



Friendship Flyer

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Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding Areas

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Open World demands our immediate attention. The RUSSIANS are definitely coming.

Dot Cada and Kathy Weinmeister are in the midst of final preparations. We have several new hosts and many others that would like to participate. See the email flyer from Thursday 10/29 and in this issue on page 2.

On Friday November 6, there is a planned trip to Rocky Mountain National Park. Who would like to join the Russians for that event? Meet at 12:30 at the Loveland Sculpture Garden off 29th street on the west side near the Pavilion.

On November 7, for the Farewell Party there is a new twist. Everyone is invited and asked to bring their favorite holiday dish to serve twelve and the recipe. Dorothy's Catering is opening up her banquet room for us to do that. Dorothy's will provide the turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes to begin our Thanksgiving feast. Call Rosemary, 970-669-8818, to give her a count for reservations.

Unfortunately, no one remembered to use the camera for the latest **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**. Just know that the food was delicious and the conversations covered a multitude of topics. Hope there was more success with pictures at the second dinner at Kay and Al Sheahan's.

Marian is driving the Regional Conference. She hopes to have the agenda set by the end of the month. Very ambitious. We are looking to make the Conference attractive enough for all of our members. New Mexico and Montana have accepted our invitation to attend. So meet new friends, participate in an abbreviated Home Stay and know more about what Friendship Force is all about. George Brown, the International President will be here to give us the latest "How to" from International Headquarters.

We will be asking for input from many members to help make the Conference as attractive as we can. New Members, here's your chance to let us know what is relevant to you.

We hope to get some of our more experienced members together to share their expertise. And just plain visit! We don't seem to do enough of that. I look forward to meeting some of our earlier members and officers.

Happy Early Thanksgiving!

Betty Jean



Next Meeting
November 13
Program—7 P.M.
Report on Berlin,
Manchester
Exchange

Faith United
Church of Christ
1020 Walnut
Windsor

November Program Manchester, England & Berlin, Germany

Our next meeting will feature a sharing of the Northern Colorado Exchanges that visited Manchester, England and Berlin, Germany, this past summer. Director Anne Brown and the Ambassadors who participated will give us a glimpse of their experiences and what they learned about British and German life today. Anne's invitation, "We hope you will all come to see this snappy presentation" is appealing.



To hear about Exchange experiences is more than a vicarious armchair tour. These debriefings provide insights and perspective into the cultures and people of the host countries. For example, you might expect to learn some things about these two sister NATO countries:

- How do you save millions of people in Berlin with a bomb shelter that holds only 300,000?
- Did you know East Berlin has an International Botanical Garden complete with special international caretakers who come to East Berlin two times a year to make sure that everything is tended to properly?



- And in Manchester, what famous building looks like it was a former cathedral complete with stained glass windows but actually served as a cotton mill during its heyday?

The program will be held at Faith United Church of Christ in Windsor, located at 1020 Walnut Street at 7 PM on Friday, November 13.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!

OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 8

The Open World Program was established to enable emerging Russian leaders to gain first-hand exposure to the American system of democracy through visits to local governments and communities in the United States. The principles of accountability, transparency, and citizen involvement in government are among the concepts emphasized.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER – NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 PM

- Loveland Coordinator Rosemary Donovan
- Fort Collins Coordinator Barbara Turnbull

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK – NOVEMBER 6

- Travel to RMNP at 12:30 to share the wonders of nature. Meet at the Loveland Sculpture Garden off 29th street on the west side near the Pavilion.

ATTEND, MEET, AND GREET THE VISITING RUSSIANS
ON NOVEMBER 7 – 6:30 PM

We must be into meals, and this one is really a fun opportunity. Dorothy's Catering will do the turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes, and you can join us with your family's favorite side dish for 12. We should have a lot of different food for them to sample.

- Dorothy's Catering 2240 W. 1st St., Loveland, 970-461 5865.
- The dinner is open (no cost) to any member who brings a side dish to share. Please bring the recipe for our guests. We did this 3 years ago and they loved the idea of it being a family favorite.
- We need a final count before Nov 3 – RSVP to Rosemary at 970-669-8818.

OCTOBER SPEAKER SHARES VIEWS ON WORLD'S REFUGEES

James Horan of Lutheran Family Services provided a sobering perspective on the more than 20 million displaced people in the world at our October meeting. He discussed how such large numbers are forced into displacement from their homes usually from persecution because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion. He pointed out that more and more people today are being uprooted by natural disasters. He cited the South Sea islands where entire island nations are facing relocation because of rising sea levels. Typhoons, droughts, earthquakes, and hurricanes increasingly create havoc on lives of heavily populated areas such as New Orleans or Bangladesh.

Horan also reviewed that the primary desire of most refugees is to go home. They want to begin again even if their homes have been destroyed. When that is not possible, they then must consider integrating into a nearby country. But often these countries do not have the finan-

cial or political capacity to accept large numbers of additional residents. A handful of the total number apply and gain refugee status usually after a decade of living in the camps. These few then make their way to receiving countries to begin a new life.



James Horan — Photo by Ed Brigden

The USA is among the dozen or so countries worldwide (including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the Scandinavian countries) that accept refugees. James explained that after multiple screening interviews and the granting of refugee status, about 75 thousand refugees arrive in the US each year. They attain green cards and are free to settle anywhere in the country.

In Colorado, Lutheran Family Services is the primary agency to help incoming refugees rebuild their lives and achieve self-sufficiency. They depend upon churches, community volunteers, and local mentors to speed community assimilation and successful resettlement.

