

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



CLUB OFFICERS

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

Committee Chairpersons

- Membership Donna Logan
- Hospitality Cindy & Howard Last
- Program Barbara Guilford
- Publicity Tony Adams
- Newsletter David Larsen
- Historian Vanda Edington & Barbara Guilford

Members responsible for.....

- Directory Judy Eatmon
- Logo Renewal John Kaiser

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meetings:

April 8— “Namibia: Still Emerging from Apartheid” - Lauren Furtney, gives a presentation on her trip to Africa.

Exchanges:

2013

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

Good Stuff Inside

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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

I think Spring is finally here. The grass is greening up and the daffodils are about ten inches high already.

If I take the snow plow off the mower, we will certainly have another storm! I am sure a lot you are looking forward to gardening and planting flowers.

This month has been a busy one around our house. My wife Jan had a total knee replacement, is now going to therapy and doing well but has her painful moments. She is thankful it's over.

Our exchange to Australia and New Zealand in 2014 is still in the making. I talked with International and was informed we should have a match any day now. We already have a volunteer for Exchange Director for this exchange ~ Tony Adams. I am confident he will do a good job, as I am with Tim Bolin on the Washington exchange. Quite a few inquiries have already come in on the Australia-New Zealand exchange.

That's all the scoop from this end for the month.

In Friendship,

Terry

TREASURER REPORT

APRIL 8, 2013

Checking Account Balance as of: January 17, 2013 \$9,618.01

INCOME

| | | |
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| Dues Collected | 255.00 | |
| Interest Earned | .78 | |
| Deposit Correction (on Bank Statement) | .50 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$ 256.28 |

EXPENSE

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| Ck#1606 Howard Last/Dinner Supplies | 28.14 | |
| Ck#1607 Billie Ruth Edwards/Legal Consult | 25.00 | |
| Ck#1608 St. Paul's Lutheran Church/Meeting Room | 200.00 | |
| Ck#1609 Secretary of State/Filing Fee 2013 | 25.00 | |
| Ck#1610 Donna Logan/Postage, Cards, Gifts | 55.44 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | \$ 333.58 |

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 9,540.71

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| Bruni Naylor Memorial Fund | \$2,230.00 | |
| Contribution | 25.00 | |
| TOTAL | | \$2,255.00 |

Regional Conference Funds to be held for Future Conference \$1,085.48

PLEASE NOTE: The Bruni Naylor Memorial Fund and the Regional Conference Fund are included in the Checkbook Balances.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Humphrey

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for March 11, 2013

President Terry Udell called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm following a pot luck dinner.

Guests present were **Linda Michaels** and **Kathleen Petersen**, guest speaker.

Program:

Rod Larson, also a Peace Corps volunteer, introduced **Kathleen Petersen** to this evening's group. Kathleen, at age 59, headed off to the Kyrgyz Republic in 2005 to help fulfill the Peace Corps' mission as established in 1961 of helping people in other countries with their needs, promoting a better understanding of the American people and promoting a better understanding of the people being served. Volunteers must be 18 years of age. In 1961 there were 200,000 volunteers in 137 countries. Currently, the Peace Corps is working in 75 countries.

The Kyrgyz Republic is a landlocked country, roughly the size of South Dakota, known as the "Switzerland of Central Asia" with 80% being mountainous and the highest peak over 24,000 ft. 80% of the population is Muslim, with 17% being Russian Orthodox and 3% other. It's population was 5,496,737 in 2012 consisting of 64.9% Kyrgyz, followed by 13.6% Uzbek, 12.5% Russian, 1.1% Dungan, 1% Ukrainian, 1% Uygur and 5.7% other. Kyrgyz's median age is 25.2 yrs. with a life expectancy of 65.2 yrs. for males and 73.0 yrs. for females. Poverty is documented at 33% but most likely closer to 37% says Kathleen. The country became independent from the Soviet Union in 1991 and it's flag depicts a sun (it's center depicting the wooden crown of a yurt-a portable dwelling traditionally used by nomads) with 40 rays of light representing the 40 clans of Manas, a legendary hero who united 40 regional clans against the Uyghurs. Its government is secular and suffers from periodic presidential overthrows, the latest in 2010. Kyrgyz is located on the famous Silk Road. The climate is cold and windy much like Wyoming, U.S.A Unfortunately, it is the 2nd poorest country in Central Asia with few natural resources such as water, agriculture (livestock does well in the mountainous areas providing wool, meat and dairy products) of which only 8% is cultivated and gold mined by a Canadian firm provides which does provide jobs but the profits leave the country. Wildlife is diminishing quickly as the population feeds on it faster than the wildlife can reproduce. Lake Issyk-Keel is the 2nd largest alpine lake in the world at 2400 sq. miles but fishing has deteriorated due either to over fishing or an unknown damage to the lake. Manas United States Air Force Base is located outside of Bishkek, the capitol of Kyrgyzstan near the northwest border. This base is an important military fueling point for access to Afghanistan and a provider of jobs.

