is near the Cheyenne Aquatic Center.



Memories  
of 2019  
Picnic







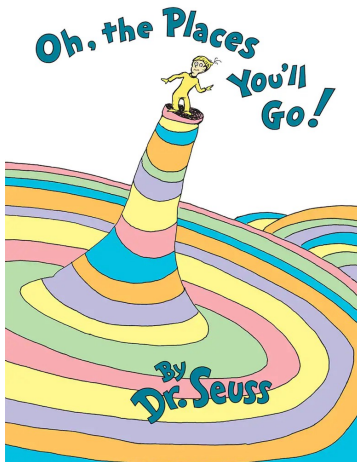
IN MEMORIAM



Vince and Judith Cadarette

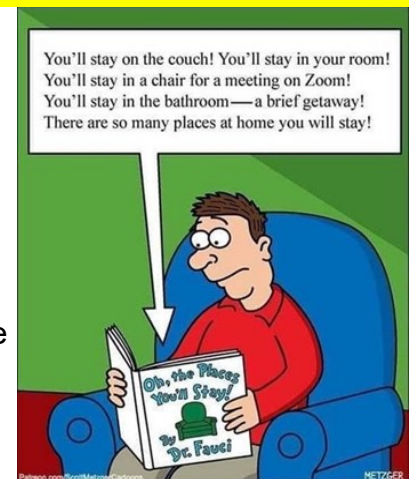
Judith Cadarette passed away in January 2020. Judith was an active FFNC member who joined, along with her husband Vince, in 2009. Judith served as FFNC Vice President in 2010 and President in 2011. She and Vince participated in several inbound and outbound FFNC journeys and other club activities. Judith was a delightful small group dinner hostess, often showcasing her Japanese culinary skills which she learned while Vince was stationed in Japan with the Air Force. Condolences can be sent to Vince Cadarette at 1615 Agate Ct., Loveland, CO 80538.

2020: THE YEAR WE STAY INSTEAD OF GO



FRIENDSHIP

In 1990 Dr. Seuss wrote Oh, the Places You'll Go! In 2020 a COVID-19 parody of the cover says Oh, the Places You'll Stay! by Dr. Fauci. While our 2020 FF journeys have been eliminated, our need for friendship, for social connection, remains stronger than ever. Have you called a friend today? Have you emailed your home hosts from past journeys to see how they are doing during this worldwide pandemic? Let's keep friendship alive!





**PRESIDENT LADONNA PALM**

**VICE-PRESIDENT SUSAN MATHRE**



LaDonna first heard about Friendship Force when Doris Rogers described her FF trip to San Diego. LaDonna was intrigued! She attended the FFNC meeting in November 2016, paid her dues, and the rest is history. Since that fateful meeting, LaDonna has traveled to Uganda and Kenya with the Denver

FF; to Bristol, UK, and Halle, Germany with FFNC; and to Russia on an FFI global. She made it to New Zealand for a pre-journey tour of the South Island before the COVID-19 pandemic canceled the official journey. *Every trip exceeded her expectations as she experienced, and loved, the Friendship Force way to travel.*

Born, raised, and educated in Minnesota LaDonna used her English/Education degree as a passport to see the U.S. as a schoolteacher in Hartford, Denver and St. Regis, Montana. When she returned to Minnesota she worked at Honeywell where she became a business administrator and met her husband. When he retired in 1990, they moved to Colorado Springs, but as soon as their son and daughter finished high school and were out of the nest, they sold their house and spent the next nine years as full time RV'ers.

In 2004 LaDonna and her husband settled down a bit and spent summers in Minnesota and winters in Tucson. After her husband died in 2015, LaDonna decided to move to Colorado to be near her daughter in Canon City and her son (and granddaughters) in Fort Collins. It was a move she has never regretted. She only wishes she had discovered Friendship Force years ago.



Susan Mathre was born in Clinton, KY. When she was 12 her family moved to the Maryland suburbs of Washington DC. She studied Speech Pathology at the University of Maryland and earned her masters degree from Towson State University in Baltimore.

She was a speech pathologist part of a year in Baltimore; seven years with the Prince George County schools in MD; and three years with South Routt School district, in Yampa and Oak Creek, CO. She met her husband and father of her two children in Steamboat and they moved to Fort Collins in 1983. She worked 16 years as a Special Ed Resource teacher with the Thompson School District. Susan recently moved to a townhouse on the west side of FC.

Her son Clay works in Boulder in IT, is an extreme athlete who rock climbs, ice climbs, runs marathons, bikes, hikes and runs exceptionally long distances at a time. Her daughter Erin and husband, who live near Seattle, are the parents of Susan's two grandchildren, Talus, age 2 years, and his baby sister Alder, born April 28, 2020.

Before COVID-19 restrictions, Susan traveled a lot internationally. Her first FFNC travel was the pre-journey tour of the North island of New Zealand before Journey 20023 to NZ and Australia was cancelled. She also likes to hike, bike, downhill and cross country ski, snow shoe, kayak, and play some tennis and pickleball. She enjoy the music around town, bowls on a league, plays Mah Jongg and Pinochle.



**SEC/HISTORIAN PAULETTE WEAVER**

**TREASURER ANN LOHMEYER**



Paulette Weaver, a teacher with degrees in history, landscape design, and gifted and talented education, currently teaches environmental education as a volunteer at the Poudre Learning Center and serves on the Boards of the Poudre Learning Center Foundation and Historic Greeley, Inc.,

and previously served on the Weld County and City of Greeley Planning Commissions.

Paulette was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia, 1967-1969. Since 1980 her family has hosted students from China, Korea, Ecuador, Venezuela, Germany, and Spain. All three daughters were Rotary International Youth Exchange Students--Kara in Belgium, Kristen in Denmark, and Lindsey in Italy. Paulette has participated in Habitat for Humanity work projects in Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

Daughter Kara is a landscape architect with GGN in Seattle. Kristen is an educational curriculum contractor with NASA in Maryland. Lindsey works for Historical Research Associates in Seattle.

Since 2010 Paulette has traveled with FF to Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Switzerland, and within the U.S., Florida, Georgia, Montana, North Carolina, and Virginia. Paulette has been a host, incoming exchange director, and several times secretary of FFNC

Her interests include gardening, reading, hiking, Spanish, and science education



Ann Lohmeyer grew up in the Denver area and graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas with a degree in Business/Economics. She retired following a career as an accountant for Western Electric/AT&T/Avaya. She started her home

based *Stampin' Up!* business in 2001 and enjoys teaching and selling art rubber stamping supplies.

Ann and her husband Rick, who live in Broomfield, joined the Denver FF in the early 1980's and traveled and hosted for many years before taking a break. They joined FFNC in 2018 and journeyed to Bristol/Halle. In 2019 they hosted Belgian FF ambassadors following the FFI World Conference and journeyed with FF Western Colorado to New Zealand last November.

When they aren't traveling Ann and Rick enjoy gardening, singing in choirs, and spending time at their mountain cabin near Nederland.