

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE

November 2019



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Oct 11, 2019 6:00 Cheyenne FF carry-in and meeting
Presenter John Lee, Appoint Nominating Committee, 2020 Officers
and his trip to Mongolia and Siberia.

December 9: Catered X-Mas Party, Marilyn Pettit will make catering
arrangements. Entertainment TBA

Upcoming programs—subject to change if needed

February Meeting: LCCC Award winner Recipient

March Meeting: Joe Dougherty and Marion Yoder: Puerto Rico Trip

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Monthly Meeting

6:00pm Carry In Dinner
November 11



Casey's Club

507 West 28th Street

From the Prez Corner



I can't believe the day-light-savings time is over and it is time for me to write another note for our newsletter.

We had a great journey to visit our new friends in England. Read more about it in this newsletter. If you attend our November meeting I will tell you about my interesting journey to Mongolia and Siberia.

Our club has been sponsoring a scholarship for an international student for many years. Our Vice President, Tim Thorson and I had a very nice lunch hosted by the LCCC Foundation for all sponsors and recipients of scholarships at LCCC. We did not have an opportunity to meet our recipient as he/she did not attend. Tim agreed to make contact with this person and invite them to our February meeting to speak about their home land.

John Kaiser is communicating with our new friends we will meet in Japan next year. He may have more information to share with us at our meeting. I submitted our requests to journey in 2021. We should hear back from Atlanta early next year.

I hope to see you all at our meeting next week.

John Lee

President, FF Cheyenne

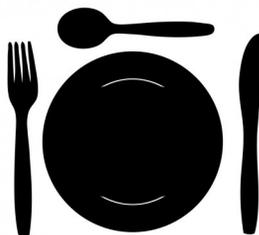
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Please remember to bring your own place settings for the monthly carry-in dinners



Purchasing disposable plates, cups, knives and forks takes away from other uses of these funds

October Minutes
Friendship Force of Cheyenne
Knights of Columbus Building
507 W 28th St
October 14, 2019

John Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were 18 members and five visitors present. Lisa Provance is our newest member.

After a delicious pot-luck dinner, John Kaiser reported on the upcoming trip to Miyagi and Kumamoto, Japan which is scheduled to take place beginning April 15th, 2020. Information from Japan has been slim and John expects there will be little forthcoming for the next few weeks due to the typhoon in Japan.

The big order of business for the evening was the determination of priority destinations for outgoing journeys in 2021. The final vote was: First Choice: Switzerland with a 2nd week in any European country. Second Choice: New Zealand. Third Choice: South Africa. John Lee will submit this to Friendship Force international prior to the November 1st deadline.

Jim and Carolyn Webber presented a power-point program describing their journey to Japan March 21st to April 2, 2019. They thanked their daughter, Barbara Brennan for help with the computer. Jim and Carolyn had many interesting photos of their journey depicting places of historical interest; parks, stores, train stations and people they met. They communicated with their hosts mainly through a language app on Carolyn's phone. Highlights of the trip in Carolyn's words:

“Upon arrival in Tokyo, we were able to visit with our step-grandson and his wife for three nights. Tokyo has millions of people in a relatively small area, so most people live in apartment houses, do not own cars, but depend on local trains.

The next phase of our trip was “on our own” with one day each in Kyoto (the original capitol of Japan with historical temples) and Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima.

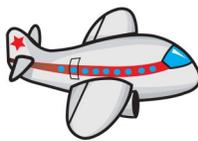
Then on to Kumamoto where we met with Friendship Force members of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and our Friendship Force home hosts from Kumamoto. It was a wonderful week of fellowship with members of both FF clubs, seeing in person how friendly and respectful Japanese people are! A bonus for this journey was viewing the cherry blossom trees in bloom!”



John Lee will present at the November 11th meeting on his trip to Mongolia and Siberia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Black



OUR JOURNEY to BRISTOL and DERBYSHIRE, ENGLAND

By Dave Bentzin, Journey Coordinator

It was a great pleasure to lead our full Ambassador group of twelve- nine from our club; Clarke Storle & Dianne Bashutski from the FF of Medicine Hat; and Kristin Hill from the FF of Salt Lake City. Special help was provided by Kristin as she created our Profile Book; John Kaiser who advised on traveling between Heathrow and the clubs; and Vernice Miller who did a fabulous job as Journey Treasurer.

The members of each English club were welcoming hosts, and enthusiastic guides as they introduced us to their special places. The following essays give the flavor of our experiences. Read on.

