

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



April 2017

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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.”

Meeting—**July 9th.**—Dr. Andrew Young, a NASA sponsored scientist will
talk about the August 21 Total Eclipse of the sun.

Joint Picnic—**August 6th** Hosted by Northern Colorado FF.

FFI World Conference, Manchester England — **Aug 24~28, 2017**

Incoming Exchange — Manitoba, Canada — **Sept. 16~22, 2017**

Incoming, Rumsfeld OPEN WORLD — **October 21-25**

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**Monthly Meeting
pot luck dinner**

April 10th.

6:00 P.M.

Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street

(Enter from west parking lot.)

from The Peripatetic President

WELCOME to our new members in 2017

DIANE SPRINGER, a good friend of **Jan & Terry Udell**,
and

JUDY GREENBERG, who is presently in Arizona with **Tony Adams**.

Our April program about the Silk Road textiles of Uzbekistan presents a special opportunity to invite everyone in Cheyenne who is in a sewing circle. What person, or group, will you invite to enjoy this program with us?

The Quarterly Board of Directors meeting begins at 4:00pm before our regular club meeting and interested club members are invited. We'll have much to discuss as we plan ahead for our club's activities through 2017 and into 2018.

One new item is a request from the FF- Birmingham, AL to visit our club in 2018. There will be a lot of news from FFI, as well. Most notably, as they improve the new website, they asked all clubs to update their Club Profile. Many thanks to Judy Eatmon and John Lee for doing this for our club.

Dave



April's Speaker

Linda Carlson, curator emerita of the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising at Colorado State University,

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Uzbekistan, Along the Silk Road

Linda Carlson, curator emerita of the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising at Colorado State University, will discuss the rich history of Uzbekistan given its strategic location along the Silk Road. During two trips to Uzbekistan in 2006 and 2009, Linda and colleagues visited artisans who are reviving centuries' old textile traditions. This collaboration ultimately resulted in an exhibition at the Avenir Museum and workshops from one of Uzbekistan's leading artisans. Linda will provide a slide presentation and multiple examples of these textiles.

The Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising is part of the Department of Design and Merchandising within CSU's College of Health and Human Sciences. The renowned collection now comprises more than 20,000 artifacts, representing primarily 19th and 20th century Euro American dress and textiles, with additional depth in India, China, Japan, Central Asia, and Latin America.

You may visit <http://www.avenir.colostate.edu/> to learn more about the Avenir Museum.

Meeting Minutes—March 13, 2017

Twenty members and four guests enjoyed the pot luck dinner. Guests included **Irene Ludwig, Gerry Forney** (our guest speakers), **Eleanor Hanson**, and **Diane Springer**. Diane is also our newest Friendship Force member. President **Dave Benztin** presented her with a Friendship Force name tag. She told us she is retired, very involved in her family and enjoys sewing and gardening.

Dave Benztin discussed business items

- July - Our July meeting will be open to the community. **Dr. Andrew Young**, a NASA sponsored scientist will talk about the August 21 Total Eclipse of the sun that will cross Wyoming. It was decided to have this meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 9. **Barb Guilford** will reserve the room in the library. Club members volunteered to bake cookies and other treats.
- August – The joint picnic with **FF- Northern Colorado** will be on Sunday, August 6. It will probably be held in Loveland but the location has not been finalized.
- September – We will be hosting a Journey from **FF- Manitoba**, Canada September 16-22. **Jim and Carolyn Webber** will be the Host Coordinators. There were no updates.
- October - We will host a **Rumsfeld Open World** group October 21-25. **John Kaiser** has agreed to coordinate this Journey. Volunteers to host in their homes are: **John Kaiser, Judy and Bob Eatmon, Bev Swistowicz**, and possibly **Jan Behrens**. There will be 5-6 individuals coming, probably from central Asia.

2018

- June – Outbound Journey will be to Saskatoon (Saskatchewan) club. A 2nd club is being explored
- September - Inbound Journey with Picton-Okanagan club. This group will begin with FF- Flathead Valley (Kalispell, MT), and travel to FF- Western Colorado (Grand Junction, CO) following our visit.

