

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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CHEYENNE



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- Vice-President Tim Bolin
- Secretary Helen Lovett
- Treasurer Loretta Humphrey

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- Hospitality Cindy & Howard Last
- Program Barbara Guilford
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- Newsletter David Larsen
- Historian Vanda Edington & Barbara Guilford

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meetings:

March 11—Kathleen Petersen. A former Peace Corps Volunteer tells of her recent trip to *Kyrgyzstan*.

April 8—Lauren Furtney, gives a presentation on her trip to Africa.

Exchanges:

2013

Exchange with Eastern Washington/Idaho (May 15-22, 2012) contact Tim Bolin tjjbolin@msn.com

Events:

Board Meeting:

April 11 at 2:00 PM - Laramie Co. Library-Willow Room

Pot Luck Dinner & General Membership Meetings are at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 19th St. & House Ave.
at 6 PM unless other wise noted.
Please use west parking lot.



Terry's Tidbits

2013

Another month has gone by. How time flies! I don't know about you but I am looking forward to spring. I am pleased to announce that Friendship Force of Cheyenne is now registered with the **Wyoming Secretary of State**, thanks to our trusty Treasurer, **Loretta Humphrey**.

We have two new members to welcome ~ **Eldon Booth** of Torrington and **Johanne Roe**, who is Loretta Humphrey's sister. Due to her work schedule, Johanne may not be able to attend meetings right away but is hopeful that she can arrange a future change.

As I reported at the last meeting, FFI has proposed an outgoing exchange for our club to **Kempsey, Australia** and **Western Waikato, New Zealand** in April of 2014. I am just waiting for a confirmation. If confirmed, we will be looking for an E.D. and will be passing around a sign-up sheet. That would certainly be an interesting trip.

I want to congratulate **Barbara Guilford** on being selected for the new Field Representative for the Mountain States Region. I know she will do an excellent job, as she is doing with our club programs.

Thanks to the **Webbers** for inviting us to their beautiful new home. I am sure they will enjoy it for many years.

Jan and I enjoyed a one-week getaway in Pensacola, Florida recently. I'm glad to see that some of our members are making use of the newsletter. Remember to send our Newsletter Editor **David Larsen** any news item of interest to club members.

In Friendship,

Terry

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer's report will be provided on a quarterly basis on the months when there is a Board Meeting.

FFI World Conference in New Orleans

Nov. 22-25, 2013 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday)

If interested in attending, please send inquiries to our Regional Field Rep Betty DeMersseman (bettyjean1301@gmail.com).

(In June, our own Barbara Guilford will be the Regional Field Rep, so you can contact her from June forward.)

Other Exchanges

Denver Club has openings for: June 18-30, 2013~ **Buffalo NY & Niagara-on-the-Lake**, 3 night hotel stay; **Toronto, Canada**, 2 night hotel stay; **North Bay, Canada**, 1 week home stay If interested, please contact Anita Smith (Anita.smith22@gmail.com) or call her at (cell) 619-894-9464.

The Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho Club, based in Spokane, has openings for a week's outbound exchange (30 August, to 6 September 2013) to **Luebeck, Germany**, followed by a week in a **Chateau in Northern France**. Info call: Peter Guthrie at 509 924 1284, or Email paguthrie76@gmail.com.

The Greater Milwaukee club is looking for others to join them on an exchange to **Northern Ireland**. No home stay is involved for this May 2013 trip and 10 spots are available. Contact Donna Baldwin Haut @ 1.414.550.4450 or djhaut2006@sbcglobal.net.

A Sacramento club has a domestic exchange to the **Cedar Rapids/ Iowa City, Iowa** area. Contact Carol Tilley, the E.D., at 1.919.434.6245 for more information.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 11, 2013

President Terry Udell called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm following a pot luck dinner.

Guests present were **Morgan Thompson**, attending with Elvira Pinther, **Kristen Larson**, granddaughter of Ingrid and Rod Larson, and **Dr. Tatiana Steele**, guest speaker, and her husband, **Rick**.

Program: Barbara Guilford introduced Dr. Tatiana Steele as a dear friend to our club. Dr. Steele has been helpful in the past as an interpreter for incoming exchanges, dental hygienist to many of our members and now a dentist providing service to many of our members.

Dr. Steele or “Tania”, as she is known by many, left the former Soviet Republic State of Moldova, roughly 4 million in population, in 1995. She recommended visiting U-Tube to watch short videos of Kishinev, the capital off Moldova, a city of a little less than 1 million people and well known for its wines and as one of the greenest cities in Europe with beautiful parks and trees.

Her husband, Rick, created a dash board video of the Cheyenne area which Tatiana thought depicted a dessert like area without trees and was told there were probably more antelope than people. This was very different from the Hollywood look she had seen from movies...and....then there was the wind!

Returning from a happy month long visit back to Moldova, after living in the U. S. for about 1 ½ years, Tatiana realized that Wyoming was really home even though she missed Moldova. Eventually, her parents were able to relocate to Cheyenne and have enjoyed living so close to their four granddaughters. Although the retirement age is lower in Russia, bringing her parents to Wyoming has more than likely extended their lives especially for her father through healthy activity not typical in Russia for older men.

