

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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February 2018

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

February 10, 3:30-5:30 - Public Forum, Cottonwood Room, Laramie Co. Library

February 12, 6:00 - Welcome Milkcan Dinner, Casey Club

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).

August 5, 2018 - Annual picnic with Northern CO FF, Lion's Park

August 24-31, 2018 - Inbound Journey with Birmingham, AL

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Monthly Meeting

February 12, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Casey's Club

507 West 28th St

(Enter from west
parking lot.)



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – A SPECIAL NIGHT

Our meeting will begin at 6:00 pm as usual. After that, it will not be “the usual”.

*** We can meet the Open World delegates from Ukraine. ***

*** John Kaiser has planned a Milk Can dinner, not a potluck. ***

And, we won't bring our own table service this evening.

(Jan & Terry Udell and Marilyn Pettit will take care of the tables.)

*** Mike Dixon will present a program on his Peace Corps service in Ukraine ***

from the Peripatetic President



Howdy Pardner,

This newsletter has two articles introducing new members Vernice Miller and Tim & Elizabeth Thorson. At our next meeting we should be sure to introduce ourselves to them. And, we have an even newer member to welcome – Janet Black. Barbara Guilford introduced her to the club and Janet has already volunteered to host. A hearty welcome to these new members and partners.

Speaking of our next meeting, February 12 will be an evening “not to be missed”. John Kaiser, our Open World Coordinator, has arranged a special evening for the Ukrainian delegates that includes a milk can dinner and a program by Mike Dixon about his three years in Ukraine as an architect with the Peace Corps. This is an opportunity to meet our visitors and learn about their country – a great evening to bring guests.

John Kaiser and his many committee members have partnered up to create a program for the delegates from February 9 – 17. There will be opportunities for us to join in and benefit from this rich experience.

Dave

Welcome Open World Delegates from Ukraine!



Welcome to Cheyenne, Wyoming - home of the Wyoming state capitol. Here in Cheyenne we have four levels of government: federal, state, county, and city as well as many offshoots at each level. We hope to show you how each of these governments operates and the ways the public gives input and monitors them. It will be a fast week with lots to hear and see. So hang on for a great ride! *John Kaiser*, Open World Coordinator

In 2016, Friendship Force Cheyenne hosted a group of delegates from Ukraine. That program was so successful that we were asked to host again this year. The five delegates are young professionals working for NGOs (non-governmental organizations) from various regions of their country. They come to learn and get ideas to take back to their homes. But we also have an opportunity to learn from them! They will participate in a *Public Forum on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Laramie County Library*. Plan to come meet our guests and learn about Ukraine. A second opportunity to meet these outstanding young people will be at our *Welcome Milkcan dinner on Monday, Feb.12*. Mike Dixon will present an interesting program about his years spent in Ukraine. A big thank you goes to our new members - Kathleen Petersen, Tim & Elizabeth Thorson, Janet Black and Michael & Jerri Nelson for volunteering to host along with the Guilfords and Larsons.

Interesting Facts about Ukraine



Ukraine is the largest country entirely within Europe. The geographical center of Europe is located in Ukraine in the village of Dilove in the Carpathian Mountains. Ukraine gained its independence from Russia on August 24, 1991. The government is a unitary semi--presidential constitutional republic. They have a President, a Prime Minister, and a Chairman of Parliament. The first constitution in the world appeared in Ukraine in 1710. Most Ukrainians are bilingual, speaking Ukrainian and Russian, but Ukrainian is the official language.

Ukraine has extensive, fertile farmlands and is one of the world's largest grain exporters. The diversified economy includes a large heavy industry sector, particularly in aerospace and industrial equipment. The biggest and heaviest aircraft in the world, AN-225, was built in Kiev. It was designed to lift rocket boosters and space shuttles and is now used to carry oversized payloads. The Ukrainian nation is considered to be the fourth most educated nation in the world. About 70% of the adult population has a higher education or a secondary one. The National University of Ostroh academy was the first high educational establishment in Eastern Europe, established in 1576. The capital Kiev is home to 3,000,000 people and is a cultural center of Ukraine and an industrial, educational and scientific center of Eastern Europe. The first skyscraper in Europe was built in Ukraine in 1928 and the world's deepest metropolitan station (105 meters deep) was built in 1960. Rich heritage, beautiful landscapes and delicious cuisine make Ukraine a popular travel destination.

CHEYENNE FRIENDSHIP FORCE MEETING MINUTES: January 8, 2018

President **Dave Bentzin**, greeted visitors, **Jon and Thomas Van Overbeke**, and **Janet Black**, who were guests of **Barbara Guilford**. A scrumptious potluck dinner was served. There were 29 attendees.

Business:

Dave Bentzin introduced John Kaiser, who told about the upcoming Library of Congress Open World Leadership Center Delegates from Ukraine. There will be 5 Ambassadors, 1 Facilitator, and 1 Interpreter. They will arrive the evening of Friday February 9, 2018 and depart on Saturday, February 12. The Program allows for extensive exposure to American politics, civic life, and are hosted by Cheyenne FF families. Prior to their arrival the delegates completed orientation in Washington, DC.

