



The View from the Peak

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Council Coordinator Message

What an exciting time to be a member of our Friendship Force Club! We were very fortunate to have the Friendship Force World Conference in Boulder this year. Eight club members attended, and everyone had a great time. Afterward thirteen conference attendees, including two from Tanzania, were hosted by our club members for four days.

In November the San Diego Friendship Force Club will host members of our club, and in February/March 2020 we will be hosted by two New Zealand clubs, followed by a journey to Tucson in March/April. If the thought of making friends around the world appeals to you then you are in the right club!

On October 15th, at our general membership meeting, we will hold our annual elections to select members of our club's Leadership Council. If you are interested in becoming a Council member, I encourage you to contact Dan Hannaway, Nominating Committee Chairman, so he can give you an idea about how the Council operates and the various positions on the Council.

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." Woodrow T. Wilson

Steve Tindell

Save the Date

Oct 15 – Tues - Member Mtg
4:30 pm at Silver Key

Meetings

General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, October 15

4:30 pm in the Silver Key Community Room

1655 S. Murray Blvd. just behind the Silver Key main building.

Menu: Club will provide the food. Members provide drinks

Cost: \$5 each

Program: Still TBD. Interesting offers will be happily considered.

Membership Picnic –this event was scheduled for August but **has been cancelled**

LEO – None are currently scheduled, but watch your email for a possible addition in September

Journeys

2019 Plans

Outbound Domestic: San Diego, California. Confirmed dates are Nov. 2-9, 2019. They have 20 slots available. A 4-day extension to Orange County, Laguna Woods, is limited to 4 couples and one single.

2020 Plans

Outbound International: Our international outbound is **New Zealand** in February – March, 2020! Exact dates are still to be worked out. We have two home stays identified, Southland on the South Island and New Plymouth on the North Island. Between the two home stays of one week each, we will have a one-week (six night) tour of the South Island. Dan Hannaway will be the Journey Coordinator. Please contact him at dgmh@comcast.net or 719.596.7633 if you have any questions. This will be a popular destination, so sign up early to secure a place.

NOTE: Both NZ clubs will only be able to accept 16 ambassadors. If more are signed up to go than can be accommodated, the journey coordinator will establish a priority according to FFPPR Policy. Your priority will depend on when you signed up and how much you have contributed to past club activities. Special consideration will be given to new FFPPR members. But, to reduce your worries, no Journey Coordinator has had to use this procedure in the last ten years, since some travelers always decide not to go when the time gets close. The 2010 New Zealand Australia Exchange had 30 signed up (10 on the waiting list), but only 15 finally decided to travel.

Outbound Domestic: Tucson, Arizona, March 29-April 4, 2020. They can host 10-12 members. We had planned for a February 2020 journey, but the New Zealand exchange forced us to reschedule.

Inbound International: North Bay, Ontario, Canada. FFI recommended this journey, and our LC has agreed. Dates have not been set, but they are looking at September.

2021 Plans

Outbound International: Preferences for our 2021 international outbound exchange are due to FFI in November of this year. The Leadership Council discussed possibilities and recommended we ask for Japan. That would probably mean a reciprocal visit to Fukuoka and to one additional Japanese club. Second choice was Europe. Our submission will state that Steve and Susan Tindell worked with folks in Moldova to help set up a club there, and we would like to visit that club. Romania would be an additional requested destination.

Outbound Domestic: We are talking with Columbia-Cascade, Washington about a reciprocal journey there in June 2021 to coincide with their Rose Festival with them coming here in the September.

If you wish to participate in any of these journeys, please contact **Kaye Brabec, FFPPR Journey Liaison, 434-2053.** She has preliminary names but verifying your interest would be helpful. Making new friends in far-flung places is the essence of Friendship Force. Along the way you become much closer to the FFPPR club members that share your travels. So, don't waste these opportunities to live, love, laugh and learn. Be a friend. Make new friends.

