



The View from the Peak

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Council Coordinator Message

Congratulations to our newly elected Leadership Council members! Thanks to all of the Council members that agreed to be nominated to be on the 2020 Council, and special thanks to Carol Jefferson for volunteering for a Council position after having only been a club member for a short while.

I would also like to thank Nora Durham, our club webmaster, for all the work she is doing to get our website updated and improved. You can look forward to a greatly improved version in the very near future!

Thanks also to Mort Munroe and Jerry Werschky for the great job they did while serving on the Council this past year. Their time and efforts were greatly appreciated.

Finally, I look forward to Shirley Miekka's return to club meetings once she completes her rehab from a recent injury while traveling in Italy. Make sure you take a moment when you see her to let her know how much we missed her and thought about her while she was in Italy.

“A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.” Bernard Meltzer

Steve Tindell

Save the Date

Dec 17 – Tues - Membership Mtg
4:30 pm at Silver Key

Editor's Note:

This issue is smaller than usual, with no past journeys to report on. The December issue will cover our San Diego experiences. Member inputs on travel are always welcome. Just send me an email.

Brian Marsh

Meetings

General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, December 17

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.

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

Journeys

2019 Plans

Outbound Domestic: San Diego, California: Confirmed dates are Nov. 2-9, 2019. We have 12 ambassadors registered to go to San Diego. Their club has invited other clubs to join us to fill the 20 slots. Two couples have signed up for a four-day extension to Laguna Woods.

2020 Plans

Outbound International: Our international outbound is **New Zealand** in February – March 2020! Our first club journey is to the Southland club located at the very bottom of the South Island. We will arrive on February 13 for our six-night homestay. On February 19 we leave our hosts and begin a week-long private tour of the South Island. The next club we will visit is New Plymouth on the North Island, arriving there on February 26 and departing on March 3. Both NZ clubs can only accept 16 ambassadors. Currently we have 13 ambassadors. Dan Hannaway is the Journey Coordinator. Please contact him at dgmh@comcast.net or 719.596.7633 if you have any questions.

Outbound Domestic: Tucson, Arizona, March 29-April 4, 2020. They can host 10-12 members.

Inbound International: North Bay, Ontario, Canada. FFI recommended this journey, and our LC has agreed. Dates are September 22-29.

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.

Annual Leadership Council Elections

At our General Membership Meeting at Silver Key on October 15, Steve Tindell, Dorothy Schultz, Dick Battersby, Kaye Brabec, Susan Dilloway, Brian Marsh, and Carol Jefferson were elected to serve on the FFPPR Leadership Council for calendar year 2020. According to our bylaws the seven elected officers will discuss the seven council positions and decide among themselves which position they would prefer to fill. Those positions are Leadership Council Coordinator, Secretary/Historian, Treasurer, Journey Liaison/Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and Activities Coordinator. Since six of the returning council members have already been performing specific duties they will probably continue in those positions. Carol is expected to fill the role of Activities Coordinator, presently occupied by Mort Munroe.



Steve and Dan discuss election results

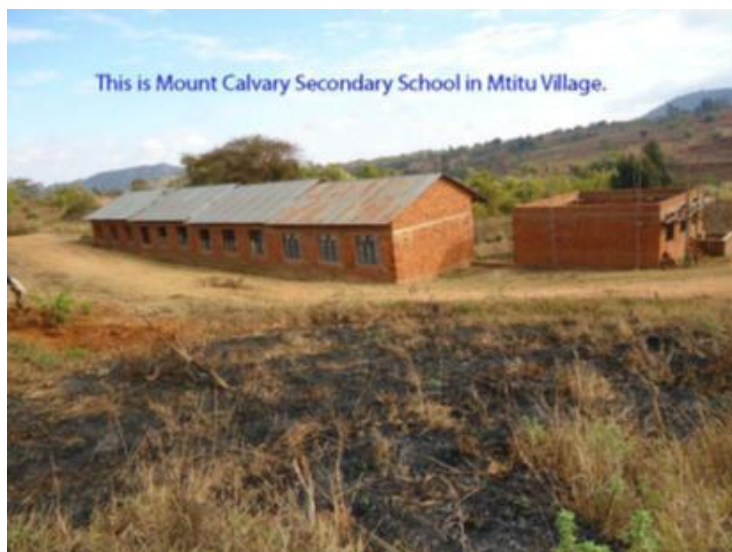
Help Build Tito's Kilale's School in Tanzania

After the FFI conference in Boulder this July, thirteen Ambassadors came to stay with members of our club for three days. Tito Kilale stayed with me, during which time we became friends. Tito is a "really, really good man." The photo shows Tito at the welcome party leading us all in Amazing Grace.

Tito is a Lutheran Pastor and a secondary school teacher whose English is excellent. Back in his home village of Mtitu, Tanzania, opportunities to be any more than a subsistence farmer with a hoe are limited,



Tito Kilale from Tanzania leads us in "Amazing Grace".



This is Mount Calvary Secondary School in Mtitu Village.

and schooling normally stops at the elementary level. Tito has been working almost single-handedly since 2005 to build and operate the Mount Calvary Secondary School for those who were not selected to continue with secondary education in public school. Classes for boys and girls started in 2012, but for a handful of years building had to stop while they tried to become officially registered with the government. At present they have 20 students; 10 girls and 10 boys, with four classrooms, and have toilets and

an administration building still under construction. Children help by making mud bricks. In the classrooms they still need stable desks and chairs, shutters for the windows and doors, as well as a corrugated metal roof for the small administration building.



The 3,640 people of Mtitu village suffer from poverty, illiteracy, isolation, and disease, with one-third being HIV positive. Mortality rates among children are very high. Women and infants often die at the birth of the child. Many practice voodoo and are dangerously superstitious about such phenomena

as twins and people with birth defects. Tito believes that formal education and vocational skills will help his village survive.

During his travels with Friendship Force Tito has found financial support from friends in Scotland and Watertown, NY. Other volunteer organizations sometimes visit the village. I would like our Colorado Springs Friendship Force club to support him as well. I have sent a successful "test" bank transfer to Tito's bank, and at the October 15 meeting, after narrating a slide show put together by Dan Hannaway, collected \$243.

If you would like to add to this donation please mail a check to Susan Dilloway, 2728 La Strada Grande Hts., CS 80906, BY OCTOBER 30

Even a small gift can mean a great deal to these people and to the future of their children.

Susan Dilloway

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