

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



February 2017

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meeting—**February 13th.** Dave Crowlie - “Cycling in Merida on the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico.”
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Meeting—**March 13th.** Irene Ludwig & Gerry Forney “The History and Heritage of Ethiopia.”

Board Meeting—**April 10th.** 4:00P.M.—Members Welcome, Casey Club.

Meeting—**April 10th.** 6:00 P.M.—Prof. Linda Carlson, Colo. State Univ., “Uzbekistan, Along the Silk Road.”

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**Monthly Meeting
pot luck dinner**

February 13th.

6:00 P.M.

Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street

(Enter from west parking lot.)

Invite a guest potluck!

from The Peripatetic President

The Chinese New Year began on January 28 and the celebration can last for two weeks. The Chinese really know how to party. Dressing in colorful clothes, they enjoy special meals and sweets, and then top it off with fireworks. So if you want to wish your friends Good Fortune, greet them with “Gong Xi Fa Cai !” (gong zye fah kye)



Following that, we celebrate family and friends with Valentine’s Day on February 14.

And through all of this, we are happy that winter is now half over.

At this time, I’m celebrating a great January for our club. We enjoyed a special program on musical education in Germany from **Bri Sargent**, our **Bruni Naylor Scholarship** recipient. Hooray!

And for those members who invited our many guests:

- 🌐 **John Naylor** – invited by **Judy Eatmon**
- 🌐 **Linda Myatt**, Bri’s mother and **Joseph Milligan**, Bri’s fiancé’ - guests of **Carolyn & Jim Webber**
- 🌐 **Diane Springer** – guest of **Jan Udell**
- 🌐 **Xiuying Han** (pron. shu-ying) – guest of **Barbara Guilford**

Our next program: “**Cycling in Merida’ and the Yucatan Peninsula**” by **Dave Crowlie** provides another opportunity for us to invite friends and acquaintances. Do you know of a cycling enthusiast, or people involved in a Cycling club? How about friends who have vacationed in Cancun or the Maya Riviera? This is not only a beautiful area, but very interesting, being rich in Mayan culture and Mexican history. We can be assured that Dave wasn’t going so fast that he couldn’t stop to learn about the culture, and to take great photos.

Thanks to **Barbara Guilford** for arranging this program and the ones scheduled through May.

Membership is another area where we have done well in January. **Donna Logan** our Membership Records chair reports that all dues are in and she has prepared both a current Membership List and a List of Volunteers. Did you forget to complete the volunteer section? It’s not too late to choose the area where you would like to help our club.

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Everyone I talk to agrees that bringing new members into the club is necessary for our club to remain the vibrant organization that it is. We now have a new Membership Development Committee to help us. Debbie Kaiser, Tim & Julie Bolin, Ron Poelma, Judy Eatmon, and I will be greeting guests at our meetings and making follow-up calls to thank guests for coming. We will also answer any questions they might have about our club, and will invite them to come again. With this effort we will help more people in Cheyenne to see how Friendship Force provides the opportunities which you and I already enjoy.

Dave

*Brianna Sargent,
January presenter*



TREASURER'S REPORT

October - December 2016

Balance in checking account as of: September 28, 2016	\$4129.64
 INCOME	
Interest earned	\$ 0.52
Deposit for membership dues	\$ 810.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 810.52
 EXPENSES	
Ck#1674 Tony Adams – picnic shelter and supplies	\$ 78.55
Ck#1675 Casey's Club - room rental for 2016 and 2017	\$ 500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$578.55
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT (December 31, 2016)	\$4361.61
Regional Conference Fund To be held for future Conference (The Regional conference funds are included in the checking account.)	\$ 885.48

Respectfully submitted,
John P. Lee Treasurer

February 13 meeting:

Cheyenne Friendship Force will be treated to a presentation from Dave Crowlie, who has traveled thousands of miles in North America on his bicycle. A former resident of Cheyenne, currently residing in Ft. Collins, Crowlie will discuss and show photos of his trip to Merida on the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico.

