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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Welcome February! We had a great board and general meeting on January 19th. Thanks to those who were able to come and enjoy the meeting, program, social time and refreshments.

Your board has approved the budget for 2014 and it will be part of the minutes so please watch for it to be posted on our website.

Steve & Nancy Williams are hosting a Valentines L.E.O. in Springville on Feb. 13th. It must be a great place to eat, because I had two people call wanting to host a L.E.O. at Sally's.

Planning is in the works for our next general meeting— World Friendship Day on March 2nd. We will be trying new ways to invite our members and the public via Facebook, local newspaper and meetup.com.

For you in the warm south, we miss you and for those of you surviving our unique Iowa weather, I look forward to seeing you at the L.E.O. and the March 2 World Friendship Day.

Tressa

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FEBRUARY 13 L.E.O.

Nancy and Steve Williams will host the next L.E.O. on Thursday, February 13 at Sally's on Broadway in downtown Springville. You can order from the full menu or Sally is providing a Valentine special which includes an 8 oz. sirloin with three shrimp and two scallops plus potato and salad bar for \$15.00.

Reservations (please indicate whether ordering the special or from the menu) need to be turned into the Williams by February 9.

Phone 319-465-3942 or email at swill820@gmail.com.

World Friendship Day



The March general meeting will be held in conjunction with **World Friendship Day**. The Open World Ambassadors from Russia and several foreign exchange students attending Kirkwood will be in attendance. The details are:

WHEN: March 2 at 2:30 PM

WHERE: Marion Heritage Center

COST: None—Light refreshments provided.

This gathering will be a great opportunity to meet persons from around the world and to learn and share cultures. There is no better way to promote a peaceful world than “making one friend at a time”. The general public is also encouraged and invited to attend. Invite a friend, neighbor or family member.

2014 Midwest Regional Conference - May 1 thru 4

The Midwest Regional Conference is an opportunity for all members and officers to meet others from our region. It will be held at the Brookfield Suites Hotel on the near west side of Milwaukee. Suites include complimentary breakfast and free drinks at night and can comfortably accommodate up to 3 people.

The conference kicks-off on Thursday evening, May 1, with a social networking gathering. A variety of workshops will be held on Friday and Saturday morning on topics important to our club. Saturday afternoon offers an opportunity to participate in one of the following programs associated with Milwaukee’s many themed exchanges:

Food and History: Enjoy a walking tour highlighting the history of the city and food sampling at various restaurants. Conclude with dinner at a German Restaurant.

Food Cooking: Experience the food of India through hands-on cooking and a meal.

Arts & Architecture: Experience a fun art crawl and dinner followed by a theater performance of “Noise Off”.

Eco & Water: Participate in activities focused on nature, the environment and water.

Registration info will be coming soon!

CINCINNATI DOMESTIC EXCHANGE

On July 21 thru 27, our club will be journeying to Cincinnati. This exchange will serve as a “practice run” for a themed exchange that Cincinnati will be hosting later in the year. The theme is the Underground Railroad. We will visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, follow the back roads taken by 28 escaping slaves, visit two homes that were important during this time, and hear a lecture at College Hill. And, of course, enjoy the other benefits of an exchange such as home stays and free time with your hosts.

This Exchange has room for 16 persons and is currently filled. If you are interested, contact Steve Williams to get on the waiting list. Cost is \$260 per person.

Volunteers Needed

◆ Leadership Conference Committee

Tressa Youngbear is chair of the planning committee for the Leadership Conference in 2015 and is looking for members to help make this a great experience for all Midwest leaders. Contact ityoungbear@gmail.com or call 319-350-4143 to volunteer!

◆ Freedom Festival Workers Needed

We are planning to work again at the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival for a fund raiser. We will not have work dates until closer to the Festival; however, please do not hesitate to contact mooredale@imonmail.com to tentatively volunteer today!



2014 L.E.O. at the Iowa State Fair

Esther Hudson is tentatively planning a L.E.O. at the Iowa State Fair. Sounds like fun! If you would like to help with this contact Esther_Hudson@msn.com.

Hosts are set (see the calendar on the last page) for all other L.E.O.'s for 2014. Some dates and locations need finalized. We are going to some interesting places!



CALENDAR of EVENTS - (print this page as a reminder)

February 13	L.E.O. at Sally's on Broadway in Springville	Host Steve & Nancy Williams
Feb 28—March 8	Open World on Accountable Governance	ED - Vic Klopfenstein
March 2	1:00 Board Meeting 2:30 World Friendship Day Celebration/General Meeting	Marion Heritage Center
April (TBD)	L.E.O. (Placed to be announced)	Host Shirley Rosencrans
May 1-4	Midwest Regional Conference	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 18	1:00 Board Meeting 2:30 General Meeting with Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon	Wickiup Hill Learning Center
May 14 – 20	Incoming Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon	ED - Audrey Bradford
June (TBD)	L.E.O. at Sutliff Bridge Tavern	Host Vic Klopfenstein
June 11-13	Incoming Japanese Stop Over	EDs John Giegerich & Trish Kaiser
July 13	1:00 Board Meeting - 2:30 General Meeting	Marion Heritage Center
July 21-27	Outgoing Cincinnati (Theme Underground Railroad)	ED - Steve Williams
August (TBD)	L.E.O. (Tentative Bus Trip to State Fair)	Esther Hudson Planning
September (TBD)	Incoming UK Clubs	ED - TBD
September 14	Road Rally	Committee: Mike Karal,, Nancy Miller, and Shirley Rosencrans
October	L.E.O, (TBD)	Host Mary Stull
October 15 -21	Outgoing Sacramento, California	ED - Marian Wetjen
November 16	Annual Meeting	

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**In friendship
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