

**CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY FRIENDSHIP FORCE**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**July 13, 2008**  
**Millstream Brewing Company, Amana**

Meeting was called to order by Co-President Stephanie Schulte. Guests and new members were welcomed. Lynnette Neering was introduced as a new member.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: No minutes exist (See Board minutes).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tabled to next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: We currently have 106 members. The new membership gathering is scheduled for August 10th, 1:30 - 3:30.

COMMUNICATIONS: Vic Klopfenstein has three speaking engagements scheduled: Methwick Manor, a church, and Lowe Park. It was suggested that information be put in the Discovery section of the Gazette. The next Int'l F/F newsletter should include a report saying that Cedar Rapids is not totally devastated from the flood, but are still welcoming in-coming and out-going exchanges.

ACTIVITIES: August 10, new member orientation  
August 24, Tri-Club Meeting, Tabor Home Winery  
September 14, Wickiup Nature Center - 2:00 p.m.

EXCHANGES: 32 people signed up for Mystery Week-end, leaving Friday, September 26th.

June, 2009, trip to Peru, Dianne Karal is Exchange Director. Amazon and Rain Forest expedition can be added, leaving June 8th or 9th, others will leave June 12th for 8 day expedition including Machu Pichu, Vista Train. Cost: \$1400 per person for air fare, \$1530 for 8 day excursion, additional \$750 for Amazon trip.

Los Angeles incoming possibly 2009, outgoing 2010 (Jan, Feb, March) Need an ED for that exchange Grand Junction, CO - October 2008 -one week, trip through Rockies - Phyllis Seidl is ED

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Lending Library: list should be on the web-sit. Members can contribute travel material listing title, date, name, contact, description.

Freedom Festival: not working due to the change in date, may need us on September 1st.

IRIS: Thanks to host families that are keeping visitors from Georgia the first week in August.

NEW BUSINESS: Let Tressa know if you want to be on the nomination committee for new officers. Tressa announced the \$500 gift from San Diego chapter toward flood relief. Membership voted to split the amount between the African/American Museum and the Library. A basket was passed for additional donations to the flood relief - \$118 was collected. A thank you note will be sent to Sandy Eggle in San Diego.

Opportunities for hosting foreign exchange students during college vacations will be investigated by a committee of three: Connie Williams, Audrey Redford, Edie Roberts (from Iowa U).

The new brochure/logo was explained by Dianne Karal.

MEETING ADJOURNED,  
Jan Thulin, Secretary