

# The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado

## May 2023 President's Bulletin

Note: we have **no meeting on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Join our Colorado Let's Eat Out (CLEO) on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 11AM at The Pepper Pod Restaurant, 530 Fir Street in Hudson.** After lunch we'll visit **The Wild Animal Sanctuary** near Keenesburg. Entry is \$20 for a person over age 70. We plan carpools. If so, let Rocky Padden, [Rockypad@yahoo.com](mailto:Rockypad@yahoo.com), know.

Our **breaking news** is that Friendship Force International has notified us of our 2024 journey matches. **We have two in Europe: Cornwall, UK, and Pecs, Hungary.** Our FFI inbounds are from Southwest Florida and Austin, Texas. Albuquerque & W CO were previously to come. Club Journey Directors Ann and Rick Lohmeyer will begin to contact each club to coordinate.

**Our next regular meeting is Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, at 2000 N. Lincoln in Loveland.** We'll elect officers. Thank you to the Nominating Committee, Cinda Clark, Marilyn Garner, and Ann Lohmeyer. A most especial thank you to our nominees, Susan Mathre for President, Suzi Gossard for Vice President, Carol McGrath for Secretary, and LaDonna Palm for Treasurer.

We may have a minor Bylaw change to consider, if the Board so approves May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this to be notice of the proposal that December 1<sup>st</sup> could become the date due for next year's, tax-deductible, annual dues. The Friendship Force of Western Colorado has found this timing to facilitate the Treasurer transition from year to year. The change would also better fit Friendship Force International's developing framework.

We look forward to the late June **inbound journey from Cornwall and Bristol.** Coordinator LaDonna Palm has developed a fine itinerary from June 21<sup>st</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. Rocky Padden has organized a **tour and CLEO at Sunrise Ranch on June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you haven't yet spoken to me about attending the **Greeley Independence Stampede on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

We plan **a mid-July outing**. We also have our **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> Cheyenne picnic** to look forward to. Again, thanks to everyone who has already pitched in to design this year!

Take a look at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064328905962> for more news and images. Check out our website, <https://ffncolo.com/>. You can take another look there at the Second Quarter newsletter for stories and details.

Go to [https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign\\_in](https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in) to **activate your personal portal** and see our Northern Colorado dashboard and calendar. The HELP link goes to all things FFI.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to be in touch.

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