Dave

FIRST TIME TRAVELER - FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL by Peg Fandrich

Visiting stately homes, castles, cathedrals, graveyards, a tramway museum, ships, bridges, shops, hiking through fields and a glass blowing operation provided an interesting backdrop for making connections and developing new friendships. A purchase at a market that had existed for 900 years reminded me of the connection we share with the people of the UK. I saw evidence of work ethic, engineering feats, cattle auctions, and worship in places that had existed for centuries. I saw evidence of conflict that ravaged some communities (King Henry VIII). The resilience of the people who lived on was remarkable. In some respects, their history is our history. While the aforementioned proved interesting, nothing could take the place of meeting and interacting with special people. People who hosted us, people who traveled with us, people who guided us and unexpected people who enthralled us with their stories. People who provided ample and delicious meals. People who opened their homes to us for the duration of the visit. I expected all of that. I delighted in the unexpected and will share three of those events!

While walking along a canal, we encountered a Welsh woman who enthralled us with her story about the sign in her back yard that read, "Cwth." I believe it's pronounced, "Cutch." It referred to a hug. She told a story of offering a fellow at work a hug because he seemed to need one. He allegedly pushed her away even though she thought he needed an uplift. Her enthusiastic kindness resonated with me. I loved the idea of caring and kindness across the globe.

At Chavenage, a 16thC. Elizabethan manor house, the owner's daughter, our guide, provided us with opportunity to chuckle at her anecdotes delivered with dry humor. She explained the reason for opening their home to tours (financial) and regaled us with tales of past and present visitors. Oliver Cromwell had visited there in the 1650s as well as the actors in Poldark while filming. The front of the house and parts of the inside of the house appear in PBS episodes of Poldark. The other guide regaled us with tales of ghosts and a young man who thought a gift of a lock from the decapitated King's hair and two stones would help woo a potential bride. I admired the courage and hard work of the family as they sought to preserve their heritage.

The third amazing encounter with the owner and founder of the Bristol Blue Glass Works topped all other encounters for me. He had worked his own glass blowing operation, taught glass workers abroad at places like Corning and apprenticed people in his shop until he had contracted Lyme Disease. While watching his master glass blower create a beautiful goblet, he told us he had recently left his deathbed to return to work. He had consulted top physicians to no avail. A fellow sufferer of Lyme suggested altering his diet to protein only. With reluctance, several months after the suggestion, he tried the suggestion with the end result of being able to return to work, albeit not quite back to his former energy level. He allowed himself 1 pint a week in addition to the diet. His will to live, to create, to teach, and to share, as well as his gratitude for his continued life touched me deeply.

As a first time traveler with Friendship Force International, I appreciated the interactions with my fellow travelers. We came to know and appreciate each other more fully throughout the adventure. Hopefully this deeper friendship will persevere.

In friendship,

Peg

OUR JOURNEY TO BRISTOL by Carole Miller

We assembled at Heathrow Airport for departure to Bristol. We were greeted by Carol Duckett, Bristol club President, and Gloria Woodman. After traveling several hours by coach we arrived in Bristol. Upon arrival we were treated to a Welcome Party where we met our hosts and enjoyed the first of many "Afternoon Teas". There our adventure begins. Bristol sits on several hills around the River Avon. Where once ocean-going vessels were constructed, now small workshops repair leisure craft; where busy commercial traffic passed, sailboards and dinghies now are on the river. Bristol embraces visitors and leisure activities.

Early on our first day we met with Her Honor the Lord Mayor in the 13th C. Lord Mayor's Chapel. We were then police escorted thru a protest crowd of global warming activists to her parlour (office) in the Council Hall. She told us about her city and the many events she attends. After a few questions from our group we were on to St Mary Redcliff Church, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture over 800 years old, for a lunch of "bangers and mash".

All ambassadors had a free day with their hosts. My highlights included the Clevedon Pier on Bristol Bay, built in the Victorian heyday to receive paddle steamer passengers from Devon and Wales. We visited the Clifton Suspension Bridge designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a feat of Victorian engineering. My host Pat then drove me to the Cotswolds to visit Berkeley Castle, a beautiful and historic Castle begun in 1154 and still the home of the Berkeley family. Many films and TV shows have been filmed there including *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *Poldark* – series 2, 3, and 4. Filming was being done while we visited which was fun to "be on set".

We had a Coach trip across the Severn Bridge to Tintern in the Wye Valley in Wales. After a coffee at the Old Railway Station we walked along the Wye River trail to the Tintern Abbey ruins. The next day we visited Chavenage. Our tour thru this Elizabethan house was conducted by the daughter of the family. She told us opening her home to tours was indeed a family business as her brother also conducted tours. She said her sister made the "cream tea" and it was delicious. Someone asked if her parents, probably in their 80's, were active in the running of the estate. She said, "Did you see that old man out in the parking lot picking up cigarette butts? That was my father." She was very chatty and funny!

