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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

Wow! "Thank You" for all the work everyone did in making the World Friendship Day such a big success. A "SPECIAL" thank you goes out to Darrell Cannon and his wife, Angie, for donating their entertaining auctioneering talents with us.

Remember we have another General Meeting on May 19th, to get us back on schedule. Please see the details below.

Right now we have 8 members on an exchange in Indonesia and we are beginning plans for our second Open World Exchange in June that will be a larger group than April. Steve Williams is ED for both these events - way to volunteer, Steve!

In Friendship, Richard and Veta Hildebrand

Spring has sprung and things are popping for the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force.

MAY 19TH - GENERAL MEETING

Coming up on May 19th, a "special" presentation at the Shueyville United Methodist Church @ 2 pm.

Brian Beatty, a mountain climber with world-wide experience, will be our guest speaker. Brian has climbed in Africa, South America, Europe and Mt. McKinley in Alaska. In addition, he was part of the crew that explored the northern most tip of Greenland.

Come learn about this challenging sport. After speaking to us, he will be leaving in a couple of days to climb in Peru. Plan on attending to hear about Brian's exciting experiences.

What's Been Happening...



Houston Exchange

These 16 cowgirls and cowboys spent a week in Houston, TX attending among other things the famous Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. In addition, they toured the city, went to NASA, and spent time in Galveston. They found their Houston hosts to be warm and friendly.

A GREAT time was had by ALL!



KIRKWOOD
STUDENTS

World Friendship Day

April 14th, the highlight, of course, was the gathering of International guests which included three area high school students, six Kirkwood students and five Open World guests and their facilitator. All enjoyed the soup supper and the auction that followed, which raised around \$450.



HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

Open World

April 12-20, the Club hosted five Russian Open World Ambassadors and their facilitator. They were here to study our foster care and adoption processes.

Russia is beginning to move from an orphanage system to foster care. A *special* thanks go to Vic Klopfenstein for developing a new program that provided a successful educational experience for our ambassadors.

Thanks to all who were involved in the planning, the hosting and the execution of the program.



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



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JUNE'S L.E.O. - WEDS, JUNE 26TH at 6 PM
R.S.V.P. To DIANE HAYES by Monday, June 17th
Phone 393-1997 or E-mail dbhrn@mchsi.com

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

April 17 - May 3	Outgoing Indonesian Exchange	Steve Williams, ED
May 19	General Meeting 2 PM Special Guest Speaker	Marian Wetjen, Coordinator
June 7-15	Open World (Russia)	Steve Williams
June 9	Board Meeting	Location TBD, Hildebrands
June 26	L.E.O. Location Bata's Restaurant 6 PM	Diane Hayes, Hostess
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
Oct 10-17	Virginia Outgoing Exchange	Tressa Youngbear, ED
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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