This 2013 bike trip around the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico lasted 5 weeks and rolled for 950 miles. (continued next page)

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2017

Balance in checking account as of: January 1, 2017	\$4361.61
INCOME Interest earned	\$.17
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$.17
EXPENSES	
Ck#1676 Terry Udell – Coffee	\$ 22.10
Ck#1677 Julie Bolin – Sec of State Fee (\$27), FFI Dues (\$570)	\$ 597.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$ 619.10
 BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	 \$3742.68
Regional Conference Fund To be held for future Conference (The Regional conference funds are included in the checking account.)	\$ 885.48

Respectfully submitted,
Julia A. Bolin Treasurer

You will be seeing some of the photos of Hacienda Tabi and Maya ruins. Each town on the route had its own personality. Despite being robbed and persecuted for centuries, the surviving Mayan cultures show few signs of bitterness. You can pull up on a bike, ask the homeowner if you can camp in the yard, and you will not be turned down.



Dave Crowlie's bike

Cheyenne Friendship Force Board Minutes January 2, 2017

Present: Barbara Guilford, John Lee, Judy Eatmon, Tim and Julie Bolin, John and Debbie Kaiser, Dave Bentzin, Beverly Swistowicz

Dave thanked everyone for coming. He expressed confidence in the International staff in Atlanta, especially president Jeremy Snook. He then asked for a review of officer and committee responsibilities:

Vice President – John Lee – assist the president as needed, preside over meetings if the president is unavailable

Secretary – Beverly Swistowicz – take minutes, submit minutes to newsletter, take over meeting reminder e-mails

Treasurer – Julie Bolin – pay bills, send reports and dues to Atlanta, submit treasurer's report to newsletter

Membership – we currently have 33 paid members, we had 37 last year. A few members will pay in January. There was a question about what number is reported to Atlanta. John Kaiser stated that at the Vancouver meeting, it was decided that the number paid by December 31 for the upcoming year is the number reported.

This year's theme: *How Do We Grow our Club?*

Membership records – Donna Logan – sends out membership application and renewal forms, collects dues and gives to the treasurer, orders FF name tags from Wyoming Trophy and Engraving, prepares and distributes the membership list, reviews the willingness to volunteer information from the renewal forms.

It was decided to encourage new members, that the club would purchase the FF name tag for new members. Any replacement name tag would need to be purchased. This is a change in procedure since new members were expected to pay for their name tags.

It was also decided to split Membership into 2 parts – Membership Tracking and Membership Development. A Membership Development committee has been formed beginning with Debbie Kaiser, Judy Eatmon, and led by Dave Bentzin. Additional mem-

bers will be asked to participate. This committee will facilitate our efforts to increase our membership by contacting guests and sending them a newsletter.

Debbie will have a sign up list for guests, including name, email and phone number. These individuals will be contacted after the meeting to discuss more about the mission of Friendship Force, the history of the Cheyenne club, answer any questions, and encourage continued participation. Debbie will also have name tags for any guest and for club members who forgot their FF name tag.

There are materials that have already been developed including a glossary of FF terms, an informational flyer, an excellent website and newsletter. Judy Eatmon developed the glossary and flyer. She had prepared a membership notebook in the past but it was difficult to keep information current.

It was suggested that the glossary be added to our website, along with links to newspaper articles that had been written highlighting different events of Friendship Force.

Thanks was given to David Larsen for the website and newsletter and to Tony Adams for publicity.

There was discussion about reaching out to potential FF members in Laramie, Casper and other parts of the state.

The drawing for Door Prize was discussed. It was decided that this year, the eligible individuals for the door prize will be all guests and all members who remember to wear their FF name tag. If they forget their name tag, they will not be eligible for the door prize. The door prize will continue to be a \$10 Positive Cheyenne gift certificate.

Finances – The club maintains 2 accounts. The main account at Western State Bank and an exchange account at First Interstate Bank. In the past there has been an audit of the main account when the treasurer changed. Judy Eatmon and Carolyn Webber will complete this year's audit. When complete, the books will be handed to Julie Bolin.

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Carolyn Webber maintains the exchange account. There was no memory of an audit of that account.

Open World – John Kaiser received notification that the delegation from Turkmenistan had cancelled their visit. The visit was scheduled April 27-May 3, 2017. No reason was given. However, FFI will work to find another delegation to come to Cheyenne.

