

Yours In Friendship

June 2008

Calendar of Events:

June 12th- Let's Eat Out at 6 pm at the Phong Lan Vietnamese Restaurant hosted by Mary & Frank Stull. Don't miss the good company and good food. Make reservations at fpstull@aol.com

July 13 General Meeting:

We will have a General Meeting at 4 pm at the Millstream Brewery Beer Garden in Amana. An optional Brewery Tour will start at 3:30 pm. You can also enjoy an optional dinner at Colony Inn after the meeting. The Board meeting will also be held at the Millstream Brewery Beer Garden at 1:30 pm.

August 10 New Member Orientation

We're holding an orientation for new members on Sunday, August 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 in the meeting room at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville. It is an opportunity for anyone who has joined in 2007 or 2008 to learn more about Friendship Force in general as well as our club; ask questions and get acquainted with other new members. We will start with a potluck so there will be time for visiting. Before or after the meeting, you can enjoy a self-guided tour of a special exhibit of migratory song birds.

August 24 Tri-Club Picnic

Join Friendship Force club members from Cedar Rapids, Quad Cities and Dubuque from 3-6 pm at the Tabor Home Vineyard (3570 67th Street, north of Baldwin, which is just west of Maquoketa). This is about equi-distance for all three clubs. Bring your own food and chair! Or you can buy brats or hot dogs there. You can also buy a bottle of wine.....just don't bring your own alcoholic beverages. Music by Bryce Janey (check him out at thejaney.com). No need to RSVP.....just show up and look for FF green shirts!

Be sure to look on the clubs web site for updates on the calendar of events.

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Exchanges

The Berlin-Brandenburg Exchange was a great success – make sure you ask our members who went on this exchange to share some of their experiences. Post exchange get-together will be June 29 at the Williams home.

The **mystery weekend** will be held the weekend of September 26-28. We have 29 people signed up that are interested in going on this exchange – make sure your name is on the list if you are interested in going. Sally Fairchild is the exchange director. Contact her at 319-533-0405

mifairchild@ovationnetworks.com

August 4-7 IRIS(Iowa Resource for International Studies) has a group of 10 people who will be visiting from the country of Georgia. Our club has been asked to provide home hosting from Monday through Thursday. You will provide breakfast, dinner and transportation to the daily gathering site for group activities. See "Volunteers Needed" below for a chance to be involved with this hosting opportunity.

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

Volunteers Needed

An IRIS Exchange Director (coordinator) is needed – if interested, please contact Tressa ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net

Hosting for IRIS participants August 4-7 is needed. If you are interested, please contact Tressa and she will pass your name on to the exchange director. ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net

Web Site www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org

Darby Anderson, with volunteer assistance, is in the process of cleaning up the existing pages of our web site. Next she will work on the secured membership pages. Darby will be linking to some of the more used pages on the new International Friendship Force site after it has been released around June 16.

Lending Library - we need your input.

We have all purchased travel guides, maps, ---for the dummy, etc. Would you be willing to share them with members? The idea is to have a page on the website where we would list the items we have for loan. Members who are planning a trip can look on our web site to see if there is anyone who has a guide that would assist them in their planning. They would call the person directly to borrow the needed guides. Do you think this is an idea that would work for our club? Let us know – email Tressa. tyoungbear@iowatelecom.net

Freedom Festival Volunteers.

On July 4, 10 of our club members will be working the Freedom Festival. Our club is participating in a community event and also making a little money for the club. Thank you to John & Cheryl Elliott, Stephanie and George Schulte, Audrey Bradford, Karen and Will Mickelson, Mary and Carl Carson and Tressa Youngbear, team leader. We want to also thank the other members who volunteered but we had already filled our 10 slots. We hope you will volunteer again next year if our club decides to do this again.