

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

Many of us are tired of the cold and snow of winter in Iowa and Cedar Rapids broke its record for having 58 days of snow cover in a row. This is why we don't have incoming exchanges in the winter. Winter is, however, a good time for thinking of the many places in the world that we would like to visit and it's a great time to enjoy the variety of Friendship Force activities coming up in the next six months. Whether you're involved in one of the upcoming exchanges or not, the Friendship Force calendar has some interesting activities. Check out the calendar.

This week we received International's proposed exchanges for Cedar Rapids/Iowa City for 2011. They proposed incoming exchanges from Berlin, Germany in May 2011, and Tokyo, Japan in August 2011 and an outbound exchange to San Jose, Costa Rica in November 2011. Our board accepted International's proposal so we will wait for confirmation after all the clubs have responded to their exchanges. We are fortunate to be offered three exchanges.

The 2010 goals and the 2010 budget are attached for your review. The closing financial statement for 2009 is also attached. The board has approved these documents so please pass on any comments or feedback to anyone on the board. We think these reflect the strong position of our organization.

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, February 7: New Member Orientation from 2-3:30 pm at the Panera on Edgewood Parkway. If you are a new member or are interested to find out more about Friendship Force opportunities, join Margaret Miller for this informational presentation. Panera is behind the Texas Roadhouse near Westdale Mall.

Wednesday, February 10: Let's Eat Out - Phong Lan Vietnamese Restaurant at 5:30pm Call Mary Stull at 393-9254 or mcdstull@aol.com for reservations.

Sunday, February 28 is March 1 - World Friendship Day in New Zealand – Video teleconference. More details to come. Contact Audrey Bradford audrey.b@mchsi.com if you have 2 way internet cam access.

Sunday, March 7: World Friendship Day Celebration Ethnic Potluck, 4pm at the Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center, 4500 N 10th Street, Marion. Dinner and dialogue with international students and their host families. Members and their guests, please RSVP to Sandy Colton 378-8971 or sandy1008@live.com. Students and host

families, please RSVP to Vic Klopfenstein 377-5502 or vpklopfensten@msn.com
Members, please bring an ethnic dish (serving 8+) to share. Table service and drinks provided, meeting fee of \$5 for members.

Sunday, May 16: General Meeting.

Saturday, June 19 and August 21: Farmer's Market

Exchanges:

NEW! Tucson, AZ to Cedar Rapids, July 27: Tucson has 11 ambassadors who want to visit Cedar Rapids after a week in Madison, WI. **ED needed, contact Steve Williams by 2/22/2010 to apply.** swill1234@msn.com

Cedar Rapids/Cherry Hills NJ to Los Angeles, Feb 20-26

Cedar Rapids to New Zealand, Apr 14-30

Gifu, Japan to Cedar Rapids, June 15-22. The committee has planned a week full of events and activities. There will be lots of opportunities for all CR/IC FF members to take part in. When the time gets closer, we will ask for volunteers to help: providing food, decorations, set up, clean up, transportation and more. For now, start practicing for the "Talent Show" to be held as part of the Farewell Party on Monday, July 21.
Dianne Karal and Tressa Youngbear

International group to Baku, Azerbaijan, August 30-Sept. 14: Cedar Rapids will lead this exchange of two weeks on the Caspian Sea. Contact Steve Williams for more information.

Membership Renewal: Dues are \$20 for single, \$40 per couple/family. Contact Marty Novak, martynovak@mchsi.com or 396-0848

Committee Contacts:

Membership: Marty Novak, Margaret Miller

Communications: Vic and Pat Klopfenstein

Fundraising: Connie Williams, Marian Wetjen

Exchange: Steve Williams, Tressa Youngbear, Dianne Peckosh

Activities: Margaret Nelson, Jill Rinkenberger, Sandy Colton

Website:

Access members' phone and email by going to our website <http://www.friendshipforcecric.org/> ID is *friendshipforcecric* and password is *ff2008*. Check the website regularly for new information, including merchandise and calendar updates. If you have website skills, please contact Darby Anderson, 431-8417 or darbyanderson1@gmail.com

TEST YOUR MANNERS, FOOD CUSTOMS AROUND THE WORLD - click
this link: <http://www.fekids.com/img/kln/flash/DontGrossOutTheWorld.swf>

That was fun!!!! How did you score? Thanks to Tressa for passing this on.

