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YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP

FROM THE CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY
FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

Thank you! Thank You, Thank You!

We want you to know how much we appreciate the work all of you have done on behalf of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Club during 2013. Each and everyone who stepped forward and volunteered required no "bird dogging" to see if things were getting done. If you said "yes," and you did if at all possible, we had no worries it would be done and done well.

With great trepidation, we joined the Board as co-presidents elect in 2012, but with all of your support, suggestions and guidance, we have learned a lot. We leave the presidency with a much greater appreciation for Friendship Force and all of you.

Yours in friendship

Veta & Richard

November Is Membership Renewal Time!



Membership is \$25 per person, 18 years or older. Children 0-17 are free with a parent's membership. The club's membership year is December thru November.

Bring your check to the annual meeting or mail to:

Marian Wetjen, 2009 Linmar Dr.NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. We are looking at an exciting year of activities so renew today!

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is going to be great fun!



We are holding it this year at the Lowe Arts & Entertainment Center, 4500 N. Tenth Street, Marion. A Meet and Greet with President and CEO of FFI, Joy Di Benedetto will begin at 5:00 followed by our business meeting. We will enjoy a wonderful banquet and some social time at 6:00. We hope it will still be light enough to see the progress on the new Vic and Pat Klopfenstein Amphitheater out the windows.

We've had a very busy year to celebrate, so we hope you have your reservations in for the meeting.

In addition, did you know that Vic and Pat will soon be celebrating their 60th Anniversary? What a milestone! We have asked them to bring some pictures to share.

See you November 10th @ 5:00.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS at the ANNUAL MEETING

Elections for the 2014 Club Officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 10th.

The following is the slate of officers to be nominated:

President: Tressa Youngbear

President Elect: Co - Cheryl & Dale Moore

Treasurer: Stephanie Schulte

Secretary: Barbara Cole

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.



VOLUNTEERS - STEPPED UP TO BE E.D.s FOR THESE EXCHANGES !!!



Last month we asked for volunteers and you responded!

- Open World - Accountable Governance - March 1 - 8th
[E.D. Vic Klopfenstein](#)
- Incoming Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon - May 14 - 20th
[E.D. Audrey Bradford](#)
- Incoming Japanese Stop Over - June 11 - 13th
[E.D.s John Geigerich & Trish Kaiser](#)
- Outgoing Cincinnati, Ohio - July (Dates TBD)
[E.D. Steve Williams](#)
- Outgoing Sacramento, California - October 15 - 21st
[E.D. Marian Wetjen](#)

A Big Thank You to all our E.D.s who did a great job in 2013 and to those who have volunteered to lead our 2014 exchanges. The exchanges would not happen if you had not volunteered, so we appreciate you!

2014 Midwest Regional Conference

The Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee is pleased to announce May 1-4, as the dates for the 2014 Midwest Regional Conference in Milwaukee. This will be a general conference so all members are encouraged to attend. You will gain valuable information from the workshop speakers, be able to network with other Midwest members plus have a fun Saturday afternoon of activities around Milwaukee.



CENTRAL VIRGINIA EXCHANGE

Thirteen ambassadors boarded the train in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa heading to Charlottesville, VA. Our exchange included ambassadors from Wessex, Hertfordshire and Leicestershire, England. We had great time visiting the homes of Madison & Jefferson, the University of Virginia, St John's Episcopal Church, the State Capital, a Frontier Museum, the Shenandoah Valley, plus more and increasing our knowledge of American History. We had great food, great company and a great time making new friends that will continue for years. We will be inviting all the clubs for return exchanges during 2014-15. Thanks to all our great ambassadors for making long lasting friendships and making this an easy exchange to lead.

Tressa Youngbear, Exchange Director



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

November 10 Annual Meeting & Elections, Lowe Park Veta & Dick Hildebrand, Hosts

November 22-25 FFI World Conference Location - New Orleans

**Eight club members will be attending the conference: Irvin & Tressa Youngbear,
Mike & Dianne Karal, Dale & Cheryl Moore and Steve & Nancy Williams**

**December 14 Board Planning Meeting 1-3 pm Location Downtown CR Library
Conference Room**

May 1-4, 2014 Midwest Regional Conference Location - Milwaukee



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