

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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CHEYENNE



January 2015

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Member Meeting — January 12th. <New Location-see below>

Member Meeting — February 9th.— Larry Claypool
(a presentation about his trip to Myanmar, formerly Burma)

Outgoing Exchange — Harrisburg, **May 13-20, 2015.**

Incoming from Harrisburg — **September 16-23, 2015.**

August 29-31, 2015 —World Conference in Vancouver, BC Canada.

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**Remember to
pay your dues!**

\$30 for an individual

\$50 for a family

**Pot Luck Dinner
&
General Membership Meetings
Casey's Club
507 West 28th Street
at 6 PM
unless otherwise published.
Please use west parking lot.**

John's Jottings

2015 is off to a quiet start if you are sitting on the sidelines. In the trenches is a different story. The ED from **Harrisburg** is asking for the names and number of ambassadors arriving May 13. I will have applications at the January meeting or you can get one at:

http://catalog.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/site/clubresources_forms. It would be great if we can fill this exchange with our own members, especially since they are coming here in September on a reciprocal exchange.

At our board meeting we discussed the **Russian Railroad professionals exchange**. We are still going forward with it but the liaison in Atlanta is currently in Russia herself so I cannot report where we are with this exchange.

We are trying to recruit speakers for the five remaining meetings so you can hear someone more interesting than me. For Monday's meeting we are asking all ambassadors that went to **Charleston** to bring something about the exchange. February we have lined up **Larry Claypool** to speak on his recent exchange to **Myanmar**. March through May are still open but feelers are out there.



Please join us Monday at our new meeting location,
Casey's club 507 West 28th Street 6PM.

In Friendship, John

CLUB OFFICERS

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January Birthdays

3rd – Elvira Pinther
 4th – Judy Eatmon
 8th – Ruth Storey

Welcome

Plenty of space for new members.

Who do you know that would enjoy
 our friendship and be an
 active member?



January Anniversaries

Dear Friendship Force leaders,

We have appreciated very much the chance to hear from all of you during this important time in Friendship Force's history and indeed in its future. Your candidness and support for our collective work has been most enlightening and helpful to us as we make policy decisions that will impact so many in our very special organization. Our transition into a bright and sustainable Friendship Force of the future will take some time. However, with a productive dialogue and carefully considered measures, we will grow stronger and our voice and values will resonate further at a time of great need for peace and friendship around the world.

As you read the letter linked above, in addition to further guidelines to be developed over the coming months, you will see that many of your suggestions have been incorporated into new initiatives and policies. Your Board of Directors, myself, and our FFI staff have carefully considered your comments, questions and concerns in crafting the attached policy statement, and we will continue to listen as we pilot new measures never tried before. We have no illusions: we will encounter questions and roadblocks along the way. However, with goodwill and the determination to find the best practical solutions, we will adopt healthy practices for the long-term well-being of our organization.

Additionally, a full Strategic Plan that will outline the organization's goals for the period between 2015-2018 is to be delivered in the next few weeks. Both today's policy statement and the Strategic Plan reflect your input over the last year through surveys and feedback.

I add my own voice to the Board of Directors in thanking you for your support, advice and contributions at a time of challenge for Friendship Force. Indeed, it came as great comfort and hope to us that you share our determination to overcome the challenges of attrition and growth that we face. The future of FFI deserves our immediate attention, our full engagement and the driving commitment of our collective passion for global friendship.

Thank you again for your support. Your voice matters to us and we are determined in continuing to pursue this dialogue.

Please select your preferred language at the top of this email to see the policy letter from the FFI Board of Directors.

Joy E. DiBenedetto

President & CEO, Friendship Force International

MINUTES: Board Meeting, January 6, 2014

Attendees: Tim Bolin, David Larsen, Ron Poelma, John Kaiser, John Lee, Barbara Guilford, Donna Logan

President John Kaiser reminded group that our club needs to secure a Secretary. Names were tossed out and Suzanne Smith and Beverly Swistowicz were suggested to be contacted.

2015 Exchanges were discussed.

John has not heard from all members about whether they will be going on the May 13-20 Outgoing Exchange. He will bring application forms to January meeting. John will also attend the January 12 meeting at Dave & Bustard's in Denver for 2016 Plains to Peaks Exchange.

The Russian Railroad Professional Exchange was discussed. John needed to reply to Atlanta about the possibility of our club hosting the group. Ideas concerning possible activities in Wyoming were discussed. It was determined that hosting capability exists in Cheyenne and he will notify Atlanta with a positive response.

New Treasurer, John Lee, reported that a switch will be made with Loretta concerning bank matters.

David Larsen asked for contributions for the newsletters. Pictures and other items should be forwarded to him by next weekend.

Speakers for monthly meetings were discussed.

January Meeting will feature members who went to Charleston, WV.

John Lee mentioned Larry Claypool, from his office at the BLM, could give us a program in February.

Barbara Guilford mentioned World Friendship Day in March. She also discussed some possible speakers from Cheyenne Sister City in Tunisia.

