

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



December 2017

CALENDAR of EVENTS

December 11th — Christmas Party at Casey's Club ends with Trolley Ride

May 3—5, 2018 — Friendship Force Western Regional Super Conference

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.
(**Update 12-1** Penticton has cancelled, Dave is working with FFI on a replacement.)

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Monthly Meeting **December 11th**

Christmas Party with
International Finger Foods
6:00 P.M.



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Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street
(Enter from west parking lot.)

from The Peripatetic President

So Much To Be Thankful For

Now that we've had time to recover from our traditional Thanksgiving festivities, I'm thinking about how thankful I am for our Friendship Force family.

Importantly, our present club officers have all agreed to guide our club for another year. Many thanks to Dave Bentzin, John Lee, Bev Swistowicz, and Julie Bolin. (And thanks to Barbara Guilford for recording the Meeting Minutes during Bev's absence.)

Dues are Due - Julie Bolin is doing double duty as Membership Chair in addition to being Treasurer. If you haven't done so, complete the Membership Form (in the Newsletter) with the boxes checked for your interests, and send it to Julie.

Open World – Thanks to John Kaiser and our host families for another great job. After returning to FFI- Atlanta, the delegates were most enthusiastic about their time in Cheyenne. *** *See the separate article for another opportunity to host an Open World group. Would you like to be involved?*

New Member and Guests – We welcomed Kathleen Petersen as our newest member at our November meeting. We also welcomed guests: Tim & Elizabeth Thorson, and Vernice Miller. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Party on December 11.

Speaking of the Christmas Party, thanks to our planning group: Terry & Jan Udell, Debbie Kaiser, and Marilyn Pettit.

See you there.

Dave



CLUB OFFICERS

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Volunteer needed!

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Website

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Volunteer needed!

Historian	Barbara Guilford	guibaum7@yahoo.com	634-0309
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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 307-632-1703.

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.



Meeting Minutes November 13, 2017

- New Member **Kathleen Petersen** was introduced. Kathleen acted as a host for our recent visitor from Azerbaijan and has been a presenter as a Peace Corps volunteer at a former program. She loves to travel and has visited 17 countries in the past. She was excited about the program on New Zealand. She looks forward to traveling there and to Australia.
- Guests in attendance were: **Tim and Elizabeth Thorson**, who have also traveled extensively, and **Vernice Miller**, friend of **Marilyn Petit** were also introduced. Dave offered copies of a membership application.
- **Dave Bentzin** conducted business following the potluck dinner.
- Thanks to **John Kaiser** for directing the Exchange from Central Asia and **Bev Swistowicz** for organizing the hosting.
- Thanks to **Donna Logan** for her dedication as Membership Chair. **Carolyn Webber** volunteered to collect dues checks for the evening. Julie Bolin will collect dues thereafter.
- **ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2018**
Dave Bentzin announced that all current officers had agreed to extend their duties for another year. Dave asked for nominations, hearing none, he then asked for a Single Ballot for accepting the new officers. **Jim Webber** offered the ballot, **Dennis Guilford** seconded the motion, and members present approved the motion. **Diane Springer** was introduced as the Newsletter Editor. A webmaster is still needed.
- **Plans for the Christmas Party, December 11, were discussed**
Debbie Kaiser, event organizer announced that plans for the event included a viewing of the Christmas lights via the city shuttle. At present, the plans include our people gathering at our regular KC Meeting Room at 6 pm for a bite of International finger foods, and boarding the shuttle at 7 :30 pm and returning there after the City tour at 9:00 pm. Cost was discussed, **Barbara Guilford** favored the Club picking up the shuttle cost and others thought the cost should be divided among participants. In any event, people will need to sign up.
- **John Kaiser's outstanding presentation of his Theme**

Exchange Adventure to the North Island of New Zealand.

Hiking, biking, speed boating, climbing, and gondola riding were all parts of the adventure and John's photos included even a bungee jumper at the beginning. Our man in Auckland, John Kaiser, was the right guy for these activities, even completing some of the activities twice. John's roommate, Barry of Huntsville, Alabama was an 80 year old man, having hiked the Appalachian Trail by himself. John showed a picture of a sailboat, *JANICE OF WYOMING*, and we know that he left a great impression on the natives.

