

# THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force  
CHEYENNE

May 2019



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**May 13, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**— Monthly Meeting Carry In dinner

**May 29-June 4, 2019** Hosting the FF of Connecticut

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

**July 28-Aug 1, 2019** A “Mini-Hosting” after the Boulder Conference

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

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### Monthly Meeting

**May 13**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Carry In**



### Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street  
(Enter from west parking lot.)

## From the Prez Corner



Word from the Pres.....

Well it seems like spring should be here soon, as I write this it is snowing. Our activities will be picking up soon; incoming from Connecticut in May/June; International conference in Boulder, CO in July; picnic in August; outgoing to England in September. It should be a great year. I'm communicating with the FF Chapters in Alabama that will host us in 2020. John Kaiser has volunteered to be Journey Coordinator for our trip to Japan also in 2020.

I hope to see all of you at our May meeting.

*John Lee*



In Wyoming, it's  
**snow showers** that  
bring May flowers!!!



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**It's not too late.....Register for the World Conference**



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April Minutes  
Friendship Force of Cheyenne  
Casey's Club  
507 W 28<sup>th</sup>

Carolyn Webber greeted new guests and members at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Friendship Force Club meeting. Kathleen Petersen set up the tables and the serving table for the pot luck dinner.

In John Lee's absence, Tim Thorson opened the meeting with greetings and introduced new guests: Bea & Squy Wallace, Josh Crawford, Graham Myers, Bruce Thomson and Kathy Ogle. There were 19 members present.

Barbara Guilford gave a presentation on the incoming journey from Connecticut which will take place from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5, 2019. Barbara is going to submit a detailed report for the newsletter.

Dave Bentzin said that plans are in place for the outgoing trip to Bristol and Derbyshire, England from September 19<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tim Thorson introduced our guest speaker, Mike Dixon.

**MICHAEL DIXON, FAIA/architect  
a fellow of the American Institute of Architects**

After maintaining a practice in architecture with a focus on historic preservation for 32 years in St. Charles, Illinois, Mike joined the **United States Peace Corps**, spending three years in **Ukraine** helping with the recovery of its culture and customs from 2011 until an abrupt evacuation in 2014 due to the revolution and the invasion by Russia\* and, afterwards, accepted six month Peace Corps "Response" assignments in **Armenia** in 2015 and, in 2016, **Kosovo**.

Mike presently is the Site Architect and Historic Preservation Consultant for the Wyoming State Capitol Building in Cheyenne, a project to be completed in 2019. He is also a proud volunteer at the Wyoming State Museum. Mike focused his presentation on his experiences and discoveries at the Capitol Building.

Mike detailed what an extensive project this is. There has been no renovation in 132 years. Saving and planning have taken place for 15 years. This is a 129,000 square foot building with only two toilets, no sprinkler system, and isn't in compliance with the American Disabilities Act.

Infrastructure needs were dealt with first, building infrastructure cores on all floors. The central Utility Plant was replaced and expanded to accommodate additional equipment. The underground tunnel was expanded almost all the way to 26<sup>th</sup> St.

Care has been taken to restore the buildings. Mike praised the craftsmanship of the workers who have special and unique abilities. He made a "Wall of Heroes" to give recognition to the workers on this project. The plan is to have the Capitol ready for public viewing on July 10<sup>th</sup>, Statehood Day.

Mike Dixon's presentation was detailed and exceptionally interesting and delightful with insider secrets and stories of the interesting backgrounds of the craftsmen who came from all over to work on this project.

The speaker for the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is John Kaiser, who will talk about his visit to Vietnam.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Black  
Secretary



Capitol Building / Cheyenne, Wyoming

Our man at the Capitol--We have been so lucky to have Mike Dixon who again will be a day host for tour of State Museum and a walking tour of downtown Cheyenne for the Connecticut incoming journey in May .

Can you find our imbedded FF Members?

***Meet our new Members!!*****Vernice Miller**

I joined Friendship Force of Cheyenne the Fall of 2017 and am very excited for this journey to England. This will be my first Friendship Force Journey and my first visit to England.

