

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

Happy New Year! It's a great time to remember our friends around the world and make plans for new adventures!

We start 2011 with a great line up of events. Our club was honored with Friendship Force International's request to organize a Global Exchange to Azerbaijan. Steve Williams, our Exchange Coordinator, accepted the challenge, lead the exchange and will present a fun and fascinating tour of the country at our January meeting.

February brings the opportunity to host an Open World Delegation from Russia. Whether you host individuals in your home, bring a dish to the potluck or attend the farewell banquet, there are opportunities to show our guests Midwestern hospitality.

World Friendship Day will be celebrated with an International theme, guests are invited and encouraged to attend. It's great fun to meet international students from around the world and some of their host families. If you would like our board to extend an invitation to someone you know, please contact any of us with the name, address and/or email information.

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

Calendar

January 9, Sunday at 2-4 pm: HyVee Community Room, Edgewood Rd NE, Cedar Rapids. Steve Williams presents on Global Exchange, Azerbaijan. Cost is \$5 per person, no charge to first time guests. Refreshments will be served, optional wine tasting will be available.

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. 29 at zrmam@imonmail.com or call 364-2135

February 4 – 12: Open World Delegation from Russia

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

February 11: Open World Farewell Banquet, more details to come

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March 6: World Friendship Day at Lowe Park.

International Potluck, inviting area International Students and their host families.

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

Optional tour of NE sand dunes available before the conference

June 3 – 8: Incoming Domestic Exchange from Las Vegas

Contact Tressa Youngbear at ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net or Audrey Bradford audrey.b@mchsi.com if you would like to host or be on the exchange committee.

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

Mary Stull, Exchange Director: 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

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

Outgoing Domestic Exchange: Discussion has started with Houston, TX for a domestic exchange sometime in the next year. As of May 2011, Continental Airlines will have a direct non-stop flight from Cedar Rapids to Houston. Additional information will be posted when it becomes available.

Friendship Force Merchandise – Please see Dave Detwiler daviddetwiler@msn.com for the following items:

Polo Shirts, 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

Connie Williams, President

Dave Detwiler, President-Elect

John Haack, Secretary

Dale Moore, Treasurer

Audrey Bradford, Past President

Steve Williams, Exchange Coordinator

Marty Novak, Membership

Vic Klopfenstein, Communications

Jill Rinkenberger, Activities

Marian Wetjen & Lynette Nuehring, Directors At Large

A membership with Friendship Force International opens new worlds to each of our friends, our family and us. Have you considered making an exchange into a family event?

“A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.” Andy Rooney

In friendship,

Connie Williams & Dave Detwiler