

YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP

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President's Message Alert - Big Calendar Changes!!!

Due to spring break taking place the week of March 17, we switched March and April's events around. In March, we have a LEO in North Library and the Board Meeting. In April, we will hold our Friendship Day Celebration with honored guests of local exchange students and Ambassadors from our Open World Exchange. See articles below for details.

We would like to thank Vic Klopfenstein for stepping forward as leader so we could accept an extra Open World in April. The topic is Children's Welfare and Adoptions, this new topic has been an extra challenge for Vic to put this program together. Below you will find out more about what Open World is – there will be a test at the next meeting ... (maybe.)

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another by volunteering to help out. Please look at the volunteer opportunities below and help out – thank you.

In Friendship, Richard and Veta Hildebrand

MARCH'S LET'S EAT OUT

MARCH 21st at 6 pm

Come join the fellowship and good food!!

405 N Dubuque Street

North Liberty

Hosted by: Gayle Bray

Please contact Gayle at

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FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

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, we could use some additional volunteers to bring food. Please contact Alice Wilkinson at alicew.memaw@gmail.com and let her know what you can bring.

Many THANKS to Vic Klopfenstein for inviting the area exchange students and the Russian Open World Ambassadors.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Become our club's Historian....

Learn more by contacting Veta & Richard at rvhilde1@juno.com to volunteer.

EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Theme Exchange - August 2-8

Fortaleza, Brazil - September 22-29

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Please contact Tressa Youngbear at ityoungbear@windstream.net or 319-350-4143

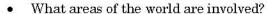
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"WHAT is OPEN WORLD?"

Who Sponsors Open World?

The Open World Leadership Conference, which is an independent agency of The United States Congress.

- Why does Congress sponsor this program?
 - A. "To serve Congress by connecting them to their constituents and to political leaders and civic leaders in participating countries."
 - B. The program is "designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between Eurasian and American leaders... .during professional visits with their counterparts."



Caucus, Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine. Guests may be federal, regional or local government officials. The average age is 38 and half are women.

How does it benefit our club?

Of course, we make new friends and learn of their culture while they are provided first-hand experiences with American life, governance and democratic values.

• What does it cost us to host the delegations?

We are given a grant by Congress to cover the expenses.

Why was Friendship Force International chosen to participate in this program?

Open World selects U.S. non-profits and educational groups, who are non-partisan, to partner with community, civic service organizations to provide hosting and programming.



Join our Outgoing Exchange to the Central Virginia Club October 10-17, 2013 Ambassadors from UK, Wessex & Hertfordshire will be sharing this exchange with us.

Nestled in the foothills of the legendary Blue Ridge Mountains, the area is known for year round natural beauty. Charlottesville is a captivating blend of colorful history, distinctive architecture, Southern hospitality and small city sophistication. This is a very special place, home to Thomas Jefferson and his legacies - a great university and his home, Monticello. You will also find the homes of James Madison & James Monroe, our 4th & 5th presidents.

Fall Festivals in Charlottesville & Waynesboro will be on the agenda during the exchange.

Contact ED, Tressa Youngbear at ityoungbear@windstream.net to reserve your place on this exchange. Space is limited to 15.



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

March 6- 12 Outgoing to Houston, TX. ED: David Detwiler, daviddetwiler@msn.com

March 17 Board Meeting at 1 PM Hiawatha Library Dick & Veta Hildebrand

March 21 L.E.O. Red's Alehouse - North Liberty Gayle Bray, Hostess

April 12-20 Open World / Russia Topic: Social Services Vic Klopfenstein, Leader

April 14 General Meeting at 4 PM - Friendship Day & Auction Vic Klopfenstein

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 10-17 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

October 2014: World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand

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In friendship, Richard & Veta Hildebrand Tressa Youngbear