Journey Coordinators are always needed. If you think you might like to try this role, please contact Kaye. You would start out as a helper to gain experience before taking on the full job.

Eight from FFPR Attend FFI World Conference

By Dan Hannaway

The 2019 Friendship Force World Conference took place at the University of Colorado in Boulder July 23-27. It was the first FFI World Conference ever held on a university or college campus. Attendees numbered more than 430 representing 25 countries. Our club was well represented by Steve and Susan



Tindell, Susan Dilloway, Annabel Widney, Margaret Baptist, Martha Alice Lovell, Kaye Brabec, and Dan Hannaway. It was also a first-time World Conference attendance for Susan D., Annabel, Margaret, Martha Alice and Kaye. Was it worth it? You would have to ask them, and I encourage you to do so.



If you were to ask me, I would definitely say yes. I have been fortunate to attend seven world conferences. You get the latest updates from the FFI staff, are able to meet them personally, and can attend informative sessions to help improve your club and to make you a savvy traveler. You soon discover that all clubs worldwide face similar challenges, are willing to share their successes, and for the most part are just like yours. What is most important when attending conferences is making new friends and renewing friendships. I was reacquainted with a friend from Whangarei, NZ with whom my wife Peg and I stayed several years ago. Another reacquaintance was with Kathy Hsu from Kaohsiung, Taiwan who visited us in 2015. She performed a traditional dance at the conference to “announce” that the 2021 World Conference will be held in Kaohsiung. That’s just two instances of many. Another big plus is the opportunity to meet members of other clubs who would like to come to Colorado and would be willing to host us in return, thereby planting the seeds for future journeys. To those who were unable to attend the conference, I urge you to check the FFI website, www.friendshipforce.org, in the coming weeks. Details of the conference, including documents of the presentations, can be found there once they are posted.

In addition to the other six FF clubs in the Rocky Mountain Region (Denver, Northern Colorado, Western Colorado, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, and Albuquerque) we provided homestays for conference delegates, hosting from July 28 until August 1. We entertained four guests from Canada, two from Tanzania, two from Washington, DC, two from Washington state, two from Michigan and one from Ohio with a



Ambassadors & hosts at the welcome party



Tito Kilale from Tanzania performing “Amazing Grace”.

welcome party at the home of Brian and Jeanne Marsh. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday all joined together to visit the Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods. They also separately visited other local attractions with their home hosts or day hosts.

A BIG THANK YOU to our home hosts (Steve and Susan Tindell, Brian and Jeanne Marsh, Terry and Dorothy Schultz, Jerry Sabolik and Jeanette Clack, Susan Dilloway, Ronnie Blum, and Linda Glick), dinner hosts (Inés and Alex Blackburn, Bob and Judie Werschky, Debbie and Tim Caldwell with help from Margaret Baptist, and Dan Hannaway), and day hosts Martha Alice Lovell and Debbie Caldwell. Also



providing terrific assistance were Susan Tindell for organizing the picnic breakfast in Garden of the Gods and the shuttle transportation to Pikes Peak, Martha Alice for the planning and execution of the visit to the Academy, and Brian for setting up the sunrise photo shoot in the Garden of the Gods.

Travel Tidbits

Travels with Cairde Léann na hÉireann (The Friends of Irish Studies)

By Jeanne Marsh



Ireland—land of shamrocks, leprechauns, druids, fairies, Celtic music and folklore. And, Brian adds, don't forget Guinness and Jameson's.



Knowing that my family roots were Irish and hearing only rave reviews of travels to the Emerald Isle, my bucket list included a trip to see for myself the land and culture others recommend so highly. Early in 2018, Brian and I mentioned the possibility of such an adventure in a conversation with Mike and Kaye Brabec, and they enthusiastically echoed our ambition to explore the Republic of Ireland, and also to reconnect with friends they knew in Northern Ireland.



