

The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado

September 2023 President's Bulletin

Hello from southern Michigan, through the wonders of 21st Century technology, from the Irish Hills west of Ann Arbor. I'm visiting my cousin at the Weaver cottage en route to Vermont to join Paulette, who's already painting the living room of our daughter's new home.

You can look forward to **an intriguing program** at our regular in-person meeting at 7PM on Friday, September 8th, at 2000 North Lincoln in Loveland. As you can read in our latest newsletter, Karlie and Jeff Ruiters's medical clinic in rural Guatemala learned that 80 percent of children in the country's rural villages suffer from malnutrition. That led to the launch of **Ordinary Nurses**, a non-profit focused on infant health care. The Ruiters, along with their team of local health professionals, developed a comprehensive approach to addressing critical infant malnutrition. Through their program and the generosity of sponsors, the organization has helped save 152 babies' lives.

Colorado Let's Eat Out (CLEO) on Friday, September 29th, will be a visit to the **"fainting" goats at The GJF Ranch** in east of Loveland after lunch at a nearby venue yet to be determined. Details will be forthcoming.

September 13-27 twelve of us will be traveling to Canada for two weeks! Thank you to Susanna and Marilyn Garner, journey ambassador coordinators extraordinaire.

In 2024 we have two outbound journeys in Europe: Cornwall, UK, and Pecs, Hungary. Our inbounds are from Southwest Florida, likely June, and Austin, Texas, likely early August. Ann and Rick Lohmeyer are drafting a tentative schedule.

As mentioned before, let me know if we might also consider hosting a four-day regional visit late Fall 2024 with Rocky Mountain region club members for a couple of nights home hosted and then at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park.

Take a look at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064328905962> for other news and images.

Check out our website, <https://ffncolo.com/>. There you can find the latest newsletters. If you see something that needs updating, let us know.

Please activate a personal myFF page: https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in.

With the summer ending and so much underway, unless I hear back in response to this bulletin of an urgent need, our next Zoom Board meeting will be Thursday, October 12th. Please note that because FFI needs an increase, the Board's considering an increase in our fee.

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