Kathleen says, typically, she'd fly from Denver into New York, on to London, Istanbul and finally 30-32 hours later arrive in Bishkek. Some roads are good but once you enter the mountainous areas they become rough and made of dirt. Traveling within the country is too expensive for the local people with most never leaving the place they were born.

Kathleen's first few months were spent with 2 different Host families paid to teach Kathleen the customs and language before moving on to fulfill her duties. The young Turkish "Host Mom" was an excellent cook and Kathleen never suffered from the food illnesses other volunteers did.

Kathleen's duties were mainly to write grants for various projects from playground equipment to work training programs such as computer training, welding, and hair beautician. Kathleen shared how her son's receipt from Star Bucks for \$28.00 was worth 40 times the U.S. value in the Kyrgyz Republic and could easily fund some of these much needed projects. Kathleen, also, started her own program "Collecting for Kids" by collecting anything usable from the belongings of volunteers returning home after their tour was over. She collected anything that would be thrown away, left behind, or willingly donated such as games, electronics, clothing and anything that still had a use. Kathleen spent time working on a Habitat for Humanity project during her stay. Other duties were to help place children in long and short term placements while working with a children's center, Children of Tien-Shan. She again enjoyed wonderful food from the Russian cook while working at this facility.

There are no refrigerators and little electricity making a woman's work very intense. Brooms keep the house clean, all clothes washing is done by hand and cooking is done over wood burning stoves (trees are not being replaced with seedlings). Felt made from the sheep is used for shoes and clothing. Typically, families do move from the main house to a cooler summer house, a yurt.

Weddings are a big celebration with the father-in-law escorting the bride from her home to her new home followed by the shooting of guns from roof tops. You'll most likely be offered horse meat at this celebration as it is a delicacy in this horse oriented country. However, Kathleen says she was told "don't eat the horse you ride".

Kathleen stayed to answer questions and explain the souvenirs she brought to share this evening.

Old Business:

- **Donna Logan** sent out up-dated membership lists via e-mail. Please print and up-date your individual F.F. directories

New Business:

- **Judy Eatmon** will send up-dated calendars via e-mail. Please print and update F.F. directories.
- Congratulations to **Barbara Guilford**, our new Regional Director.
- **Tim Bolin** reports 15 members are participating in the out-going Washington state exchange and will meet with these members at the close of tonight's meeting
- **Donna Logan** thanked members for sending in corrections concerning the directory. She has received more corrections so watch for continuing up-dated directory information. We have 4 new members giving a grand total of 54 members.
- **Tim Bolin** mentions 2 of our new members are the direct result of the Washington state exchange. We should use our out-going exchanges as a way to approach potential new members.
- March birthday members were not present to be recognized.
- An e-mail was received from **Joan Hughes** stating that she enjoyed the February meeting and is recovering from knee surgery performed earlier today.
- **Tim Bolin** learned that there is a \$50.00 per person fee when an exchange goes over 3 days within the U.S. and that all future E.D. positions must be approved by the club president followed up with the proper paperwork.
- **Terry Udell** received approval for an Australia & New Zealand out-going exchange.
- **Terry Udell** read a letter from **Barbara Clark**, his Canadian host on a previous exchange, sharing advice on how to keep a F.F. club vibrant and prevent the club from aging itself out of existence. Two major points of the letter are 1) be aware of the problem and 2) take action to prevent the problem.
- Contact **Betty Demersseman** @ bettyjean1301@gmail.com if you are interested in the New Orleans FFI World Convention November 22-25, 2013. A November 26-30, 2013 \$100.00 home stay has been planned to expand the New Orleans experience but is predicted to fill quickly.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Helen Lovett

The presenters for our last three meetings:

February 2013 — Dr. Tatiana Steele and her husband Richard



March 2013—
Kathleen Peterson



January 2013 — Maureen Andreas and Barbara with red noses



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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?*

New Member - The Friendship Force of Cheyenne

Contact our membership chair for more information:

Donna Logan, 253 Abby Rd. Cheyenne, WY, 82007

E-mail: DonnaLogan@MSN.com * Cell: 307-221-2098.

Dues are very affordable: Individual-\$25 or Family-\$40

The application form for joining the Friendship Force of Cheyenne
(or renewing your membership)

is on our website:

FriendshipForceCheyenne.ORG/Membership.html

www.FriendshipForceCheyenne.org

(this is ORG not COM!)

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. A Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ] has been added to our site.

The International Friendship Force web site now links directly to our club's site so interested people can find out about what we do and where we meet.

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.”

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.)