

February, 2024

**President's Note**  
**Susan Mathre**

Hello Friendship Force,

Here we are, through January and heading into February. We have had some very cold extremes during January but I am enjoying the warmer temperatures as we head into February.

We have a total of 11 new members who have joined our club since the beginning of December. Marcia Ross provided a New Member Orientation, which 7 of those new members and some of their mentors were able to attend on Jan. 29th. They were provided information about the origins of Friendship Force and about how our hosting works. They also learned about the process for getting involved in Journeys, with our club or by joining in with other clubs' Journeys.

**Dues for 2024 are \$50 per person.** They can be sent by Zelle to [ffnocotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ffnocotreasurer@gmail.com) or mailed to LaDonna Palm at 4605 Hahns Peak Drive, #201, Loveland, CO 80538. If you wish to continue your membership and have not paid your \$50 membership fee, please do so as soon as possible.

**Our next monthly meeting will be on February 9th** at the First Christian Church, 2000 N. Lincoln Ave, Loveland, CO at 7 PM. The program for this evening will be **'Fitness for Travelers'**, presented by Personal Trainer Alan Sharp. Alan is a Certified Personal Trainer. He has a background in Cancer Rehabilitation as well as a degree in Sport and Exercise Science from UNC.

Remember **CLEO, on February 15th, 11:30 am at the Rio Grande Restaurant**, 143 W Mountain Ave., Fort Collins. Please RSVP to Rocky Padden or Cathie McCallum by Feb. 13. Following lunch there is an opportunity to walk to the Global Village Museum across Mountain Ave. and tour the displays. Cost is \$5/adults, \$3/seniors.

We are looking forward to our **World Friendship Day potluck on March 8th**, at 6 pm. We will have a presentation by Ken Weaver on his travels to the World Friendship Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia this past October. We will also be entertained by the LoveUkes ukulele band. Dressing in international garb is encouraged and sharing of international fare is expected.

Our **Outbound Journey to Pecs, Hungary and Cornwall, UK**, May 22- June 10, 2024, is full. Plans are continuing as we work out the details.

Our **Inbound Journey from SW Florida**, scheduled for June 25-30, could still use more small group dinner hosts. This could be an opportunity to pair up with another FFNC member to entertain a few ambassadors and hosts in one of your homes. You could also sign up to be an, as needed, home host. Contact Marcia Ross or Suzi Gossard with questions.

Application is still open for a Journey Host Coordinator for our **Inbound Journey from Austin TX**, September 13-18, 2024. Please strongly consider stepping up for this role. Support is available as needed.

An opportunity to join another Club's Journey

Friendship Force Western Colorado Journey to Schwerin, Germany – has one individual slot available. Dates: April 27, - May 5, 2024 Journey Coordinators are : Sue Palmer([alfshouse12@hotmail.com](mailto:alfshouse12@hotmail.com)) and Susan Rankin ([susanrankin@gmail.com](mailto:susanrankin@gmail.com)) If interested, please contact one of them.