

# THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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CHEYENNE



January 2018

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**January 8, 2018—Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, 4 P.M.**

**February 9—17, 2018** — Open World Hosting with Ukraine Delegates

**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).

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**Monthly Meeting**  
**January 8, 2018**



**6:00 P.M.**

**Casey’s  
Club**

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



## *from The Peripatetic President*

### What a Great Club We Have

Did you make it to the Christmas Party? It was fabulous, as you will read in the Minutes prepared by Barbara Guilford. And, we introduced our club's newest members: Vernice Miller and Tim & Elizabeth Thorson. This wonderful evening was arranged by Terry & Jan Udell- Hospitality, Marilyn Pettit-Decorations, and Debbie Kaiser- Christmas Trolley.



Open World – Thanks to John Kaiser's leadership, our club members created a memorable week in October for the Rumsfeld Open World delegates from Central Asia. So great, that Friendship Force International awarded us with a Library of Congress Open World opportunity to host Ukrainian legislators February 9 – 17. John Kaiser offered his leadership once again and Carolyn Webber has done a great job as Host Coordinator. Our home hosts include: Kathleen Petersen; Tim & Elizabeth Thorson; Rod & Ingrid Larson; Barbara & Dennis Guilford; Carolyn & Jim Webber; and Carolyn's relatives, Michael & Jerri Nelson. In addition, Mike Dixon will be a valuable day host with his knowledge of the Ukraine and ability to speak Russian. (Kathleen Petersen, "just call me Katerina", also speaks Russian.)

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 this Newsletter) with the boxes checked for your interests. You may send it to Julie, or bring it to our next meeting.

Board of Directors meeting – Our quarterly meeting will be at Casey's Club prior to our Jan. 8 meeting. We will begin at 4:00 pm. All members are welcome.

January Program – Barbara Guilford has arranged for her son-in-law, Jon VanOverbeke, to present a program on his tour in China. As he was invited to join other highly decorated teachers from the U.S., this was a very special tour. Who do you know that would enjoy Jon's presentation. Be sure to invite them to come with you for our potluck and this special program.

*Dave*

## OPPORTUNITIES

Membership in the Friendship Force of Cheyenne gives us many opportunities to meet people in our community, in our country, and from many parts of the world. Our next Open World hosting offers us many opportunities. While the home hosting opportunities are taken, there will be opportunities to be a day host or to attend one of the functions. Save the dates: February 9 – 17 and look for your opportunities to meet the delegates from the Ukraine.

An opportunity to meet Friendship Force members from throughout the West is to attend the Super Regional Conference in Sacramento, California May 3 – 6. Members of the FFI staff from Atlanta will also be there. And, there are also related opportunities to enjoy a short home stay with nearby clubs. As you review the Conference flyer in this newsletter, you will see that registering in January saves \$25. How many of you will join me at the Conference?

**Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.**

—Helen Keller

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

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<b>Membership</b>	----->	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>	
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<b>Website</b>	----->	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>	
Historian	Barbara Guilford	guibaum7@yahoo.com	634-0309

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## Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

