

2008 Annual Report for FF-NM

2008 ANNUAL REPORT FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF NEW MEXICO

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At the end of the year our club had 150 members, about half of whom were very active and the other half, some of whom had been members for 29 years, were very glad to be entertained at our monthly meetings and to preserve long-time friendships with others. Our monthly meetings are the second Saturday of each month at the MCM Elegante Hotel. We always have a guest speaker who is very entertaining or a club member relate about their recent exchange. It is always enjoyable.

In June our Inbound Exchange was from Tokyo, Japan. We hosted 16 Ambassadors for a week. The time was enjoyable for everyone. It is always busy showing people the grand scheme of New Mexico and all we have to offer.

In August, 11 people from our club joined 11 people from clubs all over the USA in Fraser Valley, BC. Fraser Valley is the area east of and including some of Vancouver, BC. What a wonderful place to visit. We went up and down the river including Victoria and The Butchart Gardens, all over Vancouver, Stanley Park Totems, Canada Place, Gastown, Grandville Island and on and on. Great trip, grand people with whom we will be friends forever.

We also have an event called "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." This is a way of getting to know each other better. Dinner host will each have six guests for dinner who will each bring an assigned part of the meal, a covered dish. This is a way that newer people can get familiar with Friendship Force and meet members of long standing. It's getting to know each other better.

We had members participate in exchanges with other clubs quite frequently.