Yours in Friendship, Audrey & Connie

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR RAPIDS AND IOWA CITY
Operating Fund - FY 2010 Budget
Current Period: XX-XX-XX thru YY-YY-YY

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	CURRENT ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	% BUDGET
Receipts					
R10	Membership Dues	1,920.00			
R11	Membership Badges (Net of expenses)	0.00			
R15	Third Party Hosting	250.00			
R20	Interest Income	0.00			
R30	Sale of Merchandise (Net of expenses)	376.00			
R40	General Fund Raising Events	750.00			
R45	Annual Auction Fund Raiser	700.00			
R80	Rockwell Grant Transfer (Intl Convention Support)	500.00			
R90	Miscellaneous Income	0.00			
	Transfer from (to) Reserves	0.00			
Receipt Totals		\$4,496.00			
Disbursements					
D10	Membership Dues to International	496.00			
D15	International Contribution (Legacy Fund)	250.00			
D20	General Office Expenses	100.00			
D25	Website	100.00			
D30	Activities Committee (Meetings & Etc - Net of Income)	250.00			
D35	Communications Committee	200.00			
D60	Incoming Exchange Supplementary Support	0.00			
D65	Other Exchange Support	0.00			
D70	International Convention Support	2500.00			
D75	Regional Conference Support	500.00			
D90	Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00			
Disb. Totals		\$4,496.00			

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR RAPIDS AND IOWA CITY
FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT – FY 2009
Period: 01-01-09 thru 12-31-09**

ACCOUNT / FUND	BALANCE 12-31-08	RECEIPTS PERIOD	DISBURSE PERIOD	TRANSFERS PERIOD	BALANCE 12-31-09
GENERAL ACCOUNT					
Operating Fund	\$6,688.37	5,059.00	-4,241.55	1,270.05	\$8,775.87
Promotion Fund	786.79	972.40	-1,857.14	97.95	0.00
IRIS Fund	2,096.50	941.51	-242.51	-1,368.00	1,427.50
Rockwell Fund	0.00	5,000.00	-616.94	-1,000.00	3,383.06
General Acct Totals (1)	\$9,571.66	11,972.91	-6,958.14	-1,000.00	\$13,586.43
Less IRIS Fund					-1,427.50
Plus 75% Value Promo Goods					1,737.00
General Acct Net Worth (2)					\$13,895.93
EXCHANGE ACCOUNT					
Exchange Acct Totals (1)	\$7,763.36	54,147.45	-55,971.04	1,000.00	\$6,939.77
Designated to Exchanges					-2,800.00
Exchange Acct Net Worth (2)					\$4,139.77
TOTAL CASH BANK ACCTS (1)	\$17,335.02	66,120.36	-62,929.18	0.00	\$20,526.20
TOTAL NET WORTH (2)	No Data				\$18,035.70

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City 2010 Goals

- 1. Increase community awareness of Friendship Force and its mission: “To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people” and its values of “mutual respect, cultural diversity, cultural exploration and service.”**

- 2. Increase membership to 106 with focus on diverse populations.**

- 3. Increase Friendship Force involvement with diverse populations and organizations in our community.**

- 4. Provide exchange opportunities for our members, including at least:**
 - one international outbound exchange**
 - one international inbound exchange**
 - domestic exchanges as possible**

- 5. Provide additional international hosting opportunities through Open World, IRIS, and similar programs.**

- 6. Develop and maintain a responsible budget.**

- 7. Provide a variety of social events for members including a minimum of six LEO’s or similar activities.**

- 8. Boost the awareness and image of the Midwest within the international Friendship Force population. Include marketing the Cedar Rapids/ Iowa City area as a valuable exchange destination.**