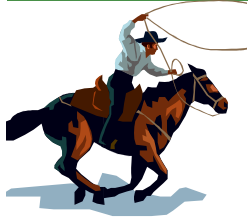


THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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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 / Website David Larsen
- Historian Vanda Edington & Barbara Guilford

Members responsible for.....

- Directory Judy Eatmon
- Logo Renewal John Kaiser

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Meetings:

May 13 — Potluck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
(see info at bottom of this page)

No Meetings during June, July & August

September 9 — Potluck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Exchanges:

2013

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

Events:

Cheyenne Frontier Days — July 19~28

Board Meeting:

September 5 — {tentative} Laramie Co. Library-Willow Room

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**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

Again we had a very well attended meeting on a stormy night in April. We had a very informative program once more.

What a month it has been weather wise. They say April showers bring May flowers. So what does 30" of snow bring besides a backache.

Jan and I attended Lynn Cunningham's 85th Birthday Party at Whispering Chase. It was a nice gathering and well attended.

We will not be having a program scheduled for May since we have quite a few things to discuss before our summer recess. We had a productive Board Meeting on the 11th of April. Our next tentative Board Meeting will be the 5th of September. We can only schedule 90 days in advance at the Library, so will have to wait until the 5th of June to get the meeting verified.

Our outgoing exchange to Washington leaves on the 15th of May ~ two days after our May meeting.

It has been confirmed the Australia/New Zealand outgoing exchange is a match. That exchange is scheduled for April of 2014. The E.D. For this exchange is Tony Adams. I am sure he will have some information for us before too long.

Our hearts go out to Howard Last on the death of his wife Cindy. I understand they were married for 47 years. Tough loss!

In Friendship,

Terry

TREASURER REPORT

is provided on a quarterly basis.

Quarterly Board Meeting April 11, 2013

President Terry Udell called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. Others in attendance were Cindy and Howard Last- Hospitality, Donna Logan-Membership, Tony Adams and guest, Helen Lovett-Secretary, and Loretta Humphrey-Treasurer.

- Terry received word that we are an approved match for the New Zealand-Australia exchange set for April of 2014. Tony Adams agreed to be this exchanges ED. The required ED paperwork was filled out by Tony during the meeting and returned to Terry.
- Our FF brochures are no longer current. New brochures will be ordered at a cost of \$20.00 / 100. Tony Adams made the motion with Cindy Last seconding.
- Loretta commented that most people in our community have never heard of Friendship Force and perhaps we need to advertise somehow. This prompted the Board to incorporate the new brochures and the upcoming New Zealand/Australia exchange into an information program about Friendship Force titled "Curious about the World?" set for September 2013. Our program will be an orientation for the general public with at least two panels of 3 members, one to share out-going exchange experiences and the other in-coming experiences. Some sort of advertising for this event should take place during August. Tony Adams will research our advertising options.
- Loretta Humphrey suggested the Quarterly Board Meeting be held prior to our September meeting instead of in October. The date is tentatively set for September 5, 2013 and will be confirmed around June 5th which is the earliest the library will book a meeting for that day.
- Terry was recently delivered 3 boxes of old FF records and would like to find a better way to store this information. Helen Lovett made a motion to ask during the May General Meeting for two volunteers to assist Terry over the summer organizing this information following guidelines recommended by Tony Adams (familiar with archiving). Any member who has additional club history they'd like included will need to contact Terry ASAP. Tony will approach the WY State Archive Department at the end of the summer after Terry's committee has accomplished their task to see if the state is interested in storing our history information. Tony Adams seconded. This information might also be useful for the September program.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

for April 8, 2013

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

Guests present were **Lauren Furtney**, our guest speaker, along with her parents, **Steve and Camille Furtney**.

Program: **Lauren Furtney** arrived in Namibia, Africa, during August 2010 as a Peace Corps volunteer to teach English, the official language of this country since 1990, and science. Independence brought the desire to unify the people and so the Peace Corp was asked to come teach school age children to speak and read English, their first step to becoming a monolingual country. Originally this area was colonized by the Germans in 1884. Following World War I, South Africa with the backing of the League of Nations imposed its laws on German South West Africa and introduced Apartheid in 1948. Apartheid, now illegal, is still very evident throughout this unique country. The most obvious show of inequality is the imaginary Red Line Border which divides the wealth and privately (mostly white) owned lands of the south from the communal lands of the north.

This country is about the size of California or half the size of Alaska with the 2nd least dense population of the world. The Atlantic Ocean forms the western border of Namibia where early Europeans sailing to Asia stopped on their long journey beginning the colonization of this area. The Namib Desert is located along this coastline. The countries of Angola and Zambia form the northern border, Botswana is on its eastern border along with South Africa which also continues around to forming the southern border. The Kalahari Desert is located in south eastern Namibia spreading into Botswana and South Africa. Another famous area is the Etosha National Park, a premier wildlife destination, created with the new constitution in 1990. The tallest African elephants and the endangered black rhino are among the 91 species of mammals found here. The park is also a popular photographic area. Namibia is one of a few countries in the world to specifically address conservation and the protection of natural resources in its constitution.