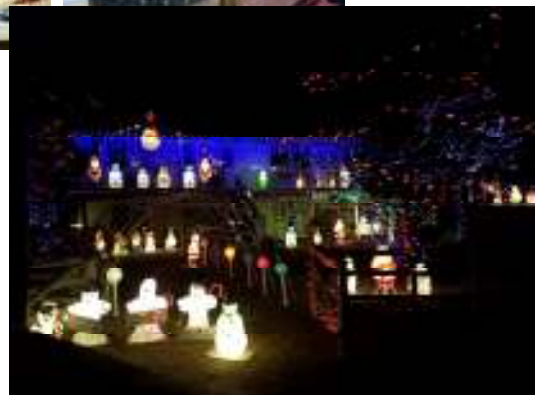
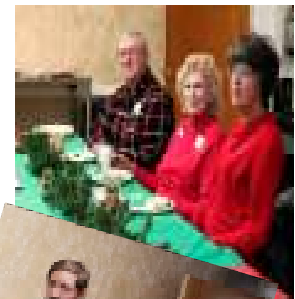
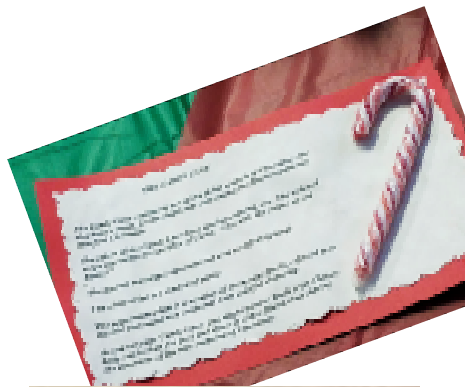
Cheyenne Friendship Force met at the KC Hall to celebrate 2017. 28 members and friends were present. New members, Kathleen Petersen, Tim and Elizabeth Thorson, Vernice Miller were introduced by President, Dave Bentzin, before everyone enjoyed an International Foods taster. Dave thanked Marilyn Pettit for her efforts in creating the beautiful tables decorated in Candy Canes and Christmas swags. Johanne Roe, sister of Loretta Humphrey, also attended as a guest.

- Dave shared congratulations from FFI on the recent exchange with Central Asia-Caucasus Institute Fellows. Our successful efforts led to being selected by FFI for a new group from the US Library of Congress OPEN WORLD Program. Seven representatives from Ukraine will be visiting Cheyenne during the Legislative Session in early February 9th through 17th. The list of home hosts compiled by Carolyn Webber was read.
- Dues for 2018 are being accepted by Julie Bolin.
- Our newest members and others were asked to discuss memorable Christmas moments with the club.
  - \* **Vernice Miller** told of living in Bismarck, North Dakota before moving to Cheyenne in 1983. She was the youngest child in a family of seven siblings. She told of her father sitting on a chair and listening to all of the children say their pieces or singing a song from the Church Christmas program before the youngsters were allowed to open their gifts under the tree.
  - \* **Kathleen Petersen** (Katerina is her new FF name) told of her childhood in San Diego, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Utah. She mentioned hearing real sleigh bells in PA and getting serious about the holiday.
  - \* **Liz Thorson** mentioned that her siblings had many birthdays between Christmas and New Year Day so the presents under the Christmas tree never ran out.
  - \* **Tim Thorson** mentioned that he identified his Swedish heritage as the way everyone celebrated the Christmas holiday.
  - \* **Dave Bentzin** mentioned his upcoming dinner invitation at a friend's ranch near Casper and growing up in Southern Wisconsin in a home built in the 1850's. Plumbing was introduced in many homes during our lifetimes. We all imagined everyone in these large families using one bathroom.
  - \* **Diane Springer** told about a special grandmother sewing a skirt and vest for her daughter. This grandmother sewed an item for each of her great grandchildren and then died on Christmas Day without opening a single present of her own.
  - \* **Tim Bolin** mentioned living near Holliday Park in Cheyenne. Ice skating and sledding near the lake were his Christmas reveries.
  - \* **Jan Behrens** mentioned a Wisconsin old-fashioned Christmas for a couple of years with her husband and children. She and her husband Fred stole away to explore his old hunting site but ended up getting lost in the forest and scaring the family. He received twenty compasses for presents the next year.
  - \* **Barbara Guilford** mentioned that Carpenter, WY was once larger than

Cheyenne and told of a hearty *Edith Hardy Lang* who spent many snowy years at the homestead in Carpenter. She busied herself making Butterfly Quilts for various schools around the country and reading Romance novels. She lived to be 104 years old.

