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The Friendship Force of Greater Denver, Colorado meets the second Tuesday of every month, September through June.

7:00pm at South Suburban Christian Church
7275 S. Broadway
Littleton, CO.
80122

Come join us and bring your friends!

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE
AMBASSADOR PLEDGE:**

*"As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I have a mission to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be advanced.
I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE."*

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Newsletter submissions for Nov. 2009 must be received by **Friday, October 23, 2009**. If you have a friend, or know of a group or organization who would like to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter please send me their email address.
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OCTOBER MEETING NEWS OCTOBER 13, 2009

JAPAN

October's program will feature a presentation of our club's exchange to Japan last May lead by Cecil Roberts. (As you may remember our club teamed-up with the club from California for this trip.) There will be a DVD show and several members will share their experience of staying with their host family and other impressions of Japan. – Karen Karl, Program Chair

From the desk of our President

Dear friends,

Our club has had many interesting programs and social events this year. Presentation, or hosting, by our members has made them richer. This began on New Year's Day when Rosalie and I hosted an Open House for 40+ members. What fun! And how about the June picnic hosted by our late friend, Welca Farr. Seventy of us enjoyed that special day at her daughter's home. At the end of August, Ralph and Roberta Pippitt hosted Sculpture Day for 25 of us. The most recent program that introduced our 2010 Exchange Program featured Cecil, Barbara, Chalmers and Frieda, and Larry - all taking us "on a walk down memory lane".



Dave Bentzin/President FFGD

- As we look ahead toward the end of this year, let's have some more hosts:
- to help the Membership Committee welcome people to our meetings;
 - to welcome people to the October 31 presentation by Sarah Soekarso about her daughter's wedding in Indonesia;
 - to welcome members and guests to our Holiday Party at Littleton Town Hall Arts Center; and
 - who would like to host the next New Year's Day Open House?

Give me a call at (303) 794-8371 after Rosalie and I return from the FF Exchange in Montreal. We'll be back on October 5. Wishing the Ambassadors to Blumenau a memorable experience, and the rest of you a wonderful fall. See you at the October meeting. - Dave

Dave & Rosalie enjoy a refreshing beverage during their recent trip to Mexico. They are pictured here in Creel.



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Exchange News

**Read about all Friendship Force exchanges on the Friendship Force International website. www.thefriendshipforce.org

OUTBOUND EXCHANGE, DENVER TO BLUMENAU, BRAZIL

OCTOBER 2009

We are ready! Yes, ready to take off for Blumenau, S.C. Brazil. On October 6 we take off on 3 flights and one bus trip (one way to enjoy the countryside) to meet our hosts in Blumenau. They have a very interesting week planned for our visit--to the rainforest (Mata Atlantica) along the Atlantic coast--visits to the textile and crystal factories established soon after the Germans settled here. There will be parties, dancing, food and beverages at the Oktoberfest, but best of all there will be new friends to be with and to introduce us to the wonderful sights and sounds of southern Brazil. After good-byes to our new friends, we will spend 3 days at and "in" the Iguazu Falls of Brazil and Argentina. Then, we head to Rio to experience the "marvelous" city with day visits to Corcovado and the Christ the Redeemer statue and Sugar Loaf. Another day visit to learn something of the colonial days of Brazil and its early leaders warrants a trip to Petropolis. All too soon we will be returning to Denver, however it will be great to share our experiences with all of you! – *Jane Watson, Exchange Director*



OUTBOUND EXCHANGE, DENVER TO DERBYSHIRE, ENGLAND



Peggy Morrison has been appointed by the Board as the Exchange Director for our Exchange to Derbyshire, England. This is a well-established club founded in the same year as our own – 1982. It is located in central England between Birmingham and Manchester. In the company of our hosts, we will learn about English political and industrial history through local museums and stately mansions. We will also enjoy the beautiful countryside as England's first National Park is nearby. The club website at www.derbyshirefriendshipforce.org.uk is a fine introduction to the people and the area. Those members interesting in learning about this late June excursion to England will want to contact Peggy now at (303) 988-9491 pamasm@aol.com

INCOMING EXCHANGE TO DENVER

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY & THAMES-COROMANDEL. NEW ZEALAND

These two clubs from areas near Auckland, New Zealand will be hosted by our members, and also by the Friendship Force of Chicago. We will have the opportunity to show off our area at a time of year when there are many activities. (Did you know that New Zealand has a size like that of Colorado, a population slightly less, and has 24 Friendship Force clubs?) We need an E.D. for this incoming exchange. There was a good showing of interest at our September meeting. Who will step forward to lead this visit?



OUTBOUND EXCHANGE, DENVER TO CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA

Our club has the honor to be one of 20 clubs invited by FFI to lead a new genre of exchanges called Global Exchange. Rudy & Helene Strebel, our Exchange Directors will build the Ambassador group with half members from our club and half members from outside the U.S. Cairns is a subtropical city in northeast Australia. The club will organize a special visit to introduce us to the community and to the tremendously diverse area: the Great Barrier Reef, the rain forest, and the Atherton Tablelands with its aboriginal communities. This is an experience not to be missed!