One day was spent in Bath where the Roman Baths complex is a historical well-preserved site once used for public bathing. The Royal Crescent Hotel of the mid 1700's is now a row of 30 terraced houses laid out in a sweeping crescent. The Circus is a historic street of large townhouses, also mid 1700's, forming a perfect circle. It's said prior residents were Thomas Gainsborough and actor Nicholas Cage. Bath is the home of *Jane Eyre*. Our day ended with time in Bath Abbey and an organ recital.

We ended our week in Bristol with a Farewell Party of Fish and Chips and a game of "skittles", their version of our bowling. We talked about our individual activities such as a night of big band music with an 18 piece band, time at the Bristol Blue Factory, visits to several old marketplaces, local garden club dinner and auction and so much more. Our hosts were generous in hospitality and with a joyous spirit. We left with a tear in our eye and a promise to stay in touch.



NEWS FROM BRISTOL by Clarke Storle and Dianne Bashutski

The “Programme” of the FF of Bristol included a “Flexible Day”. Our choice was to visit the famous university city of Oxford with our hosts, Jeffrey and Ritva Bamforth. They live in Swindon and introduced us to **The Magic Roundabout**. Roundabouts are common in England, but we were somewhat taken unawares by The Magic Roundabout. It consists of five interconnected roundabouts that surprisingly move traffic quite well.



We then stopped at the Caen Hill Locks that consist of 29 locks over 2 miles and were completed in 1810. An interesting vacation in England is to rent a canal narrowboat and traverse part of the canal system.

Then, we visited Lacock Abbey and the village that surrounds it. Ela, Countess of Salisbury, founded Lacock Abbey in 1232. The cloister and rooms are an example of medieval monastic architecture.

Tudor courtier, Sir William Sharington, purchased the Abbey after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 by King Henry VIII and turned it into his country house. It was held in the Talbot family until 1944 when it was turned over to the National Trust.

In 1835 William Henry Fox Talbot created the first photographic negative at Lacock Abbey. This is commemorated by the Museum of Photography.

Martha Talbot was surprised to inherit Lacock in 1916. She was conscious of her duties towards all who lived and worked on the Estate. During times of hardship, Matilda sold some of the Abbey collection to improve the homes of the tenants in Lacock village. In 1944 she gave the estate to the National Trust.

The village of Lacock is featured in the movie, Downton Abbey, as the village of Downton.

Now it was time to visit Oxford. Upon arriving, we could see many of the University and College buildings. Our hosts took us into the Bodleian Library, established 1602, which is the main research library for the University of Oxford and contains 12 million items.

We also visited the History of Science Museum. This museum contains a collection of approximately 20,000 objects from all aspects of the history of science, from antiquity to the early 1900s. It has an excellent collection of astrolabes, sundials, and early mathematical instruments, as well as apparatus associated with chemistry, medicine, and communication.

What a day! Thanks to Jeffrey and Ritva.

A SPECIAL VISIT TO LINCOLN by Clarke Storle and Dianne Bashutski

During the Derbyshire exchange our hosts, Adrian & Lesley Sumner, took us to Lincoln- a cathedral city and county town of Lincolnshire in the East Midlands of England. It is an historic area on the site of the Roman city of Lindum Colonia, which was developed from an Iron Age settlement on the River Witham. The city's landmarks include Lincoln Cathedral, an example of English Gothic architecture and the tallest building in the world for over 200 years, and the 11th-century Norman Lincoln Castle.

Lincoln Cathedral



Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln Minster, or the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, and sometimes St Mary's Cathedral is the seat of the Anglican Bishop of Lincoln. Construction commenced in 1072 and continued in several phases throughout the High Middle Ages.

One of the most impressive facets of Lincoln Cathedral is its library which contains many hand scribed manuscripts as well as 120 books printed prior to 1501.

Lincoln Castle



Lincoln Castle is a major Norman castle that was constructed by William the Conqueror during the late 11th century on the site of a pre-existing Roman Fortress. It is reputed to be one of only two castles that have two mottes. There is a walkway along the top of the wall of the castle that demonstrates the overwhelming size and its defensive capability. There is a Victorian prison located in the grounds of Lincoln Castle. This was one of the prisons where the concept of separate or solitary confinement was practiced following the theory that if an inmate practiced prayer and Introspection, then he or she could be rehabilitated.

Magna Carta and Charter of the Forest

Lincoln Castle is now the only place in the world where an original 1215 Magna Carta and 1217 Charter of the Forest can be seen side by side, on permanent loan from Lincoln Cathedral. The Magna Carta granted less power to King John, and more to the English barons of the time. The principles of western justice are enshrined in clauses 39 and 40 of the Magna Carta.

The Charter of the Forest allowed free men some access to the forests for foraging and firewood; and especially, granted the concept of "Right of Way".