There will be opportunities for club members to interact with the visitors at a Public Welcome Reception at Laramie County Library on Saturday February 10 from 3:30 to 6 pm in the Cottonwood Room.

The group will also be honored at a Milk Can Dinner at our February Meeting, Monday, February 11.

Tony Adams reports that the Journey to Calgary and Medicine Hat Canada is filled except for 1 seat to Medicine Hat.

Our club will host Birmingham, Alabama along with Western Colorado in August. Details are still being ironed out and a Coordinator is needed. John Kaiser volunteered (if no other club member volunteers).

The Joint Picnic with Northern Colorado will be held August 5, 2018 at the Lions Park North Shelter near the Swimming Pool. Terry Udell secured the reservation. A Picnic Chair is needed.

Dave announced that Carolyn Webber has agreed to be Membership Chair. We need a Volunteer to publish our Newsletter, and a Web Master. Please contact Dave if you are interested.

Members are reminded to pay 2018 Dues.

Jon VanOverbeke then gave an outstanding presentation, **An Educator's Journey In China**.

Jon was chosen by the Wyoming Education Association to participate in the National Education Association's Tour of China during the June of 2017. He competed with teachers from all over the US, and although he did not win the main prize as outstanding teacher, he won \$250 for his school. Jon has taught in the Cheyenne Schools, mostly Henderson Elementary, for 27 years and his teaching skills were on display. Many members commented about how much they LEARNED from his talk. While in China he learned a lot himself from students as well as from other teachers, as most good teachers do. What is different?

Wenhui Middle School there were 150 teachers and 1500 students (150 boarders). Master Teachers move about to classrooms to assist teachers. There are about 40 students per class. They have 8 classes each day, 4 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. The school motto is: "Study Well, Eat Well, and Play Well". The school believes in building a strong foundation in individual skills. Students don't try everything. Chinese Exams are foundational while American Exams are based on real life experiences and have a broad curriculum.

Mr. V showed a full range of photos including *Hutongs* (alleyways) in residential neighborhoods and his favorite signs. Beginning in BEIJING he saw many tourist destinations: The Forbidden City, the Chinese

Imperial Palace, Tianamen Square, the Summer Palace and went to The Great Wall. The educators took a fast train to XI'AN where tourists can view the best preserved city walls in China, the Temple of Heaven, and experience walking and biking where the Silk Road began. Jon saw the Yonghe Lama Temple and the Terra Cotta Warriors. He visited an art Museum, Trade School where he learned about Chinese cooking. Following the talk, members were invited to ask questions and view Jon's many souvenirs.

Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Guilford*

CHEYENNE FRIENDSHIP FORCE BOARD MINUTES: January 8, 2018

President Dave Bentzin called the meeting to order at 2pm. Present: John Kaiser, Debbie Kaiser, Carolyn Webber, Judy Eatmon, John Lee and acting secretary, Barbara Guilford

Treasurer's Report by Julia A. Bolin was presented. Checking Account, 12/29/17, \$2261.98. After discussion of 2017 expenses, President Dave suggested we move on and revisit the 2018 Budget after everyone has paid their dues. Dave has notified each member by e-mail. Dave expressed his desire for a Balanced Yearly Budget rather than having expenses outweigh income. A special Board meeting to discuss finances has been scheduled to be held before the Club meeting on March 12.

Judy Eatmon and Carolyn Webber were selected to conduct a year-end audit of club checking and exchange accounts.

Rumsfeld Fellows Open World was discussed and several members suggested a tighter budget for the upcoming Library of Congress Ukraine Open World. John Kaiser mentioned the price other clubs are charging for exchanges and suggested Cheyenne increase our fees for regular hosting FFI.

Programs were discussed. January 8, Jon Van Overbeke. Michael Dixon will make a presentation about his Peace Corps Ukrainian Experience at the February 12 Welcome Dinner. March 12- The club is anxious to hear from LCCC Students who were given our donations in scholarships. Debbie Kaiser will contact the college. Marilyn Pettit has volunteered to present a program about Israel and is available for March, April, or May.

Tony Adams reports that the Outbound Journey to Canada next summer has been filled except for 1 slot to Medicine Hat, June 27-July 3. The club members will be notified of this opportunity.

The Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 5 at the Lions Park North Shelter House. The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado has agreed to this date. A Picnic chair is needed.

We discussed dates for a Hosting Journey for FF- Birmingham and decided on August 24-31 (Fri.-Fri.) Dave will notify Sue Moyer of FF- Western Colorado, the 2nd week hosting club. A Hosting Coordinator is needed. John Kaiser has volunteered. The Board accepted his offer if no other member wants to accept the opportunity (in order to spread the work of the club to newer members.)

