



friendship force
DENVER



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www.friendshipforcedenver.org



ABOUT THE CLUB

Friendship Force Denver meets at 6500 E. Girard Avenue, Denver 80224 at 6:45 p.m. 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

Come visit and bring your friends!

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MARCH PROGRAM - TUES. MARCH 12, 6:45 PM

ADVENTURES IN ANTARCTICA AND BEYOND



In the Falklands

LESLIE HAWKINSON has lots of adventures to share with us! She fell in love with horses while growing up in Cleveland, OH. This eventually led to going on the road with the Coors Belgian Horse Hitch, traveling with 8 draft horses from coast to coast, putting on shows.

She then began traveling from Antarctica to the Arctic, with many exotic places in between. Her adventures include spending a week in a third-world hospital, and an extended visit on the remote Falkland Islands. Be sure to join us for an exciting evening! (rescheduled from Jan)

MARCH REFRESHMENTS
LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH K - R
Those bringing refreshments
please arrive by 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Expect the Unexpected

The weather in Denver is a great example of “expect the unexpected”. Today it is 20 degrees and snowing. Forecast for tomorrow is sunny with a high of 59 degrees. The weekend forecast is snowy with temperatures dropping from 50 to 25 overnight. We expect this unexpected turn-around because we are used to it.

Can we say this about other areas in our life? Are we looking forward to the unexpected? Here’s the point: we’re not able to predict the future. There is one exception—there will be more technology, novelty, and complexity. Young people will experience more new stuff and more complicated situations. Given the march of the exponential technology curve we’re living on, stuff is coming at us faster than ever. And because we’re all connected, the exposure to new stuff is unprecedented. And all that connected stuff is part of complex interconnected systems.

What can and should we as Friendship Force members do to prepare young people for lives full of novelty and complexity? We can introduce them to global friendships. These learning young adults can view the world from a different perspective with programs such as the Global Youth Journey to Japan. Last month, Anita Smith shared a video along with their adventures at our FF of Denver monthly meeting that she and her grandson Hunter attended in June 2018. This was a multi-generational Journey that introduced students from around the world (and their chaperones) to students in Japan. There were meetings at local schools, cultural experiences, and home-hosting aimed to expand the horizons of young adults and introduce them to same-aged individuals from around the world. Jim & Donna Robinson are

planning the same event with their granddaughter Mandi this June 2019.

On a Friendship Force Journey, did you ever experience the unexpected? I have a few examples of my own:

- Awaking to a howler monkey in Costa Rica. Yes, they are loud.
- Meeting a true carpenter Apprentice in full uniform in Europe. Yes, they exist.
- Watching Germany play in the World Soccer Cup tournament while in Germany. Yes, some Friendship Force of Denver ambassadors had their faces painted the German flag colors.
- Informing our Florida home hosts that we enjoyed dancing. Yes, we went to 6 different clubs.
- Meeting a former security guard from East Berlin. Yes, he had stories about helping the West German Police officers help tear down the fence between them.
- Walking in an Australian park and coming across wild kangaroos. Yes, I did not try to box them.

When is your next Journey? Have you considered our FFD Journey to Dallas? Have you reviewed all the International Journeys available? What can you experience at the International Conference in Boulder?

In this world of uncertainty, one thing is for sure, on a Friendship Force Journey you can ***always*** expect the unexpected.

John Giles

JOURNEYS & CONFERENCES

Dates May Be Subject to Change

2019

May 1 – 7 confirmed Outbound Domestic Journey to Dallas #15402

Thirteen are headed on this Journey to Dallas; members from clubs in Denver, Ft Collins, San Antonio, Houston, & Baton Rouge.

Need More Information, contact Anita 619.894.9464 anita.smith22@gmail.com

July 17 – 22, 5 nights before International Conference July 23-27, Domestic Inbound Journey, Dayton, Ohio #15404. Journey Coordinator Anita Smith, WHO ELSE CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP? Sign up sheet is available at our monthly meeting.

July 28 – 31 or Aug 1 Post Conference hosting Sign Up sheet is NOW available at our monthly meeting. Many THANKS to the Denver hosts that have signed up to participate.

Sept – early in the month, Inbound International Journey from Miyagi, JAPAN #15187

***Ilene Americus** will serve as Coordinator. Contact her to help, iamericus-denver@yahoo.com
Sign Up sheet at our monthly meeting.

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

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.

MAKE A BOLDER
IMPRESSION!

BOULDER, COLORADO, USA

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! An easy link to register is on our club's website home page.

The conference agenda will include 2 days of education/sharing, general business; and 2 days of activities and socializing events.

Visit 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. Explore the world & find your adventure.