The photos gave an accurate accounting of the flora and fauna of this beautiful place. Machinery was also depicted and John's photos gave an appreciation of the work involved in settling this island nation. Sheep shearing, fishing, tractor and truck driving, car collecting, and motorcycling have occupied many of the men and also Women of the country. John stated there is no car manufacturer, no oil wells, and no nuclear power in the country. Maybe that is what developed the character of these people—my thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Guilford, Acting Secretary.



Dues are due Dec 1st for 2018

Remember that Membership Renewals for 2018 are now due. \$30 for Individual and \$50 for Family memberships.

Please complete and mail the attached form with your dues to Julie Bolin. The form provides us with your current contact information and which committees you would like to participate. It is okay to mark more than one, just underline your first choice! Our objective is to have a lot of people, a little bit of work, but all participating in the Club functions. If you have any questions, please ask any board member.

The form is also listed on our website, www.friendshipforcecheyenne.org/Membership.html

Open World Programs in Cheyenne - A Great Success

Friendship Force International manages two types of Open World programs: the Library of Congress Open World in Feb. – March and the Rumsfeld Open World in the fall. They are similar with delegates, who are young professionals, coming from Eastern European and Central Asian countries with emerging economies, and each program has a specific theme. They are different as the program length in the host city is nine days for the Library of Congress Open World, and five days for the Rumsfeld Open World.

John Kaiser has directed our club in hosting each type:

- ♦ **2016 Library of Congress Open World – POLITICAL PROCESS** theme for delegates from the Ukraine;
- ♦ **2017 Rumsfeld Open World – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** theme for delegates from Central Asian countries.

Our reputation for fine hosting is gaining momentum and backed by enthusiastic reports from Delegates! *Once again we have an opportunity to host Ukrainian legislators for a nine day program: Friday, February 9th through Saturday, February 17th.*

John Kaiser has volunteered to organize the program; however, in order to accept the opportunity, we need a volunteer to organize the hosting for seven people.

FFI needs to know quickly if we will do this. Please contact John Kaiser or Dave Bentzin quickly if you can help with hosting the delegates.

Thank you John Kaiser and Members for doing such a great job!

Just a note from Dave Larsen...



Hi! The photos I took at LCPL during the Open World presentation are available on the FFC website: <http://www.friendshipforcecheyenne.org/>. They may be downloaded by "right-clicking" on the image and selecting "Save Image as." Jan and I left for AZ Nov. 13th. ~ See you in the Spring!





What is the True Meaning of Christmas?

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says “for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” *The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the incredible act of love.*

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Christians the world over celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Various Christmas traditions have been associated with the celebration of Christmas, and different cultures celebrate different ways. *The unifying factor is the historical fact that Jesus was born.*

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We celebrate Christmas because, as the angel said, the birth of Jesus Christ is “good news.” Good news is meant to be celebrated! The angel said the news of Jesus’ birth would cause “great joy” and would be for all the people.’ *People around the world would be glad for this occasion.*

We celebrate Christmas with gift giving because of the indescribable gift” that God gave to us (2 Corinthians 9:15).

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We celebrate Christmas by stringing lights because of the Light of the World has come to us (John 1:4; Isaiah 9:2).

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We celebrate Christmas with carols and choirs because they are expressive of joy and follow examples of Mary and Zacharias and Simeon and the angels, all of whom extolled the Lord in Poetry. (Luke 1-2)

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We celebrate Christmas by decorating evergreen trees with stars and angels and tinsel because of the eternal life Jesus brings (John 4:14)—and stars and angels were associated with Jesus’ birth.

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In celebrating Christmas, we celebrate the love and condescension of God.

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We celebrate Christmas because it was at Christmastime that the Rescuer of all mankind came to save us from the hopeless situation we were in. God did not stay in heaven: He came down to where we are!



Tis the Season to be Jolly. . .

We have had a wonderful year, met new friends and have travelled to new places. . . Let's Celebrate!

Come join us for our Christmas Party!

Bring a dish of finger foods to share, preferably of international delights or your family favorites. Snack plates will be provided ~ no silverware required.

Following a joyous informal mixer, we will hop on the Trolley and enjoy a roundtrip tour of the City Christmas lights!

***When:** December 11, 2017*

***What:** Christmas Party 6:00—7:30 pm
Trolley Ride 7:30—9:00 pm*

***Where:** Casey's Club
507 West 28th Street*

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 .