

## **Yours In Friendship**

**Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City**

**July 2008** <http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org>

### **Announcements**

The **San Diego Club** donated **\$500 towards flood relief** and asked our club to decide where to donate the money. Members of our club passed the hat and collected another \$118 to donate with the San Diego money.

Members voted to donate the money equally between the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the African American Museum.

A big thanks to all the members who volunteered to work the **Freedom Festival**. Since the festival was moved to Labor Day weekend we were not able to get our 10 volunteers but we will try again next year.

The **Lending Library** is a go! Please list all materials you are willing to loan out to members then send the list to Darby who will post them on our web site in secured member area. When members are planning on traveling they can check the list to see if they can borrow travel guides, maps, etc. instead of purchasing them.

Include in the listing: Title, year published, description, lender name and lender contact information.

**Nomination Committee** will be appointed to put together the slate of officers for 2009. If you would like to serve on this committee please contact Tressa. [ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net)

**New Exchange!** Grand Junction, CO has invited our club to come for an outbound domestic exchange in October 2008. As soon as the ED is secured and dates are agreed you will be notified right away.

We have been invited! The **Los Angeles Club** would like to do an inbound domestic exchange to our club in May 2009 and they have invited us to San Diego in 2010. I am sure most of us has been in LA before but have we ever seen it through the eyes of a local – I bet it is different.

**New Look for International Friendship Force**



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## INTERNATIONAL

Changing the Way You See the World

Above is the new logo for Friendship Force. Clubs are encouraged to use this new logo but do not have to stop using the green and white logo yet. We will be giving full details of the changes the International Office is making at our September general meeting.

### **Calendar**

**July 15** – Exchange Director’s Meeting (past & current EDs) will start at 6:30 and is hosted by Dianne and Mike Karal, 4859 Oak Grove Ct NE. This meeting will look at developing guidelines for filling, how exchange directors reimbursed, and using best practices for incoming or outgoing exchanges for the club. Input will be important from all past EDs so plan on attending. RSVP Tressa Youngbear [ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net)

**August 10** - New Member Orientation, 2-4 p.m., Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who has joined in 2007 or 2008 to learn more about Friendship Force in general, ask questions and get acquainted with other new members. The event will include a potluck. Before or after the meeting, you can enjoy a self-guided tour of a special exhibit about migratory song birds.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., turn east on 67<sup>th</sup> 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. Music will be provided by Bryce Janey. 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., The new look and focus of Friendship Force come and learn all about it. Location

T.B.D. RSVP before Wednesday, September 10th, to [info@friendshipforcecr-ic.org](mailto:info@friendshipforcecr-ic.org).

**October 2-5-** International Conference in Gold Coast, Australia

**T.B.D.-** 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. Election of officers.

**Always check our web site for updated information.**

### **Exchanges**

The **mystery weekend** will be held the weekend of September 26-28. Contact Sally Fairchild, the exchange director, if you are interested in going at 319-533-0405 [mifairchild@ovationnetworks.com](mailto:mifairchild@ovationnetworks.com)

**August 5-7 IRIS** (Iowa Resource for International Studies) has a group of 10 people who will be visiting from the country of Georgia. Our club members will provide home hosting from Tuesday through Thursday. Thanks to all who volunteered to host.

**Peru/Brazil Exchange** – plans are progressing so get your name on the "interested list." Dianne Karal (exchange director) and Liz and John Sauer (assistant exchange directors) will keep you updated on plans as they develop. Contact Dianne at: [toy4Di@msn.com](mailto:toy4Di@msn.com)

### **Correction**

On the Board List you were sent there was a mistake. Pat & Vic Klopfenstein are co-chairs of the Communication Committee not the Promotions Committee.

### **Fun Fact**

Don't forget to thank R.J. Lechmere Guppy for his contribution to society. A resident of Trinidad, Guppy caught a batch of small tropical fish and donated them to the British Museum, which named them after him.