

Yours In Friendship April 2008

Calendar:

April 22 – 6:00 PM – Margaret Miller will host the **L.E.O at the Rugger's Café** in North Liberty (420 Community Drive, North Liberty) in the party room. Our group will enjoy a two-entree buffet that includes potato, salad, vegetable, hot rolls and butter and tea, coffee or soft drinks. Cash bar available. The restaurant is in a large building just off Highway 965 behind the car wash. Cost will be about \$16, which includes meal, tax and tip. **Reservations to Margaret Miller (364-2135) by April 15.** PS: Sally Nelson will be visiting from California that week and plans to join us at LEO.

May 4 – Board and Business Meeting will be held at the African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa, 55 12th Ave SE; Cedar Rapids, IA

2 pm - Board Meeting in the Board Room at the Museum.

3:30 to 4:30 pm - FF members are welcome & will have access to the museum for self-guided tours.

4 pm to 6 pm - Business Meeting & Special Presentation in Celebration Hall

4pm - Registration and social time begins - Cost for Members: \$15

4:30pm - Soul Food Dinner of Chicken, Candied Yams, Collard Greens, Macaroni & Cheese, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, 7-up Cake and Iced Tea or Coffee

Our guest speaker, Dr Floyd Sanford, will present 'African Odyssey', his time spent in the Peace Corp in Africa. We will need RSVPs by Wednesday, April 23rd. To make a reservation, please email cmw1226@yahoo.com (putting FF in the subject line) or call 396-4747. Checks payable to Friendship Force, can be mailed to Dick Hansen; 4214 Culver St NE; Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Other Business

If your name is listed below remember you have IRIS monies to spend on annual dues or exchanges: (if couple husband's first initial is used) D. Anderson, L. Colton, W. Edson, J. Elliott, R. Hansen, R. Hildebrand, J. Jacobs, M. Karal, V. Klopfenstein, H. Knappe, C. Kress, W. Mickelson, G. Milligan, R. Nelson, J. Neiman, C. Ringgenberg, K. Rinkenberger, J. Sauer, J. Seidl, F. Stull, C. Thulin, J. Trammell, M. Williams, and S. Williams.

Do you or a family member currently work for Rockwell Collins? Please email Tressa ASAP so we can have this information for a grant we are working on for the club. Thanks.

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Exchanges:

May 14 –21 - The **Berlin-Brandenburg Outgoing Exchange** has turned in all the paperwork and money that is required and now we are just waiting to our host match so contacts can be made and friendships started. 12 of our club members, 6 from Grand Junction CO and 1 from Los Angeles, CA will be going on the exchange.

August 15-22 – **Berlin-Brandenburg Incoming Exchange** is still being planned in the early stages. Email Steve Williams if you can home host or day host at swill1234@msn.com

2009 - **Outgoing to Peru and Brazil** are being coordinated by our Lead Exchange Director, Dianne Karal and assisted by Liz and John Sauer. Watch for information as plans progress. This is going to be a very exciting exchange.

Thank You from Mike and Dianne Karal

Our heartfelt Thank You to all the members who came to the visitation, sent cards, gave memorial gifts, called or sent e-mail. Your acts of sympathy really touched us and we know we are truly blessed to have such supportive friends. We know Marie is in a better place where there is no more sadness or suffering, and for that we are grateful. She was a great lady and she will be missed forever.

Sincerely Thank You, Mike & Dianne

Reminder:

Visit our club's web site <http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org> and give input to our web master, Darby, on recommendations of what you would like to see on our web site.

We are still in need of an historian for our club. Job description would be: collect pictures, programs, etc. of club activities and place in a book for historical value to our club. Other members are willing take photos and provide information so attendance at all events is not a have to. Let Tressa know if you would like to try this position. It is only for 8 months!

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Fun world fact:

If you're in Japan, you imitate the sound of a pig by saying "bu-bu." In Russian, an oink is "kroo-kroo," in Spanish it's "tru-tru," and in Chinese, it's oh-ee, oh-ee."