

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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CHEYENNE

December 2019



CALENDAR of EVENTS

December 9: Catered Christmas Party

January 13, 2010—First Meeting of the new year



Feb 26-28 thru March 4-6th, 2020 Open World visitors from
North Macedonia

April 15, 2020 Outgoing Journey to Miyagi and Kumamoto, Japan

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Monthly Meeting

6:00pm Catered Dinner
December 9



Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street

(Enter from west parking lot.)

From the Prez Corner



Hello Members,

It seems like winter weather in Cheyenne is here to stay for so time. It will not be long before we ring in the new year.

Thank you for your confidence in me that you demonstrated by re-electing me to be your Club President for the next 2 years. As we have in the past, we will need everyone to help out in making our club a success.

Tim Thorson is coordinating our incoming Open World Journey for us. Our past involvement with Open World has been very interesting and we have met some very nice people. I look forward to this again.

Many of our club members are looking forward to our springtime journey to Japan that John Kaiser is coordinating for us. Some of us have already purchased our airline tickets.

Our committee has arranged for a very nice time at our next meeting, which will be our annual Christmas Dinner. It will be enjoyable to hire a caterer to prepare our dinner for us and wash the dishes. If you can please bring a donation of non-perishable food to assist less fortunate members of our community.

I want to wish all of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

John Lee

Your Club President

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Dues are due!!

Watch for reminder email from Carolyn Webber

\$40 for an individual and

\$65 for a couple living in the same household.



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November Minutes
Friendship Force of Cheyenne
Knights of Columbus Building
507 W 28th St
November 11, 2019

John Lee called the meeting to order. There were 25 members present and two guests, Susie and Andy Sparks.

As it was Veterans Day the members who were veterans were recognized and thanked.

The meeting paused while members and guests enjoyed a hearty meal in a warm and friendly atmosphere while the temperature outside hovered at 13 degrees.

Upon resumption, John Lee reported that he submitted to Friendship International the club's choices for journey destinations in 2021: Switzerland, New Zealand and South Africa. John also added Guadalupe and Canada as alternatives in the event we aren't assigned any of the first choices. Friendship Force International will let us know in January or February what journey destinations are available to our club.

John Kaiser reported that 7 Cheyenne club members made reservations for the trip to Miyagi and Kumamoto, Japan which will begin April 15, 2020. A couple of folks from out-of-state have also signed up.

Tim Thorson said that Cheyenne Friendship Force has been approved as an Open World destination for guests from North Macedonia from February 26th – 28th to March 4th -6th, 2020. Legislature will still be in session. Kathleen Petersen can be a day host. John and Deborah Kaiser, Jim and Carolyn Webber, Tim and Elizabeth Thorson, Jan Behrens, Dennis and Barbara Guilford can host. Janet Black can host in her home but will not be available during the day. Those hosting were given Open World information forms that should be promptly completed and returned to Tim Thorson. (2915 Carey Ave, 82001) Tim Thorson and John Kaiser will be co-coordinators. Tim Bolin or Carolyn Webber will be treasurers for this journey.

Vernice Miller and Marilyn Pettit have planned a Christmas celebration to take place December 9th at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be catered at a cost of \$17.00 per person. Please remit the cost of your meal and the cost of your invited guests to Vernice Miller at 716 Silver Sage Ave, 82009 prior to December 1st. Vernice and Marilyn have planned games, singing and another fun activity, a White Elephant Exchange.

Each person attending should bring a wrapped gift to exchange that doesn't cost more than \$5.00. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the community.

John reminded the group that club dues are due by the end of December. Membership dues are \$40 for an individual and \$65 for a couple living in the same household. Membership Chairman, Carolyn Webber will send out the 2020 Membership Form by email as a reminder. Checks should be given to Carolyn at the December meeting or mailed to her at 3505 Myneer St, Cheyenne, Wy, 82009.

The club got a bit off track with election of officers. According to by-laws the offices of President and Treasurer are to be held in odd-numbered years. To get back on track John Lee was elected President and Vernice Miller was elected Treasurer. Each are to serve a two- year term.

John Lee presented on his August, 2019 Global Exchange to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and Ulan-Ude, Russia. There were about 20 in his group, 14 from The United States.

John's host lived in a one- bedroom apartment five flights up with no elevator. John spent most of the time with his host, meeting his host's wife only once during a welcome lunch. They communicated with apps on their phones.

Ulaanbaatar's busy streets with much horn honking attracted John's attention. John said his host would simply walk into the streets with his arms out and stop traffic. Ulaanbaatar has over 1.3 million people, about 45% of Mongolia's entire population. The city is a mix of old temples and new buildings. John visited many monasteries, intricate with wood carvings and saw hundreds of prayer wheels. The predominate religion is Buddhist. About one third of the population is still nomadic, living in Ger camps. A ger is like a yurt with an intricate frame that can be collapsed and transported. John even visited a gift shop in a ger situated on a wagon with wheels. John was able to stay in a tourist ger and found it very comfortable.

A highlight of Mongolia was a visit to a true nomadic camp where they were served a meal of lamb, potatoes and onions. The food was cooked on a fire built on hot stones and some of the stones were added to the pot to cook from within. These nomads moved from spot to spot with their horses. Horses are milked to produce cheese.

From Mongolia the group took a 12- hour bus ride to Ulan-Ude, Russia where road construction made the trip even more challenging as they were diverted to a poor dirt road for a portion of the ride. There were no cities in between. After the long ride they spent 3 additional hours going through customs.

Ulan-Ude has about 400,000 people, the third largest city in Russia. It's about 3,500 miles east of Moscow on The Uda River. John visited Lake Baikal on the Uda River and was told it is the oldest, deepest, cleanest, fresh- water reservoir. It is 400 miles long and one mile deep.

Religion is the Russian Orthodox Church. Shamanism is popular. Religion is not encouraged by the Communist party.

The food changed here as wheat is grown. Dumplings with meat fillings were a treat.

A tour of a historic living village was interesting with Cossacks wearing bright colors; folks enjoying games with the ankle bones of sheep.

We were mesmerized by John's numerous slides of the people, the food, the geography, the yaks, the temples, the horses, the nomads and hearing him tell of the culture, the religion, the little tricks of buying a beer to take home to the refrigerator. He liked his hosts in both countries. Following his report there were many questions. Many assumed that the members of this group had to be young but John said there was a couple in their seventies as well as a woman in her eighties.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Black
Secretary