SOCIAL NEWS BULLETIN

SPECIAL NOTE: Check this site in each month's newsletter for *possible* planned activities that all members would be welcome to participate in. It is our hope that members of our club – that means YOU! – will volunteer to take one month and then organize a fun outing for that month, with help from former members of the Social Committee as well as the members-at-large. Please contact one of the Board members if you can help in this *important* way!!

Here are the current happenings:

LEAP (Leave Everything And Play) Suggestions – How about gathering a group of Friendship Force friends for... a tour featuring House of Dior haute couture?

"Dior: From Paris to the World" exhibit at the Denver Art Museum is open now through March 3rd.

MUNCH LUNCH BUNCH – Tuesday MARCH 5 at 11:30 am Let's have lunch at the "epicenter of illegal gambling, loan sharks and the dark and sexy side of our fair city" (as the menu at this establishment says). Denver's most infamous mobsters made North Denver their home, bootlegging their specialty and this restaurant their headquarters.

PLACE: Gaetano's - 3760 Tejon (at 38th Street), in Denver

QUESTIONS AND RSVP: Luree Miller - 415-215-3770 or lureemiller@mac.com

DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: Saturday, March 2nd - Note: Limited to 14 diners!!!!

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Plenty of free parking!

Check out the Italian menu - gaetanositalian.com

MARCH SOCIAL OUTING: Lets learn about the rich history of our **Denver Mint** with a free, 45 minute, guided tour.

WHEN

Wednesday, March 20 at 12:30 (We need to meet 30 minutes ahead of the tour)

WHERE: 320 West Colfax Ave.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

This is very important. There are several restrictions (to make sure we don't rob the Mint Haha). I will email those who sign up. Also, there is no free parking. Public transportation is recommended.

DEADLINE TO RSVP: Tuesday, March 12th

Pat Kaplan 303-241-4376 or patia51@gmail.com

FUTURE DATES TO SAVE:

APRIL MUNCH LUNCH BUNCH – Date TBD

Kim Sheremeta has volunteered to set up the April MLB. She has chosen an all-you-can-eat Chinese Restaurant. It will have to be on a Saturday in April. Date and time TBA.

Aki Asian Hot Pot Restaurant

12201 East Mississippi Ave. #125

All you can eat with a set price of \$20.00. Make sure you come HUNGRY!

APRIL SOCIAL OUTING - Wednesday April 24

Haystack Goat Cheese Farm in Longmont, Colorado. Time TBA.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM REPORT

by Steve Crocker



Riggs with grandsons laying flags at the tombstones

The program for February 12 was a dynamic presentation by **Riggs Smith** of good things that came out of some of the wars fought in our nation's past. There were songs, like "The Star-Spangled Banner." There were bugle calls, like "Taps." There was a network of gravesites spread all over the world, with the remains of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers who died in battle.

Francis Scott Key was an American lawyer who negotiated an exchange of prisoners with the English admirals who were bombarding Ft. Henry from

September 13 – 14 of 1814 during the War of 1812. The English wanted the flag to be lowered as a sign that the fort had surrendered to the English forces. Key said the fort was not a military post and therefore should not be a military target. During negotiations, he shouted down to the American prisoners in the hold of the British warship that he'd keep them informed of events as they unfolded. The flag, with its 15 stripes and 15 stars, continued to wave during hours of heavy shelling. Key could see the torn flag against a background of exploding shells, while, below decks, the prisoners prayed for the flag's survival. At sunrise on September 14, the flag, miraculously, still flew, though in tatters. The flagpole had been supported through the night by the hands and bodies of the soldiers at Ft. McHenry. Francis Scott Key began to compose the poem "The Defense of Ft. McHenry" that same day. The poem was set to a popular tune later and became our national anthem.

Mr. Smith reminded us that Memorial Day was originally Decoration Day, which began to be celebrated in May of 1868, under the leadership of John Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization of the men who had served in the Civil War.

The American Battle Monuments Commission oversees over 24 permanent burial grounds, where more than 125,000 soldiers rest in peace. (Our FF group from Denver last year visited one of the best-known of these, the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, in Belgium, where 8,000 men and women are buried.)

"Taps" was arranged in its present form soon after the end of the 7-day Civil War battle for Richmond, which ended on July 2, 1862, with 7,000 men dead – Unionists and Confederates.

The famous 1918 poem by Moina Michael "We Shall Keep the Faith" was inspired by an earlier poetic elegy for the war dead in the first World War, perhaps even more famous, by John McCrae beginning "In Flanders fields the poppies blow/Between the crosses, row on row" . . . After the war, Miss Moina Belle Michael conceived the idea of making and selling silk poppies to support disabled American war veterans. Her efforts led to the raising of over \$2M. In time, the poppy became the symbol of remembrance for war veterans and Miss Michael was honored with a postage stamp in her name. There are 147 national cemeteries run by the VA. Fourteen are run by the national parks system. Two are administered by the US Army. These places hold the remains of over 3 million soldiers. The best-known of these is Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington D.C., where about 400,000 soldiers are buried. One of the largest in area is the Dallas-Ft. Worth Cemetery.