Programs – Dave Bentzin and Barbara Guildford have been working on programs. Barb stressed the need for every member to look at their friends and acquaintances and reach out to them to make a presentation for our monthly meetings.

A lot of work has already been accomplished:

January – Brianna Sargent will present her studies in Germany. She is the recipient of the Bruni Naylor FF scholarship.

February – perhaps Kit Carson

March – Gerry Forney and his wife, Irene Ludwig, from Denver, will present their trip to Ethiopia about the history of Christianity in that country

World Friendship Day is also in March. Ideas included having a meeting for the general population in Cheyenne on a topic of interest. It was also suggested that the FF scholarship students from LCCC could make a presentation at that meeting or the April meeting. John Kaiser will contact the scholarship recipients.

Other ideas included:

A presentation from Catholic students who visited Poland as part of World Peace Day. John Kaiser will follow up on that.

A presentation from Dave's niece on fabrics and costumes. She is a retired professor from Fort Collins. Dave Bentzin will follow up.

A presentation from David Crowley who has ridden his bicycle in many different parts of the world. Barb Guilford will follow up.

There was discussion about giving out of town speakers mileage reimbursement. Terry and Jan Udell have offered to host any out of town speaker. There was also discussion of another type of thank you for all presenters. No decision was made.

Other: The club owns a projector and laptop for presentations. It is believed we also own 1 or 2 laser pointers. The Knights of Columbus own the sound system and large screen. They make this available to our club. It was moved, seconded, and approved for the club to purchase a Lapel Microphone, the cost not to exceed \$100. John Kaiser will research and make the purchase.

Correction to Club Committee Chairpersons: Terry and Jan Udell will chair the Hospitality committee. They will take an inventory of supplies kept at the Knights of Columbus and make any needed purchases. They will also be working with John Lee and Dave Bentzin to explore different room arrangements.

Meetings: It was decided at the November 2016 meeting that the club would meet in July but not in June or August. The regional picnic with Loveland Northern CO FF is always held in August.

Board meetings: Board meetings will be held quarterly, on the same day as the regularly scheduled meeting day with the proposed time of 4:00pm

The meeting began at 1:00pm and was adjourned at 2:40pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Beverly Swistowicz

Meeting Minutes: January 2, 2017

Twenty members and six guests enjoyed the pot luck dinner.

David Bentzin, our new president, had members introduce their guests. Carolyn Webber introduced Brianna Sargent, Linda Myatt, and Joe Milligan. Barbara Guilford introduced Xiuying Han. Jan Udell introduced Diana Springer. Also in attendance was John Naylor, a former FF member. All were welcomed.

Dave explained that the Board met earlier that afternoon and had agreed to 2 important changes.

- New members will no longer have to pay for their FF name tag. The first name tag will be provided by the club. Any replacement name tags will be paid for by the member. Donna Logan will continue to order these name tags.
- The eligible individuals for the door prize will be all guests and all members who remember to wear their FF name tag. If they forget their name tag, they will not be eligible for the door prize.

Our presentation was by Brianna Sargent the recipient of the Bruni Naylor Memorial Scholarship. Before the presentation, John Naylor was introduced. He is a former Cheyenne FF member and the spouse of Bruni Naylor. It was in her memory that the Scholarship fund was set up. He currently lives in Colorado.

Brianna is a sophomore at Ashland University in Ohio. She is a resident of Cheyenne. Brianna enrolled in a 4 week program. The first week was in the US, taking classes and learning about German politics, art, and culture. She then spent the next 3 weeks in Germany, visiting 5 different cities. She presented a very interesting slide show showing the highlights of her visit. She was quite impressed about the remains of the Berlin wall, the concentration camps, and the efforts Germany has made to remember those that were murdered during the war. She had the opportunity to learn about Martin Luther, cultural events, and tour many historical sites.

Betty Jean Pearson won the door prize.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 13 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Swistowicz



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INTERNATIONAL

Regional Friendship Force Clubs' Websites

Denver

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

Northern Colorado

<http://ffncolo.com/>

Pikes Peak - Colorado Springs

<http://friendshipforcepikespeak.com/>

Western Colorado

<http://www.ffwcolo.com/>

New Mexico

<http://friendship-force-new-mexico-usa.org/>

Utah

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

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.”