The capital and largest city is Windhoek located above the Red Line Border. This city shows off its western influence through its beautiful buildings, utilities and maintained roads. Namibia is unusual in that it has good infrastructure with maintained roads and the tap water is drinkable when available. Those with access to T.V. see "Whites" or Americans as rich through the reality programs they watch. An unrealistic idea of westerners is prevalent in Namibia. Leaving the city immediately introduces a very rural life. Villagers often walk long distances to the nearest pump for clean water and do not

have electricity. Teachers living very close to schools are able to piggy back off the electricity supplied to the few rural schools to enjoy a single light source and occasionally satellite T.V. Transportation is very undependable and most rely on hitch hiking. Most goods are imported into Namibia which in turns raises the cost of living. About half Namibians are living below the international poverty line of U.S. \$1.25 a day.

More than 11 tribes and ethnic groups (located mostly in the north) comprise Namibia with each speaking a different language comprised of several dialects. The northern majority speak Oshiwambo as their first language. The Ovambo Tribe forms roughly half the population. The Himba and San Bushman are two of the traditional tribes. They prefer to stay away from western culture and are a nomadic type of people whose way of life is disappearing. These people are considered the bottom of the hierarchy with “Bushman” now a derogatory reference. “Coloureds” and “Basters” refer to two small groups of Namibians with mixed racial origins. “Whites” consists of people with Portuguese, Dutch, German, British and French backgrounds who typically own the private lands south of the Red Line Border. 60% of whites speak Afrikaans, 23% speak German, 7% speak English and 1% speaks Portuguese. The most widely understood and spoken language is Afrikaans but with the intense effort to teach English since 1990 the trend is changing as the youth become fluent in English along with Afrikaans.

Mining which is prevalent in the south provides 25% of this country’s revenues. Namibia is the 4th largest producer of uranium and has the richest source of diamonds in the world. The southern part of the Namib Desert is known for its gem-quality diamonds.

Lauren was provided her own one room hut (rock walls and thatched roof) and was very fortunate to have a sometimes working light bulb only because her hut was close to the school. Bathing was done in a small outdoor area consisting of 3 walls made of reeds which were slowly being eaten by insects (not as much privacy as you’d like) and a curtain over the doorway. Inside the “bathing room” was the bucket of water used to splash over the body as the bath progressed. Hot season bathing was wonderful however it was miserable to bathe during the cold and rainy seasons. Lauren depended on oatmeal for breakfast and peanut butter as another of her staple food items. Bread was difficult to keep fresh and became a rare treat. She did most of her own cooking which was done in a separate hut and enjoyed a variety of interesting foods prepared by one of her good friends. Lauren usually hitch-hiked the 75 kilometers into town when she needed supplies about every 2-3 weeks. Some of the local crops grown nearby were pumpkin, squash, and wild spinach. River fish (whatever varieties caught locally) is a common staple in the northern part of Namibia close to the rivers.

Unfortunately, medical clinics are not found in every village. If medical treatment is

necessary, the clinic is usually avoided and a long trip is made into town but even the town's medical facility is avoided if the situation is serious with an even longer trip to the capital.

Lauren's students numbered between 40 and 50 with English the priority subject. "Learner" not student is the term for a child attending school in Namibia. The learners were discouraged from speaking their own language while in school and Lauren observed that many of the Peace Corps teachers learned very little of the local language because of this strict policy. Lauren made an effort to learn what she could when she could which created a close bond with her learners. It is typical for the learners to have shaved heads while attending school to prevent any problems with lice. Education is free and compulsory for children between ages 6-16. Primary school consists of grades 1-7 but many children are kept at home to help with the never ending chores. Cooking is an all-day event requiring endless wood gathering and so the young girls tend to be the ones missing school. Lauren noticed that the boys tended to have opportunities to enjoy play time after school while the girls hurried home to assist their mothers.

These are a happy people. They love to dance and sing. Culture contests (dancing) are favorite events. Parents have a special loving relationship with their children who in turn show extreme respect for their elders.

