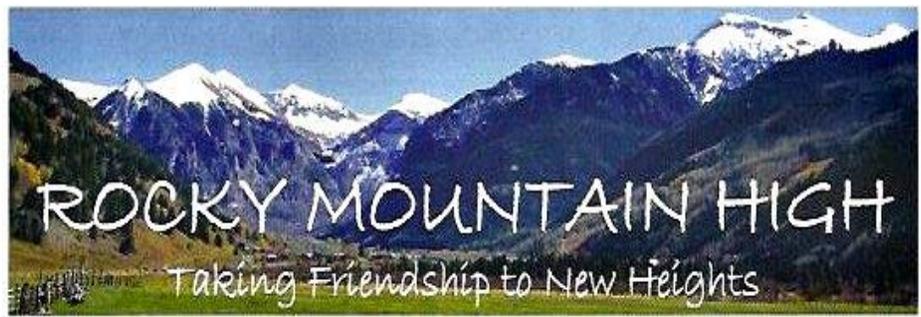




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DENVER



November, 2018

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**ABOUT THE CLUB**

Friendship Force Denver meets at 6500 E. Girard Avenue, Denver 80224 at 7 pm the second Tuesday of Sept - Nov, and Jan – May, and also offers numerous social events throughout the year. See our website for more information at

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

***Come visit and bring your friends!***

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**NOVEMBER PROGRAM TUES. NOV 13, 7 PM**

**FFD JOURNEY TO GERMANY AND BELGIUM**



Come and learn about the highlights of the FF Denver Journey to Germany and Belgium. A sampling of our presentation includes:

- Historic Lubeck, Germany – Declared by UNESCO as part of the world cultural heritage. Many 850-year-old structures are preserved.
  - Cologne, Germany – Cathedral was 650 years in the making.
  - Limburg, Belgium – Site of the dramatic "Battle of the Bulge" in World War II and the American cemetery where over 7700 brave Americans soldiers are buried.
- Everyone who has been on a Journey enjoys the sights. We all appreciate the extraordinary churches and famous castles. However, we each have a touching personal side of our Journey. Hear us detail our amazing experiences.

**NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS**

**LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH S - Z  
Those bringing refreshments  
please arrive by 6:45 pm.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Happy Thanksgiving or Happy November 22 Thankful Day?

As Thanksgiving Day approaches this year, I am reminded that the holiday represents a "mixed bag" for many folks. For some it is a celebration of Americana. For others, it is a chance to cook and gorge on food, watch football and spend time with family members. For others still, it's a reminder that American history is filled with episodes of some people getting the shaft – where one group's success comes at the expense of another group. So, as we prepare to celebrate/acknowledge/tolerate/protest (depending on your perspective), how would Thanksgiving be if we were all sensitive and politically correct this year?



Here are a few politically correct suggestions:

- 1) Avoid saying you are using the good "China." Refer to it only as the "hand-me-down" dishes. We do not want conversations about good or bad countries.
- 2) Sorry, no football. Do not have discussions about kneeling before the game starts. The only exception is, of course, if the Denver Broncos are playing. Then you will need extra Tums as dessert.
- 3) Do not have both "kiddie" and "adult" tables. We cannot promote age exclusion. This is unethical and could potentially damage a young person's formative years. I'm sure a future case against parents will come before the Supreme Court.
- 4) Choice of wines and beer to serve? Only American. Sorry, no French Bordeaux, Italian Chianti or German Pilsner. This is an American holiday. Break out the Budweiser.
- 5) Sorry, no turkey this year. We need to respect our vegetarian friends, even if they are not at the table. Personally, I have never tried tofu turkey.
- 6) After meal TV? Do not include any movies that encourage divisiveness. Watch only movies that promote the American Dream. Example? How about "The Godfather?" The rise of an immigrant family becoming successful in this country.

I'm not politically correct. These will not work for me.

I have too much to be thankful for. Our Friendship Force of Denver has dedicated and devoted Board members and volunteers that are committed to our club. They (I'm not going to list everyone's name) are committed to making FFD a fun, entertaining, learning, enjoyable and life-long-friendship organization. Recommend Friendship Force to your friends and they will be thankful to make new friends across the globe.

Again, I'm not politically correct. I never get tired of asking at the table -please - pass the dressing, gravy, potatoes, peas and cranberry sauce. The major questions become – Where is the whipped cream for the pumpkin pie? What time does the football game start? How did my pants get so tight?

