

# THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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June 2015

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

Member Meeting — **June 8th.** Betty Jean Pearson,  
*Solution for People Facing Challenges*

Northern Colorado/Cheyenne Picnic—**August 23, 2015** (see page 3).

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

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

Incoming Exchange —Peaks to Plains, **Sept. 9 - 12, 2016.**

Outgoing Exchange — Penticton-Okanagan, BC. (TBD - 2016).

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CHANGING THE  
WAY YOU SEE  
THE WORLD

**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*



Friends,

We had a great time learning about the area around the Pennsylvania capital with a great group of people. I look forward to sharing the experience in person with all of you at the August meeting. Then we will welcome the Harrisburg club to our capital in September. I will be with family in June the day of our meeting and then in July will be on the Tour de Wyoming. Enjoy your summer.

I received the following from FFI but did not respond since it is in April:

“Hello Kern County, Sacramento and Cheyenne Club Leaders,

I have a hosting opportunity that you might be interested in. The Queanbeyan-Canberra club will be coming to the US in April 2016 and would like to add an additional week onto their exchange. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if your club is available to host the Australian ambassadors next year. Thanks!”

If the club wants to pursue this please let Tim know at the June meeting.

John R. Kaiser

### **\$60 Door Prizes for June**

May's drawing was for a \$50 gift card. Since the member who's number was drawn was not present, that door prize will be carried over to and have another \$10 added to it.

*The June door prize will be for \$60! Must be present!*

### CLUB OFFICERS

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## Joint Picnic with Northern Colorado

Date: August 23, 2015

Time: Noon to 3 p.m.

Location: North Lake Park, Loveland, Colorado, Shelter House #3

Food: This is a potluck

In addition to our individual dishes, FF of Northern Colorado is also providing chicken, drinks and paper goods.

**FF Napier, New Zealand** will be hosted by FFNC that week, so they will participate also.

## Meeting Minutes: MAY 11, 2015

**John Kaiser** opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. He gave a preview of the upcoming exchange to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He also reminded members to consult the club's newsletter containing minutes and treasurer's reports. **Judy & Bob Eatmon's** friends, **Cal Walls** and **Carol Clark** were introduced. **Barbara Guilford** then introduced **Barb Gorges** whose detailed articles about gardening and other matters that have expanded the community's knowledge about our environment. Her presentation included a checklist of the Birds of Cheyenne and vicinity from the Cheyenne High Plains Audubon Society. After brief remarks members settled down in groups to take the Cheyenne Bird Quiz that was published in the Tribune-Eagle. The winners, **Dennis Guilford** and **Rod Larson**, only missed one question while several members missed only two or three. Owl pins from Wyoming Game & Fish, as well as a pocket guide to Wyoming Familiar Species Birds were given to the winners. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

Before the meeting adjourned our guest speaker drew the name of **David Larsen**, who was absent, for the Door Prize that was \$50.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Guilford



Barb Gorges presents question on the Cheyenne Bird Quiz while her husband, Mark, holds up a photo of the correct bird.

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## June Birthdays

8th – Wil Madrid

## June Anniversaries

3rd – Guilford, Dennis

24th – Webber, Jim

Hello Friendship Force members around the world,

This communication, which comes with a heavy heart, also comes with my undeterred, continued enthusiasm and commitment to the progress and achievement we have undertaken together in the two short years I have been with Friendship Force International.

As I announce my intention to step down from my role as President/CEO of FFI in a few months' time, I know that because of what we've begun together, the sustainability of our beloved organization is strong and vibrant.

I have been privileged and honored to serve the cause of global friendship, our peace-building legacy, and all of you in these years - and I have met incredibly awe-inspiring people all around the world whom I will never forget for their kindness and commitment to our mission.

Working alongside a truly dedicated group of board members, staff, and volunteers, we have made significant and meaningful progress together towards the bright Friendship Force future we all seek and which the world needs from us more than ever at this critical time.

Make no mistake, we cannot rest on our laurels and our heritage if we are to grow our work and our mission for the generations who will come next. This effort will take a village of global friends to accomplish, and it will not be easy. My own hope is that we will see the Friendship Force make its 90th anniversary someday.

I encourage all our ambassadors around the world to remain true to our goals of creating a peaceful, friendlier world wherever you go and with whomever you meet on this journey of life.

I look forward to being able to continue my contributions to Friendship Force's work in a different way as I step out of this role, long into the future, and to see you each again, someplace in the world.

With gratitude and friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy E. DiBenedetto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## June 8th Speaker—Betty Jean Pearson

### Solution for People Facing Challenges

A search for independence ends with a specially trained assistance dog. Betty Jean Pearson will help people learn about service dogs. Her goal is to bring awareness and understanding of the value of a service dog. Having a service dog gives hope and independence for those with disabilities.