Allihies Mine today

A few months passed with the idea percolating in the back of our heads. Then one day I attended an Aficionados lecture at Colorado College, and serendipity intervened. Perusing a free copy of the *Independent*, I came across a full-page ad for a ten-day SW Ireland tour, sponsored by The Friends of Irish Studies at the University of Montana. The tour guide was listed as Traolach O'Riordain, director of Irish Studies at the university. Why does U of Montana have a department of Irish Studies? We later learned that the copper boom there drew Irish immigrants en masse after the process of open pit

mining in Montana destroyed the economic viability of shaft mining in Ireland, and displaced workers emigrated to find new opportunity. Many of Butte's current inhabitants trace their roots to Ireland's

Allihies mining region.

The Brabecs and we were a part of a group of twenty-four travelers, plus Traolach and our bus driver (a fearless and talented navigator of those unbelievably narrow country lanes—he only had to back out of a tight situation once, receiving a standing ovation from us all). Many of us were seeking our ancestral roots, and some of our number had already made contact with distant relatives still living in that country. I was fortunate to make the acquaintance of a fellow traveler whose passion is genealogy, and she traced my own family as far back as medieval Galway. Learning the history of Ireland and the series of cultural incursions there through the ages, I pieced together (somewhat) the puzzle of my own ancestral DNA (including Spain and Normandy, as well as the British Isles).

Our tour did not even try to encompass the whole of Ireland; the itinerary was restricted to a southwestern loop, from Shannon to the Cliffs of Mohre; then down the western coast to the small village of Ballyferriter on the Dingle Peninsula; southeast to Killarney and the copper mines of the Allihies; further south to the Beara Peninsula, staying at Glengariff on Bantry Bay (we also took a ferry ride to Bere Island, where some of our fellow travelers met their distant cousin for a long-anticipated reunion); an eastward drive along the southern coast to Cork; then north for a final obligatory stop at Blarney Woolen Mills and the folk park near Bunratty in County Clare, before heading again towards Shannon.



A brief description of the itinerary does not do justice to the depth of cultural experiences we enjoyed during this tour. Because our tour guide spoke fluent Gaelic (his family roots are in the Gaelic-speaking area of County Kerry), we had opportunities not available to most visitors to Ireland. On midsummer's eve we were privileged to attend a traditional Celtic celebration. People from all around the little village of Ballyferriter gathered on a hillside farm, where a "holy well" lay near a ruined church. After partaking (sparingly!) of the host's



Neighborhood Bonfire near the 10th century stone church ruins



Mike partakes of the "pochin"

homebrew, *pochin*, the gathered community processed three times around the little pond with branches in hand; afterward, the branches were tossed onto a huge bonfire, symbolizing the casting off of the past year's problems and issues. The neighbors all sat on the hillside for awhile, visiting and watching the fire burn down; then we were all invited into the farmhouse, where the community shared a potluck of sandwiches and baked goods. As we drove back toward our little hotel in the darkness of midsummer's eve, we saw bonfires burning on

In Memory – Joanne Karlson



Joanne Karlson left us on July 10, 2019.

Joanne was born to R. Vincent and Agnes (Nassett) Wood in Long Beach, California. Prior to her starting grade school, the family moved back to Corvallis, Oregon, where both parents had graduated from Oregon State College (now Oregon State University (OSU)). Joanne, her brother Roger, and her younger sisters Nancy and Frances all attended the Corvallis public school system and Oregon State University.

After graduating OSU, Joanne taught Home Economics in Oregon, California and Colorado. In 1961, she married Werner Karlson. The couple lived briefly in California and Oregon before settling in Colorado for Werner's employment. They lived the next nine years in the Conifer-Evergreen area where they had two Children, Erik and Diane.

In 1975 they moved to Colorado Springs. Joanne helped run the Dairy Queen on West Colorado Avenue, and also worked full-time at the Current test Kitchens. After retirement, Joanne and Werner enjoyed traveling in their RV. Joanne was active with the Old Colorado City Historical Society, PEO, Kappa Delta, and Friendship Force. She has two granddaughters: Rachel and Jennifer Karlson.

