

Yours In Friendship February 2008

Meetings

The January General Meeting was very informative and it was great catching up with members after the holidays. Thank you Margaret Nelson, Connie Williams, and Mary Stull for decorations and dessert in German style – great job!

Join us at the next Friendship Force LEO (Let's Eat Out) at 6 pm on Tuesday, February 12 at the Olive Garden on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids. Call another member to carpool or bring a guest to make the trip more enjoyable. Reservations by Sunday, February 10 to Phyllis/Jerry Seidl (319) 377-5619 or seidlgerald@msn.com.

Mark your calendars for March 9. After our general meeting we will be celebrating **World Friendship Day** being organized by Vic Klopfenstein. Rumors are Vic will be doing the Irish jig for us to go along with the Irish theme. Can't wait, Vic!

Exchanges

Outgoing Berlin/Brandenburg, Germany is a coming into its final planning stages so if you are interested in going contact Tressa right away so you don't miss out. We will leave on May 14^t, arrive in Berlin on the 15th and the exchange will end on the 21st. Estimated cost is under \$1,500 per person. There is flexibility if you are interested in going early or coming home later for personal touring outside the exchange. ityoungbear@iowatelcom.net

Incoming Berlin/Brandenburg Exchange – August 15-22, 2008. Steve Williams is the ED for this exchange and is requesting members who are willing to home host ambassadors to contact him. Swil1234@msn.com

Mystery Week-end - This year we will be doing a **mystery weekend exchange** and Sally Fairchild has volunteered to be the ED. Watch for more information in the future.

Membership Update

Welcome to Shirley Gibb, Patty and David Detwiler, and Liz and John Sauer who are **new members** to our club. At a future meeting look them up and give them a real FF welcome. It is a pleasure having them with our group.

In January, George and Stephanie Schulte welcomed their first grandchild, Lauren Rose, daughter of Melton and Lisa. Congratulations to whole family.

We want to send our condolences to Jill Rinkenberger, and her family, whose mother passed away on January 29th.

Board Update

This year **the board is working on updating** the by-laws, developing guidelines, such as, reimbursement & travel and developing a budget. Each committee is working on an overview to explain what the committee's duties & responsibilities are for members who volunteer for the committees. The committees & board members would welcome input from the membership so if you want to give input contact committee chairs or the co-presidents.