

The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado

December 2023 President's Bulletin

Our holiday get-together will be on Friday, December 8th, 5:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Harvest Community Clubhouse, 5303 Corbett, corner of Corbett and Autumn Harvest, Fort Collins. Suzi Gossard is in the lead again. It'll be well worth the \$20.

Our 2024 inbound journeys are #24176 from Southwest Florida, June 25-30, and #24094 from Austin, Texas, September 13-18. Suzi and Marcia Ross will coordinate. We still need leadership for Austin. Please consider being a journey host coordinator. The application form is at a download link mid-page at <https://ffncolo.com/>. Training will be available. If you can possibly host, please send an <https://ffncolo.com/Forms/HostApplicationAndAgreement.pdf>.

LaDonna Palm and Rocky Padden will coordinate our outbound journey #24018 to Pécs, Hungary, in late May 2024 and Cornwall UK, June 3-10, 2024. Contact them for details. Here's how to apply: <https://ffncolo.com/Forms/Ambassador Application and Agreement.pdf>.

Dues for 2024 of \$50 per person are payable by December 31st to be deductible this year. Remit by Zelle to ffnocotreasurer@gmail.com, bring your check, payable to FFNC, to a meeting, or mail your check to our Treasurer LaDonna Palm, 4605 Hahns Peak Drove, #201, Loveland, CO 80538. The deadline is January 31st. So Ed Brigden can update our Directory, please also fill out the 2024 member information & change(s) form.

With regret we'll note the passing of Barbara McCluskey, ambassador and 1996-97 Secretary, and Bob Willhour, who in 1999 led the first journey Paulette and I experienced.

Our first meeting in 2024 will be **in-person, at 7PM on Friday, January 12th**, at the First Christian Church, 2000 North Lincoln in Loveland. You'll hear stories from our September 2023 journey to Ontario presented by journey coordinators Marilyn and Susanna Garner.

Your 2024 officers are Susan Mathre, President; Suzi Gossard, Vice President; LaDonna Palm, Treasurer; and Carol McGrath, Secretary. December 15th is our January 1st newsletter deadline. Our next board meeting via Zoom will be Thursday, January 11th, at 4pm. If you have any suggestions, let us know.

Check out our website, <https://ffncolo.com/>. There you can find the latest newsletters. If you see something that needs updating, let us know. For recent news and images, our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064328905962>.

Activate your FFI personal page at https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in. On your dashboard you'll find information about our club, other clubs, available journeys worldwide, FFI interest groups to join, virtual experiences on Vimeo, and other opportunities.

Enjoy the holidays! Ken Weaver, President, The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado, 970-381-3611, interweaver@gmail.com, 1725 12th Avenue, Greeley CO 80631