Her memorial service, standing room only, was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, July 26. It was followed by a reception where all had a chance to chat and remember. A sizeable contingent from Friendship Force gathered to bid her farewell and to support Werner.

Joanne Karlson – Impressions she left

When the Alajuela, Costa Rica, exchange was being planned, lunch was needed for the Victor/Cripple Creek day. Joanne volunteered to bring lunch for approximately 25 people, not a small task even for a Home Economics major. She and Werner worked hours the previous day oven-frying chicken pieces and preparing the accompaniments. They delivered the complete lunch to the Heritage Center, set the tables, and then cleaned up, freeing the hosts to enjoy the day. It was more of a cultural experience than Joanne expected as the Costa Ricans had never eaten cold fried chicken! Ever since then our Journey Coordinators have arranged for lunch to be brought to Cripple Creek! Judie Werschky

She always found/made an initial compliment to an individual to begin a conversation with them. She was always putting histories together. Ronnie Blum

I have fond memories of her faithful kindness to my mother, Aileen Maley, long after mom was unable to travel. Joanne provided moral support, transportation and connection to activities mom had enjoyed. Joanne reached out to me after mom died, leaving a meaningful message on my voice mail. When I was grieving hard, I would listen to Joanne's reassuring words. At a time when I was so sad, I didn't feel like doing anything, Joanne's friendliness welcomed me. Her generosity and kindness touched me deeply. She was and still is a role model for the type of person I strive to be. Joan Maley

Joanne's joyful personality was delightful! I had the pleasure of being with her while sharing membership duties. She always had much to offer our new members regarding the positive aspects of

being members, whether travel experiences or hosting interesting ambassadors from locations near and far. Dorothy Schultz

Joanne was always cheerful, dependable, and positive in her outlook, so many did not know that health issues coincided with her daily activities. She could be counted on to add to the welcoming atmosphere of Friendship Force. She and I were in multiple organizations together, so she was part of my life for many, many years. We recently added exercise buddies to our list of activities to see one another. The number of people at the memorial only partly conveyed the number of people whose lives she influenced. Margaret Baptist

When I was a fairly new member, Joanne invited me to attend the dinner she and Werner were hosting for our guests from Sao Paulo. She said she wanted to get to know me and hadn't really had a good opportunity. I was really delighted, because I didn't know very many people in the group, and I didn't seem to be making much progress as far as getting to know people and really feeling part of the group. That evening changed everything. I had a wonderful time, and it was really because Joanne made me feel so welcome. Annabel Widney

Joanne was always a bright light, willing to step in and help anytime FF needed volunteers. We need to cultivate a membership with her devotion. Kay Brabec

Joanne Karlson – Juggling with a ready smile, competently and calmly, a multitude of responsibilities: FFPPR, OCCHs, AAUW and – of course – Werner. How did she do it all? Jeanne Marsh

Rocky Mountain Regional News

Greetings from ----- Sue Palmer, Field Rep



(Left to right Andrew Kelly, Sue Palmer and Jeremi Snook)

2019 WORLD CONFERENCE

Greetings – The World Conference in Boulder, Colorado at Williams Village in CU campus went very well. Everyone had plenty of time to socialize and connect with old and new friends.

The dorms were comfortable, the Cafeteria was first class, and the workshops offered an array of subjects and discussions. The optional activities were fun too!

On behalf of all the clubs in Rocky Mountain Region, I was presented the 41st World Conference Host Trophy. The Host Cup Ceremony is a tradition. The trophy is to be passed on every other year to the Host Region. In 2021, Taiwan will host the World Conference.

A BIG Thank you goes to the members of FF Pikes Peak Club for all the help, support, home-hosting, entertaining, planning and helping at the Host Table. I'm so pleased we had so many members willing to help make the World Conference a success.

