

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



November 2017

CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 13th 6:00 PM — Pot Luck Meeting

December 11th — Christmas Party at Casey's Club ends with Trolley Ride
(more info next month).

June 2018 — Outbound Journey to Calgary and Medicine Hat , Alberta
with FF Bristol, England (contact Tony Adams for info).

September 2018 — Incoming Journey, Penticton-Okanagan, Canada.

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Monthly Meeting

**November 13th,
Pot Luck
6:00 P.M.**

Casey's Club
507 West 28th Street
(Enter from west parking lot.)

from The Peripatetic President

Dear friends,

October has been an exciting month for us with our Rumsfeld Open World hosting. Thanks to John Kaiser for a great program with many opportunities for us to meet the six delegates from four countries in Central Asia. Also, thanks to our new members, Mike Dixon and Maggie Hankamp for the guided tour of their Peace Corps displays in the Laramie County Library. (The displays are on all three floors and are well worth your time to see them.)



Our November meeting will have several items for consideration:

-- Election of officers for 2018. Our present leadership has volunteered to serve again: President – Dave Bentzin, Vice President – John Lee, Secretary - Bev Swistowicz, and Treasurer – Julie Bolin. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

-- Christmas Party at Casey's Club on December 11. We have decided on a light supper followed by an hour tour on the Christmas Trolley. What time should we meet for supper, and what time should we plan to board the Trolley? (Thanks to Debbie Kaiser for arranging for the Trolley.)

-- Dues for 2018 are due December 1. Please complete the new Membership Form (in this newsletter) with the boxes checked for your interests, and send it to our Treasurer, Julie Bolin.

John Kaiser will present a program about his experiences on a Friendship Force Journey to New Zealand. This will be an especially good program for your guests to see how very special our international experiences can be.

Our super Secretary, Bev Swistowicz, broke her ankle and will be recuperating at her daughter's home in Lander until January. We need a volunteer to record the minutes of our meetings until Bev returns.

We also need volunteers for the positions of Membership Chair and Webmaster.

Special thanks to our Newsletter team – David Larsen, our Editor for the past five years; and Diane Springer, our new Editor.

Dave

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Volunteers Needed!

The Cheyenne Friendship Force (FFC) is looking for a volunteers to keep the website up-to-date. The website is built, so this is an easy editing process—just keeping the coming events up-to-date. If you are interested in this position, contact David Larsen 632-1703.

FFC also needs a Membership Chair who can greet guests, sign them up and update the membership list. Prospects for this position should contact the Club President, Dave Bentzin (303) 794-8371.

Dues for 2018 are due December 1st.

(see last page for details)

Meeting Minutes: October 9, 2017

Seventeen club members and one guest, Michael Dixon, enjoyed the carry in dinner. The 2 newest members were recognized: Diane Springer and Mary Lou Jorns. After dinner, Dave Bentzin discussed business items. There had been a Board Meeting proceeding tonight's club meeting.

- **Judy Eatmon** thanked the group for the Spirit of Friendship Award. However, she wanted to re-gift this to the club to be put on the table for every meeting. Judy identified each club member and shared how each contributes to the club. She felt that everyone deserved this award.
- **John Kaiser** will be the ED for the Open World visit October 21-25. Although he could not attend, a tentative agenda was presented. **Beverly Swistowicz** has worked to identify hosts and day hosts. **Barb Guilford** is working on a program for Sunday afternoon, Oct 22. Once this is finalized all members and the Cheyenne community will be invited.
- Outgoing Exchange for 2018 – We will be joining the Friendship Force club of Bristol, England and will be visiting Calgary and Medicine Hat, Canada. Tentative dates are June 20-27, 2018 for Calgary and June 27-July 3, 2018 for Medicine Hat. **Tony Adams** will be the Journey Coordinator. We will be allowed 10 ambassadors. Tony already has interest from 11 club members.
- Membership Dues – Membership dues are due by December 1, 2017. There is a revised, one page form that will be posted on the website shortly. Please make checks out to Friendship Force – Cheyenne. Mail the form and payment to **Julie Bolin**. Dues will remain the same - \$30 for individuals and \$50 for a household.
- ◆ LCCC Scholarship – The Board agreed to contribute \$300 annually to the LCCC Scholarship Fund. This amount is matched by the State of Wyoming. This contribution supports the mission of Friendship Force. We will invite the recipients of the scholarship to make a presentation in March for World Friendship Day.
- ◆ New Club Officers - It was asked if there were any volunteers for the 4 officers. Hearing none, Dave said the existing officers have agreed to serve another year. There are 3 openings for Committee Chairpersons: Newsletter Editor, Website Manager, and Membership Chair. David Larsen outlined the process of putting together the newsletter. **Diane Springer** volunteered to take this over. Thanks Diane!!!!
- The Board completed and submitted the Outbound Journey Request for 2019.

Counties identified for a possible Outbound were: France, Sweden, Eastern Canada, and South Africa.

