

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Yours in Friendship December 2010

While at International Conference in DC this past October, several countries and regions were showcased including the Midwest. A proposed tour of the upper Mississippi River was presented. A group from Australia will travel to Canada *in winter* to experience that season. Sleep under the stars in the Australian Outback. The welcome mat is out in Albania. It was great to see the interest those presentations generated.

When asked about the Midwest by someone who has never visited, how do you describe our area? Do we take pride in who we are? We are America's Heartland, a melting pot of cultures, a mix of new technology, evolving traditions and old favorites. We are that charming little village on the road less traveled. In the year ahead, let's celebrate the uniqueness and warmth of the Midwest, then share with the world.

Calendar

January 9, 2011, Sunday at 2-4 pm: HyVee Community Room, Edgewood Rd NE, Cedar Rapids. Steve Williams presents on Global Exchange, Azerbaijan. Cost is \$5 per person, no charge to first time guests. Refreshments will be served, wine tasting will be available.

February, 2011 Let's Eat Out – date, time & place to be announced

March 6, 2011 World Friendship Day at Lowe Park.

April 14-16, 2011: Midwest Regional Conference in Lincoln, NE
Optional tour of NE sand dunes available before the conference

June 30 – July 6, 2011: Incoming Exchange from Tokyo, Japan
Mary Stull, Exchange Director: mcdstull@aol.com

August 26-30, 2011: FFI World Conference, Hamburg, Germany

November 2011: Outgoing Exchange to Costa Rica
Vic Klopfenstein, Exchange Director: vpklopfenstein@msn.com

Updates

Open World Coordinator Needed – We have the opportunity to host a group from Open World in early February and need a leader to work with Steve Williams and Vic Klopfenstein. Please contact Steve Williams swill1234@msn.com

Domestic Exchange from Las Vegas/Tucson – Tressa Youngbear is working on preliminary arrangements, but help is needed to coordinate this late May/early June inbound exchange. Please contact Tressa Youngbear ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net

Annual dues are \$20 per person - Please send your check to Marty Novak,
Membership Chair, at 1253 Belmont Pkwy NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Wishing you, yours and all our friends around the world a very
happy holiday season!

In friendship,

Connie Williams & Dave Detwiler
President & President-Elect