John Kaiser has contacted student from LCCC who received Scholarship from us.

Donna Logan reviewed membership data and renewals.

The FF Board scheduled yearly Board Meetings, April 7, August 4, and October 6.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Guilford

SIX TRAVEL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2015

provided by Wanderlust

I WILL TRY SOMETHING NEW

Cycling, micro lighting, baking batiking, paddle boarding, perfume-making, whatever! I will have a go at something I've never done before. something that helps me delve into a destination, understand what makes it tick or is just jolly good mind-expanding fun.

I WILL USE MORE LOCAL GUIDES

A local guide will better bring the place to life for me and point out things I have never known or noticed.

I WILL REMEMBER TO LOOK UP

As 2015 has been designated the International Year of Light and because March 2015 sees a total solar eclipse occur over the Atlantic, I will reengage with the sky. I will prescribe myself a regular dose of dark skies.

I WILL HAVE A MICROADVENTURE

I will not mope when I'm not travelling. Instead, I will fill gaps with camping, atop the hill near by house, swimming down a nearby river or going on a hike.

I WILL ENGAGE WITH LOCAL PEOPLE

I will engage with local people from other places and invite them to our meetings.

I WILL SEIZE THE DAY

I won't put off that trip of a lifetime. Even if that means saving up all year, I'll book my dream adventure in 2015. No excuses. This is the YEAR!

Minutes, November 10, 2014

Cheyenne Friendship Force discussed the letter from Jack Mullen, Chair FFI Board of Directors letter discussing Setting FFI on a Sustainable Course requesting information from members. President, John Kaiser asked someone to take notes and I volunteered. Here are my notes.

Question #1: Fill-the-Seat Policy-- 21 members present discussed the policy of posting the under-filled exchanges be posted 100 days on the FF Catalogue. Tim offered a motion to agree to policy, second not recorded, group agreed

Question #2: Online Members—Discussion centered on vetting applicants and the payment of dues to Atlanta. Jim Weber moved to accept, Jan Behrens seconded and motion was accepted.

Question #3 Domestic and European Exchanges: Board Decision to correct perceived inequities between ambassador fees by setting them at \$10 per night. Cheyenne FF voted “No” on Tim’s motion on the question but Yes on a new motion to \$10 with a limit of \$50. Mabel seconded the motion and group concurred.

Question about group preferences regarding a model: Group discussed the question and preferred the single destination model but agreed that each exchange would depend on the director’s request.

Tim reported on the LCCC Scholarship Dinner. Kazuo Toma(sp ?) the student from Okinawa who received Cheyenne FF Scholarship has been invited to attend a club meeting in 2015.

The club voted to spend the \$100 check from Spokane for Friday Food Bags.

Barbara Guilford asked Dorothy Sims to comment on the OVER THE MOUNTAIN books by Charlene Terrell that she is donating to our club for new members to read. Donna Logan, Jone Jones, and Mabel Wilson checked out the books for reading.

Donna Logan asked for checks for the Christmas Party and Dues sent to her by November 21.

2015 Club Officers, President John Kaiser, Vice President Tim Bolin were accepted by unanimous ballot. John Lee was elected Treasurer. The group will vote for Secretary in December.

Those present enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck Dinner that included dishes from Charles-ton, WV and Dennis Guilford won the McDonald’s Gift Card.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Guilford

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."

*Want to know what the Northern Colorado
(or the Denver, or ...) FF club is doing?*

*New feature on our website:
www.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org*

*Now you may link to any of the regional Friendship
Force club sites to see what they are doing and what ex-
changes they are planning.*

*Most of the websites have links to their newsletters as
well.*

**Outgoing Exchange to TOKYO
Friendship Force of Utah club**

**MARCH 28, 2015 to APRIL 3, 2015
Plus options for Pre or Post travel.**

PLEASE CONTACT:

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For more info.





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The Friendship Force of Cheyenne New Member Info

Contact our membership chair for more information:

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E-mail: DonnaLogan@MSN.com * Cell: 307-221-2098.

Dues are very affordable: Individual \$30 or Family \$50

The application form for joining the Friendship Force of Cheyenne
(or renewing your membership)

is on our website:

FriendshipForceCheyenne.ORG/Membership.html

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD



Friendship Force Members,

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2015 FFI World Conference to be held in beautiful Vancouver, Canada from August 28 to 31! The Vancouver host committee is planning a very special welcome reception on the evening of the 28th, complete with live music and entertainment. You won't want to miss this authentically Vancouver experience, with food representing the city and its culture, so plan your arrival accordingly!

All conference details can be found on the Official Conference Website. We encourage you to bookmark the link for easy reference and to check for updates over the coming months. While you are there, check out the "Conference Options" tab to see all of the ways you can explore Vancouver during the conference!

Should you have any additional questions please contact FFI's Conference Director by emailing conf@thefriendshipforce.org.

We look forward to seeing you in August!