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Dear friends,

Our Newsletter this month consists of this PREZ Letter and the Minutes of our March 12 meeting (presented by our super Secretary, Bev Swistowicz) *see attachment*.

**Next Meeting MONDAY, April 9th
6:00pm potluck at Casey's Club - 507 W. 28th Street**

Marilyn Pettit will present a program for this Easter month on Israel, The Holy Land.

As Marilyn toured Israel, she was able to link the geography to the early history of the three major religions that call Israel their spiritual home: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. She will also present historical highlights of Jordan, such as the Nabatean capital of Petra and the Roman/Byzantine capital of Jerash.

Invite your friends to join you for dinner and this timely program.

Did you make it to our March Program for World Friendship Day?

Parid Shkoza, a student at LCCC presented an informative program about Albania, his home country. You can read about it in Bev's Meeting Minutes. Thanks to Debbie Kaiser for arranging this program. Barbara Guilford arranged for several members to wear clothing from other countries. How colorful and interesting! And, thanks to Marilyn Pettit for the colorful table decorations.

Our club continues to offer opportunities to meet people from "other lands".

In August, we will host members from the Friendship Force of Birmingham, AL. Would you like to be involved? **John Kaiser**, our Journey Coordinator, has scheduled an organizational meeting: 3:00pm at Casey's Club before our April club meeting. This is also a great way to get to know our club members better.

Speaking of Club Involvement, we really do need an Editor for our Newsletter.

And, our current Webmaster, David Larsen, would like to have a replacement.

ANNUAL PICNIC – Sunday, August 5th Will you be our Picnic Chair?

See you next Monday – We'll have a great program, so bring a friend.

Dave

CHEYENNE FRIENDSHIP FORCE MEETING MINUTES: March 12, 2018

Dave Bentzin, President, introduced our guests: **Parid Shkoza**, our guest speaker and his wife, **Chenoa Baird** and **Ginger Anderson**, **Barbara Eakin**, **Marina Siebert**, **Fran Fox**, and **Graham Myers**.

Twenty one members and seven guests enjoyed the pot luck dinner.

Marilyn Pettit and other members decorated the tables with souvenirs from past journeys. Dave thanked Marilyn and her helpers for their work.

Marilyn also arranged visits from club members and guests dressed in traditional clothing from Kosovo, Colombia, Japan, Mexico, and Russia. They passed out World Friendship Day magnets.

Dave presented information from the Board meeting held earlier today.

The club dues do not cover annual operating expenses. The board voted that the \$25 administrative fee for participants in both incoming and outgoing journeys would go to the Club Operating Account. In addition, any financial surplus from any Open World journey would also go into the Club Operating Account.

Dave also complimented the membership – our membership is growing – today we have 40 members.

He also complimented all those who hosted and helped otherwise with the Open World exchange from Ukraine. The club received a thank you from the International office in Atlanta for doing a great job.

We will be hosting ambassadors from Birmingham, AL Aug 24-31. They will then have a second week with the Grand Junction club. A sign-up sheet for hosts was passed around by John Lee.

Our guest speaker, **Parid Shkoza**, is a Friendship Force Scholarship recipient. He presented a program on his home country, Albania. He has been in Cheyenne for three and a half years and he recently got married. Albania has only been a democracy since 1991. Although this is a small country, it is beautiful with seashores, lakes, rivers and mountains. Citizens refer to their country as the “Land of the Eagles”. Parid was very complimentary towards Cheyenne and its citizens. He will graduate from LCCC this spring and has been accepted by UW. He hopes to go into the medical field and eventually return to his country.

Next meeting will be April 9 ,2018. Marilyn Pettit will present a program on her visit to Israel.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Swistowicz