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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

The weather for the Tri-Club picnic in Moline on August 18th was perfect, the food was tasty & ample, and the program was interactive. Rudy Vallejo, a member of the Kickapoo Indians of Kansas, presented his program on Native American history and dance. Vallejo is used to working with children and soon had us up participating in the Friendship Dance and the Buffalo Dance. Not only that, we were soon singing Old McDonald Had a Farm and then found we had moved right into an Indian song. Vallejo's program was not only fun but brought new understanding to his culture. Of the 65 registered, 10 of us were from the CR/IC club. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend.



Rudy performing the
Eagle Dance



Participation in the Buffalo Dance

Coming up September 21-28 is the inbound exchange from Fortaleza, Brazil. As of now we are expecting 14 ambassadors. Also we want to thank Cheryl Elliott for securing host families. Be sure to attend the Welcome Party Potluck at 6pm on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Heritage Center in Marion and other events throughout the week.

We have had many opportunities to host this year including two Open World groups, so we really appreciate all of you who have stepped forward to host once again.

Veta and Richard



Contact Tressa Youngbear if you would like to volunteer to be on the nominating committee for next year's officers.

Phone: 319-350-4143 or email: ityoungbear@gmail.com

An Exchange Director (ED) is needed for our incoming Domestic Exchange with Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon on May14-21st.

Another ED is needed for our first incoming Stopover Exchange with two Japanese clubs for 3 nights, June 11,12,&13. Limited activities with plenty of rest time has been requested.

Contact Dianne Karal at toy4di@msn.com to volunteer.

General Meeting on Sept.15 at 2:00 pm at the Marion Heritage Center



Steve & Nancy Williams in traditional dress

It has been a while since we have relived an exchange at a meeting. Last spring, 8 members of our club plus 12 other ambassadors from Canada, India, Brazil and the US participated in a great exchange with the Bandung and Malang, Indonesia clubs. It was truly a multi-cultural experience.

Florida ambassadors Lynn Van Horne, friend of Margaret and Ron Nelson, and former CR teacher, and husband Kurth Chin Fatt compiled a fine 23 minute DVD of the trip. The group toured Jakarta and Bali in addition to the host cities and the DVD covers all but Bali. We'll show the DVD, have some picture books to view, and have the ambassadors who are in town answer questions. (For a few optional minutes you can see their Bali and scuba experiences). Top it off with brownies and ice cream for a good Sunday afternoon. We won't keep you all afternoon, but try to give you a good taste of the amazing country of Indonesia. See you all there!

In Memoriam of Don Wolter of the MN/TC Club.

Most of us in Friendship Force knew Don as the exemplary journalist and photographer who produced the newsletter, "The Ambassador" for many years. Some of us got to know him personally as a warm, open, interested and interesting gentleman. He was truly a citizen of the world, having visited all 7 continents and seventy countries. Don will be missed by his family, students, friends and all those who had the opportunity to meet him.



It's A Puzzle

or

That's a Good Question



At the July meeting while playing our information game we were incorrect in our answer to the question: "When did our club start?" After much discussion and finding official paperwork there is actually several answers.

According to records the club's first elected officers were: **1985 – 1986**

Pres. Mary Lou Hattery

V. Pres. Gayle Horton

Sec't. Paul Slappey

Treas. Kitty Olsen



According to the Certificate of Incorporation signed by Elaine Baxter, Sec. of State at the time, it was May 12, 1987. The following January the club had started the amendment process to the Articles of Incorporation. So the date of the approval of the amendment(s) would be 1988."

So if your team gave 1985/86, 1987 or 1988 as your answer and we said you were incorrect – sorry!

L.E.O. - October 23 at Smuggler's Wharf @ 6:00 PM Address 87 16TH AVE SW
Connie Williams, Hostess, cmw1226@yahoo.com



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. They 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.

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

Sept. 15 General Meeting 1:00pm The program: “Indonesia” Steve Williams, Host

Sept. 21-28 Incoming Fortaleza, Brazil ED: David Detwiler daviddetwiler@msn.com

Our club has a wonderful exchange with Fortaleza Brazil coming on September 21 and leaving on the 28th. We would like to have all members be part of this exchange, so watch for an e-mail coming soon with the activity schedule and reservation form for ease in making your reservations. We need you to help us make this exchange a huge success and your reward is making new friends from Fortaleza – everyone wins!!

Oct 6	Board Meeting	Location TBD, Hildebrands
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October 9-17 **Outgoing to Virginia** **ED: Tressa Youngbear** ityoungbear@gmail.com

October 23 L.E.O. at Smuggler's Wharf 6 pm Connie Williams, Hostess

November 10	Annual Meeting & Elections, Lowe Park	Veta & Dick Hildebrand, Hosts
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Nov 22-25	FFI World Conference	Location - New Orleans
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December ?	L.E.O. Location TBD	Host & Location TBD
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May 1-4, 2014	Midwest Regional Conference	Location - Milwaukee
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