I'm including an article from the Boulder Daily Camera Newspaper regarding the World Conference in Boulder. It's an excellent article explaining our mission to bring people together in a peaceful way. It included interviews with members from Africa and Japan.

In Friendship Sue Palmer

Boulder Daily Camera

By Robert Tann | PUBLISHED: July 24, 2019 | UPDATED: July 26, 2019 (excerpts below)

Friendship Force brings 400 to Boulder to bring people together 'at a personal level'

Tanzania native Tito Kilale grew up with the belief that when visiting South Africa, it would be dangerous for him, a black man, to stay in the home of someone who is white. When he arrived in Cape Town in 2006, he was nervous about how he would be treated, but when his hosts welcomed him with open arms, Kilale found he and his hosts were more alike than he thought.

"We are told things (about each other) that are not true," Kilale said. "It's good to come together."

Kilale's visit to Cape Town was made possible through Friendship Force International, a nonprofit organization with a mission "to explore new countries and cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level."

Friendship Force's 41st World Conference kicked off on Wednesday with about 400 members from 20 countries, Kilale included. Kilale had made the 9,000 mile trip from his home country to Boulder for the organizations 41st World Conference on Wednesday.



Yoshiko Koizumi, left, Kumiko Hashimoto and Nobuko Shimada, all from Japan, take out their fans as they are introduced



Bedzra Dela Quarcoo, of Ghana, waves to the crowd after he is introduced.

Wednesday at Friendship Force International's World Conference at the University of Colorado at Boulder. [/caption]

The conference started Wednesday morning at the Williams Village Dining and Community Center with a welcome from Boulder Mayor Suzanne Jones. She said Friendship Force's mission of building diplomacy through relationships aligns with the city's vision, adding the need for friendship has never been more important.

"We want to open our arms to (Friendship Force) and what it symbolizes," Jones said. "When the tone of national politics is divisive, it's up to all of us to build the connections that bring us all back together."

The conference was partially sponsored by CU Boulder's Peace, Conflict and Security Program. The program's associate director Michael D. English said the world is in a "period of polarization.

Relationships matter, it matters that you invite people into your home,” English said. “Violence destroys relationships, and once violence gets unleashed, the situation is changed forever.”

That is why Friendship Force invites people to step outside of their comfort zone by visiting other countries and staying with host families. Peace is attained, English said, through close contact with others.

Many conference attendees had been host families and guests around the world.

Toko Yomura, who made the more than 5,000-mile trip from Tokyo to Boulder, has been a Friendship Force member for more than 40 years. She has hosted many members in the past, but one of her favorite memories is having breakfast at the U.S. embassy in Japan. “That was a first for me,” Yomura said. “Everybody was so impressed.”

Being a host family is about showing others her culture, Yomura said. For her, culture is about everyday things, from home cooking to how one sleeps. She also has three children who she said love to introduce visitors to their way of life. “They are very pleased to show their origami,” Yomura said. “My daughter and I will show people our music and people are very pleased to hear it.”

Terry Gichuiya, who made the 8,000-mile trip from Kenya to Boulder, said the mission of Friendship Force is to break barriers between people. “It’s all about peace, friendship and feeling comfortable when we are together,” Gichuiya said. She said that when people come to stay with her in Kenya, the experience is something they never expected. “The warmth of Kenyans, our hospitality, our humility ... because of that our friendship grows and becomes a family,” Gichuiya said.

As Friendship Force President and CEO Jeremi Snook put it, the organization is about making connections. “There are so many things that are superficial,” Snook said. “Friendship Force is about finding a way to establish real, lasting connections.”

The next conference in 2021 will be held in Taiwan.

