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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

In September, the weather had its ups and downs, but now the leaves are turning into the annual fall beauty. September also brought the enjoyment of the new experience of hosting a global exchange. The exchange included ambassadors from England, Costa Rica, Mexico, and other parts of the USA. We all enjoyed making new friends with these 20 special people. A big thank you to the home, day and dinner hosts, the exchange committee and all other members involved in sharing the fun. This was a great experience and I hope to see more global exchanges in our club's future.

This is my last newsletter as your President - - what a ride it has been! We have had a very busy and successful year and I owe it to each of you who stepped forward to help our club out in a "little way" or a "big way" - - every "way" was much appreciated. I would like to celebrate "us" at our annual meeting, so please put November 16th on your calendar to join in on the celebration.

Tressa



Wessex England Exchange was a “Global” Event

The Wessex England Exchange was a global event as we also hosted ambassadors from Costa Rica, Mexico and other parts of the USA! The 20 ambassadors arrived Thursday evening, September 11 and departed on Thursday, September 18 following a farewell breakfast at Cooper's Mill. EDs, Tressa and Dianne, and committee lead another wonderful exchange.



Annual Meeting Notice –November 16



Theme: Celebrating Us

Where: Lowe Park, Marion

When: November 16 starting at 5:30 PM

Catered Dinner: \$15 per person at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Elections of officers for 2015, update on FFI goals, and celebrating our year!

Special Event: Unveiling our new website by Darby & Matt Winger

More details will be sent in a separate email .



Slate of Officers for 2015

Co-Presidents - Cheryl and Dale Moore

President Elect - Mary Stull

Secretary - Alice Wilkinson

Treasurer - Stephanie Schulte

Home Hosts Needed for Leadership Conference

Our club is hosting the Midwest Region Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids on April 30 through May 2. **We need home hosts for about 40 persons—many will be singles!** This will involve hosting for two nights, but there will be no day activities as the participants will be in the conference. We anticipate there will be a welcome party on April 30 and an entertainment event on May 1. Contact Tressa Youngbear today and volunteer!!

New Club Name—Not so Fast!

Thank you to all the members who submitted a new name for the club contest. We have discovered that changing our club name would have many legal ramifications with our 501c3 and State of Iowa registration. Our club has just recently gotten reinstated by the IRS and the State of Iowa. Therefore, the Board has decided not to change our club's name at this time. Sorry for any disappointment this may cause!

Community Service Page—Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is very busy during the Christmas Holiday Season! They need many volunteers to fulfill their mission. Here are a few opportunities that may interest you.

VOLUNTEER TO
Ring the bell



Bell Ringing: Volunteers ring the bell outside designated stores and encourage shoppers to donate. This may be done individually or in groups of 2-3 people. A minimum of 2 hours is required. Bell ringing begins on November 13 and concludes on December 24.

Kettle Drivers: Volunteers are needed to transport kettles, other volunteers, and supplies to and from the kettle locations. No special license is needed. All drivers must fill out paperwork and be approved to drive by our Divisional Headquarters. The paperwork takes about 2 weeks to process. You are not required to use your own vehicle.

Contact Donnell Hoppes at 319-364-9131 ext. 103.



Toy Drive: Volunteers are needed to assist in accepting toys for our Christmas Toy Shop. Volunteers unload toys from donors and load them into our vehicles for our Toys for Tots distribution event. Dec 4.

Toy Shop Distribution: Volunteers are needed for distribution of toys at the Christmas Toy Shop. This involves checking families in and helping them to obtain age-appropriate gifts. Dec 10 & 11.



Christmas Dinner Set-Up: Volunteers are needed to set-up tables, arrange decorations, assist in some meal preparation, and various other duties as needed for our Annual Christmas Dinner. Dec 17.

Christmas Dinner Servers: Volunteers are needed to help with prep work, serving, and cleanup for our Annual Christmas Dinner. Dec 18.

Contact: Kristen Weaverling- Volunteer Manager

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Sign-up online to volunteer at: tsacedarrapids.org

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

REMAINING 2014

October 5	Sacramento Exchange Meeting—1:30	Hiawatha Public Library
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October 8	L.E.O, at Los Compadres Mexican Bar & Grill 5:30 2825 6th Street, S.W.	Host Mary Stull
October 15 -21	Outgoing Sacramento, CA	ED - Marian Wetjen
November 16	Annual Meeting "Celebrating Us" 5:30 Social time, 6:30Dinner	Lowe Park Center

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

January (TBA)	General Meeting	TBA
April 30 to May 2	Regional Leadership Conference At Social Services Offices	CR/IC is the Host Club
June 3 –10	Outgoing Exchange to Niagara Canada	ED –Taking Applications*
June 22—30	Outgoing Lansing Michigan	ED—Taking Applications*
July 15—21	Outgoing Exchange to Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon 2nd week at Lower Columbia, Washington	ED—Connie Williams
August 29-31	FFI World Conference	Vancouver BC Canada

*** EDs are needed for Niagara Canada and Lansing Michigan Outgoing Exchanges.
Contact Dianne Karal— she is now taking applications!!**

2015 Membership Dues Notice

The 2015 club membership dues will be \$30 per person.

Most of the \$5 increase is to cover the increase in dues that we are required to send to International. If you have any questions, please contact a Board member.

Dues should be paid to Marian Wetjen, Club Membership Chair.



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