

Yours in Friendship October 2009

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Important events to take note of this month are the Annual Meeting on November 15, at the Clarion Hotel on 33 Ave St. SW and the Tucson Exchange, which still has a few openings.

Board Meeting: October 11, 3:00 p.m. at the Arts & Environment Center at Lowe Park in Marion. The address is 4500 10th street, Marion. (Just north of Linn Mar School about a mile on the left.) This is a very important meeting for the Board. **We will be discussing the Rockwell Grant, guidelines on spending it, and other fundraising activities.** Board members will receive copies of the grant information prior to the meeting.

October 16 LEO - 6:00 p.m., Tatyana's Kitchen, 224 W 1st St., in Mount Vernon. Bernita Walker is hosting. Please call Bernita by Monday, October 12 to make a reservation and tell her your choice for dinner. Call 563-886-3098 or email bernitaw1300@iowatelecom.net Tatyana's is across from the fire station in a brick home. Parking is available in the rear near the bank. Tatyana, from Ukraine, prepares a Russian cuisine and international pastries. At dinner, she will tell us how she came to the US. She is opening her café on Friday night especially for Friendship Force.

Choose one of the following four options when you make your reservation:

1. Cabbage rolls with potatoes
2. Pork rolls with asparagus
3. Russian steak with cheese and onions on top
4. Salmon in puffed dough

A salad is included with all the choices.

Cost: Dinner: \$9.90, Beverage: \$1.50; Dessert: \$ 4.00

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 10 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.

Speakers: Mike and Tselha Williams- Personal Journeys: China, Tibet, India & 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 was Audrey Bradford, Tressa Youngbear, Marceil (and Winston) Edson, Joan Jacobs (and John Haack.)

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The slate for officers to be voted on:

President: Audrey Bradford

President Elect: Connie Williams

Secretary: Liz Sauer

Treasurer: Dale Moore

Upcoming Exchanges:

Tucson, AZ – November 2009, Marian Wetjen is the Exchange Director.

November 4-9. This looks like a great exchange. Tucson will be celebrating El Dia de los Muertos with a parade and big celebration, in addition to beautiful weather and desert botanical garden. We need about nine more ambassadors for this exchange to happen. Please think about it and contact Marian immediately if you are interested.

mwetjen@q.com or 319-363-0586

New Zealand – April 14-30, 2010 Kapiti Coast and Christchurch, New Zealand.

Phyllis Seidl at seidlgerald@msn.com is the Exchange Director.

Azerbaijan – Our club has a great opportunity in Baku, Azerbaijan. This will be two weeks of fun on the Caspian Sea in September 2010. Write to Steve Williams swill1234@msn.com to express interest. We should have ambassadors from many clubs on that trip.

In other news...Pat & Vic Klopfenstein hosted two African teachers (Danjuma Abdullahi who teaches biology at a high school in Nigeria and Lydia Nehemia who teaches English at a high school in Tanzania) August 22-August 30th. This was with IRIS in Ames under the YES Program (Youth Exchange & Study.) They each brought 30 students from their respective countries to study for nine months at an Iowa high school. Two more teachers will come next June to take them back. The Sauers hosted two this spring and the Seidls hosted two last August. John & Liz Sauer helped with the program.