- Attendees then boarded a Christmas Trolley for a 2 hour tour of north Cheyenne. *Donna Fierro*, our driver shared great courage in delivering us all to a new world of decorated homes. *WOW!* The trip allowed all of us to catch up on news all the while snapping photos and listening to music. This visit to Wonderful Wyoming all dressed up for Christmas was a special gift. **Thank you to Debbie Kaiser for making this happen!**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Barbara Guilford*, Acting Secretary





**FRIENDSHIP FORCE  
WESTERN REGIONAL  
SUPER CONFERENCE**



May 3 to 5, 2018

Holiday Inn Express & Suites 9175 W. Stockton Blvd. Elk Grove, CA 95758  
Call 916-478-9000 for Reservations - Code: FFI

Participating clubs from the Pacific North West, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Western Canada Regions including clubs in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah Washington, British Columbia and Alberta. All Friendship Force members are invited. Hosted by the Friendship Force of Sacramento.

**Theme: Citizens of a Global Community**

Keynote speaker: Joy Justus World Relief Sacramento

**Schedule of Events:**

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 pm President's Meeting  
7:00 pm Welcome Reception  
Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Conference  
Keynote speaker; panel discussions; workshops  
Presentations by Friendship Force International Staff  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 4 pm Conference  
Workshops, panel discussions and wrap up  
6:00 pm Gala "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner

Participate in fun, stimulating workshops for all members whether you are a new member, club leader, journey coordinator or just an enthusiastic member. Topics include Travel Insurance, New Member Q and A, Planning Global Journeys, Multi-Generational Journeys, Membership Concerns, Future Planning, Vetting Ambassadors, Websites and much more.

**Early Bird Registration Fee** (if paid by February 1, 2018) **\$ 125**  
**Registration Fee** (if paid between Feb. 1 and April 1) **\$ 150**  
**Gala "Cinco de Mayo" Dinner** (not included in registration) **\$ 45**

Join a post-conference mini homestay for 3 or 4 nights sponsored by one of these clubs: Las Vegas, San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, or Sacramento. Or a Pre-conference trip to the Reno/Tahoe club.

For more information: <http://ffsacramento.org/Conference-Updates>

**The registration form is located here:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL5cx5M15WofRbWBlwPjUgU1a9si88E0tGq2AvuJqZzUW6A/viewform>

**Each person needs to register separately.**

## New Member Profiles



### Jon VanOverbeke

Jon is a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher for Laramie County School District #1. Currently he teaches at Henderson Elementary in Cheyenne. Jon has taught for 27 years at Hebard and Henderson in grades third, fourth and fifth.

Jon was the recipient of the *2009 Henderson Teacher of the Year*, the *October 2014 Rotary Club Educator of the Month*, and the *2016 NFIE (National Foundation For The Improvement of Excellence) Award For Teaching Excellence*. As a part of this last award, Jon travelled to China to visit schools and sightsee.

Jon is married to Jill and has one son, Thomas.

### Kathleen Petersen

My name is Kathleen, also known as Kathy. I was born in San Diego, California and have lived in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah and then Wyoming. I have traveled to about every state in the Union. I am retired from the State of Wyoming as the Children's Medical Waiver Manager. I joined the Peace Corps and served for four years in the Kyrgyz Republic, a small country south of Russia and west of China.



I have one son, Devon Petersen, who is married and living in Cheyenne. Devon is a public defender for the State of Wyoming.

I love to travel and have visited many countries since my retirement. There are still a few on my bucket list to see! I love being outdoors, hiking, walking, gardening, kayaking, and just seeing the sights.

I look forward to being a part of the Friendship Force, both travelling with them and hosting individuals who come to Cheyenne.

## Do **YOU** have a Real ID?

You may need it the next time you board a plane (or enter a nuclear power plant).



Home Land Security's (DHS) schedule for requiring Real ID (State Enhanced Driver's Licenses) is January 22, 2018. According to their website **Wyoming is compliant** with the REAL ID Act.

Your Wyoming driver's license should have a yellow star and "USA" in the upper right corner to indicate it is a "Real ID".

Some states have not yet issued compliant licenses. For further info on the requirements, alternative IDs and the status of other states go to the links on our website: <http://www.friendshipforcecheyenne.org>



*Thanks David Larsen for the information!*

## Did you know?

**A pineapple isn't a single fruit -  
it's a group of berries that have fused together**





# 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](mailto: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

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