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### Biography of Betty Jean Pearson

50 years ago, while I was working for an anesthesiologist, a physical disability, rheumatoid arthritis, reared its ugly head in my life. This cruel disease slowed me down, but couldn't keep me from an active and fulfilling life. I married, had two children of my own, and studied elementary education at Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. I earned my master's degree at the University of Wyoming and served 23 years as a certified educational diagnostician, and a special education teacher. My arthritis became more debilitating and painful over the years. At times I was unable to walk, and I needed lots of assistance. LaDee, my first service dog, came to live with me in 1994. With her help, I continued teaching far beyond my wildest expectations. I retired in 2000 from full-time teaching. I continued to substitute in grades K-12 for two more years. I continue to live an active lifestyle with the assistance of my service dog, Carmine.

My service dogs, LaDee and Carmine, have helped me stay independent. The books that I have authored honor these dogs and the work they do. My first picture book, "Learn with LaDee: A Service Dog", explains in basic terms the role of my service dog. This children's book is also available in Spanish. My second book, "A Priceless Gift", features pictures of Carmine and her puppy raiser, Steven Harlan. It talks about the training that goes on for almost 2 years to get the puppy socially ready for further training as an assistance dog. My third book, "Carmine Moves On", tells about Carmine leaving her puppy raiser, Steven Harlan; her training at KSDS, Kansas Specialty Dog Service; our training classes together to become a team and about our life together here in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**FIELD REP NEWS: May 18, 2015**

There are at least twenty people in the region who will be attending the International Conference in Vancouver, BC.

Our regional exchange season has started. Anita Smith, President of the Denver Club, reported that the Denver Exchange to Biarritz, France was a complete success. All 23 ambassadors were hosted by acquaintances from the French Exchange to Denver last summer. Club members from Denver then extended their trip to Bordeaux for three nights. They also visited San Sebastian and Barcelona, Spain, popular tourist destinations. Anita, who started out with a visit to Paris, spent 21 days on this trip. Her costs were near \$4000. What an investment to anyone's MEMORY BANK

Margaret Boies-Ingraham reported that Salt Lake City is planning for an Incoming Exchange from Niagara, Canada. Their club will be visiting a Canadian club near there in 2016.

Cheyenne will be returning from Harrisburg, PA this week. Harrisburg will be visiting Cheyenne and Northern Colorado in September and both clubs are busy planning a joint exchange.

Please let me know if you have information to pass along to other clubs.

Barbara Guilford, Field Rep

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**Special Garage Sale — Help Betty get a new service dog****Donate Items:**

June 18th., Thursday evening, between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Garage Sale:**

June 19-20, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 1114 Patio Drive, Cheyenne.

Money donations can be sent to: Service Dog for Betty J. Pearson at First Education Federal Credit Union, 120 West Carlson Cheyenne, WY 82009.

From the Northern Colorado FF June newsletter

“At the beginning of the year, we discussed wanting our club to grow its membership. I’m pleased to inform you that we have 12 new members since January 2015. One visitor to our May meeting became an Affiliate Member of the FFNC before she left that evening. There are no doubt various reasons for these new memberships happening, but I want to recognize two.

First, I’m impressed with the way you invite friends to come and experience our meetings and activities.

Secondly, I appreciate the genuine friendliness that you demonstrate towards our visitors. Each month, when I follow up with our visitors, I hear how friendly you are and how welcome our visitors feel because of you.”

*Gary Cummins, President*

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### *EDITORIAL*

How is FFC doing in this regards?

Can YOU do more to help the Cheyenne Firendship Force organization grow?

When was the last time you invited a neighbor or friend to join us for a meeting?

Do you “reach out” to visitors to make them feel welcome?

**Bring a friend to the next Friendship Force meeting!**



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Exchanges and everything else:

<http://www.friendshipforce.org/>

**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 \$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](http://FriendshipForceCheyenne.ORG/Membership.html)



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*Do you have pictures  
or an article  
that you could share  
with our friends?*

## Peaks to Plains Global Exchange (Rocky Mountain Area)

..... SAVE THE DATES .....

Cheyenne—September 9-12, 2016

Denver, three other Colorado clubs and the Cheyenne club are sponsoring a Global Exchange for ambassadors worldwide. Each of the Front Range clubs will host the ambassadors for 3 days, and then they will travel to Grand Junction.

The schedule is:

1. Arrival and travel to Cheyenne — Sept. 9 - 12
2. Transfer to Northern Colorado — Sept 12 - 15
3. Transfer to Denver — September 15 - 18
4. Transfer to Pikes Peak — September 18 - 21
5. Departure for Western Slope — September 21



*Who do you know*  
*that might be*  
*interested in*  
*Friendship Force?*

*Invite them to*  
*our next event!*

New Member Info and Application is available on our website:

[WWW.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org](http://WWW.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org)