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“WOW” The new format for the *Newsletter* is terrific. The layout and the color makes it more inviting and easy to read. Thank you, Dianne Karal for helping us out with your computer skills.

Our outgoing *domestic* exchange to Houston and the outgoing *international* exchange to Indonesia are both full. Congratulations to EDs David Detwiler and Steve Williams and to all participating. We look forward to hearing about your adventures.

We are fortunate to have a busy schedule and a large variety of events, exchanges and activities to choose from. Your participation and volunteering is what makes the Cedar Rapids / Iowa City Club such a success. When asked to volunteer Just say **YES!**

In Friendship, Richard and Veta Hildebrand

JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

The luncheon meeting on January 13th at 1:00 PM at the Oakland Road Hy-Vee was attended by an overflow crowd. The program on China, presented by Dale Moore was very informative and interesting. Great pictures! Thank you to Dale for all the time and effort it took to put together the presentation and for sharing it with us.

Marian Wetjen's neighbor, Lily, demonstrated how to make egg rolls that were yummy! Thanks to both Lily for the demonstration and to Marian for arranging it.

Dianne's scrapbooks were a beautiful addition to the day.



FEBRUARY'S L.E.O.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 6:00 PM

At the Butcher Block Steakhouse

1117 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids

Make your reservation by Feb 13th -

contact Joanne Smith at 395-9440 or

e-mail at jmariesm@msn.com



2013 CLUB DUES

Now is the time to RENEW your CR/IC Friendship Force memberships for 2013.

Please mail your check to Marian Wetjen, 2009 Linmar Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Annual membership dues are \$25.00 per person.

For additional information, contact Marian at mwetjen@q.com.

Please take a moment "NOW" to write out and mail your check to Marian.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING CELEBRATES "WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY"



MARCH 17TH at 4 PM at the MARION HERITAGE CENTER

We will celebrate by sharing a Soup Supper with our members, the International Students currently studying in Cedar Rapids & surrounding areas and their host families.

It will be a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! **Think Green!**

The club will host a fundraiser by auctioning off packages (value \$10+) which members are asked to bring wrapped with a clue on the outside as to the contents.

There will be a prize for the package that gets the highest bid!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to bring soup, cheese platter, veggie tray or a dessert, but if you have not signed up yet, we could use some additional food. Please contact Alice Wilkinson at alicew.memaw@gmail.com and let her know what you can bring.

Thanks to Vic for lining up the area exchange students.



WE NEED YOU...WAYS TO VOLUNTEER!

EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS are needed for:

Theme Exchange Aug 2 - 8

and for

Fortaleza, Brazil Sept 22-29

Please contact Tressa Youngbear at

ityoungbear@windstream.net

or 319-350-4143



**GET INVOLVED
PLEASE
VOLUNTEER**

HISTORIAN NEEDED

Our Historian, Janis Schmitz, deserves a big THANK YOU for her years of preserving our club's history. This is an important job that often goes unrecognized, so again thanks Janis.

She has other obligations and can not continue at this time.

Therefore, the club is looking for a new Historian. They will be responsible to collect relevant materials (photos, newspaper articles, newsletters, exchange summaries, officer information, etc) and enter them into the history books.

If you would enjoy preserving the club's history, this position is for you. No deadlines, work at your own pace as time permits. How much better can it get?

Please contact Veta & Richard at rvhilde1@juno.com to volunteer.

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

CALENDAR of EVENTS - (print this page as a reminder)

February 10 - Board Meeting 1:00pm		Hiawatha Library
February 19 - L.E.O. Butcher Block Steakhouse 6PM		Joanne Smith, Hostess
March 2- 12	Outgoing to Houston, TX. The Exchange Is Full!!	ED: David Detwiler, daviddetwiler@msn.com
March 17	General Meeting "World Friendship Day" & Auction	Vic Klopfenstein, Host
April 12-20	Open World / Russia Topic: Social Services	Vic Klopfenstein, Leader
April ?	L.E.O. Location TBD	Gayle Bray, Hostess
April 14	Board Meeting 1:00pm	Location TBD
April 17-May 2	Outgoing to Indonesia The Exchange is Full!	ED: Steve Williams swill820@gmail.com
May 5-11	Incoming Sacramento	ED: Dianne Karal toy4di@msn.com & Ass't ED: Hildebrands
May 11	General Meeting & Possibly Sacramento Farewell	Location TBD
June ?	L.E.O. Location TBD	Diane Hayes, Hostess
June ?	Open World Russia	Vic Klopfenstein & Steve Williams
June 9	Board Meeting	Location TBD
July 14	General Meeting & New Member Orientation	Tressa Youngbear, Hostess
August 2-8	Incoming Theme Exchange	ED: Tressa Youngbear ityoungbear@windstream.net
August 11	Board Meeting	Location TBD
Sept. 15	General Meeting 1:00pm The program: "Indonesia"	Steve Williams, Host
Sept. 22-29	Incoming Fortaleza, Brazil	ED: David Detwiler daviddetwiler@msn.com
October 9-16	Outgoing to Virginia	ED: Tressa Youngbear ityoungbear@windstream.net
Oct 6 or 20	Board Meeting	Location TBD
October ?	L.E.O.	Host & Location TBD
November 10	Annual Meeting & Elections	Veta & Dick Hildebrand, Hosts
Nov 22-25	FFI World Conference in New Orleans	
December ?	L.E.O.	Host & Location TBD

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**In friendship
Richard & Veta Hildebrand
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