

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force  
General Meeting  
Marion Heritage Center  
July 15, 2012

Pres. David Detwiler opened the meeting at 2 PM

1. Dr. Brian Darrow, Anamosa veterinarian, spoke on his visit to Africa and “**Sharon’s Project**”.

In the 1970’s Brian ran on the ISU track team with David Korir of Kenya. Recently, Brian became aware that another Kenyan, also a member of the ISU track team at a later time, had a daughter who died of rabies in Kenya. With the help of colleagues and friends, Brian organized a project to vaccinate dogs, cats, and donkeys in Kenya. Merck donated \$15,000 plus 30,000 doses of vaccine. The group vaccinated 15,000 dogs, 2000 cats and 600 donkeys.

Brian is planning to organize later trips, with the next in January, with a goal of vaccinating 92,000 animals. Merck is balking at providing that much vaccine, so Brian is trying to raise substantial dollars to carry out the project. The vaccine costs about \$1 per dose.

2. Tressa Youngbear and Dianne Karal, Exchange Coordinators, presented information on **future exchanges**.

## 2012

- Cincinnati-inbound domestic, Aug. 10-16. Contact Tressa to sign up for activities. We especially need members to sign up for the Iowa State Fair August 13. Cost is \$35 for the bus trip, admission ticket, and food coupons. Tressa- [ityoungbear@windstream.net](mailto:ityoungbear@windstream.net) or 319-350-4143.
- **St. Louis**- Domestic out-bound. Sept. 29- Oct. 1. The exchange is full. Audrey Bradford is ED.
- **Niagara**- International in-bound. Oct. 21-28. The ambassadors will be hosted by Lincoln Oct. 14-20. ED- Dianne, Asst. ED- Lynette Nuehring.

## 2013:

### Out-

- **Houston** March 3-17- Exchange with Rodeo and Livestock Show ED needed
- **Indonesia** –Steve Williams ED-Probably late April or May
- **Virginia**- Oct. 9-16

**IN-**

- **Sacramento**-May 5-11
- **Themed Exchange**- Aug. 1-16
- **.Fortaleza, Brazil**- Sept. or Oct,

**3. Tri Club Picnic**- Sat. Aug. 18, 2012 from 1-4 PM at Stone City General Store. Games, music, we furnish dessert.

**4. 2014 Exchanges.** Pick three you will commit money to and submit to Dave Detwiler by August 17. Ask Dave to send you a list. [daviddetwiler@msn.com](mailto:daviddetwiler@msn.com)

**5. Auction**- An auction was held with "Containers and content." Friends of Hildebrands from Traer auctioned the prizes. Total receipts \$400.00

6. The region is working on a joint **exchange selection process for 2014.**

Next Regular General meeting is Sept. 9 at Prairie Woods.

Board Meeting, August 26