INBOUND EXCHANGE, TO DENVER INDONESIAN SCOUTS

Both boy and girl scouts will be coming from Indonesia in the spring. We will be the second half of their exchange that will begin in Bakersfield, California. We need an Exchange Director for the who will coordinate with local scout councils to assure a learning experience for these young people. This is a great opportunity to expose Friendship Force to young people in our community as well as their parents! This is an "official" FF exchange, including the \$100 exchange fee we receive as the host club. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting exchange!





Friendship Force of Greater Denver Exchange Survey

Once a year Friendship Force members have the opportunity to voice their opinion regarding their preference for Exchange assignments for the following year. Attached is the list of options to choose from. The selections we make will provide the pool of possible destinations that will be chosen for our Club by Friendship Force International for **2011**. You may submit your ballot at the October meeting, or mail your ballot to Club President, Dave Bentzin at 5844 S. Prescott, Littleton, Colorado 80120, no later than October 19th.

ANY – Anywhere is great!
ASI – Anywhere in Asia
CUS – Anywhere in Canada/USA
EUR – Anywhere in Europe
LAM – Anywhere in Latin America
MEA – Anywhere in Africa/Middle East
SPA – Anywhere in the South Pacific

AUS – Australia
AUT – Austria
AZE – Azerbaijan
BLR – Belarus
BEL – Belgium
BRA – Brazil
CAN – Canada
CHL – Chile
CHN – China
COL – Columbia
COS – Costa Rica
CZE – Czech Republic
EGY – Egypt
ENG – England
EST – Estonia
FRA – France
GEO – Georgia
GER – Germany
GHA – Ghana

HUN – Hungary
ITA – Italy
IND – India
INA – Indonesia
ISR – Israel
JPN – Japan
KEN – Kenya
LAT – Latvia
MEX – Mexico
MON – Mongolia
MOR – Morocco
NEP – Nepal
NED – Netherlands
NCD – New Caledonia
NZL – New Zealand
NIR – Northern Ireland
NOR – Norway
PER – Peru
POLI – Poland

ROM – Romaina
RUS – Russia
SCO – Scotland
SIN – Singapore
SVK – Slovakia
SAF – South Africa
SWI – Switzerland
TAI – Taiwan
TAN – Tanzania
THA – Thailand
TUR – Turkey
UKR – Ukraine
UZB – Uzbekistan
HAW – United States – Hawaii
USA – United States – mainland
VIE – Vietnam
WAL – Wales

Indicate three preferred countries/regions using only their three-letter code.

Example: BEL, FRA, ANY

2011 Exchange preferences:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friendship Force of Greater Denver was held on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the South Suburban Christian Church. The meeting was called to order by Cecil Roberts, President Elect. The first order of business was an Amendment to Article VIII Board of Directors.

Section A. Membership

(1) The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and four elected directors.

NOTE: This would be a reduction of two directors

(2) Each of the two directors shall be elected for terms of two years.

Section F. Quorum

(1) A Quorum will consist of no less than five (5) Board members, of which one will be an officer.

NOTE: After a brief discussion and an explanation by Sandy Villareal, past president and chair of the Nominating Committee, a vote was taken by a show of hands. There were no votes against.

The nominations for **New Officers** were as follows:

Rosalie Bentzin – President Elect

Betsy Daniel – Secretary

Treasurer – John Morrison

Thee Chair, Cecil Roberts, asked twice for nominations from the floor. There being none, the Chair requested a motion be declared by acclamation. The vote by a show of hands was unanimous.

The nominations for **New Board members** were as follows:

Rod Greiner – Membership Board Member

Jill Watson – Communications Board Member

The Chair, Cecil Roberts, asked twice for nominations from the floor. There being none, the Chair requested a motion be declared by acclamation. The vote by a show of hands was unanimous.

Rudy Strebel and Frieda Pfahl continue on as Board members for another year.

The 2009 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Lawton, Secretary



Exchange Workshop

We always need leaders for our exchanges -- exchange directors and chairs of the various sub-committees. Members are often reluctant to take on these jobs without previous experience or training. Our Exchange Workshop planned for October 24 is designed to make it easier for any member to join an exchange committee with confidence. Experienced club members will discuss most aspects of both incoming and outgoing exchanges so that all will leave with a good understanding of how an exchange works. Attending carries no obligation; anyone who would like to know more about exchanges is encouraged to participate. A tentative agenda is shown below; two subjects have been added to the agenda that was distributed at our September meeting -- Sponsored Ambassador and Travel Policy.

