

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



CLUB OFFICERS

- President John Kaiser
- Vice-President Tim Bolin
- Secretary Helen Lovett
- Treasurer Loretta Humphrey

Committee Chairpersons

- Membership Donna Logan
- Hospitality Ingrid and Rod Larson
- Program Barbara Guilford
- Publicity Tony Adams
- Newsletter / Website David Larsen
- Historian Vanda Edington & Barbara Guilford

Members responsible for.....

- Directory / Calendar Judy Eatmon
- Logo Renewal John Kaiser

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meetings:

Jan 13th.

Feb 10th.

Mar 10th.

(An updated calendar of events is on the website)

Outgoing Exchange: 2014 March and April:

Hamilton, New Zealand & Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia

Incoming Exchange: July 15 ~ 22:

Eastern Washington/ Northern Idaho

Events:

May 2~3, 2014—Regional Conf. in Salt Lake City, UT.

Oct. 14~16, 2014 World Conference in Auckland, NZ

Sept 11~14, 2015 World Conf. Vancouver, Canada

Board Meeting:

April 8th.

July 8th.

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2014 Dues are Past Due

Dues are due on December 1, 2013.

If you haven't paid yet, please make checks payable to Friendship Force of Cheyenne.

Individual membership \$25; family/couple \$40.

Give or send to Donna Logan.

**Pot Luck Dinner & General Membership Meetings are at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 19th St. & House Ave.
at 6 PM unless otherwise published.**



Terry's Tidbits

2013

Fellow Members:

Members, this will be my last Tidbits as President. I will try to cover some things I have learned during my tenure.

Friendship Force is not just about traveling. It is about meeting new acquaintances and making new friends. I have only been on two outgoing exchanges and one incoming exchange, and Jan and I have become close friends with people we have met on each of these. We are looking forward to the incoming exchange from Washington and Northern Idaho in July, and we are excited about meeting them and starting new friendships.

I would also like to once again thank the officers who served with me the past two years. A Special Thanks to our Editor of the Newsletter: Good Job DAVE LARSEN, TONY ADAMS for the Newspaper Communications, HELEN LOVETT for the Meeting Minutes, LORETTA HUMPHREY as Treasurer, DONNA LOGAN as Membership Chairman, TIM BOLIN V.P. who was always ready with advice when needed, ROD & INGRID LARSON as Hospitality to set up tables, coffee, etc., and last but not least my wife JAN who has helped me immensely.

Good Luck to our new President JOHN KAISER who I am sure will do a good job. I want to urge you to attend the Regional Conference in Salt Lake City next May. That should be a fun thing to do after our long winter.

Congratulations to BARBARA GUILFORD for receiving the Spirit of Friendship Award. Barbara is our Spark Plug in the Club!

Thanks again for everything. See you all at the meetings.

Terry

The New Prez ~ John Kaiser

We are off to a slow, but furious start this year. The new guy is trying to figure it all out. I asked the board to meet after the incoming exchange meeting January 7.

We agreed that we should maintain the membership list based on paying dues rather than hoping people may someday pay their dues. Therefore if you have not paid your dues please send a check to Loretta soon to stay current with the club.



I will bring forward to the membership at the January meeting the possibility of a fall North American outbound exchange. The region that is chosen will be pursued by an exchange director who will search the area for a willing club.

The idea of a membership recruitment day was discussed. There will be an organizational meeting at Loretta's home Thursday, January 16, at 1:30pm. At this meeting those in attendance will select a chairman and develop an itinerary and location.

The next board meeting will be April 8. As you can see we have lots happening this year. Let's make it a fun and great one.

John Kaiser
President by default.

2014

Outgoing Exchange

Latest info for the Hamilton, New Zealand & Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia exchange in March and April is on our website:

WWW.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org

Incoming Exchange

2014 Incoming exchange for the **Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho** club from July 15—July 22. There are 22 ambassadors who have signed up and paid a deposit for the exchange. We are in need of hosts from our club. More info available at:

WWW.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org

See **Tim Bolin** for more info or to signup as a host or other volunteer.

2014 Officers



Tim Bolin, Vice-President; Helen Lovett, Secretary; John Kaiser, President; Loretta Humphrey, Treasurer

General Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2013

President **Terry Udell** called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm following a potluck dinner.

Guest present are **Suzanne Smith, Joane Jones, Nat Moreno,** and **Kathy Zelden.**

Program:

Barbara Guilford introduced **Edith Cooke**, a column writer for the *Wyoming Tribune Eagle* on environmental subjects and a 2011 Frank Nelson Doubleday Award winner. This award is given to women writers with exceptional talent in any creative written genre.

Edith shared information about her travels to China and Japan and her friendships with people from these two cultures. One friendship began when Edith found it necessary to relocate from Mitchell, South Dakota to Nashville, Tennessee. A young family from Japan, needing housing when transferred to Mitchell with the Toshiba Corporation, became the new renters of Edith's large home. The second friendship developed when Edith was looking for an inexpensive room to rent while teaching at Tennessee State University. She replied to a rental offer only to discover the room had already been promised to another. Edith noticed the large empty living room during this interview and offered to rent the unfurnished room explaining that the empty room was perfect for her and her mat and guitar. The landlord was a young woman from China.

Edith became good friends with her landlord, who was forced to return to China two years ago when her visa ran out. Unattached women in China are treated poorly especially in fair pay at the work place. Luckily an international firm hired her and she is doing well. Edith was able to visit China and was surprised to see the number of unexplainable and curious tourist attractions vying for the almighty tourist dollar. The amount of gold decorated attractions and lavish celebrations were breathtaking and seemed

out of place in a communistic country. Half of the tourists in China were Chinese probably due to the mandatory retirement age of 55, “cheap” travel, and the need to escape their tiny, cramped, poorly maintained apartments with minimal utilities. Edith warns the traveler, even those staying in “Four Star Hotels”, to bring your own personal supplies as necessities such as toilet paper and Kleenex can be impossible to find when you need them!