GLOBAL EXCHANGE OFFERINGS NOW ON FFI WEBSITE

Next year there will be some 30 international cultural exchanges made up of Ambassadors from all parts of the globe. Participants will make new friends, explore and learn about the host country, share experiences with hosts as

well as each International Ambassador. Visit the [FFI website](#) and click on the Catalog to view the various options, one of which is Northern Colorado's exchange to New Zealand in October and November.

VISITORS FROM BRAZIL

BY MARIAN SPARKS

Ten years ago, our club had an exchange with homestays at four clubs in Brazil. Our first stop was Sao Paulo where the Exchange Director was Elza de Cillo. The International Friendship Force Conference held in Sao Paulo a few years ago

Loveland hosted by Marian Sparks. Several Ambassadors who were on the Brazilian exchange had an opportunity to renew friendships at a



was planned and organized by Elza. She is now on the Board of FFI in Atlanta and she comes to the USA twice a year for meetings. After their meeting on Oct. 9 and 10, Elza and husband, Eduardo, came to visit friends in Denver and spent a few days in



Elza de Cillo in red, with Charlie

dinner hosted by Betty Jean DeMersseman on October 18.

Photos by BJ DeMersseman

ETCETERA

EXCHANGE PLANNING ROUNDTABLE

There will be an informal discussion open to any FFNC member interested in the inner workings of exchange planning.

November 5, 7 PM - 8:30 PM - IHOP Restaurant, northwest of the intersection of Route 34 and I-25, Loveland. Time limited to 1 ½ hours or less.

CANNOT DRIVE TO MEETINGS?

Friendship Force members that are unable to

drive at night and miss meetings will be welcomed at a Tea Party on November 14th at 2:00 PM. Come see your friends, chat, and have a cup of tea. Location is 1615 Agate Ct. in Loveland. Please RSVP to Judith Cadarette at 970-593-1037. We hope to see you soon.

LAURA MARTEIN

Former member Laura Martein will be having knee surgery the first week in November. Her phone number is 970-493-2510.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE COMING TO FORT COLLINS

APRIL 9 AND 10, 2010

Visit our club website to find information and registration details for the exciting Rocky Mountain Regional Friendship Force Conference to be hosted next spring by our club on April 9 and 10 at the Marriott Conference Center in Fort Collins. This is our chance to show off our part of Colorado to guests from Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico, and to our special guest, FF International President George Brown. It's also a great opportunity to learn about other club's activities and make new friends in the region.

If your schedule permits, why not join in the Pre-Conference Program which adds two days and starts on Wednesday evening April 7. This program will include special area activities and cultural programs to showcase our communities before the conference opens on Friday afternoon.

Just visit the FFNC [website](#) and click on the "Runner" icon on the front page. Follow the easy click instructions to obtain various pieces of information including Conference Flyer, Registration Form, and New Member Tips. Information will be updated this winter as more details unfold.

We anticipate a great need for host families. Some guests have expressed a desire to come early to see the area. They will arrive no earlier than April 7 after 4:30 PM. The day for site seeing will be April 8, and day hosts would be welcome to help that day. We also would like to arrange small dinner parties in several homes for the guests on the night of the April 10th. Please call Judith Cadarette if you can help with hosting. 970-593-1037.

Submitted by Nancy Brigden, Judith Cadarette, and Marian Sparks.

The "Runner" icon looks like this:



FRIENDSHIP FORCE TOTE BAGS

"Step right up, don't be shy, get out your wallets, I wanna see some action here..."

Remember all the times you checked out at the grocery store and had to take the store's plastic bags because you didn't have anything else to put them in? These bags can change all that! The price for the original open style bag is \$5.00; an option with tie closures is \$6.00.

Left to Right, Bev Goering and Hazel Krantz show off the beautiful Friendship Force tote bags—good for groceries, grandkids' diapers, picnic lunches, or gifts to visiting Ambassadors...

The logo is based on a painting by Thelma Slocum and are for sale in the FFNC store.

Contact Paulette Weaver at 970-356-5068

Photo by Ed Brigden



GUESS WHO CAME TO DINNER?



Left to right: Marion Sparks, Bev Reeves, Nancy Brigden, Sharon Johnson and Al Sheahan. Photo by Kay Sheahan.

October 24, 2009 “Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?”

Having enjoyed being guests at Hazel Krantz’s dinner in August, Kay and Al Sheahan volunteered to host a dinner on October 24th. Four guests managed to find their way with only an address as a guide. Marion Sparks brought Bev Reeves with Sharon Johnson and Nancy Brigden also attending. With lively conversation and good fall-themed recipes, no thought was given to pictures until dessert was served! Sixty dollars was raised to add to the funds for the April Regional Conference.

An interesting connection was discovered

when Bev and Kay figured out they had been in the same Gourmet Luncheon group back in the 1970’s!

No dinners are scheduled for November or December. So far, about \$400 have been raised for the Regional Conference expenses. Again, the host will provide the meat, guests will be assigned a dish to bring and also will pay \$10 per person.

Be thinking about volunteering to host a “Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?” party next year. This is a great opportunity for our members to better know each other apart from the busy meetings.

Inbound

Outbound

EXCHANGE CALENDAR

Open World—Russia November 1—8
 Dot Cada 970-663-1437
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Regional Conference April 9 & 10
 Pre-Conf. Home Hosting Apr. 7—11
 Marian Sparks
 970-667-1281

Richmond, Virginia April 17—25
 Bev Goering 970-484-3101
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Mt. Barker, Australia May 17—24
 Judy Flatley
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Willamette Valley, Oregon Mid-year
 Dates & ED to be
 Announced

Richmond, Virginia Mid-September
 Dates & ED to be
 Announced

New Zealand—Global October 2010
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