

# THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



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CHEYENNE

February 2019



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**February 11, 2019, 5:00 P. M—** Organizational Meeting for  
Connecticut Incoming Journey

**February 11, 2019, 6:00 P.M.—** Monthly Meeting  
Carry In dinner

**May 29-June 5, 2019** Hosting the FF of Connecticut

**July 23-27, 2019** International Friendship Force Conference  
Boulder, Colorado

**July 28-Aug 1, 2019** A “Mini-Hosting” of 10-16 delegates for 3-4 nights

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### **Monthly Meeting**

**February 11th**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Carry In**



### **Casey's Club**

507 West 28th Street

(Enter from west parking lot.)

## From the Prez Corner



We had an interesting presentation at our January meeting about an FFI journey to England. Hopefully that will instill your interest in participating in our upcoming journey to England. Dave Bentzin is our outgoing coordinator for that journey, dates have been set for September 19 – 26 in Bristol and September 26- October 3, 2019 in Derbyshire.

We will have our February Chapter meeting on February 11, at 6:00 pm at Casey's Club. We will hear an interesting presentation by Tim and Elizabeth Thorson about their recent trip to Georgia and Ukraine. I hope to see all of you there and I encourage you to bring a friend.

Carolyn Webber, Membership Chairperson has compiled our current list of members' information. We currently have 41 members. See email sent by Dave, please verify that your information is correct and have Carolyn make any necessary corrections.

Planning is underway for the incoming journey from our FFI friends in Connecticut in May-June 2019. Barbara Guilford and Marilyn Pettit will act as co-coordinators

The notes from the "Field Representative conference call:

FFI mission... HOST, TRAVEL, RECUIT, CONNECT Clubs need to continue finding ways to recruit membership; innovative Journeys; engage new members to get involved with in-coming and out-going journeys. 300 members have signed up for the FFI International Conference in Boulder, CO, July23-27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

I think our chapter is doing very well at our mission.

*John Lee*



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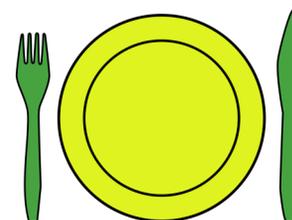
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**Always** yummy food at each monthly meeting's carry in dinner



**Don't Forget your own place setting!!!!**



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**Friendship Force of Cheyenne  
Board Meeting  
January 14, 2019  
Casey's Club  
507 W 28<sup>th</sup>**

President, John Lee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: John Lee, John Kaiser, Carolyn Webber, Dave Bentzin, Tim Thorson, Barbara Guilford and Janet Black.

John Lee told the group that treasurer, Vernice Miller, would not be attending so there would be no treasurer's report. The group was saddened to learn of the death of Vernice's brother.

It was decided to continue meeting at Casey's Club through 2019. Members appreciate the lack of stairs, which is helpful when carrying pot-luck dinner items.

Barbara Guilford announced that Tim Thorson and Elizabeth Thorson will be the speakers for the February meeting and that they would be speaking on their recent visit to Ukraine and to Georgia. Barbara is going to check with Deb Kaiser to determine if there is a time that the LCCC student who received a scholarship from Friendship Force will be available to do a presentation for the club.

Carolyn Webber, Membership Chairman, prepared a new membership list, which she gave to those present. She reported that we now have 40 members, an increase by 2 over last year. She reported that we have a new member, Franny Fox. Carolyn asked if the Board wanted her to have everyone who attends sign in at every meeting. They agreed that it was a good idea and suggested a check list format.

John Lee said that we need a coordinator for incoming guests from Connecticut from May 29 to June 5, 2019.

John Kaiser said that it is customary for the club to offer to pay for the president of the club to attend International Friendship Force Conference. This year it will be held in Boulder, Colorado from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. Dave Bentzin asked that people be thinking of possible small gifts that could be given from Cheyenne to those attending the conference. They expect between 300 -400 people.

Carolyn Webber said that she would like to go to the conference if there were another person with whom she could partner.

Dave Bentzin reported that there would be individual hosting of folk who would like to visit Cheyenne for a few days after International Friendship Force Conference. Michael and Jerri Nelson will be hosting 3 ladies; two are traveling together from Dayton and another from Atlanta. Three additional ladies asked for hosting in Cheyenne. Cheyenne was not listed by Friendship Force international on this trip.

Dave Bentzin has submitted a request to Friendship Force International for an outgoing trip to Northern Japan.

Dave Bentzin is the outgoing coordinator for the trip to Bristol, England and to Derbyshire, England. Bristol has informed Dave that Sept 17th or Sept 18th are they dates they would like guests to arrive in Bristol. Dave will set the date and research hosting capacity. He does have interest from other clubs who would like to go on the trip

Dave mentioned that there is an administrative fee to Atlanta of \$150 per club and that there is a fee paid by each individual to the clubs hosting us. John Kaiser looked up air fares for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Dave mentioned there would also be bus fees.

Tim Thorson said of the Open World hosting that all of the required paperwork for the Russian delegation in November had been accepted by FFI. Both FFI and Open World were very happy with the visit - especially the programming. Pallie at FFI was very happy with the reports and photos. Compared to the Ukrainian delegation in February, the Russian delegates themselves seemed a bit disappointed with Cheyenne, mostly due to the size of the community and no reflection on our club.

