

The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado

August 2023 President's Bulletin

FFI has noted July 30th as [International Day of Friendship: Share Your Story](#). This link signs you in at myFF. Consider adding your own quote. Here's mine: *My friend Alam from Pakistan taught me two things: when you arrive at a new place, go to the highest point you can find and look all around, and, before you leave, learn some special reason to come back.*

We're working on another **Colorado Let's Eat Out (CLEO)** on **Thursday, August 17th**, perhaps adding a walk-through of Friendship Force International's strategic plan initiative with a chance to provide early feedback from our club. Watch for notice soon if this is to happen.

If you're able to attend our annual picnic **in Cheyenne** on **Saturday, August 26th noon to 2 PM**, please RSVP to me, interweaver@gmail.com. FF Cheyenne will provide chicken and their members will bring side dishes. We are to provide dessert. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert for four. The location is the Lions Park north picnic shelter 4700 Lions Park Drive. <https://goo.gl/maps/JtJusCHFwA4jqXFY9>, next to the aquatic center. The best route is I-25 to Central Ave, turn right, go to Kennedy, turn right, turn left at Martin Esquibel. If you get to Carey avenue you went too far. We'll try to form a couple of carpools.

We can look forward to a cornucopia of journeys in 2024. **We have two in Europe: Cornwall, UK, and Pecs, Hungary**. Our inbounds are from Southwest Florida, likely in June, and Austin, Texas, early August. Ann and Rick Lohmeyer are drafting a tentative schedule.

I also hope we might consider hosting a four-day regional visit from Albuquerque and Western Colorado, with two nights home hosted and two nights at YMCA of the Rockies.

If we're really ambitious, the Open World Program of the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) has an opportunity to host five delegates from Hungary in early November 2024. Applications through FFI are due August 31st this year. After our visit next summer to Hungary, this might be further peacebuilding. Please let me know if you'd like to learn more about the Open World Program and would consider working with me on this.

Our **next regular meeting is Friday, September 8th, 7:00 PM**, at 2000 North Lincoln in Loveland. And September 13-27 twelve of us will be traveling to Canada for two weeks!

Take a look at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064328905962> for other news and images. Also, check out our website, <https://ffncolo.com/>. There you can find the latest newsletter. If you see something that needs updating, let us know. And please activate your own personal myFF page: https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in.

If you have any suggestions, your Board is meeting Wednesday, August 9th at 4 PM.

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