We enjoyed being reminded by Riggs Smith of these wonderful memorials and the gripping stories about our nation's past. For some of us, they were old stories that we knew. For others, the stories were fresh, full of adventure and happy surprise. But all of these stories, familiar and not, were like pictures of who we are as a people – of our history and how we honor it.



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February 18, 2019

Friendship Force of Denver
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Dear Friendship Force of Denver.

Thank you so much for your extremely generous donation of \$2,000.00 to the Friendship Force International Annual Fund and more specifically to support the World Conference Scholarship Fund. We received your donation online on 13 February 2019.

With your gift, we will help a dedicated Friendship Force member participate in the World Conference. As you likely know, our conferences are great opportunities for our members to learn more about the organization, gain leadership skills, and meet many new friends from around the world. By providing someone else this opportunity, you are investing in them and in the future of Friendship Force.

With your generosity and dedication to the mission, we are helping to move Friendship Force into another successful 40 years. We look forward to continuing to work with our wonderful leaders and members to make our vision of a more peaceful world possible.

In friendship.

Jeremi Snook
President/CEO

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Hi from the FFI Festival at Sea. 150 members from 6 countries are cruising around South America, led by our president Jeremi Snook. Everyone is so friendly with lots of tales to tell, and many activities are planned so we can get to know each other. Today we visit a penguin rookery.

Carol Coriell



YEAR

OF



THE

PIG

2019

Did You Know?

2019 is the year of Earth **Pig** starting from Feb.5, 2019 (Chinese Lunar New Year) and lasting to Jan. 24, 2020

CALENDAR	2019
WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY	MAR 1
BOARD MEETING* Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	MAR 5
MLB "Gangsta History" 11:30 a.m. Gaetano's - 3760 Tejon (at 38th Street), in Denver	MAR 5
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MARCH PROGRAM* Tuesday, 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.	MAR 12
MARCH SOCIAL 12:30 Visit to the Mint	MAR 20
BOARD MEETING* Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	APR 2
APRIL PROGRAM* Tuesday, 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.	APR 9
APRIL SOCIAL - WED Haystack Goat Cheese Farm in Longmont Colorado. Time TBD	APR 24
MAY Outbound to Dallas	MAY 1 – 7
BOARD MEETING* Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	MAY 7
MAY PROGRAM* Tuesday, 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.	MAY 14
BOARD MEETING* Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	JUNE 4
DAYTON Inbound Journey Saturday Annual Picnic	JULY 17-22 JULY 20
WORLD CONFERENCE Post Conference Hosting	JULY 23 – 27 JULY 28-31



HELP WANTED

Our club needs a volunteer to work on the **MEMBERSHIP** committee. The volunteer would receive membership payments, record the information in our website (training will be provided), deliver checks to the treasurer, review & update membership forms for our club, and provide attendance information at our monthly meeting. This individual would become a VIP – *Very Important Person* on our membership committee.

Contact Anita Smith
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MEMBER NEWS

Anne Somervill Cell phone in 2019 directory should be 720-771-7894



Welcome New Members:

Heidi McKelrath
Amandi Robinson

(contact information included in current 2019 directory)

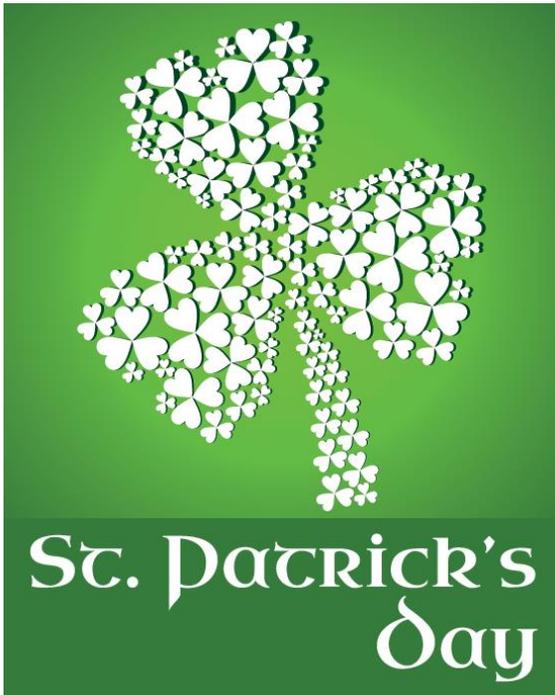


Anita Smith is recovering from knee replacement surgery mid February, moving slowly but better each day.

NOTE: The official start time of the monthly meetings is now 6:45 p.m.

Experience Different Views.

Discover Common Ground.



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