Due to our club's track record, FFI asked Cheyenne to host a high-level group from Central Asia in March. Dave Bentzin declined after discussing it with John Kaiser, Tim Thorson and John Lee because of schedule conflicts with other club projects and the amount of work required to coordinate this type of delegation. The board supported the decision.

Tim Thorson suggested that Friendship Force Cheyenne policies be discussed at the next board meeting and then put before the membership for review and discussion.

In some cases, these are restatements of FFI policies and require review for awareness rather than approval. In other cases, these are FFC policies that should be reviewed prior to board approval.

John Lee adjourned The Board meeting. The next Board meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Casey's Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Black, Secretary



Friendship Force is a non-profit cultural organization focused on promoting understanding, cultural education and citizen diplomacy through homestay Journeys and personal friendships. We are based in more than **60 countries and in six continents, with 15,000 active members and over 300 Journeys taking place each year.**

Through these exciting personal encounters, strangers become friends – and we know that by experiencing different views, you can discover common ground.

Our programs bring diverse people together into each other's cultures and homes to share one-of-a-kind experiences not available to regular tourists.

### The Friendship Force of Cheyenne Monthly Meeting January 14, 2019

Membership Chairman, Carolyn Webber, greeted members and guests at the door. Carolyn is asking that all sign in at the door to help keep an accurate accounting for historical archives. Marilyn Pettit and Kathleen Petersen set up the tables for the pot luck dinner.

President, John Lee, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He introduced Patty Stevens, guest of Carolyn and Jim Webber, and Cathie McCallum of Friendship Force of Northern Colorado. He welcomed new member, Frannie Fox. John also welcomed Betty Jean Pearson, a long-time member who has not been able to attend meetings for some time.

John Lee resumed the meeting after members and guests had been served dinner. John Lee asked for the report of the audit committee. Judy Eatman presented John a written report and John reported to the group that it was satisfactory.

John Lee informed the club that Vernice Miller was not present as her brother had recently died in a vehicle accident.

John Lee asked for a volunteer to coordinate the incoming guests from Connecticut. Barbara Guilford volunteered so long as Marilyn Pettit would act as co-coordinator. Barbara Guilford and Marilyn Pettit it is! Friendship Force of Connecticut will be here from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

John Lee announced the International Friendship Force Conference will be held in Boulder, Colorado from July 23-27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is an excellent opportunity for folks to attend because of the close proximity to Cheyenne.

Dave Bentzin announced that Jerri and Michael Nelson will be hosting 3 ladies for a few days after the conference. He has another two ladies who would like to come to Cheyenne after the conference. Patty Stevens volunteered to host them. This is independent hosting not affiliated with Friendship Force.

Dave is the coordinator for the outgoing journey to Derbyshire, England and Bristol, England. Dave said that he would nail down exact dates, hosting capacity, fees and build a budget.

Dave Bentzin notified the club that he sent a request to Friendship Force International for an outgoing journey to Northern Japan.

An outgoing journey to Alabama is planned in 2020.

Membership Chairman, Carolyn Webber announced that the club now has 40 members. Twenty members and guests were present this evening.

Program Chairman, Barbara Guilford announced that Tim and Elizabeth Thorson will present the February program on their trip to Ukraine and Georgia. Patty Stevens will present in March on her trip to Cuba. Architect, Mike Dixon will present in April on the Capitol Complex renovation. John Kaiser will present on his trip to Hanoi in May.

John Lee introduced Cathie McCallum of Friendship Force of Northern Colorado. Cathie presented excellent photos and told of her 2018 journey to Bristol, England. Her talk emphasized the beauty of the countryside, economic development, architecture, history and the friendliness of the people. Cathie said that every person will have a somewhat different experience as many of the hosts live outside the Bristol area. She noted that the weather was pleasant and that we should expect that as we will be going at approximately the same time of year. Cathie McCallum was an enthusiastic and gracious speaker and her presentation was especially welcome as a preparation for the club’s journey to Bristol in September.

John Lee thanked Cathie McCallum and adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

The February meeting will be February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Casey’s Club. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Black, Secretary



Betty Jean Pearson with FF guest, Patty Stevens



Judy Eaton under our FF banner



**Register** for the conference from the Friendship Force International website:

[www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org)



## February Guest Speakers: Elizabeth & Tim Thorson

They will share highlights from their October 2018 visit to Ukraine and the Republic of Georgia. In Ukraine, they stayed with delegates that Friendship Force of Cheyenne hosted in February 2018 through the congressional Open World Leadership Center. In Georgia, Tim gave a lecture at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, which he attended in 2016. Together, the Thorsons ventured beyond Tbilisi to experience ancient monasteries, vineyards and the vibrant culture of today's Georgia.



## UPCOMING Events:

### *Hosting FF Connecticut*

Cheyenne FF will be holding an organizing meeting at 5 pm. February 11 at Casey's Club to prepare for FF Journey # 15368 from Connecticut, May 29-June 5, 2019. Barbara Guilford and Marilyn Petit will be the Coordinators of the Journey. All members are invited to attend this extra meeting for planning before the regular FF dinner and program



### *Journey to England ...September 2019*

Our host clubs in England have set the dates for our visit next September.

- Thurs. Sep. 19 - 26 FF of Bristol, and
- Thurs. Sep. 26 - Oct 3 FF of Derbyshire

Both of these clubs are relatively small, so their hosting capacity is a maximum of 15 Ambassadors. You are invited to apply to become an Ambassador on this interesting FF Journey. Dave Bentzin has sent out an invitation to all members, asking them to complete the FFI application and return it to him.

