

## **Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Yours in Friendship February 2011**

It's winter in Iowa. Cold, snow, long evenings on the trek back to summer's longer day. We do love our state, but by February, we look ahead to spring. For some, it's browsing through a gardening magazine, others watch the Travel Channel, some spend more time on-line with new and old friends and many make a trip to a warmer climate. We all find our way to enjoy the current season and look forward to the warmer weather ahead.

Whatever plans you make, please plan to be active with Friendship Force in 2011. We have Open World visitors from February 4-12, Incoming and Outgoing Exchanges, Freedom Festival participation and will again be at Farmer's Market this summer. We need everyone's help to offer these kinds of opportunities.

Looking forward to our year ahead! Explore, Understand and Serve in 2011!

### **Calendar**

#### **February 1, Tuesday at 5:45pm: Let's Eat Out**

\$7.99 buffet at the Taj Mahal Cuisine of India Restaurant - 3939 Center Point Road NE  
RSVP to Margaret Miller by Jan. 30 at [zrmam@imonmail.com](mailto:zrmam@imonmail.com) or call 364-2135

**February 4 – 12: Open World Delegation from Russia** – All Friendship Force members are invited to learn about the Russian delegates, who are mayors, municipal administrators and regional executives.

February 4: Welcome Potluck Dinner, Eagle Ridge Community Room, 1285 Red Fox Way, Marion (near intersection of Highways 13 & 151) at 6:30pm. Please bring a large salad, vegetable or dessert, as meat, beverage & paper products are provided.

There will be 14 guests.

February 11: Open World Farewell Dinner at the Metro Grille North at 6:30pm in the Party room.

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Vic Klopfenstein: [vpklopfenstein@msn.com](mailto:vpklopfenstein@msn.com)

#### **March 6: World Friendship Day, 4pm at Lowe Park.**

International Potluck, inviting area International Students and their host families. Please contact Vic Klopfenstein if you have foreign guests to invite or can help with the event.

#### **April 14-16: Midwest Regional Conference in Lincoln, NE**

Optional tour of Nebraska sand dunes available before the conference

#### **June 3 – 8: Incoming Domestic Exchange from Las Vegas**

Contact Tressa Youngbear at [ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net) if you would like to host or be on the exchange committee. Please contact Steve Williams if you would be willing to be a Co-Exchange Director.

**June 30 – July 6: Incoming Exchange from Tokyo, Japan**

Mary Stull, Exchange Director: [mcdstull@aol.com](mailto:mcdstull@aol.com). The exchange planning committee will be meeting soon. If you are interested in working on this committee, contact Mary Stull at 393-6254 or [mcdstull@aol.com](mailto:mcdstull@aol.com)

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

**November: Outgoing Exchange to Costa Rica**

Vic Klopfenstein, Exchange Director: [vpklopfenstein@msn.com](mailto:vpklopfenstein@msn.com)

**Updates**

**Annual dues are \$20 per person** - Please send your check to Marty Novak, Membership Chair, at 1253 Belmont Pkwy NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

**Friendship Force Merchandise** – Please see Dave Detwiler [daviddetwiler@msn.com](mailto:daviddetwiler@msn.com) for the following items: Polo Shirts (white or green), Notebooks, Luggage Tags, 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**

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In friendship,  
Connie Williams & Dave Detwiler