

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force
General Meeting
April 18, 2014

Close to fifty people attended the May General Meeting of the CR/IC Friendship Force Club including 15 guests from the Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon incoming exchange. Tom and Dorothy Welsh also visited from the Dubuque Club. Dean and Jean Thomas also brought a guest from Elgin, Iowa. A short meeting followed a potluck dinner featuring Maid rites and BB Beef sandwiches and entertainment.

Esther Hudson asked for sign-ups for the August LEO which is a bus trip to the Iowa State Fair on August 14. We need 25 to 30 people to make this trip feasible.

Dale Moore passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work at the Freedom Festival which runs June 19 - July 4. We have not received our specific assignments yet.

Dale announced the Tri-Club picnic will be August 17 at E.B. Lyons Nature Center in Dubuque from noon to 4:00 p.m. Dale also shared that the Dubuque club will dissolve at the end of the year and that their members have been invited to join with our club.

The next general meeting will be on July 13. Our guest speaker will be Darrin Crow on Iowa's Underground Railroad. This fits in with the upcoming exchange to Cincinnati (July 21 – 27) featuring a theme of the Underground Railroad.

The next LEO, hosted by Vic Klopfenstein will be at the Sutliff Bridge Tavern at 6 PM on June 26.

Dale also announced that the Board wants to identify humanitarian projects in which our club could be of service. Some potential examples include Habitat for Humanity house projects, the Mathew 25 Flood the Run event, and Kids Against Hunger. Submit your ideas to Cheryl and Dale Moore.

Entertainment was an Olympic style competitions between teams from Iowa and Oregon. First, Marian Wetjen asked the teams questions regarding the opposing state which ended in a tie. Second, was a spelling game in which the participants had to move into a position with their placard to spell a word in the story Marian read. There was fun all around for both participants and spectators.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sec. Pro Tem

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