

# Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Yours in Friendship December 2012

**Greetings in friendship,**



December—a time of transition—a bridge from 2012 to 2013.

As we move from 2012, we want to thank outgoing president David Detwiler for his leadership, Lynette Nuehring and Connie Williams for their contributions to the board's success. We also want to thank the Board and past presidents for helping to bring us up to speed. In addition, we appreciate all the members who stepped up to make the club activities successful. For example, on the Niagara Canada exchange, approximately

70% of the members were involved in some way. Way to go!

As we move into planning our calendar for the 2013 year, we encourage you to continue this involvement. We appreciate those who said, "yes" to serving on the Board, and we are especially thankful for Tressa Youngbear stepping into the role of President-elect.

We encourage members to forward suggestions for meeting locales and programs to a board member or to us, the Hildebrands at [rvhilde1@juno.com](mailto:rvhilde1@juno.com).

We will need LEO hosts for Feb, April, June, August, and October. All this entails is selecting a restaurant of your choice, contacting the management and setting the date/time, and accepting reservations. Send the information to us by the end of the previous month so it can be put in the newsletter. Let us know which month you wish to take.

May you have a happy and blessed Holiday



Season.

In friendship,  
Richard & Veta Hildebrand, CO-Presidents

## **Calendar**

**January 13, 2012 @1:00 p.m.** The next General Meeting will be held at the Oakland Road & 32nd Street Hy Vee. This is a luncheon meeting. We are asking you to go through one of the food lines (Mexican, Chinese, or American) and take your food and drink to the meeting room in the back of the store. Meals run around \$5.00 to \$7.00. (If we purchase our lunch from HyVee, our rent for the room is only \$50 instead of \$150.) The program will be on China and presented by Mike and Dianne Karal & Dale & Cheryl Moore.



**March 2-March 12, 2013:** Outgoing to Houston, TX. ED: David Detwiler, ([daviddetwiler@msn.com](mailto:daviddetwiler@msn.com)). **The Exchange Is Full!!**

**April 17-May 2, 2013**– Outgoing to Indonesia (confirmed) Steve Williams, ED, Contact: Tedja Wigny. **This exchange is full** including members from India & Africa. There is even a waiting list.

Steve Williams swill820@gmail.com

**May 5-11, 2013: Incoming Sacramento.** ED: TBD; Ass't ED: The Hildebrands, Contact: Carol Tilly

**August 1-9, 2013: Incoming Theme Exchange August 2-8 (CR/IC)** ED: Tressa Youngbear CR/IC, Ames ED: Dennis Dake

**Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 2013: Confirmed incoming from Fortaleza, Brazil.** ED: TBD, Contact: Marie da Gloria Goncalves

**October 9-16, 2013: Outgoing to Virginia.** ED: TBD, Contacts: Don & Babs Fickes

**November 22-25: 2013 World Conference in New Orleans, USA.**

**October 2014: 2014 World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand**

## Updates:

### 2013 Dues:

Renew CR/IC Friendship Force memberships for 2013 by mailing dues to Marian Wetjen, 2009 Linmar DR, NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Annual Membership Dues are \$25.00 per person. For further information contact Marian at [mwetjen@q.com](mailto:mwetjen@q.com).

**Annual Meeting:** An enthusiastic group of members enjoyed a ham and stuffed chicken breast buffet at the Annual Meeting on Sunday evening Nov. 18 at the Clarion Hotel. During the short business meeting, annual reports were given followed by the acceptance of the slate of officers nominated.

The entertainment was provided by Sestra (Sisters) Dance of Marion. Sisters Pam Hyberger and Allison Frerking demonstrated the tribal form of belly dancing, told of the differences between Egyptian and Arabic forms, and explained the costumes they wore. Did you know their jingle belts indicated the



dancer's wealth by the number of coins? Best of all, audience members took to the dance floor. They were taught basic moves which they then performed. Thanks, Vic, for arranging such a fun and interesting program.

## Exchange Directors Needed

Below are three 3 opportunities for you to take the lead for our club by being an Exchange Director. Please decide which one is of interest to you and volunteer so we will not have to cancel any of these exchanges. Contact Dianne Karal ([toy4di@msn.com](mailto:toy4di@msn.com).)

Opportunity #1: **May 5-11, 2013**: Incoming Sacramento

Opportunity #2: **Sept.23rd–Oct 1st, 2013**: Incoming Fortaleza, Brazil

Opportunity #3 **October 9-16, 2013**: Outgoing to Virginia.

**If you are a new exchange director you will have assistance so your learning experience will be enjoyable.**

**Resignation: FF International President George Brown** has announced his retirement from the FFI Presidency effective June 30, 2013. George has worked on the FFI staff 23 years, the past nine as president. He will continue to work with FFI but not full-time.

**New Item: Green Tote Bags** Polo Shirts, Notebooks, Luggage Tags, distinctive hand-written note card displaying the friendship force logo. (Consider items for hostess gifts.) Contact the Hildebrands (319-743-5541 or [rvhilde1@juno.com](mailto:rvhilde1@juno.com)) if you need merchandise.

### Board Members 2012

Richard & Veta, Co- Presidents  
Tressa Youngbear, Pres. Elect  
Steve Williams, Secretary  
Dale Moore, Treasurer  
David Detwiler, Past President  
Dianne Karal, Exchange Coordinator  
Marian Wetjen, Membership  
Vic & Pat Klopfenstein, Communications  
Will & Karen Mickelson, Meeting Hosts  
Alice Wilkinson & John Sauer, Directors At Large

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