## April, 2024 President's Note Susan Mathre

Welcome to springtime in the Rockies,

It's spring, it's winter...it's so confusing! Whatever the weather, it doesn't seem to stop us from doing what we like to do most, get out and about. We had a wonderful **World Friendship Force Day** celebration on March 8th, with great food and recognition of our club's 39th Anniversary. We were entertained by the LoveUke Ukulele group with our own members Barbara and Dennis Miller playing with the band. Thank you to the Miller's and their committee for such a grand evening.

**Tucson, AZ Journey** will be happening just about the time you will be getting this note, April 3-7. There is an extension on to Phoenix for some, from April 7-11. Hoping they have warmer weather than we are having right now. Pam Morrison is the Ambassador Coordinator.

**Our next monthly meeting will be on April 12** at the First Christian Church, 2000 N. Lincoln Ave, Loveland, CO at 7 PM. The program for this evening will be **Spelunking, Cave Exploration**, presented by Jeri & Larry Fredrick, both retired Park Rangers.

At our **May 10th** meeting, the program will be presented by LaDonna Palm about **National Park Camp Hosting**.

A new twist for **CLEO**, **on April 18th.** We will be traveling to Denver to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science where we will meet at **10 am** by the T.rex at the museum entrance. We are being offered free admission by FFDenver member, Gerry Forney, to attend the Blue Whales 3-D in the IMax theater, have lunch (our cost) in the museum cafeteria and then time to wander the museum at our leisure. **RSVP to Rocky by April 14, 970-308-5478 to arrange carpooling to Denver**.

**CLEO on May 16,** 11:30 at Nordy's, 4360 St. Cloud Dr. Loveland. At 1 pm, following lunch we will be going to Barnyard Buddies to see the newly born baby goats...and getting to hold them. 3650 N CR 3, Loveland. **RSVP to Rocky, 970 308-5478.** 

Our **Outbound Journey to Pecs, Hungary and Cornwall, UK**, May 22- June 10, 2024, is coming up rapidly. Plans are mostly ironed out but it has been a challenge for many to get the travel plans organized from Hungary to Cornwall and then to get home again.

**April 26th meeting** at 10 am for those traveling on the Hungary/UK journey at Rocky Padden's home.

Our **Inbound Journey from SW Florida**, scheduled for June 25-30, is well underway. We have hosts for housing and hosts for small dinners all under control, if that's possible. Contact Marcia Ross or Suzi Gossard with questions.

Carol McGrath stepped up and was approved by the Board to be the Journey Host Coordinator for our **Inbound Journey from Austin, TX** ` scheduled for Sept. 13-18. We have an application from LaDonna Palm to be a Journey Host Co-coordinator.