Old Business: The treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

New Business:

- April 15 is the deadline for all remaining payments due for the Washington State out-going exchange. **Tim Bolin**, this exchanges ED, is holding a short meeting follows tonight's general meeting. CFD of 2014 is the planned time period for Washington State's in-coming exchange.
- Upon learning that there was a possibility for the 2014 Exchange to Australia/ New Zealand, **Tony Adams** immediately contacted Terry Udell that he would like to be the Exchange Director for that trip. Terry gratefully pronounced him the ED.
- **Donna Logan** thanks everyone for keeping her in the loop about unique situations within our club membership. **Bob Eatmon, Tony Adams, Jan Peterson** (home recovering from knee surgery) and **Jim Webber** were presented with birthday cards and a token gift. **Sylvia Warsaw** will receive her birthday card through the mail.
- **Lynn Cunningham** is celebrating his 85th birthday at 2 pm Saturday, April 13, at Whispering Chase. Stop by and help him celebrate.

- The quarterly Board meeting is Thursday, April 11, at 2 pm in the Willow Room at the public library. Anyone interested may attend these meetings.
- Meeting adjourned.

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- Terry asked that the board consider purchasing its own projector to be used at the monthly and regional meetings. The club has always borrowed a projector making it a challenge to have the proper equipment at every meeting. Howard Last made a motion to present this issue for vote at the May General Meeting. The Board recommends that a projector and necessary appurtenances be purchased following the advice of Rod Larson, if he is available, or any other knowledgeable member with half of the purchase price coming from the General Fund and half from the Regional Fund monies. Donna Logan seconded.
- Donna Logan mentioned that one reason the club will no longer purchase token birthday gifts to be given out at meetings is that many members celebrate their birthdays during summer months when we do not meet. Tony Adams made a motion that the club purchases a door prize for each meeting to replace the token birthday present, allowing the club to give back to the members and adding a little excitement to the meeting. Members and guests will receive a ticket for the drawing when they sign in with Cindy Last or her representative. The recommendation is \$5.00 per general meeting (ex: Starbuck's gift card). Loretta Humphrey seconded.
- Donna mentioned that costs for name badges have fluctuated and recommends that the wording be changed to read "... the approximate cost of a badge is \$0.00".
- Cindy Last suggested a Bad Weather/Cancelled Meeting calling tree or similar method for contacting members. Members will be advised at the May meeting that the president, Terry Udell, will send out an e-mail regarding any weather cancellations. Tony Adams agreed to research options available for notifying the public through radio and television communications. Information from Tony may be available at the September 9th meeting.
- All expenditures must be approved by the president.
- Meeting adjourned.

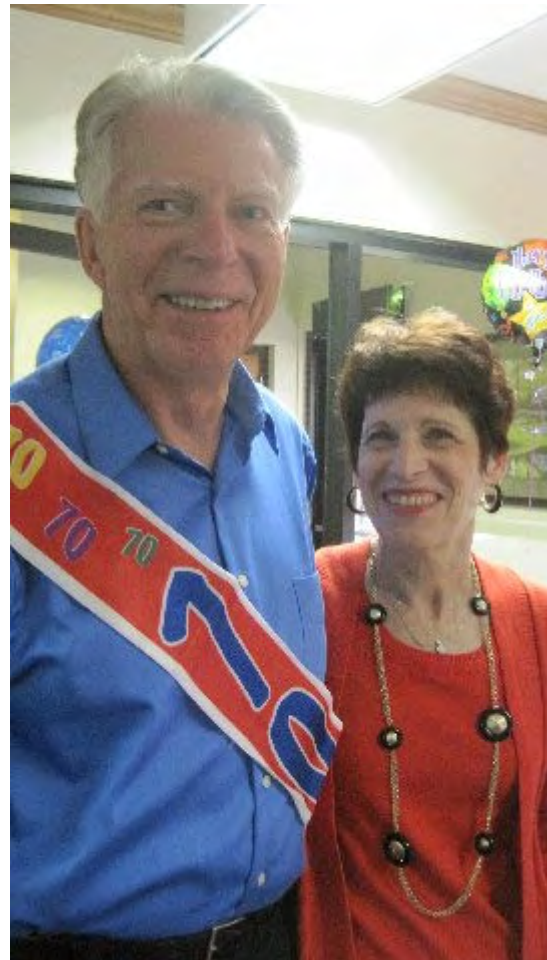
Helen Lovett

Lynn Cunningham's 85 Birthday Party at Whispering Chase





Camille, Lauren, and Steve Furtney.
Lauren was the April presenter.



Tony Adams' 70th Birthday
bash was given by his sister,
Donna Mae Logan and Judy
Greenberg (shown).

Outgoing Exchange

Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia & Western Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand

Terry Udell has gotten notice from FFI (Atlanta) that these exchanges have been approved. Probably for April 2014. Tony Adams will be the Exchange Director. If you have an interest in this trip, contact Tony (tonyadams43@hotmail.com).

The following club information is from the FFI website.

The **Friendship Force of Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia**

Closest major airport(s): Sydney or Brisbane

Closest Regional Airport: Port Macquarie

We are small in number but very enthusiastic members, willing to show Ambassadors a good time. Our club charter was received in 1988, and our first exchange was shortly thereafter. We have hosted regular club exchanges and even a themed exchange for Ballroom Dancers.

