

**Yours in Friendship  
July 2010**

Congratulations and thanks to Dianne, Tressa, the Gifu exchange committee and everyone who made the exchange with Gifu, Japan, a huge success. The Japanese were a delightful group, full of fun and energy. We had great attendances at the welcome, Wickiup Mesquaki night and the farewell party at Squaw Creek Park.

The Farmer's Market on June 19 was another success. Many people stopped briefly at our booth and between 80 and 100 people took information about Friendship Force after talking with one of the members. Fourteen new people who may be interested in joining signed up to receive the newsletter this month. Mary Stull did a great job of designing the booth and Klopfensteins' canopy tent offered good protection from the sun.

Friendship Force of CR/IC members covered three shifts at the Freedom Festival events on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who worked the events and special thanks to Cheryl and John Elliott for coordinating and scheduling the volunteers. What a great way to help our community.

Look through the calendar for upcoming events. We encourage visitors to join us for the LEO on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Members come prepared to tell newcomers and visitors about what you enjoy about Friendship Force. Please make plans to attend the Tri-Club picnic on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Island Arsenal. Thank you to all the members who participated in club events this month including the many Gifu exchange activities, those who set up and manned the booth at the Farmer's Market, and all the Freedom Festival volunteers. We hope you all enjoy the real Iowa summer weather.

**Audrey and Connie**

**July 14: LEO (Let's Eat Out) 6:00 at the Londoner, 3325 Center Point Rd NE.**

Enjoy a pint with the mates and have some bubble and squeak or fish 'n chips. For fun pub food, please email or call your RSVP to Audrey [audrey.b@mchsi.com](mailto:audrey.b@mchsi.com) or Connie [cmw1226@yahoo.com](mailto:cmw1226@yahoo.com) by the 12<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

**August 8: Tri-Club picnic on Arsenal Island in Rock Island.**

The Quad City Club will give us more information and directions to the park soon.

**August 21: Farmer's Market:** Friendship Force booth at the market, Greene Square Park area.

**August 30-Sept. 14: International group to Baku, Azerbaijan:** Cedar Rapids will lead this exchange of two weeks on the Caspian Sea. Steve Williams has a full exchange for this exciting trip.

**September 26: General Meeting at the Marion Heritage Center at 2:00 pm**

The program will be 'Animals around the World'.

**October 16-18: International Conference at Washington, D.C**

This is open to any Friendship Force member. The conference gives the opportunity to see old friends, make new friends and to network with clubs from around the world.

To register, go to <http://thefriendshipforce.org/> website for additional information and registration link.

**November 7: Annual Dinner Meeting at the Clarion Hotel at 5 pm**

Election of officers, Silent Auction