

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

Happy New Year to all our membership and friends! Our club is off and running with an exchange in warm and sunny Las Vegas scheduled during February. We have an Exchange Director (ED), Tressa Youngbear, approved and working with Las Vegas and some of us are signed up as ambassadors. There still is room for more ambassadors to participate, so join us for fun and see the other side of Las Vegas. Contact Dianne Karal if you wish to join us.

A number of our members are good candidates for becoming excellent Exchange Directors (EDs), which we need to continue to have great exchanges. Dianne Karal and Tressa Youngbear have volunteered to offer us a chance to receive ED training. Watch for the training dates, which will be announced later.

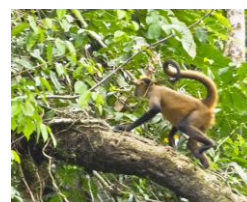
We are looking for additional members who are interested in joining our committee for starting a new Friendship Force club in another country. Please contact me, Dianne or Tressa if you are interested. Remember our Friendship Forces mission is: "To promote global understanding across barriers that separate people: and its values of mutual respect, cultural diversity, cultural exploration and service".

*from David Detwiler, president*

### Calendar

**January 8, 2012, Sunday at 1:00pm: Lunch and General Meeting** at Edgewood HyVee. Lunch starts at 1:00 PM. Soup (Cheeseburger Chowder or Baked Potato) and sandwich with drink (coffee, iced tea or lemonade) \$10 per member. **Please call Diane Hayes at 393-1999 or email her at dbhrn@mchsi.com for reservations by January 4, 2012.** You may mail your payment or pay at the door.

Invite your friends and possible new members to hear about Clancy Quinn's work in Nepal, see a picture of Shiva Shrestha a Friendship Force member from Nepal who works to save their children and hear about 20 of our members experience on an exchange in San Jose, Costa Rica (It really does rain in the rain forest).



### **February 12-17 or 19, 2012 Las Vegas Exchange:**



Exchange Director, Tressa Youngbear, is working with the Las Vegas club to make this a great adventure. The exchange will be for 5 days but we can stay an extra 2 days on our own time, if we wish.



The Las Vegas Club has given us some of the possible activities we might be doing while there: Hoover Dam and the new canyon bridge / the Dam Museum and Art Gallery at the Boulder Hotel in Boulder City, Red Rock Canyon (along with Calico Basin) Valley of Fire, Fremont Street experience - Bellagio

conservatory and fountains; or Caesar's Forum Shops and some of their animated displays; back stage tours; or the Venetian – superb décor, canals, strolling singer/actors, club parties and more. If you would like to be an ambassador please fill out the attached application with your deposit of \$25 per person and mail to Dianne Karal, 4859 Oak Grove Court NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52411 by January 8.

**February 9, 2012, Thursday at 6pm – Let's Eat Out (LEO) at Al's Blue Toad, 896 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids (in Czech Village.) Please RSVP to Audrey Bradford at 365-5746.**

**March 25, 2012 Sunday at 4:00: PM - General Meeting** at Shueyville United Methodist church, in Shueyville. Program will center on celebrating World Friendship Day. A potluck dinner is planned with attendees bringing dishes from other countries to share. As usual foreign students will also be invited to share with us. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

April TBA – LEO at Poplar Heights Supper Club, Monticello

**April 26, 27, 28: Midwest Leadership Meeting, Ames, Iowa: (For President and President Elect only)**

**October 30, 31, and November 1, 2: World Conference in Hiroshima, Japan**

## Updates

**Annual dues are \$25 per person** - Please send your check to Marian Wetjen, Membership Chair, at 2009 Linmar Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Note that upon the 2011 board's recommendation and membership vote at the December 4 Meeting, the CR/IC club dues are now \$25 per person for 2012.

**Friendship Force Merchandise** – Please see Dave Detwiler, [daviddetwiler@msn.com](mailto:daviddetwiler@msn.com) for the following items until March 25<sup>th</sup> then contact Richard and Veta Hildebrand: **New Item: Green Tote Bags**, Polo Shirts, Notebooks, Luggage Tags, Table Blessings and Note Cards - Invite a friend or acquaintance to our meetings with a distinctive hand written note card displaying the friendship force logo.

### Board Members 2012

Dave Detwiler, President  
Richard & Veta Hildebrand,  
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Steve William, Secretary  
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Co-Exchange Coordinators

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Activities?

Lynette Nuehring, & John Sauer,  
Directors At Large

In friendship, Dave Detwiler & Richard & Veta Hildebrand