Kempsey is a town in the Mid North Coast region of New South Wales, Australia in Kempsey Shire Council. It is located 15 kilometres inland from the coast of the Pacific Ocean where the Pacific Highway and the North Coast railway line cross the Macleay River. It is roughly 450 kilometres north of Sydney. Mid North Coast of NSW, consisting of beautiful beaches and waterways, mountains, native flora and fauna, indigenous displays.



Our Exchange: We are very people orientated. The exchange would include bus trips along our beaches, displays from our local indigenous people, and an official welcome by our mayor (with a photo opportunity and trying on mayoral robes). We are famous for our Aussie BBQ, and viewing of native animals--Kangaroos, Koalas to name a few.

The Friendship Force of Western Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand



Closest major airport(s): Auckland
approx 110km

Closest Regional Airport: Hamilton
15km

We are based in the city of Hamilton (population 160,000). Western Waikato is a well established club (1990) with around 40 members from town and country.

The Waikato region is one of the richest pastoral farming areas. Dairying is the main activity, but horse breeding, wine growing and horticulture are all well represented. Hamilton is also the educational and research centre of the Waikato, with a University, a Polytech and three agricultural research stations. Hamilton is a beautiful city on the banks of the Waikato river, with many parks & gardens, a zoo, and a museum. Nearby Ngauruawahia is the home of the Maori King & hosts an annual regatta in

March. In April we have a spectacular Hot Air Balloon Festival with many balloons from overseas. We are very centrally placed in Hamilton, within 2 hours drive of Rotorua, Taupo, Auckland, Tauranga and the Coromandel and the Waitomo Caves.

Our Exchange: We communicate with our guests before their arrival and do our best to organize a programme of interest to them. A major bus trip is always organized and sometimes more than one. The opportunity to visit Rotorua is there if the group has not previously visited. We believe in fun and variety and a few surprises. Exchanges are our main reason for being and we truly enjoy hosting our guests from around the world.



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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.

*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

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.”

Other Exchanges

The website for the Friendship Force International is a great place to look for exchanges, if our club's future exchanges aren't going where you would like to go.

There is an entire catalog of exchanges available.

Find exchanges to Peru, Ireland, Panama, Russia and many other countries.

www2.thefriendshipforce.org/catalog/

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.)

MyLanguageExchange.com

Friendship Force International has an exclusive partnership with MyLanguageExchange.com, and it's a great match.

On MyLanguageExchange.com, you can practice a new language by communicating with a native speaker through online voice chats, text chats or email. Through person-to-person communication, you develop great skills and the confidence to speak up.

Those are great assets to take with you when you travel the world with the Friendship Force. Consider joining My Language Exchange to start practicing a new language before your next exchange.

Friendship Force conducts a small number of language-learning themed exchanges every year, and we look forward to growing that number through this new partnership. Read more about it on the FFI website, or contact Kathy Thomas for more information: kthomas@thefriendshipforce.org.

Moped v. Ferrari GTO

An elderly man on a Moped, looking about 90 years old, pulls up next to a doctor at a street light.

The old man looks over at the sleek shiny car and asks, "What kind of car ya got there, sonny?"

The doctor replies, "A Ferrari GTO. It cost half a million dollars!"

"That's a lot of money," says the old man. "Why does it cost so much?"

"Because this car can do up to 220 miles an hour!" states the doctor proudly.

The Moped driver asks, "Mind if I take a look inside?"

"No problem," replies the doctor.

So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Then, sitting back on his Moped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car, all right.... but I'll stick with my Moped!"

Just then the light changes, so the doctor decides to show the old man just what his car can do. He floors it, and within 30 seconds the speedometer reads 150 mph.

Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer !

He slows down to see what it could be and suddenly WHOOOOSSSHHH! Something whips by him going much faster!

"What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari?" the doctor asks himself.

He presses harder on the accelerator and takes the Ferrari up to 180 mph.

Then, up ahead of him, he sees that it's the old man on the Moped!

Amazed that the Moped could pass his Ferrari, he gives it more gas and passes the Moped at 200 mph and he's feeling pretty good until he looks in his mirror and sees the old man gaining on him AGAIN!

Astounded by the speed of this old guy, he floors the gas pedal and takes the Ferrari all the way up to 220 mph.

Not ten seconds later, he sees the Moped bearing down on him again! The Ferrari is flat out, and there's nothing he can do !

Suddenly, the Moped plows into the back of his Ferrari, demolishing the rear end.

The doctor stops and jumps out and unbelievably the old man is still alive.

He runs up to the banged-up old guy and says, "I'm a doctor.... Is there anything I can do for you ?"

The old man whispers, "Unhook my suspenders from your side view mirror!"