

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Yours in Friendship August 2011

Let's go on a picnic! The Friendship Force of Dubuque invites us to join them and Friendship Force of the Quad Cities on Sunday, August 28 (see details in the calendar). This would be a great event to share with a prospective member.....we all have people in mind. And membership dues are pro-rated for the remainder of the year, \$10 per person. What a great way to introduce others to Friendship Force while relaxing and enjoying the Mississippi River from Eagle Point Park.

In October, our Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City and the Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee has been invited by Friendship Force International to host a group of 20 Indonesian educators, including many who are English as a foreign language teachers. I think this is an exciting opportunity for our clubs to showcase the Midwest and our educational systems. And what a great time of year to see the fall colors! Note the dates may be in mid-October and sign up to work on the educational or the social committee; your help for a day or an event would be appreciated. The most enriching part of any exchange is the gift of our time and attention to our ambassadors.

The photos from the Tokyo Exchange and the Wayne Smith Award Presentation to Robert & Billie Ray are on our website, thanks to Dave Detwiler and Darby Winger. These will be great to share with our Friendship Force friends around the world. Here is the link: <http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org/photos.html>

from Connie Williams, president

Calendar

August 26-30: 2011 FFI World Conference, Hamburg, Germany

Wishing David & Patty Detwiler bon voyage for the conference and Rhine Valley tour afterwards. As the President-Elect, Dave will network with other club leaders from around the world.

August 28, Sunday at 12:30pm – FF Tri-Club Picnic in Dubuque IA

The Dubuque Friendship Force club invites CR/IC and the Quad Cities FF clubs to enjoy the view while spending time with friends at the Riverfront Pavilion's East Porch in Eagle Point Park. Cost per person is \$10 for the catered picnic lunch and \$1 per carload for entrance into the park. Reservations can be made by sending your check (payable to Friendship Force) to Connie Williams at 3960 Johnson Ave NW; Cedar Rapids IA, 52405 or call 396-4747 before August 19. A group reservation will be sent to Dubuque.

Directions to Eagle Point Park: Stay on Hwy 151/61 until the Kerper exit – right before crossing the bridge to Wisconsin. Turn left on Kerper; go to Fengler and turn left; go to Rhomberg Ave and turn right; continue to Shiras Ave, then turn left onto Shiras. Stay on Shiras until you see the sign for Eagle Point Park on your right, a short distance. Drive

into the park and pay \$1 per car entrance fee. Riverfront Pavilion is at the top of the drive overlooking the Mississippi. It will be on your left and has adequate parking. Watch for balloons and signs. Picnic lunch of 2 meats, 3 sides, dessert and beverage is included.

August – May: Kirkwood Community College Mentor/Host Opportunity

At our general meeting in May, Gayle Glick from Kirkwood Community College talked about mentoring and hosting opportunities with Kirkwood students. The college has been awarded a SEED grant (Scholarships for Education and Economic Development) and will be receiving 19 students from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Haiti, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and El Salvador to study Agribusiness for Export at Kirkwood for two years. Host families will house these students in their home for one year, beginning this August. The second year of their studies they will live in apartments near the campus. If you are interested in mentoring or have questions regarding this host family opportunity, please contact **Gayle Glick** or **Jane Ann Rix** at 398-5293.

September 11, Sunday at 2 - 4pm: Meeting to be held at Iowa City Library, 123 S. Linn. Jane Cranston, from the U of Iowa College of Education, will speak about her 2009 journey to a girls' school in Pasrur, Pakistan. This event is open to the public, refreshments included.

October – probable dates from Oct 17-24: Indonesian Teacher Exchange Home hosting and committee opportunities. Please contact Steve Williams at swill1234@q.com or Tressa Youngbear at ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net

November 6-18: Outgoing Exchange to Costa Rica

Vic Klopfenstein, Exchange Director: vpklopfenstein@msn.com 360-2776

[We have 19 ambassadors going to San Jose, Costa Rica and there is room for up to 5 more. The approximate costs for just the Nov 11-18, one week exchange is \\$1200.00, with an additional 4 day/4 night added Nature tour, Nov 6-11, total cost is \\$1800.00 per person. Wouldn't this be a great first step for perspective members, if they join now? Contact Vic immediately for details if interested in going on this exchange.](#)

December 4, Sunday at 5pm: Election of Officers, Silent Auction and Dinner Meeting at the Clarion Hotel.

Friendship Force International Offerings

Join One Of The Exciting Exchanges During 2011 Listed In The FFI Catalog! <http://www2.thefriendshipforce.org/catalog/>

Here are a few of the many opportunities to fill out exchanges: Experience life in Morocco; Three weeks, three countries! Make friends across Asia; Beauty abounds in New Zealand; Experience the magic of Thailand's Festival of Lights at the Asia-Pacific Festival; The Mystery Exchange is revealed: Brazil; Encounter the one-of-a-kind culture of Vietnam.

Friendship Force of Northern Colorado to Lincoln, NE – October 10-16

Lincoln is hosting a domestic exchange with Northern Colorado and there are some open slots available. The week's activities include the Lewis & Clark Museum, NE Capitol and Governor's Mansion, the International Quilt Museum, Boys Town and the Henry Dorley Zoo. What a great way to visit with our friends in Lincoln or to meet new friends from Northern Colorado! Please contact Barb Ridder [\(402\) 435-0270](tel:4024350270) or bridder@neb.rr.com if you want to join in the fun.

Friendship Force of the Quad Cities has been invited to Indonesia in March or April of 2012, exact dates yet to be determined. Two weeks of home hosting will be in Jakarta and Solo-Surakarta, with a few days of Bali as an add-on option. The cost of the two week home stay will be between \$700 to \$800. Ambassadors will arrange their own air travel with a meeting place and date given by the Exchange Director, Judy Greiman. Please contact Judy at [563-289-3132](tel:5632893132) or jgreiman@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions about this exchange.

Updates

FFI Contacted For Information - New Club Mentoring

While they were attending our regional FFI meeting in Lincoln, George Brown talked with Connie Williams and David Detwiler about mentoring new clubs. Some of our club members were interested in how new club mentoring worked. The board has authorized a committee to investigate what would be involved in mentoring a new club. FFI has been contacted by committee members requesting information on requirements, countries and cities involved, international funding available, funding required of us, and FF club contacts who have successfully mentored. The committee is waiting on an answer from FFI.

Friendship Force Merchandise – Please see Dave

Detwiler, daviddetwiler@msn.com for the following items:

Polo Shirts, Notebooks, Luggage Tags, Green Tote Bags, Table Blessings and Note Cards

Consider inviting a friend or acquaintance to our meetings and make the invitation distinctive with a hand written note card displaying the friendship force logo.

Board Members 2011

Connie Williams, President

Dave Detwiler, President-Elect

John Haack, Secretary

Dale Moore, Treasurer

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Steve Williams, Exchange Coordinator

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In friendship,
Connie Williams & Dave Detwiler