

Yours in Friendship November 2009

Our Annual Meeting is coming up November 15, 2009. The evening will include a buffet dinner, excellent speakers and the business meeting where we will elect our officers for 2010. Please RSVP right away to Connie Williams at 319-396-4747 or cmw1226@yahoo.com. The cost of the dinner meeting can be mailed to 3960 Johnson Ave NW, Cedar Rapids, 52405 or must be paid at the door. Remember that the dinner reservation is based on our RSVP's.

Annual Meeting: November 15, 2009

Theme: Thankful for Our Friends Worldwide

Clarion Hotel; 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids

Cash bar: 5:00 to 5:30 pm Buffet Dinner: promptly at 5:30

RSVP due by Tuesday, November 10th to Connie Williams – 396-4747 or

cmw1226@yahoo.com. \$20 per person includes buffet dinner, dessert, beverage and gratuity. This is a special rate for the buffet with two meats, which would normally be \$20 without the dessert and gratuity.

The speakers are Mike and Tselha Williams, who will present their personal experiences in China, Tibet, India and Iowa. Mike Williams is an Iowa-born journalist and teacher who has lived in China. Tselha was born in Tibet, lived in India and came to the US as a student.

We will vote on the officers for 2010 during the annual meeting. The Nomination Committee (Audrey Bradford, Tressa Youngbear, Marceil Edson, Joan Jacobs) has selected the slate for officers for the election:

President: Audrey Bradford

President Elect: Connie Williams

Secretary: Liz Sauer

Treasurer: Dale Moore

December 13, 2009: Board of Directors Planning meeting for 2010

January 3, 2010: Membership meeting at Coe Library. We will tour the artwork on display at Coe's gallery library.

Upcoming Exchanges:

Tucson, AZ –November 4-9, 2009: Marian Wetjen is the ED for this exchange leaving Wednesday morning.

The small group from our club will be joined by ten members of the Las Vegas Friendship Force club and two members of the Los Angeles club.

New Zealand – April 14-30, 2010 Kapiti Coast and Christchurch, New Zealand.
Phyllis Seidl at seidlgerald@msn.com is the Exchange Director. The exchange is full at this time and has a short waiting list.

Azerbaijan – Our club was given the opportunity to lead an exchange to Baku, Azerbaijan. This will be two weeks of fun on the Caspian in September 2010. Ambassadors from several clubs worldwide will make up the exchange. Write to Steve Williams at swill1234@msn.com to express interest. He will have more information on the trip at the November meeting.

Some members of the **Malang, Indonesia Friendship Force** are in Iowa City from now until the end of the year. They are lecturers from The State University of Malang and are here visiting the University of Iowa. We hope that they will join us at our annual meeting and any other activities we have.

A reminder about the Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City website: If you have pictures from incoming or outbound recent exchanges please give them to Darby to include in the Photo section.

Remember you can find out how to contact another member by using the Membership login. The ID is “friendshipforcecric” and the password is “ff2008”.