A trip over to Japan came during Cherry Blossom (fruitless) season, a very special time of the year to the Japanese. The young Japanese family that had rented Edith’s home in Mitchell was now living back in Japan. Edith lived with the young family during her visit which is typically not done in Japan. Their young daughter walked unescorted to school every morning, returning home around 4:00 p.m. with hours of homework to complete. Not your typical American school day!

There were an amazing amount of Buddhist temples to visit. English signage could be found everywhere making site-seeing very easy for English speaking tourists. Japan has an abundance of fish eateries contrary to the Chinese, who favor pork.

Barbara Guilford interjected that Friendship Force members have created long lasting friendships through their travels around the world, very similar to Edith’s experiences. Barbara stated “we believe in faces not places” to emphasize Friendship Force’s mission of making new friends wherever opportunity takes us.

Edith’s young granddaughter, Amanda, was the computer operator for this evenings presentation and took a few minutes to share a short description of her recent trip to Africa.

New Business:

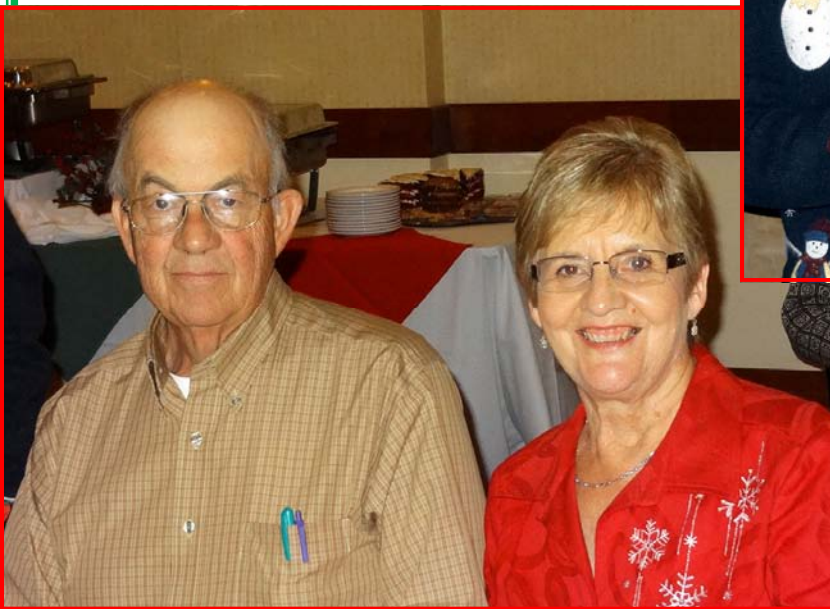
- **Terry urged** all members to try and attend the Regional Conference to be held in Salt Lake City on May 2 & 3, 2014. Rooms at Little America have been discounted from \$179 down to \$119 per night for

Friendship Force members. You can reach Little America @ 1-800-453-9450 or 1-801-596-5700. **Donna Logan** is interested in attending and willing to drive if someone is interested in sharing a room with her.

- **Dennis Guilford** will represent President Terry Udell in New Orleans @ the International Conference.
- **North Colorado F.F.** has an exchange planned to **Germany** in early June of 2014 with room available for anyone interested.
- **Tony Adams** reports that if anyone is still interested in the New Zealand exchange to contact him immediately.
- **Tim Bolin** has sign-up sheets for the various activities planned for the Eastern Washington/ Northern Idaho incoming exchange July 15-July 22, 2014.
- Dues for 2014 need to be paid ASAP.
- Christmas Party Dinner reservations need to be paid by Dec. 1
- The following members were nominated as the new slate of officers for 2014: **John Kaiser as President, Tim Bolin as V. President, Helen Lovett as Secretary, and Loretta Humphrey as Treasurer.** **Barbara Guilford** made a motion to accept this new slate of officers with **Donna Logan** making a second. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
- **Howard Last** offered to audit the books.
- **John Kaiser** agreed to meet with **Terry Udell** to transition the office of President prior to the new year.
- **Judy Eatmon** won the door prize, a gift certificate to Wal-Mart.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Christmas Party—December 2013







Passing the Gavel -
Terry Udell
welcomes
John Kaiser
as president





Terry presents the Spirit of Friendship Award to Barbara.





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Know someone who may be interested in
Friendship Force of Cheyenne?

Invite them to visit us at a meeting!

**The Friendship Force of Cheyenne
New Member Info**

Contact our membership chair for more information:
Donna Logan, 253 Abby Rd. Cheyenne, WY, 82007
E-mail: DonnaLogan@MSN.com * Cell: 307-221-2098.

Dues are very affordable: Individual-\$25 or Family-\$40

The application form for joining the Friendship Force of Cheyenne
(or renewing your membership)
is on our website:

FriendshipForceCheyenne.ORG/Membership.html

Friendship Force Pledge

“As a member of the Friendship Force I recognize that I can make a difference, I recognize that I have a mission; that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, The cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered. I can make a difference.”

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WAY YOU SEE
THE WORLD

www.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org

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The latest Bylaws, Newsletters, Info and Reports are available whenever you want them. Please visit the site and let us know what else you'd like to see. A Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ] has been added to our site.

The International Friendship Force web site now links directly to our club's site so interested people can find out about what we do and where we meet.