I was born and raised in North Dakota and moved to Wyoming about 35 years ago. I am a retired educator having worked 22 years with our local school district, first as Parent Resource Coordinator and then Special Education Triad Consultant.



I have three children: Jacy, a daughter, lives in Cheyenne and works as a Medicaid waiver provider. She is mom to my only grandchild, Anessa. Seth and his wife, Nancy, live in Boston, Massachusetts, where he is a Professor of Geology at Boston College, and Nancy is sign language interpreter. My youngest son, Ladd, lives with me. He has cerebral palsy, uses a motorized wheelchair, and works one afternoon a week at the YMCA. My family loves dogs and in the three households, we have four dogs.

My interests include flower gardening in the spring and summer, watching football in the fall, taking pictures and traveling any time of year. I have traveled to approximately 25 countries and enjoy learning about the history and people of each country. I especially enjoy seeing the natural wonders of a country and its birds and animals.

**Frances "Franny" Fox**

I am a new member of Friendship Force in Cheyenne, WY USA. The opportunity to travel again to the UK was the catalyst. Being my own real estate manager affords me the time to pursue my interests, which are many. I enjoy hiking, riding horses, and gardening. I sing with three choral groups and with our choir at St. Mary's Cathedral. I have taken four European tours. Having grown up on a farm in Maryland, I also love being around animals.

**Carol Miller**

I am a long-time resident of Wyoming but a new resident of Cheyenne. I moved July 1, 2018 and joined Friendship Force as soon as I got settled in. I am so excited to welcome visitors to my new city. I am anxious to explore everything old, rustic, historic and western.

For the past 50 years I have resided in Torrington. My two sons were busy, busy, busy ... and were involved in scouts, camping, boating, fishing and varsity high school sports. My oldest, Marc, graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota, lived in Japan, and won a National Championship with their tennis team. My youngest, Jeff, graduated from Ferris State College in Michigan, and became a Golf Professional. Today, after years in the sport business, Marc owns a Business Consulting firm in Minneapolis, and Jeff manages a bowling and recreation facility in Wisconsin. They each have sons and stay active with non-profit work and various sporting activities.



While in Torrington, I managed a nice little women's clothing store - Ardies Smart Shop. After 15 years, I bought it, changed the name to Adorn and enjoyed serving my customers for another 17 years. I travelled the US finding great clothing and jewelry for my awesome customers who often-times travelled 4+ hours to shop with me.

My busy little clothing shop allowed me to travel. I have been blessed to be able to take journeys through Turkey, China, France, the Nordic countries, Panama, Alaska and many other exciting voyages through the USA. I love meeting new people and embracing new cultures ... the smells, the sights, the faces and smiles.

I sold my business prior to moving to Cheyenne, and I now love volunteering at the Civic Center, the hospital, and the botanical gardens. Being able to help others day in and day out keeps me young and alive

I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.



## Peg Fandrich

Newly retired , the opportunity to join Friendship Force Cheyenne presented itself. Since joining, I have enjoyed presentations that affirm the power of worldwide positive personal connections.

Originally from a very small Eastern Montana town that blended ranching culture and industrial culture (coal mining and electricity production ), I look back and celebrate opportunities for education and personal growth provided by a family and community that cared. After graduating with a class of 14, (seven girls, seven boys), I went off to college. I earned a teaching degree. Several years later, I earned two graduate degrees in psychology. I have worked as a teacher, a private practice therapist and a School Psychologist.



Life took me to Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia for 14 years. Respecting diversity and interest in learning helped me acclimate to significant cultural differences including use of language. I moved back to Montana in 1985, and then in 2000, moved to Cheyenne. I love adventure in many forms. I like learning, travel, hiking, exploring, museums, art, dancing, cooking, storytelling and music. I play piano. I have currently challenged myself to learn thread painting and digitizing. Since retirement, I have employed my love of solving puzzles to create pottery and to design and sew costumes for my nine grandchildren. Three of my five children live in Colorado. One lives in Massachusetts and one in Georgia.