- There was discussion regarding the Christmas party at Poor Richards. December is a busy month and has more expenses. After a vote of members, it was decided instead to take the Trolley Ride to see the Christmas lights (there will be a small fee for this), then meet at Casey's Club for snacks and desserts. More details will be coming.
- The Board agreed to purchase the wooden cutlery that some members enjoyed at the Red Wagon Café in Encampment. This will replace the plastic cutlery currently used.
- Our newest members are **Michael Dixon** and **Maggie Hankamp**.
- Door Prize was won by **Jan Larsen**.

David Larsen gave a very interesting presentation on "Tips to Better Photography". Some topics included The Rule of Thirds, Framing, Balance, Different Points of View, and Cropping. David shared his photographs showing examples of each.

Next meeting November 13, 6:00PM at Casey's Club.

John Kaiser will be presenting a program on his Friendship Force Journey to New Zealand.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Swistowicz

Save the Date!

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE
WESTERN REGIONAL
SUPER CONFERENCE**

May 3 to 5, 2018

Board Minutes

October 9, 2017

Present: **Judy Eatmon, Julie Bolin, John Lee, David Larsen, Barb Guilford, Dave Bentzin, Beverly Swistowicz.**

Treasurer's Report – **Julie Bolin** reported that as of 9/30/17 there is \$3,538.38 in the account. This includes the amount of \$885.48 reserved for the Regional Conference. There is a separate account for Exchanges. Carolyn Webber is in charge of that account. As of today, the balance is \$1,037. Julie was unsure of all bills had been paid from the Manitoba Exchange.

Dues and Membership Form – After discussion and amendments, a new 1 page membership form was adopted. This form will be in the newsletter and on the Cheyenne FF website.

Dues will remain the same - \$30 for individuals; \$50 for a household. Dues are due by December 1st. Please make checks to Friendship Force- Cheyenne. **Julie Bolin** will be taking membership dues until a new Membership Chair is in place. Thanks to **Donna Logan** for her service as Membership Chair and helping with many different projects with the club.

Dave reported that the collection from dues was \$1,030 last year – 11 couples and 16 singles. Of that, \$15/person is sent to FFI (a total of \$570). That leaves the club \$460 for expenses from membership dues.

Although we do have a good balance in our accounts, Dave suggested we all keep in mind the amount of money coming in as we approve different payments and budgets for activities.

Website payment - The board approved to pay 2 years for the website – Total cost \$232.10 **David Larsen** will pay this amount, give the invoice to **Julie Bolin**, who will reimburse him.

Casey's Club rent - Tabled until more information is obtained from **John Kaiser**.

LCCC Scholarship Fund - The club has contributed to this in the past. Our contribution gives scholarship money to international students attending LCCC. Our donation is matched 100% by the State of Wyoming. The board agreed to contribute \$300 annually to this fund. The Board felt this charity helps expand the mission of Friendship Force. We will invite the recipients of the scholarship to make a presentation in March for World

Friendship Day.

This will be the charitable contribution of the club annually. We will not make a Christmas donation to a local charity. Individuals will be doing that on their own.

Registration Fee for International Conference – The Board agreed to pay **Tony Adams** the registration fee of the Manchester England International FF Conference. This has been approved In the past.

Nominating Committee and current openings – A Nominating Committee has not been formed. All current officers have agreed to serve for another year. We do have openings for the Newsletter Editor, Website Manager, and Membership Chair. Dave will ask for volunteers for all positions at tonight's meeting.

David Larsen gave information about the Newsletter preparation. Members send articles and photographs via email . It takes him about 4-5 hours to put the information in the newsletter and post it on the web. David will help with the transition. He uses Publisher for the newsletter and Dream Weaver for web updates. It was discussed that the club should purchase the needed software and download it onto a disc or thumb drive. Then whoever is composing the newsletter and completing website upgrades will have the necessary software. It was also discussed using a LCCC journalism student to do the newsletter, but it was felt that this may be too expensive.

Rumsfeld Open World - **Beverly Swistowicz** gave the tentative schedule and thanked those who volunteered to host or day host. **Barb Guilford** is working with **Mike Dixon** on a presentation at the Library on Sunday, Oct 22.

2018 Outbound Journey to Calgary and Medicine Hat, Canada - We are sharing this exchange with the Bristol, England club. We have 10 slots. 11 have indicated interest. **Tony Adams** is the Ambassador Coordinator. He will make the budget and determine the final cost per traveler. **Dave Bentzin** suggested that the cost may be around \$700 per person, not counting transportation.

2017 Christmas Party – There was discussion if we wanted the dinner at Poor Richards. December can be an expensive month and is very full of many holiday activities. Dave will discuss with the membership at tonight's meeting.

Wooden Cutlery - It was suggested we move from plastic cutlery to the wooden cutlery that some members enjoyed at the Red Wagon Café in Encampment. The Board agreed to purchase this cutlery.

2019 Outbound Journey Request form for FFI – The Board completed this form, listing

4 possible outbound international journeys in 2019: France, Sweden, Eastern Canada, and South Africa. We will wait to hear from FFI.