I hope everyone has a **Happy Thanksgiving.**

*John Giles*



Happy New Year

**Eleventh Annual  
NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN HOUSE**

**Mary Lou Bennington has offered to host again this year. She has a special talent for decorating her home, and loves to share her creations.**

**WE NEED A FEW PEOPLE TO HELP SERVE AND CLEAN UP  
contact Mary Lou to volunteer**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019  
2:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Bring snacks and/or wine to share.  
7464 S. Milwaukee Court, Centennial 80122  
303-741-5265**

## JOURNEYS & CONFERENCES

Dates May Be Subject to Change

**2019**



**Late April or early May – confirmed**

Outbound Domestic Journey to Dallas #15402

**\* Need Coordinator to help plan this journey.** Sign up sheet NOW available at our monthly meetings.

**July 17 – 22, 5 nights before International Conference July 23-27, Domestic Inbound Journey,** Dayton, Ohio #15404. Journey Coordinators Linda Lustig & Anita Smith

**July 28 – 31 or Aug 1** Post Conference hosting – informal itinerary. Sign Up sheet is NOW available at our monthly meetings

**Sept – dates to TBD** Inbound International Journey from Miyagi, JAPAN #15187 **\*Need Coordinator to organize the local activities. How about 1 or 2 persons who travelled to this club in Oct 2016?**

**2020**

**Spring or Fall:** Outbound Domestic Journey to Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley FF Club and the Columbia-Cascade Club.

**July 23-27, 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE,** FF Denver Representative, Lynn Dawson

FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL  
WORLD CONFERENCE

MAKE A BOLDER  
IMPRESSION!

BOULDER, COLORADO, USA

2019

WILLIAMS VILLAGE CAMPUS,  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

**JULY 23 - 27, 2019**

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: JULY 23 - 25  
SOCIAL/LOCAL ACTIVITIES\*: JULY 26 - 27

\*OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Copy and paste the link into your browser for complete information.

[https://www.eventleaf.com/2019FFWorldConf?utm\\_source=Members+List&utm\\_campaign=67c3d4bde4-](https://www.eventleaf.com/2019FFWorldConf?utm_source=Members+List&utm_campaign=67c3d4bde4-)

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# *SOCIAL COMMITTEE BULLETIN*



Check this site in each month's newsletter for current planned activities that all members are welcome to participate in – as long as space is available and you have RSVP'd. Here are the current happenings:

**MUNCH LUNCH BUNCH – Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, Sobo 151 Bar and Grill, 151 S. Broadway (between Maple and Cedar Streets)** It's Holiday Time, so let's celebrate – but with a non-traditional non-holiday twist! In this case, that means a Czech cuisine twist. Join us at the "best Czech bar and grill in town" for some chicken paprika, goulash, unique dumplings, kielbasa, bratwurst, schnitzel, or more "American-traditional" fare (burgers, club sandwiches, salad). RSVP by Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to Luree Miller, [lureemiller@mac.com](mailto:lureemiller@mac.com)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN HOUSE – January 1, 2 – 5 pm** Our eleventh annual Open House welcoming the New Year will be hosted by Mary Lou Bennington at 7464 S. Milwaukee Court in Centennial. Please contact her with your offer of an *important* helping hand (for set-up and/or clean-up) at 303-741-5265. Or sign-up at the November 13<sup>th</sup> general club meeting! See flyer on page 3 and remember to bring wine or snacks to share.

**LEAP (Leave Everything And Play) Suggestion** – How about gathering a group of Friendship Force friends for...

- (1) The Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado "Bach for the Holidays" performances on November 29 (Bethany Lutheran Church), December 1 (Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church), or December 2 (Central Presbyterian Church)? For information and tickets, go to: [www.bcolorado.org](http://www.bcolorado.org).
- (2) Interested in House of Dior haute couture? "Dior: From Paris to the World" exhibit at the Denver Art Museum opens November 19<sup>th</sup> and goes through March 3<sup>rd</sup> of next year.
- (3) The Denver Christkindl Market at 1515 Arapahoe Street runs from November 16<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup> with international vendors, gifts, and food – and free admission!

## **VISIT TO THE BLACK AMERICAN WEST MUSEUM... FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE OCTOBER SOCIAL**

Thanks to Terri Gentry (in the photo with us) for such a fascinating and informative introduction to Denver's Black American West Museum (located in the former home of Dr. Justina Ford, Colorado's first licensed black female physician). Did you know that Dearfield, settled in 1910 but now a ghost town, was one of over 25 Black settlements in Colorado? Or that Blacks were the innovators of the development of the blood bank (and first director of the American Red Cross blood bank), the wrench, patents involved in food preservation and sterilization, the gas mask, the nation's first traffic light, the electric trolley, and yes, the first open heart surgery (performed in 1893 by Dr. Daniel Hale Williams)?

After our museum outing, we went a short distance to have a casual lunch at Coffee at the Point, across the street from the old Rossonion Hotel, where Count Basie and Duke Ellington played at the "best jazz club between the Midwest and West Coast." A day of terrific history that few of us in our Friendship Force club probably really know about...sorry you missed this day! Photos by Carol Mark are on page 6.

## A VISIT TO THE BLACK AMERICAN WEST MUSEUM, *continued*



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER NANO YOUNGER



Having found Friendship Force through knowing a member, Nano Younger, an obvious enthusiast for life, finds it a good fit for her love of culture and travel, which has taken her to exotic countries such as India and China, and to a year's study in Rome during college.