<https://www.dailycamera.com/2019/07/24/friendship-force-brings-400-to-boulder-to-bring-people-together-at-personal-level/>

Where in the World – Part II

OK - I have to admit it. I ordered it and ate the WHOLE thing and loved every bite! Place: Currabubula Pub & Grill (in business since 1838) in Currabubula, Australia (20 minute drive from Tamworth). When: during our journey to Tamworth in August, 2018. Description: It’s called the “Mixed Grill” and consists of rump steak, a lamb cutlet, rissoles (like large meatballs that are breaded and deep fried), grilled Guyra tomatoes, sausage, bacon, two farm-fresh eggs, and French fries.

All for about \$20 U.S. dollars and, by the way, it is gluten free!

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2019-20 FFPPR Calendar

2019	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Sun						1	Sun			1			
Mon	1 Canada Day					2	Mon			2			1
Tue	2			1 Lead Council		3 Lead Council	Tue			3			2 Lead Council
Wed	3			2		4	Wed	1 New Year's		4	1 Tuscon		3
Thu	4 Independence	1 WC Depart		3		5	Thu	2		5	2 Tuscon		4
Fri	5			4 Newsletter	1	6 Newsletter	Fri	3		6	3 Tuscon	1	5 Newsletter
Sat	6			5	2 San Diego	7	Sat	4	1	7	4 Tuscon	2	6
Sun	7		1	6	San Diego	8	Sun	5	2	8 Daylight Sav	5	3	7
Mon	8		2 Labor Day	7	4 San Diego	9	Mon	6	3	9	6	4	8
Tue	9		3	8	5 San Diego	10	Tue	7	4 Lead Council	10	7 Lead Council	5	9 Memb Mtg
Wed	10		4	9	6 San Diego	11	Wed	8	5	11	8	6	10
Thu	11		5	10	7 San Diego	12	Thu	9	6	12	9	7	11
Fri	12		6	11	8 San Diego	13	Fri	10	7 Newsletter	13	10 Newsletter	8	12
Sat	13		7	12	9 San Diego	14	Sat	11	8	14	11	9	13
Sun	14		8	13	10	15	Sun	12	9	15	12 Easter	10 Mothers' Day	14
Mon	15		9	14	11 Vets' Day	16	Mon	13	10	16	13	11	15
Tue	16 Memb Mtg	13 Lead Council	10	15 Memb Mtg	12	17 Memb Mtg	Tue	14	11 Memb Mtg	17 St Paddys	14 Memb Mtg	12	16
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Thu	18		12	17	14	19	Thu	16	13	19	16	14	18
Fri	19	16 Newsletter	13	18	15	20	Fri	17	14	2-	171	15	19
Sat	20		14	19	16	21	Sat	1	15 NZ	21	8	161	20
Sun	21		15	20	17	22 Hanukka	Sun	19	16 Tentative	22	19	7	21 Fathers' Day
Mon	22		16	21	18	23	Mon	20 MLK B'Day	17	23	20	18	22
Tue	23 World Conf	20	17	22	19	24	Tue	21	18 mid Feb	24	21	19	23
Wed	24 World Conf	21	18	23	20	25 Christmas	Wed	22	19 to mid March	25	22	20	24
Thu	25 World Conf	22	19	24	21	26 Kwanza	Thu	23	20	26	23	21	25
Fri	26 Post Conf	23	20	25	22	27	Fri	24	21 3 weeks total	27	24	22	26
Sat	27 Post Conf	24	21	26	23	28	Sat	25	22	28	25	23	27
Sun	28 COS Hosting	25	22	27	24	29	Sun	26	23	29 Tuscon	26	24	28
Mon	29 COS Hosting	26	23	28	25	30	Mon	27	24	30 Tuscon	27	25 Memorial Day	29
Tue	30 COS Hosting	27	24	29	26	31 NY's Eve	Tue	28	25	31 Tuscon	28	26	30
Wed	31 COS Hosting	28	25	30	27		Wed	29	26		29	27	
Thu		29	26	31	28 Thanksgiving		Thu	30	27		30	28	
Fri		30	27		29		Fri	31	28			29	
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Sun			29				Sun					31	
Mon			30				2020						