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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

Sunday, April 14th, the CR/IC Friendship Force Club will celebrate World Fellowship Day. As you know, we usually celebrate in March, but due to scheduling....have delayed it until April.

So, just what is World Fellowship Day, and why do we make a big deal about it?

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This day was first observed in 2005, and in 2008 the US Senate designated March 1 as "World Fellowship Day". March 1, 1977, was the day then President Jimmy Carter announced the founding of Friendship Force Int'l in a White House ceremony.

FFI encourages us to celebrate this day to:

- 1) increase public awareness of Friendship Force
- 2) provide a platform for gaining new members, and
- 3) provide opportunities to promote global understanding.

Thus, with local international students and their hosts as our guests as well as the Open World Ambassadors, we will be accomplishing all three of these goals.

We hope you will be able to support the event and enjoy a soup supper and the Container Auction as well. See you there!

PS: You will have 10 soups to pick from!!!

In Friendship, Richard and Veta Hildebrand

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING
CELEBRATES
“WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY”**



APRIL 14TH at 4 PM at the
MARION HERITAGE CENTER
590 10TH STREET, MARION

We will celebrate by sharing a Soup Supper with our members, the International Students currently studying in Cedar Rapids & surrounding areas, their host families and our Open World Russian Ambassadors. It will be a fun way to celebrate Friendship Day!

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

If you have not signed up yet to bring something, it is not too late, please contact Alice Wilkinson at alicew.memaw@gmail.com and let her know what you can bring.

**Thank
YOU!**

To all our members who volunteered in March and for the upcoming events in April, THANK YOU.

It is because of your efforts that our activities are so successful.

Trip to World Friendship Force Conference in New Orleans

The board voted to send two additional people to the World Conference in New Orleans in November 2013. The approximate cost of the Conference (\$300) the Hotel (\$443) and 1/2 of the travel expenses will be covered by the club. The decision was made to send the incoming President Elect and the new Exchange Coordinator (both positions taking office for the 2014 year).

If you are interested in either of these position, contact Tressa Youngbear
at ityoungbear@windstream.net

The President Elect shall:

- A) Performs all duties & responsibilities in the absence of the President
- B) Work as a team with the President to fulfill the President's duties & club activities
- C) Act as the Fundraising Committee Chair
- D) Develop & submit for distribution a monthly newsletter / announcements for the membership
- E) Serve as liaison to Standing Committees; and
- F) Perform such other duties as the Board may authorize

The Exchange Coordinator shall:

- A) Maintain a calendar of Exchanges
- B) Actively pursue opportunities for both Incoming & Outgoing Exchanges

Int'l	1 Incoming and 1 Outgoing per year
Domestic	2 Incoming and 2 Outgoing per year
Special	1 Theme, Mystery or Other per year
- C) Inform the Board when there is a need for an Exchange Director
- D) Provide training and/or mentoring as needed



KLOPFENSTEIN AMPHITHEATER for the PERFORMING ARTS



The amphitheater at Lowe Park has been named the "Klopfenstein Amphitheater for the Performing Arts" after long time Marion residents and community leaders Pat and Vic Klopfenstein. This honor is justly given to two of the strongest supporters of the Marion Community. We are proud to call them our fellow members and thank them for showing just as strong support for our club and it's activities.

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

April 12-20	Open World / Russia	Topic: Social Services	Vic Klopfenstein, Leader
April 14	4 PM General Meeting / Friendship Day		Vic Klopfenstein, Coordinator
April 17 - May 3	Outgoing Indonesian Exchange		Steve Williams, ED
May 19	General Meeting		Marian Wetjen, Coordinator
June ?	L.E.O. Location TBD		Diane Hayes, Hostess
June 7-15	Open World (Russia)		Vic Klopfenstein & Steve Williams
June 9	Board Meeting		Location TBD, Hildebrands
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, Hildebrands
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, Hildebrands
October ?	L.E.O. Location TBD		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. Location TBD		Host & Location TBD

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**In friendship
Richard & Veta Hildebrand
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