Quite a bit on our calendars!!

In addition:

Friendship Force has changed some of its language. Exchanges are now called *Journeys*.

Exchange Directors are called *Ambassador Coordinators* for outbound Journeys and *Host Coordinators* for inbound Journeys.

Dave thanked **Tim Bolin** for filling in for **John Lee** and setting up the AV equipment.

During dinner, we enjoyed the Ethiopia photos taken by **Irene Ludwig**. Then **Gerry Forney** presented the program of the *History of Ethiopia*, with an emphasis on the history of Christianity in that country. They also brought some clothing and crafts from Ethiopia.

Next meetings are April 10, 2017 at Casey's Club. Board Meeting at 4:00pm – all members are welcome to attend. Monthly Meeting and Carry In at 6:00pm

Donna Logan won the door prize.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Swistowicz

TREASURER'S REPORT January - February 2017

BALANCE—January 1, 2017 \$4361.61

INCOME

Interest earned \$.17

TOTAL INCOME \$.17

EXPENSES

Ck#1676 Terry Udell – Coffee \$ 22.10

Ck#1677 Julie Bolin \$ 597.00

[Sec of State Fee (\$27), FFI Dues (\$570)]

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 619.10

BALANCE—February 28th 2017 \$3742.68

Regional Conference Fund To be held for future Conference \$ 885.48

NOTE: The Regional conference funds are included in the checking account.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia A. Bolin

Treasurer

April is Spring!

Please remember Beverly Swistowicz
as she morns the passing of her 95 year old mother.



Gerry Forney, Marilyn Pettit, Irene Ludwig, Jone Jones.
Gerry & Irene were the presenters on Ethiopia



Jan Udell, and new member,
Diane Springer

Facts About Ethiopia

- GDP/CAPITA = \$1,589 (US = \$54,597)
- POPULATION = 100 MM (US = 322 MM)
- AREA = 411,000 SQ MILES
- US AREA = 3,800,000 SQ MILES
- DENSITY = 215/ SQ MILE
- US DENSITY = 85/ SQ MILE
- CORRUPTION = 17th worst of 175 Countries



Gonder, The Third Capital

Portuguese Influenced Style



Built 1636 to 1755





Lalibela, The Second Capital

11 Rock Hewn Churches

Built 1190-1225



SHINING A LIGHT ON WAYNE SMITH

LIFE IN BRAZIL, 1963-1970....The Smith family now included four children, David, Steve, Andy and Susan; but that did not prohibit him from applying to the Presbyterian Mission Board for a missionary post in Brazil. Initially the board rejected Wayne because he was “hopelessly and unrealistically idealistic.”⁴ Smith’s power of persuasion won out and the family boarded a ship to Brazil on August 28, 1963.

Their first task was to learn to speak Portuguese and both Carolyn and Wayne signed up for studying five hours a day and lots of homework. Wayne was determined to excel and he walked four miles each day to the middle of Campinas to practice his Portuguese. He made a lot of friends along the way. Soon the Pastor and his family were sent to Taguatinga, a satellite city of 100,000 near Brasilia, the national capital under construction. They would soon have a rude awakening.

Row after row of makeshift shelters greeted them. Their little home had been built by the previous missionary and was better than most. The kitchen was so small that outstretched hands could touch both walls. Faulty wiring allowed electricity some of the time. Water was delivered to a cistern once a week. Dirt, leaves, and even fish required all water to be boiled for use. Baths took place in a basin and crude shower. The young children as well as parents became ill because of unsanitary conditions. Flies and mosquitoes were everywhere at the market where shopping was done daily.

Wayne was responsible for five churches as well as distributing food and clothing and opening schools for adult literacy. Smith was gregarious and soon met congressmen in Brasilia who soon signed up for Wayne’s “Learning to Think in English,” class. He was called Professor instead of Reverendo. He became an “unofficial chaplain” in the Brazilian Congress as well community outreach. The family moved to a small apartment with running water.

