

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force
General Meeting
World Friendship Day
Marion Heritage Center
April 14, 2013

Veta and Dick Hildebrand convened the meeting at 4 PM. Veta gave a brief history of Friendship Force-a world wide organization with 350 clubs, with the mission of promoting global understanding.

A delicious soup, relish and dessert meal was enjoyed by 70 in attendance. Guests Jerry and Barb Oakland were also in attendance.

Three high school exchange students, Ana and Rebecca from Germany and Ana from Japan were present. Also 6 exchange students from Kirkwood: Orlando, Brazil; Feri, Tri and Nindha from Indonesia, and Kahito from South Africa. Each of the students spoke and the high school students introduced their host families. Also with the students were Marissa Leischer, and Dan Kolander.

Open World delegates from Russia, studying The Rights and Welfare of Children are mainly social workers. Natalia, Facilitator, and delegates Svetlana, Natalia, Natalia, and Maria spoke briefly. Home hosts are Klopfenstein's, Sauer's, Wilkinson's and Hildebrands. Vic Klopfenstein is exchange director.

A successful container auction was conducted by auctioneer, Darrel Cannon accompanied by his wife Angie. Financial report later.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19- at 2:00 PM Marion Wetjen has arranged a program on Mountain climbing to be held at Shueyville Methodist Church,

June	LEO	Diane Hayes
June 7-15	Open World Russia (Accountable Governance)	Vic K.,Steve W.
Aug. 2-8	Themed Exchange	Tressa Youngbear

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Williams, Secretary