

July 2026 Newsletter

New Members



Susan Kern



Lynne Bailey



Jean Ann
Schneider



Roni Reeves

Linda's Updates

Upcoming travel-related items:

August 4- Final payment due date for the Kenya and Tanzania trip

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August 13- Final payment due date for the Kenya and Tanzania trip

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WE HAVE ONE SPOT THAT OPENED UP ON THE ORIGINAL DEPARTURE DATE OF NOVEMBER 11TH FOR THE AFRICAN SAFARI: KENYA AND TANZANIA. IT IS A SINGLE ROOM!!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE GET HOLD OF ME AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Linda Sokoloski- L S Global Travel 406 294-8753
lsglobaltravel@aol.com

Tammy's Updates

There is one seat left on the "Cody's Wild West " tour July 10-12th 2026. Please reach out to me for a roommate and let's fill the bus!



Upcoming travel related items

July 29th ----- Autumn in the Adirondacks Final Payment due.

July 10th 1 Gal is traveling on Natural Wonders of the Pacific Northwest. Wish her a wonderful trip.

See you on August 6th for the Trip Reveal Party!



Tammy Bailey
Tammyglobalta@gmail.com
406-698-8335

July Events

4th of July Parade in Red Lodge



Take a drive to Red Lodge and come support and cheer on the Gals Going Global parade entry on the 4th as a parade spectator. We have 8 Gals riding or walking alongside

Tammy's truck and Linda's goat trailer advertising our organization. **Parade start time is noon!**

July Hike/Walk



Wednesday, July 15 @ 9:00AM

@ Dover Park 2531 Mary Street
59105

Meet in the Dover Park parking lot at 9am Enjoy the morning walking on this 2 mile loop

trail with fellow Gals. The loop includes varied terrain, from riverfront paths to bluff-top views, with some steeper sections and swinging suspension bridges. **Please RSVP to Jean Cushing @ 406-698-2883**

Save the Date

Trip Reveal for 2027 - This Years Theme is Australia



Thursday, August 6th at

Billings Hotel and Convention Center
1223 Mullaney Lane, Billings MT
9:30am- 4:00pm

Enjoy the day with fellow Gals Members as you learn about the upcoming new trips

August Hike/Walk

Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:00AM

Lake Elmo Loop is an easy 1.5 mile nature trail that wraps entirely around Lake Elmo in the Heights. Located at 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, the mostly flat, unpaved trail takes about 30-60 minutes to complete and is popular for birdwatching and walking. Some areas have a little shade but mostly it is open to the sunshine.



Meet in the upper parking lot near the restroom building and beach at 9am.

Please RSVP to Jean Cushing @ 406-698-2883

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Sip & Paint Night at Crooked Line Studios

Join us for a fun and creative evening at Crooked Line Studios on **Tuesday, August 18 from 6:00-8:00PM!**

Get your creative juices flowing as one of the Crooked Line instructors guides us step by step in painting a travel-themed canvas creation. No experience needed - just come ready to relax, laugh, and have some fun!

- *All painting supplies are provided.
- *Limited to 30 attendees.
- *Cost is \$35 per person.

Please bring:

A snack or appetizer to share.

Your favorite beverage - wine, beer, or soft drinks welcome.

Grab a fellow Gals friend or two and come enjoy an evening of creativity, conversation, and colorful fun! If you're new to Gals Going Global this would be a great gathering to get to know fellow members.

RSVP to Jody Senini @ 406-671-6947 to reserve your spot!

Bob Ross painting class at Billings Community & Senior Center

September 18 @ 1:00-3:00PM Followed by drinks, snacks, and good times at Tiny's next door for anyone who would like to celebrate a successful class together!

Certified Bob Ross painting instructor Ray Dickens will lead you in a step by step process allowing you to complete a painting in one class at the Billings Community & Senior Center - 360 N 23rd St.

All supplies are included except a paint apron (bring your own if you so choose)

Cost is \$30

Class size limited to 12 painters

Since space is limited, the first Gals to respond will receive priority registration, and any additional interested attendees will be placed on a waiting list.

Guaranteed to have fun!

No previous painting experience necessary.

If you have already spoken to Kay Danielson to sign up please reach out to her again! Her list of participants got lost in her recent move.

RSVP to Kay Danielson at 406-672-1222 to reserve your spot!