THE CARTER INFLUENCE.... Wayne Smith moved back to Georgia in 1970. When Dr. Vernon S. Broyles pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta learned the Smith family was coming back he offered the missionary a job as “minister to the community.” Smith founded a religious social services center in Atlanta that helped teenage runaways, ex-offenders and high school dropouts. Wayne Smith also served as interim pastor of the Newnan Presbyterian church and Chaplain of the Atlanta Hawks Basketball team during the next few years. He worked at local businesses marketing and promoting. He became a fervent supporter and friend of the Governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter.

Wayne Smith suggested that Carter visit his Brazilian Congressional Friends while taking a Georgia Trade Mission to South America in 1972. The Carters made new friends there and came to believe in the concept of citizen exchanges. In 1973 200 Georgians visited Pernambuco, Brazil and 200 Brazilians returned in the plane to Georgia. Smith began thinking of a wider vision when Carter became a candidate for President of the United States in 1976.

Wayne began to visualize a person to person diplomacy that could serve as a bridge to world peace. Ordinary citizens in all walks of life would be chosen and have an opportunity to travel to other countries. He was ready to launch all fifty of our states into taking these friendship trips. On July 18, 1976 he drove to Plains and unveiled his plan to the Carter family.

He asked the Carters to imagine—“ A planeload of people from Wyoming living in the homes of Bulgarians! Citizens of Ohio traveling to and staying in the homes of the people of India! And, of course, the citizens of those countries return on the same plane to stay for two weeks in homes in Wyoming and Ohio...a day ... when you launch 50 planes at one time,....10,000 people lift off on their way to 50 different nationsWhat friendships!

What understanding! What peace! All could be generated by such a FRIENDSHIP FORCE.”

James Earl Carter was inaugurated on January 20, 1977 as the 39th President of the United States. On March 1, 1977 Jimmy Carter announced the formation of the Friendship Force at a White House Conference for state governors. The Carters hosted governors from 50 states and their spouses and asked for their personal support to get the organization off the ground.

Friendship Force voted not to request financial support from any government. The organization would rely on grants from corporations, foundations and personal philanthropists. State Directors would be responsible for raising funds for their states. Those who traveled would be called ambassadors and their induction into FF would cost \$250 that would pay for their trips regardless of their destination. Wayne Smith insisted that the WHERE was not important, but rather the WHY would make the difference and for that reason those selected did not know where they were going! That Wyoming plane was about to get off the ground.

WYOMING CONNECTION, Edgar J. Herschler was born on a Homestead in Lincoln County, Wyoming. Ed Herschler had served in the South Pacific in World War II and had been wounded in action in Bouganville . After his recovery he attended the University of Colorado where he earned a Degree in Law. There he renewed a relationship with Casey Colter the Denver girl he had corresponded with during the War. After marriage they worked together in Herschler's Lincoln County law firm where Casey served as his Secretary. Casey was stricken with MS and confined to a wheel chair at the age of 28. The way forward was not easy.

Ed served in the State Legislature where he came to know and appreciate prominent politicians in the state such as Al Simpson. He traveled Wyoming in a hard fought fight losing 25-30 pounds. Courage and determination carried the day-- he took the Oath of Office as the first Democratic Governor on January 6,

1976. He would become Wyoming's longest serving Governor until his death in September 1985. His wife Casey would serve as the Honorary Chairperson of Friendship Force of Cheyenne.

On Monday, July 2, 1979 over 100 ambassadors from Cheyenne reported to the Air National Guard building. They were bound for Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Helen Oakes and Don Mason, Central High School Spanish teacher, were the Exchange Directors.

Thanks to **Barbara Guilford** for this historical story. There is a footnote to the story as well. A more personal note from Barbara:

During the 1976 Presidential Campaign the Carter family all participated in electing the "Peanut Farmer," from Plains. His son Jack, came to Wyoming and I arranged a Sunday dinner for him at my political friend Margaret Laybourne's house. I was invited to attend the Carter Inauguration in Washington, DC. Little did I know that I would be taking a trip to Russia under the auspices of Friendship Force International to visit the village of my parents' birth with the Northern Colorado Friendship Force! Nor did I know then that someday I might be the instrument to recording some FF history about a period when people acted magnificently. Barb



First Senior
Moment...

The reason dino-
saurs went extinct?