Respectively Submitted,
Beverly Swistowicz

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 9, 2017

Balance in checking account as of: August 1, 2017 \$3,709.64

INCOME

Interest earned \$.31

TOTAL INCOME \$ 31

EXPENSES

9/19/17 Check # 1684 \$ 11.55

9/20/17 Check # 1685 \$ 68.95

9/22/17 Check # 1686 Void \$ 0.00

9/22/17 Check # 1687 \$ 91.07

TOTAL EXPENSES \$171.57

Balance in checking account as of: September 30, 2017 \$3,538.38

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

Happy Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all of our many blessings and look forward to time spent with family and friends. We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday ~ enjoy!

Many thanks to **Dave Larsen** for doing an outstanding job keeping us informed with the newsletter! He has done an amazing job keeping us up-to-date with the latest news and events of our club and its members. I certainly appreciate his time and expertise he has shared with me as his successor. He certainly has set the gold standard and I will do my best to continue his work.

Beginning with the December issue of our *Friendship Force Newsletter*, I will be your new editor. Please forward all your news to my email, Info@FriendshipForceCheyenne.org .

See you soon!
Diane Springer



New Member Profiles: Mike Dixon and Maggie Hankamp

Mike and Maggie met while serving in the United States Peace Corps in Ukraine. As an architect, Mike was assigned to the Podolian Agency for Regional Development in the city of Vinnytsia while Maggie worked as a librarian in the nearby village of Bar.

Mike came to Cheyenne in the fall of 2016 to accept the role of site architect and historic preservation consultant for the Wyoming State Capitol Building restoration while Maggie spends most of her time at their home near Tampa, Florida. Mike previously had an architecture practice in St. Charles, Illinois, near Chicago, for over thirty-two years. Maggie is a native of upstate New York where she was an educator and practiced family law as an attorney. She now teaches



alternative health techniques for stress relief. She just returned from Ukraine where she conducted stress relief workshops in her former Peace Corps assignment region.

She also served in the Union of the Comoros on a short term Peace Corps assignment. Comoros is a group of islands in the Indian

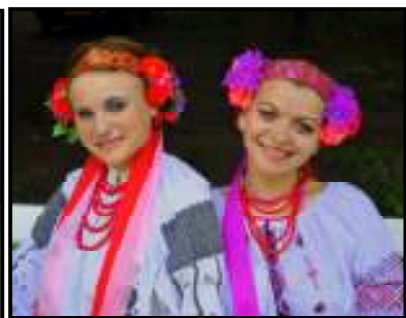
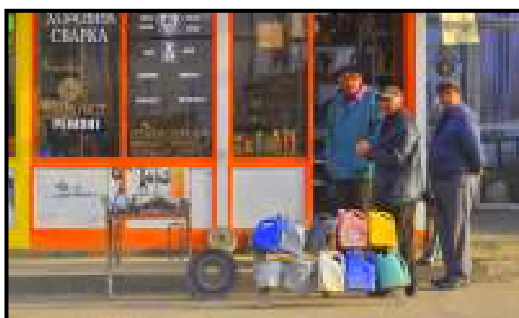


Ocean north of Madagascar. In addition to three years in Ukraine, Mike had short term Peace Corps assignments in Armenia in 2015 and in Kosovo in 2016. Currently (through November 5) Mike has an exhibit called "Peace Corps Reflections" at the Laramie County Library which includes artifacts in five display cases on three floors and over seventy photographs taken during Mike and Maggie's Peace Corps adventures.



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THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE of CHEYENNE

www.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org

2018 Membership Form

September, 2017 – December, 2018

Membership dues for 2018 (includes FFI dues and Electronic Newsletter)
(One free Name Badge for each new member.)

Individual Membership \$30 \$ _____ or

Household Membership \$50 \$ _____ (All members residing at the same address)

Add'l Name Badges \$12 each \$ _____ (Complete "Name Badge" section below)

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Payable to Friendship Force Cheyenne

Members:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Email Address _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Email Address _____

Please list additional household members on the back of this form and check this box .

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

It takes a lot of people to keep all of our club's activities running smoothly. So please indicate how you would like to participate in the Friendship Force of Cheyenne (please check all that apply:)

___ Inbound Journey Coordinator

___ Outbound Journey Coordinator

___ Home Host

___ Club Officer

___ Membership Team

___ Day Host

___ Social & Program Team

___ Newsletter Team

___ Website Team

___ Refreshments Team

___ Facilities & A/V Team

___ Help as Needed

Please bring your completed form and check to the FF-C Meeting, or mail them to:

Julie Bolin 3257 Forest Drive Cheyenne, WY 82001 634-9300

E-mail: TJBolin@MSN.com

NAME BADGES: One free for each New Member. All others are \$12 each.

The name on your FF-C name badge will appear exactly as you PRINT it below:

First Name or Nickname _____ Last Name _____

Magnet Back or Pin Back

First Name or Nickname _____ Last Name _____

Magnet Back or Pin Back

Please list additional name badge requests on the back of this form and check this box .