Introduction/Purpose

The Exchange Director Job

Outgoing Exchanges, Incoming Exchanges

The Exchange Committee

Applications and Interviews, Workshops, Handbook, Finance and Budget, Arrivals and Departures, Activities

Outside Coordination

FFI, Counterpart ED

Travel Policy

Sponsored Ambassador

Other Available Resources

FFI's ED Handbook, Incoming ED Guidebook, Atlanta Coordinator, Our own experienced officers and members

Questions and Answers

Summary and Closing Comments

Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Avenue, Lakewood

September 8, 2009 Meeting Recap

Members in attendance: 51

New Member(s): Ines Hsu Tok
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(please add Ines to your membership roster)

Welcome to our September guests.

We hope to see you again!

Tirivanhu Medziso, guest of Ralph and Roberta Pippett

PROGRAM NOTES: For those of us who missed September's meeting here are a few highlights. The board officers for 2010 will be: Cecil Roberts, President; Rosalie Bentzin, President Elect; John Morrison, Treasurer; and Betsy Daniel, Secretary. Also, brief introductions to the four exchanges coming up in 2010 were given by various club members. Those exchanges include Derbyshire, England; Australia; Indonesia and New Zealand.

Coming up in November will be a presentation about the people and culture of Indonesia.

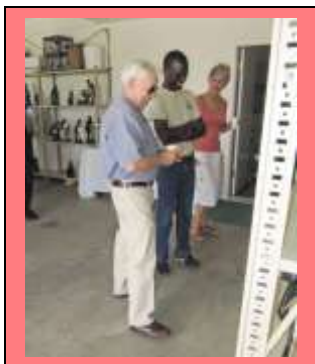


An Extra Special Friendship Saturday

About twenty-five Friendship Force Members were in for a special August treat at the home of Ralph and Roberta Pippitt who hosted an artist's reception for sculptor Tirivanhu Medziso from rural Zimbabwe. The weather was perfect and the sculptures were exquisite. This was a great opportunity to share comments and develop friendships in a month when Friendship Force was not scheduled to meet. Mr. Medziso was a most informative resource and answered all of our many questions about the source of his stone sculptures and the process used in creating them. Thank you to the Pippitts for this unique experience. Tirivanhu Medziso was also a guest at the September Friendship Force monthly meeting and gave us all some real insight on the impact the Pippitts have made through their on-going mission in Zimbabwe.



John Morrison & Judi Beard discuss sculpture with artist, Tirivanhu.



Save the date:

October 13, 2009 MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday
7:00-9:00pm**

Coming up in October will be a presentation by ED Cecil Roberts and his fellow Ambassadors, who will be sharing with us more exciting sights, sounds and details about their exchange to Japan last spring!

October 31, 2009 SATURDAY SOCIAL

**Saturday
10:00am
Bemis Public Library**

Sarah Soekarso will show pictures while she tells us about her daughter's wedding in Indonesia. This Saturday Social will be at Littleton's Bemis Public Library, 6014 So. Datura Street, Littleton 80120. The program begins at 10:00AM. Everyone is invited to join us at Wild Ginger on Littleton Blvd. for lunch on their own, following the presentation. Guests and the general public are invited. (Please call Bentzins at (303) 794-8371 if you are going to join us for lunch.)

December 13, 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

**Sunday
1:00pm**

This year our club's Holiday Party will be at the Littleton Town Hall Arts Center where we will enjoy the musical "Oliver". Show time is Sunday, December, 13th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. There will be a reception prior to the show in the Arts Center at 1:00 pm. To purchase tickets contact Nancy Lawton (303) 948-8575 or nanlawton@aol.com



There are many people involved in making an Exchange a success from the start. Brazil E.D., Jane Watson would like to thank members of the **Brazil Exchange Committee** who helped make this outbound Exchange and adventure possible:

- Jane Watson**, E. D., & Workshop Coordinator
- Jill Watson**, Asst. Exchange Director & Workbook
- Mike Summers**, Applications
- Peggy Morrison**, Exchange Treasurer
- Penny Brinker**, Exchange Interviews
- Pam Saba**, Exchange Gift Recommendations
- Carolyn Kimpton**, Exchange Departure Coordinator
- Virginia Harder**, Denver/Colorado Tourism Materials

December 2009 Holiday Party

It's not too early to get your money in for the December 13, 2009 Holiday Party to be held at the Littleton Town Hall Arts Center and their production of *OLIVER*, the exciting musical based on the Charles Dickens novel, *Oliver Twist*. Munchies will be served at 1:00pm in the reception area. Wine and soft drinks may be purchased from the venue. The play begins at 2:00pm. The Board is subsidizing each member's ticket by \$5, bringing your cost down to only \$15. Guests will be \$20 each. To purchase tickets contact Nancy Lawton at the October meeting. We anticipate a wonderful afternoon and a great way to celebrate the Holidays. You can contact Dave Bentzin or Nancy Lawton for more particulars. If you will not be attending the October meeting please send checks to either John Morrison, Treasurer or Nancy Lawton, Secretary.

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