

# THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force  
CHEYENNE



March 2019

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

**March 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 8-Aug 1, 2019** A “Mini-Hosting” of 10-16 delegates for 3-4 nights

**Sept 19-Oct 3 2019—**Outgoing Journey to Bristol and Derbyshire, England

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### Monthly Meeting

**March 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 by Tim and Elizabeth Thorson about their recent trip to Georgia and Ukraine. They are a very adventurous couple.

We will have a presentation from Patty Stevens on her trip to Cuba at our March meeting. That should be very interesting.

Planning is well underway for the incoming journey from our FFI friends in Connecticut, May 29 - June 5, 2019. Barbara Guilford and Marilyn Pettit are our co-coordinators. They are putting together an interesting agenda. I am sure that will be asking for more assistance as the time of arrival gets near.

Don't forget to sign up for the FFI International Conference in Boulder, CO, July 23-27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I expect this conference will never be hosted any closer that Colorado.

I will be out of town the day of our March meeting. I will be participating on a bike ride in the Moab, Utah area with John Kaiser.

*John Lee*

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February Minutes  
Friendship Force of Cheyenne  
Casey's Club  
507 W 28<sup>th</sup>  
February 11, 2019

Kathleen Petersen and Dennis Guilford set up the tables for the pot luck dinner. Carolyn Webber greeted members and guests. 24 people attended the meeting.

President, John Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced his guest, Kathy Muller Ogle. Also introduced were Phil and Christine Skew Pucel and Kathy Seldon.

Barbara Guilford updated the group on plans she and Marilyn Pettit have made with Friendship Force guests who will be coming from Connecticut on May 29<sup>th</sup>. They are planning to take them to Ft Laramie rather than to Snowy Range as the weather may still be too cold for a pleasant trip. Barbara and Marilyn expect 10 guests, three couples and four single women. Barbara passed around a sign-up sheet for those who would like to host these guests.

Dave Bentzin updated the group on the outgoing trip to Bristol and Derbyshire, England. The dates to be in England are September 19<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The trip is limited to 15 ambassadors with Friendship Force of Cheyenne being given top priority. Dave said he has received queries from members of other clubs who are interested in going on the trip. The process is to fill out an application, make a non-refundable deposit, purchase travel insurance and complete a profile. Dave urged everyone to respond as soon as possible as the hosts in England would like to have the information on those they are hosting soon. Please contact Dave Bentzin, outgoing coordinator, for an application form at [dbentzin@yahoo.com](mailto:dbentzin@yahoo.com).

John Lee then introduced our speakers for the evening, Tim and Elizabeth Thorson who gave an extraordinary presentation on their 29 days trip to Ukraine and The Republic of Georgia. They showed a map outlining their route, which was especially helpful. The slides they selected were exceptional. Especially interesting to us was their reconnection with guests Friendship Force of Cheyenne hosted last February. It was fun for us to see photos of these friends in their home environments with their families. After Ukraine they went to The Republic of Georgia where Tim had attended school. They were able to reconnect with friends from there as well. Tim and Elizabeth had a journey filled with adventure, unique dining experiences, culture and friendship. Highlights of the trip were Arundel, Lviv, Ternopil, Odessa and in Georgia, Tbilisi. They brought to us a better understanding of the geography, the economy and the political climate.

John Lee adjourned the meeting with a reminder that the next meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>. Cheyenne Friendship Force will be celebrating World Friendship Day by inviting LCCC students who received our scholarship. We are fortunate to hear a program by Patty Stevens about her trip to Cuba and her contacts there.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Black, Secretary



Elizabeth and Tim Thorson speaking on their trip to Ukraine and Republic of Georgia

**March program will include a talk by Patty Stevens about her trip to Cuba and short presentations from the LCCC international students who are recipients of the Friendship Force annual scholarship.**



**Make new friends and keep the old.....**

**Register for the World Conference**

## UPCOMING Events:

### *Hosting FF Connecticut*

Cheyenne FF will be holding an second organizing meeting at 5 pm. March 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

## **Progress on Incoming Journey from Connecticut**

Marilyn Pettit, Kathleen Petersen, Dave Bentzin, Carolyn Webber met with me to begin planning for our Exchange with Connecticut before our February meeting. So far we have a Wish list of things the visitors want to do in Wyoming and our committee is filling in the details. We still have hosting opportunities and need volunteers for driving, day trips and setting up the Welcome and Farewell Dinners. My wish is that everyone in our club stretches themselves a bit and learns something new about Wyoming or Connecticut. Marilyn tells us that there is a Torrington, CT. Is there a Connection with Connecticut? Stay Tuned and see Marilyn or myself to volunteer. We will meet again at 5 pm on March 11.

Barbara Guilford

### *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.

Dave reports that this journey is almost full. Please contact him ASAP if you want to join the group.



Daylight Savings Time starts

March 10 !!!!