Born and raised in Wilmette, Illinois, she was a Junior Leaguer with the mission and heart for helping children. She holds a BA degree in history from Marquette University and an accounting masters from DePaul and is a CPA. Her career took her to Marshall Fields as Senior Audit Manager and to Leo Burnett, the largest ad agency in Chicago. Later, changing her focus, Nano became a Certified Financial Planner and worked in that field until retirement.

Her hobbies and interests are varied. She enjoys reading, playing golf, and hiking as well as the arts, music, and the OLLI study programs through the University of Denver. Nano, a recent widow, has two daughters, two step sons and eight grandchildren. She resides at Glen Eagle in Highlands Ranch.

*Experience Different Views.*

*Discover Common Ground.*

**Visit** [www.friendshipforce.org/Journeys](http://www.friendshipforce.org/Journeys) to see the complete range of Journeys offered by clubs throughout the world. Many exciting Journeys are being advertised NOW for 2019; if you want to travel internationally, now is the time to review the openings.

## RE-CAP OF OCTOBER PROGRAM

by Roy Cohen

### LIVING IN KOREA: A RETROSPECTIVE BY GREG REIFF



Our presenter for the October meeting was Greg Reiff, Senior Resident Engineer for the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Denver area. Greg lived and worked in South Korea for many years and his wife is Korean born, so he has had many opportunities to observe South Korea and all aspects of life there.

The first part of his presentation gave us the military and historical perspectives, particularly of North Korea. During the second part, he covered the social and cultural aspects.

South Korea is called the miracle on the Han River due to the tremendous vitality and strength of their economy. Life in North Korea is dark. On a photograph taken from space, North Korea is almost totally dark, while South Korea is lit up with lights from large cities.

Some other interesting differences between North and South Korea:

South Korea is a world leader in Internet connectivity for their people; North Korea has NO internet.

Only 5% of North Korean homes have toilets.

There is still technically a "war" between North and South Korea today. Many families are split, living on both sides of the border, without the ability to communicate with each other.

The South Korean Prime Minister met with the North Korea leader, Kim Jong-un, this year, and for the first time in over 50 years, a South Korean citizen went to North Korea. The two leaders met on the border line, and the South Korean walked several feet into North Korea.

Korean culture is very family oriented. One interesting note: The South Korean government pays couples to have children.

Seoul is one of the most modern cities in the world with multiple skyscrapers. The transportation in major cities is great, with high speed trains above and below ground and wonderful cars. Shopping centers and beautiful homes make Seoul a beautiful place.

# *Time to renew!*

Friendship Force Denver membership renewal is now open.  
Please send your renewal forms (on the following page) to:

Linda Lustig 10123 Nickolas Ave. Highlands Ranch CO 80130



# THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF DENVER

2019 Membership Renewal Form due **12/15/18**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership \$40 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Membership \$60 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All members residing at the same address)

Replacement Badge \$12 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to Friendship Force Denver

Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	E-mail Address

Please list additional household members on the back of this form and check this box

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to have my personal information published in our club directory, newsletter and/or website. Y N

Please bring your completed form and check made out to FFD to a meeting, or mail them to:

LINDA LUSTIG      10123 NICKOLAS AVE.      LITTLETON, CO 80130      [jimlinda43@outlook.com](mailto:jimlinda43@outlook.com)

Feedback to Friendship Force Denver

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPLACEMENT NAME BADGES:** \$12 each.

The name on your FFD name badge will appear exactly as you PRINT:

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First Name or Nickname      Last Name

Magnet Back  or Pin Back

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First Name or Nickname      Last Name

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# CALENDAR

## 2018

**BOARD MEETING\*** NOV 6  
Tuesday 12 noon – 2:00 pm

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM\*** NOV 13  
Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Journey report, Germany and Belgium

**BOARD MEETING\*** DEC 4  
Tuesday, 12 noon – 2 :00 pm

**MUNCH LUNCH BUNCH** DEC 8  
Saturday, 11:30 am  
Soho151 Bar and Grill  
151 S. Broadway, details on page 5

## 2019

**NEW YEAR’S DAY OPEN HOUSE** JAN 1  
Tuesday, 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
Mary Lou Bennington’s  
7464 S. Milwaukee Court, Centennial  
Details on page 3

**BOARD MEETING\*** JAN 8  
Tuesday 12 noon – 2:00 pm  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**JANUARY PROGRAM\*** JAN 15  
Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

\*Board meetings and monthly meetings are held at 6500 E. Girard Ave., Denver 80224. All members are welcome at board meetings; guests are always welcome at programs.

### MEMBER NEWS

Rosalie Summers has been transferred from the hospital to a care center. She still has a long way to go, and is expected to need full time care when she is released. \*Mail cards & messages to Rosalie’s home address on file.



## 2019 BOARD of DIRECTORS

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<b>Director</b>	<b>Jeanette Armbrustmacher</b>

**Remember to change your clocks Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.**



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