Completed Adventures

Palisades Trail hike in Red Lodge was enjoyed by 9 Gals on a beautiful cool day. We were treated to abundant gorgeous



wildflowers, spectacular views, happy birdsong, joyful conversation and NO BEARS! After the longer and more rugged than expected hike, we ate a delicious and well deserved lunch at Foster and Logans. Thank you Barb

Campbell for organizing the end-of-the-trail transportation for us!

2nd Annual Summer Picnic at Linda's

Gal's second annual picnic was a total success! The picnic was held on a cool cloudy day at Linda Sokoloski's home in Roberts. It was a wonderful day to enjoy nature outdoors on trails that lead to Rock Creek.

Gals dined indoors on pulled pork sandwiches, Cole slaw, chips, baked beans, BBQ sauce, smores and root beer floats for dessert.

Gal's earned tickets playing games such as corn hole, croquet, archery, beer pong with water, horseshoes, dart balloons, yard Yahtzee, and putting green. Tickets were drawn and Gal's won plantable flowers as prizes. We all loved getting to know the goats and horses on the property.



Above all, we welcomed new friends and reacquainted ourselves with old friends.

Thank you to Linda Sokoloski and Terry Cameron for sharing your beautiful home and hospitality with us. A huge thank you to the picnic planning committee Cindy Cornell, Joan Felke, Denise Harris, Jane Hegmann, Alice Lahren, Terri Larson, Linda Lien, and Kathy Sorich

Switzerland—Rails and Sails

From our arrival in Zurich until we flew out of Geneva, Switzerland's beauty and wonders were ours to explore by coach, train, gondola, boat, and many miles discovering this wonderful country on foot.

We enjoyed taking boat trips on the gorgeous blue and



turquoise waters of Lake Zurich, Lake Constance, Lake Lucerne, Lake Brienz, and Lake Geneva. The many trains we traveled in carried us through lovely green valleys, over the highest

railway bridge in Europe, passed waterfalls and beautiful lakes, and up to snow covered mountains.

Special memories:

*Zurich is a bustling big city and the center of railway travel. This railway station, like many, was huge with many levels and more like a shopping mall than a railway station.

*Our afternoon learning how chocolate was made was interesting, but the delight of the tour was the abundant supply of chocolates to taste in each room and then ending the tour making and decorating our own large chocolate bar. YUM! Swiss people are very proud of their many varieties of chocolate and share them generously.

*In St. Gallen, we visited the UNESCO Abby complex with its ornate two-towered cathedral and the unbelievably gorgeous library. Ask us about the 'extra' celebration we experienced in St. Gallen. You just had to be there to feel the excitement!

*A series of three trains took us up to the observatory at Jungfrauoch. One of them took us UP THROUGH the mountain. At the 'Top of Europe' we walked out on platforms for great photo ops then cautiously maneuvered our way through the manmade ice cave lined with intricate ice sculptures inside the mountain. For a little change of pace we took a large gondola ride as part of the trip down the mountain enjoying lovely scenery and amazing views.

*Lucern was a great town for shopping and tasting Swiss food. A central feature of the town was the Reuss River and the two long covered bridges that crossed it. The trusses all through each covered bridge were filled with paintings, and the outsides were lined with lovely flower boxes in full bloom.

*The village of Brienz, famous for woodcarving, gave us an opportunity to be artistic by learning basic carving skills to create our own 'unique', traditional cow. We created an amazing herd!

*Our hotel in Interlaken gave us the perfect opportunity to watch paragliders from our balconies. Each day they glided down from the mountain, morning and evening, and landed in the field in front of our hotel.

*Lausanne, a lovely town on the shores of Lake Geneva, was a delightful place to spend the last afternoon in Switzerland walking along the lake shore, enjoying a cool breeze and dazzling views of the Alps.

Birthdays

Bonnie Bickler
Cindy Carlson
Rae Chaney
Vicky Clark
Rhonda Heidner
Nadine Koyama
Kathy Maloney
Suzanne McPherson
Vicki Nelson
Barb Smalis
Naki Sotoudeh
Kay Van Deusen
Christina Victoria-Petty
Lynn Webber



Annual Dues are Due

Judy Lampi	7/1/26
Marie Rose	7/1/26
Janice Geiger	7/3/26
Judy Weddel	7/11/26
Joni Nord	7/13/26
Kay Bollinger	7/19/26
Linda Lien	7/26/26
Jan Wheeler	7/31/26

