## The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado June 2023 President's notes

Hello from the equator. Paulette and I are on Friendship Force Ecuador Journey 23213. We'll return June 6th with stories to tell of the Andes and Amazon.

Our next regular meeting is Friday, June 9th, 7PM, in the kitchen area at the church in Loveland. We'll elect officers and may have a minor change in our Bylaws, if the Board approves in its meeting on June 8th. Please consider this 2nd notice of a proposal that December 1st become the due date for the following year's annual dues. The Friendship Force of Western Colorado has found this timing to be helpful to facilitate the Treasurer transition from year to year. The change will also better fit Friendship Force International's developing framework.

We look forward to the inbound journey from Cornwall and Bristol from June 21st through 28th. Journey Host Coordinator LaDonna Palm has developed a great itinerary. Rocky Padden has organized CLEO at Sunrise Ranch on June 22nd. If you haven't yet spoken to me about attending the Greeley Independence Stampede on Saturday June 24th and would like me to see if a ticket is still available with our group for the 11AM Behind the Chutes tour and 1PM afternoon rodeo, feel free to contact me.

Friendship Force International has notified us of our 2024 journey match. We've been matched to Cornwall, UK, and Pecs, Hungary. I've been in touch with FFI about a U.S. domestic journey and have been in conversation with Des Moines, Iowa, and Northeast Ohio (Cleveland) in the fall of 2024. Our inbound journeys are from Southwest Florida and Austin, Texas, plus we hope to include the postponed Albuquerque inbound and a visit from our friends in Western Colorado. Our Journey Directors Ann and Rick Lohmeyer will be in contact with each of these clubs to begin developing compatible schedules.

Our next quarterly newsletter is for July to September. Deadline June 20th. Be sure to go to <a href="https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign\_in">https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign\_in</a> to activate your personal portal and see our club dashboard. Check out our <a href="https://ffncolo.com/">https://ffncolo.com/</a> web site and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064328905962">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064328905962</a>

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