

Yours In Friendship

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
May 2008 web site: friendshipforcecr-ic.org

Calendar of Events:

June 12th- Let's Eat Out at 6 pm at the Phong Lan Vietnamese Restaurant hosted by Mary & Frank Stull. The menu has rice and noodle-based dishes, much like Chinese cooking. It's not spicy, unless you choose to have yours spiced up. Make reservations at fpstull@aol.com or 393-6254

July 13th General Meeting at 4 pm at the Millstream Brewery Beer Garden in Amana with an optional Brewery Tour – 3:30 pm and an optional dinner at Colony Inn after the meetings. The Board meeting will also be held at the Millstream Brewery Beer Garden at 1:30 pm. Be sure to look on the clubs web site for updates on the calendar of events.
www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org

Volunteers Needed:

Our club is participating in the Freedom Festival of 2008. We need a team of 10 people to work up to 4 different times to help the club make up to \$1000. Dates we might need volunteers are 6/20,21,26, 28,29, and 7/4. If we can come up with a team then we will be given times and dates to work. Please contact Tressa Youngbear if you are interested. 319-350-4143 or ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net

Have time to make phone calls? Contact Connie Williams to be part of our new phone tree to assist in reminding members of events and timelines. cmw1226@yahoo.com

Other FF Business:

Announcement: When you make a reservation to an event or a L.E.O. and you can't attend then you will need to either pay for the reservation or find someone to attend in your place. The club can no longer pay for no shows.

If you have been an Incoming, Outgoing, or Open World Exchange Director in the last 5 years please contact, Tressa Youngbear who needs information from you.
ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net or 641-484-5239 or cell 319-350-4143. (Tressa will not be available May 14-29)

Skype(Skype.com) is a computer-to-computer free phone call anywhere in the world (including in the continental US). It allows you to have 1 free hour of talking per call. To get started: sign up for an account and have your family, friends, and ambassadors get an account, which does not ask for a credit card. If you call from computer to phone, there is a charge.

New Members: Welcome Jackie & Dallas Bryant, Edie and Don Roberts and Esther Hudson as new members of our club as of April. Dale and Cheryl Moore also joined at the May meeting.

Exchanges:

Mystery Weekend

The mystery weekend will be held the weekend of September 26th. If you might be interested in going, please contact Sally Fairchild to get on the list – space might be limited so don't wait. Sally Fairchild: 319-533-0405 mifairchild@ovationnetworks.com

The **Berlin-Brandenburg Exchange** leaves on May 14th. Our ambassadors will bring back many interesting stories and pictures to share at a later meeting. Thanks go out to Phyllis Seidl for assisting the first time ED get through the process and to Connie and Myron Williams for hosting our Berlin-Brandenburg Exchange get-together to finalize our plans for this exchange.

The **incoming Berlin-Brandenburg Exchange** has been canceled because not enough ambassadors were found to go on the exchange. Those of you who already signed up to host we thank you for volunteering and we hope you will volunteer again on the next incoming exchange.

Domestic Exchange? Since the incoming international exchange was canceled we are looking into a domestic exchange. If we can finalize the plans we will let you know right away.

Member News:

Please keep **Vic & Pat Klopfenstein's** son-in-law, who is having some health issues, in your thoughts and prayers.

World Fun Fact: India has more than 200 known languages, with 18 different languages officially recognized.