When asked what I like best about Brazil during my first trip there, I replied, "The people." I enjoyed the activities, the scenery, museums and trips to special destinations like Iguazu Falls. I attended a potluck picnic for the International Capoeira Tournament participants and families, I met inquisitive children and their parents who wanted to know about Cheyenne. With the help of Google translate, we shared stories about our families and communities.



## Visitors from the Constitution State

What connections do the 3 C's have in Common? We'll soon find out. Our guests will soon be here and our committee hopes that each and everyone of you can be involved. Take your pick and sign up at our next meeting May 13. **Most of the activities are free but if you want to join us for a meal, there may be a charge. If you are a driver or a host your meal is free but we all have to submit reservations. You can e-mail Carolyn Webber for a reservation.** She will be gone until May 11 (don't expect a reply), but she definitely will be at the next meeting on May 13 to accept your checks. We are getting John Kaiser back from his trip to Vietnam who will be presenting the Program on May 13. Take a look at the following page to find out how you can participate in this Journey with our guests from Connecticut.

**Journey #15368 SCHEDULE, CHEYENNE, WY/CONNECTICUT FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUBS**

May 29: Arrival Cheyenne at Red Lion Hotel, 5:10 pm, hosts pick up guests

May 30: Meet at State Museum 9:30 am for Walking Tour of Cheyenne, Mike Dixon

Lunch at 2-DOORS DOWN

2:00 pm: Tour of Old West Museum, Wil Madrid; Cowgirls of the West, Marilyn Pettit

6:00 pm: Welcome Dinner, Franny Fox's home, 318 Ponderosa Trail

May 31: 9-10:15 am, UPRR Museum, Day Guide Tony Adams

10:30-11:45: Meet with Cheyenne Mayor Orr

12pm: Lunch at the ALBANY

2:30 pm: NCAR Tour, John Lee, (no high heels or open toe shoes, no food or drinks)

Evening at Depot Square for food & Entertainment.

June 1: 7:30 am. Meet at Webbers for bus travel to view Oregon Trail Ruts, Register Cliff,

11:45am-12:30pm, Picnic Area Ft. Laramie, Box Lunch, Day Guide, Marilyn Pettit

Ft. Laramie Activities, Video, Canon Drill, Ranger Tour, and free time for exploration

3:30 pm-5 pm visit to SAREC Research Center

Dinner at EMPORIUM in Hawk Springs.

June 2: FREE DAY, Choice of Hosts and Guests, Laramie County Library, Church, Rest, etc.

June 3: 7:45 am Meet at Casey's, Drive to Ames Monument, Summit Lincoln Highway

10am-11:30 Scheduled Tour Wyoming Territorial Prison Historic Site

Lunch 12:00-1:30 pm. CORONA VILLAGE

2:00 pm., Tour American Heritage Center, Art Museum, Perhaps Geological Museum

Home through Curt Gowdy State Park, Barbara Guilford, Day Guide, Dinner with Hosts

June 4: 9 am Meet Casey's Club, Vernice Miller, Drive to Pine Bluffs Texas Trail Museum, 201

W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, City Mural, and Our Lady of Peace, Lunch in Pine Bluffs, CAFÉ 307, 705 Parsons

5 pm, Tour Botanic Gardens, Carole Miller

6-8pm, Farewell Dinner, Botanic Gardens

Departure via Green Ride

Sincerely,  
Barbara Guilford  
Marilyn Pettit

**2 DOORS DOWN, \$15**

**ALBANY, \$17**

**BOX LUNCH, \$10. EMPORIUM, \$20**

**CORONA VILLAGE, \$17**

**CAFÉ 307, \$14**

**BOTANIC GARDENS, \$20**

**Contact Carolyn Webber to join  
our guests at any of these meals**

UPCOMING Journeys .....

**And Don't Forget what's coming up.....,,,**

**International Friendship Conference in Boulder, Colorado**

**July 23-27, 2019**



***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

**Trip to Japan 2020!!!**

Japan in September, 2020. The destinations will be Miyagi in Sendai and Kumamoto in Kyushu.

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Plus +++ yummy carry in dinners with amazing, interesting presentations Sept thru May .

Summer picnic with the Northern Colorado club and other fun activities.

And the opportunity to join other clubs for journeys to locations on YOUR bucket list!!