

Yours In Friendship

August, 2008 www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org

Calendar of Events

August 6 - Please join us in welcoming our new friends from the country of Georgia who are participating in the IRIS program On August 6 starting at 5:30 Pm at the Lowe Park Pavilion, 4500 Tenth Street, Marion. Dinner will be a potluck - please bring a meat dish, a veggie or dessert dish, your own drinks and table service. Everyone welcome - host families, club members, friends and guests.

August

10 - New Member Orientation, 2-4 p.m., Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville. It is important for new members who are planning on going on an exchange within the next year to attend. It will be an easy way to learn the ground rules for exchanges as well as more about our club and Friendship Force.

August 24-Annual Tri-Club Picnic, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Tabor Home Vineyard, 3570 67th Street (take 64 east out of Anamosa. before you get to Baldwin turn north on 20th Ave., turn east on 67th St.) Friendship Force members from Dubuque, Quad Cities and Cedar Rapids will get together for an afternoon of fun. Bring your own food and chairs. Brats and hotdogs will be for sale at the picnic. Please do not bring your own alcoholic beverages. Wine will be for sale. Bryce Janey will provide musical entertainment. RSVPs are not necessary. Members are encouraged to wear their green Friendship Force shirts. Remember to car pool – you get to share the ride time with other members and save gas too.

September

14- Board Meeting 1:00 & General Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville. The new look and focus of Friendship Force will be discussed. We will also vote on where to request an outgoing exchange in 2010 so bring your exchange ideas. Our members who traveled to Germany will have displays of their exchange for you to enjoy prior to the meeting. RSVP by Wednesday, September 10, to info@friendshipforcecr-ic.org.

October

2-5- International Conference in Gold Coast, Australia

T.B.D.- October Let's Eat Out, 6:00 p.m. Location T.B.D.

November

9- Annual General Meeting, 4:00 p.m., International Soup Supper. Topic: Diversity Focus in Cedar Rapids and election of officers will be part of the agenda.

Always check our web site for updated information.

Exchanges

The **mystery weekend** will be held the weekend of September 26-28. Clues are M&M and there might be a festival. Contact Sally Fairchild, ED, if you are interested in going at 319-533-0405 mifairchild@ovationnetworks.com

Grand Junction, Colorado - a domestic exchange in early October 2008, tentatively leaving Cedar Rapids on October 6 and spending four nights and days in Grand Junction. Rumor is you might be taking the Amtrak so the adventure would start while traveling to Colorado. Phyllis Seidl is the exchange director and needs to hear from you now, if you are interested in going: 377-5619 or by e-mail at seidlgerald@msn.com.

Peru/Brazil Exchange June 2009– dates are now set and plans are a go so don't miss Dianne Karal's update at the September meeting. For further information sooner contact Dianne at: toy4Di@msn.com or 319-378-0084

Membership News

Our condolences to Janis Schmitz and family for the loss of Kenny – he will be missed by our members but we will keep the warm memories made with him over the years.

Past Exchange Director Info Needed

If you are a past Exchange Director (ED) for our club please contact Tressa to have your name added to the ED list that is being developed. ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net

Fun Facts

In ancient Ireland, there was a law that made it illegal for bees to trespass.