

. Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force
General Meeting
Prairie Woods
Sept. 9, 2012

Margaret and Richard Miller were hosts for a general meeting on immigration to the US at Prairie Woods Sunday Sept. 9. An "immigration clerk" Ann Harris authorized entrance to the country in a simulation of Ellis Island. Eventually everyone passed the test and was admitted.

Richard and Margaret had displays of their own immigration papers and James McFadden of England also had papers on display.

Margaret presented a Power Point on immigration in the US. Included were private stories of immigration. Richard was born in Poland and naturalized three times. Margaret came from England and met Richard while he served in the US army.

Andrea Seibenmann discussed immigration to Iowa and the changes after 9/11/01. She came to ISU on a development grant and had to return to Czechoslovakia for two years, even though she was married to a US citizen. Andrea works with community college international development at Kirkwood College

James McFadden and his wife Peggy were there and James talked about his experience renewing his green card in New York. He went to apply for renewal on 9/11/01, not knowing the developments of that day in the city. James is a soccer player on several teams and a plumber at ST. Lukes.

Guests included John and Lois Mather.

Future Dates

Houston- 5 days between March 3 and 17 2013. Dave Detwiler is ED.
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Indonesia- April 17-May 2, 2013. Steve Williams is ED.
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ED training coming up soon. ED's are needed for Brazil and Virginia

Niagara Canada, Oct. 21-28, 2012. 21 ambassadors will arrive. Sign up for activities with Dianne Karal.

The Annual Meeting Nov. 18 will feature belly dancers from Marion, with Vic Klopfenstein hosting.