Tatiana was not able to practice dentistry in the U.S. without going through more years of education in the states and since she had become an instant mother to Rick’s young daughters, the Dental Hygiene program at L.C.C.C. seemed like a good fit. In Russia, the government provides the education, a place to work and the paycheck so Tatiana learned how to be a “good” boss by observing her various employers while working as a hygienist. Eventually with the prodding from a friend in Denver and jumping many hurdles, Tatiana passed her dental boards and other various tests after successfully finishing a 2 year fast track dental program in Denver, CO.

Wyoming is “home” for Dr. Steele, her husband, Rick, their 4 daughters, her parents and the family dog. Dr. Steele’s dental practice is just around the corner from our meeting place on 19th St., close to Cheyenne’s historical downtown she has come to love.

Dr. Steele’s advice is to always show up for your dental appointments because when you don’t it affects the dentist’s overhead and prices will go up!

New Business: Membership Chairman, Donna Logan, stated that we have 50 paid members and of the 14 that haven’t paid, 4 will not be rejoining and 4 have not responded to messages. Donna passed out membership cards with an information sheet that is to be checked for any errors and returned ASAP. Donna will use this information to recognize birthdays and anniversaries at each monthly meeting. Please contact Donna about any illness status so that she can send cards.

- Happy February Birthday to Marilyn Pettit and Rod Larson!
- Mr. and Mrs. Ed Warsaw sent in payment for their memberships with a request for a paper version of the newsletter for Sylvia to stay in “touch “with the club. Ed reports that Sylvia’s inputs are fine; it’s only the outputs that are broken. She loves to “touch” with her left hand. Sylvia enjoys visitors between 11-noon and 4-6 pm.
- Tim Bolin stated the dates for the out-going exchange are May 15-22nd this year. Tim will serve as the E.D. and a volunteer is needed to be the treasurer. He reported that Denver cheap flights could be found as low as \$240 but best seating flights were around \$662 round trip. Be sure to ask about additional fees especially for baggage. Limited seats were available flying out of Cheyenne. April 1, 2013 is the exchange deadline with 14 reserved spots and room for possibly 6 more to attend.
- Our requests for exchanges outside the U.S. have been limited. 1/3 of Friendship Force clubs are located in the U.S. Overseas clubs have had such high demands for visits to their locations that they have been overburdened. Our Mexico and Canada requests were denied but we are approved to put a request in for Australia & New Zealand before March 31st.
- At the Feb. board meeting a request was made to check on our tax status. At present, we are NOT registered as a nonprofit organization with the State of Wyoming.
- FFI states that each club is an individual and is not under their “umbrella” of coverage. Clubs are to follow the laws of their country and to have a set of by-laws and state?

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- Barbara Guilford suggested the \$25.00 fee be sent in to register with the state.
- • Tim Bolin suggested we have two items to decide on:
 - 1) Do we register with the state? and 2) Do we organize as a corporation?
- There is a \$400 yearly fee to register with the IRS and Mr. Eddie Bridgeman(a member of FF) provides a service of preparing IRS form 1023 for a fee of \$125.00.
- FFI American clubs are fortunate in that they are covered with up to 1 million dollars of liability through FFI. Certificates of insurance can be provided for U.S. events by contacting FFI.
- Carolyn Webber made a motion to register with the Secretary of the State of WY. Rod Larson made a second.
- Donna Logan made a motion to NOT file with the IRS. Eleanor Hanson made a second.
- Loretta Humphrey volunteered to fill out the necessary tax forms.
- Barbara Guilford announced that this was the Chinese New Year, the year of the snake, and that we all need to clean house in preparation!
- Howard Last audited the treasurer's accounts for the year 2012 and found them to be in order. He commends the Treasurer for doing an excellent job.
- Howard Last suggests that the audit be performed at the end of the Treasurer's term of office making a nice transition for the incoming officer and conform to the calendar year.
- Bob and Judy Eatmon's daughter, Jennifer, recently delivered a baby that required a life-flight to Denver. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

www.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org

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The latest Bylaws, Newsletters, Info and Reports are available whenever you want them. Please visit the site and let us know what else you'd like to see.

Friendship Force Pledge

“As a member of the Friendship Force I recognize that I can make a difference, I recognize that I have a mission; that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, The cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered. I can make a difference.”

Friendship Force is
CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD.

Join us for an adventure that will take you past the monuments into the heart of a country and its people.



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Putting More "Friendly" in Cheyenne Friendship Force

Cheyenne Friendship Force is going to be more membership friendly this year. I have passed out information sheets for all members to list their birthday and anniversary dates. I don't need the year unless you want to. Each month we will be celebrating that month's birthdays at the monthly meeting. I will also send out birthday cards and anniversary cards. I would like an e-mail or you can call me, when a member is ill, in the hospital, or has a death in the family or maybe just needs a cheer up card. I hope this will let our members know we care. If you didn't get the info sheet, please contact me, so I can get this information. Membership Chair: Donna Mae Logan e-mail: donnalogan@msn.com phone cell: 307-221-2098.

Donna Mae Logan

*Know someone who may be interested in joining
Friendship Force of Cheyenne?*

2013 Renewal or New Member - The Friendship Force of Cheyenne

Mail to: Friendship Force, c/o Donna Logan, 253 Abby Rd. Cheyenne, WY, 82007

Payable to: "The Friendship Force of Cheyenne"

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name(s) _____

Name Badge Name(s) Please Print _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number(s) _____

E-Mail(s) _____

(FF International would like your E-Mail Address to send Exchange Information directly to you.

If you do not want them to have your E-Mail address please check here ____).