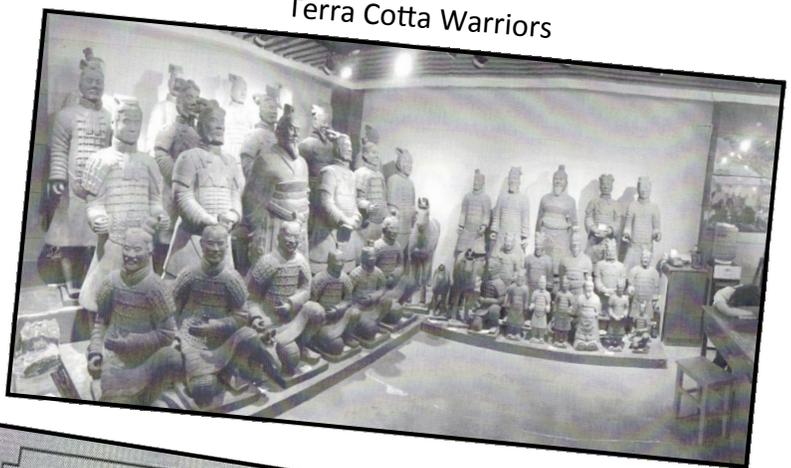
We need to fill the following positions:

- Newsletter Editor – Diane Springer has resigned.
- Membership Chair – Carolyn Webber has volunteered and was accepted by the Board.
- Web Master
- Picnic Chair

Respectfully Submitted, *Barbara Guilford*



Jon & Thomas Van Overbeke



Terra Cotta Warriors



Unusual Chinese-English Signs

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Joint Outbound Journey to Calgary and Medicine Hat, Canada with Bristol, UK

Ambassadors for the 2018 International Outbound Journey of the Cheyenne Friendship Force club to Calgary and Medicine Hat, Canada, have been selected and the application process has been completed. Two couples and six single people will be visiting these two clubs from June 20 thru July 3, 2018. All are members of the Cheyenne club who will be joining members of the Bristol, United Kingdom(UK) Friendship Force club. Tony Adams is the Journey Coordinator for the Cheyenne club.

The following is taken from the Friendship Force International's web site and contains information about the Bristol club.

The Bristol Friendship Force is one of the oldest of the 15 clubs in the UK and has more than 30 members.

As a club we visit clubs in other countries and stay for a week with the members in their homes and enjoy a program of events organized by their club. Recently this has included The USA, Japan, Germany, Hungary and Romania. Similarly we entertain clubs from other countries with a program of events in our local area. Members may home, day or dinner host the visiting club members. This often leads to long-lasting friendships, resulting in return visits.

We enjoy a varied social program such as meeting in each other's homes for coffee every month after which we go for a cheap and cheerful lunch. Our social organizer arranges trips to the theatre, picnics, cultural visits and joining local clubs in the South West for special events.

About the Bristol region: It is usually warm May-September and therefore the best time to visit. The population of the city is approximately 500,000. Bristol is a very busy city with lots of history, cultural activities, gardens and the best of British scenery. The cities of Bath, Wells, Gloucester and Cardiff (Wales) are within easy travelling distance and popular destinations for a group visit or on 'free days' with hosts. Also within reach are the very attractive countryside of Cotswald, West Country and South Wales – all popular destinations for a group visit or on "flexible days" with hosts.

Tony Adams, Journey Coordinator

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth & Tim Thorson

Tim was born in Duluth, Minnesota and grew up in Minnesota, Wyoming and Nebraska. He came to Cheyenne to work at LEADS, after meeting and falling in love with Elizabeth, who had moved from Denver to work at the Laramie County Library in 1999. Elizabeth is a native of Greeley, Colorado who grew up in Denver. Most of her family is still along the Front Range.

Elizabeth received her B.A. from Wesleyan University and M.A. in library science from the University of Arizona. Tim received his Master of Public Administration from the University of Wyoming and works as a consultant in grants and public administration after stints with local and statewide nonprofits, and county and state government.

We've been married for eleven years and have no children. We enjoy fixing up our house, gardening and our cats. But many of the milestones of our lives have involved travel. Both of us enjoy sightseeing, especially museums, but over time have learned that the experience of travel is really about the people - the people we meet and our fellow-travelers.

Aside from seasonal trips, we enjoy reading, puzzles and games, brewing (Tim) and jewelry making (Elizabeth). We have both been involved in our Unitarian Universalist church and in community boards and organizations. We're excited to join Friendship Force for the opportunity to travel, to host, and for the camaraderie of fellow travelers.



Vernice Miller

I was born and raised in the small town of Hazen, North Dakota, and graduated from North Dakota State University (home to the 2018 Division I FCS National Champions!) in Fargo. I am a retired educator having served 22 years as Parent Resource Coordinator and then Special Education Triad Consultant for Laramie County School District 1.

We moved to Cheyenne in 1983. I have three children: Jacy, a daughter, lives in Cheyenne and works as a Medicaid waiver provider and gives classes for Young Living Essential Oils. She is mom to my only grandchild, Anessa. Seth and his wife, Nancy, live in Boston, MA where he is a Professor of Geology at Boston College. My youngest, Ladd, lives with me. He has cerebral palsy, uses a motorized wheelchair, and works one afternoon a week at the Cheyenne YMCA.

My interests include flower gardening in the spring and summer; watching football, specifically the Denver Broncos, in the fall; and traveling anytime of the year. I have traveled to over 20 countries and enjoy learning about the history and people of each country. I especially enjoy seeing the natural wonders of a country and its birds and animals.



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:

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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.