

Friendly Greetings:

Did you get a chance to read last month's newsletter? How did that affect your thoughts on what country and Friendship Force club we should try to visit? If you didn't read last month's newsletter, see if you can pull it up and read it. (It is on our website if you don't have it.) Why? Because we need to think practically about where we would like to visit in 2014. So be thinking about 2014. Where would you like to visit in 2014? Would you actually go there if the opportunity presented itself? In other words would you put your money behind your choice and participate? Pick a club you would actually visit. Your input will be needed at our July 15th meeting. Your board would like your practical help on planning our 2014 outbound exchange choices! We get three.

Our Midwest Regional Representative has been calling our attention to the lack of filled exchange requests in our region and is trying to work with us by giving us ideas to change that situation. As some of you know we are working with Central Iowa FF (Ames) on a themed exchange. Why? If we bring in folks from other countries, we will make friends and they might invite us to have an exchange with them. How? We now have a friend in their club as a meaningful contact and we will work with them. If you were at our last regular meeting you heard Pat Meyers, our regional representative, speak to us on that subject. If you already have a contact in a club you would like to visit, please share it with Dianne Karal or Tressa Youngbear and see what we can do together.

Is there a country you would like to visit that does not have a Friendship Force Club on the list in last month's newsletter? We have a new club initiative committee that is interested in helping start a new club. Do you have a contact in that country? Do you have a friend or acquaintance that has a contact there? Maybe we could help your or their contact start a Friendship Force Club there. Get in touch with your president or board member if you have a country with a contact. Our committee is interested in your assistance.

See you July 15 at the Marion Heritage Center where Vic K and committee will have a great program on Africa. Remember to bring your Container Auction item. (see instructions below.)

In friendship, DD

Calendar

July 15, 1:15 p.m. prior to the General Meeting @ the Heritage Center, Marion, —exchange director, Audrey Bradford, will be meeting with those signed up to go to St. Louis, Sept. 28-Oct. 1.

July 15, 2:00 p.m. General Meeting at the Marion Heritage Center, 590 10th St., Marion. The theme is "Africa". You won't want to miss this meeting! The program will be presented by Dr. Brian Darrow, an Anamosa native and a veterinarian will speak of his trip to Kenya to help vaccinate animals for rabies. Victor Klopfenstein has heard him and says the program is great.

In addition, we are having a fun fund-raiser. Remember those box socials in the 1800 when your sweetie made up a beautiful box and the buyer hoped the food would be as pretty? Well, we are doing a take-off on this, but instead of a box dinner, it will be a Container Auction. Here is what you can do to prepare.

1. Get a container to house your item. Make sure it does not reveal the contents. (Don't put oatmeal in the oatmeal box.)
2. Either **the container is of real value** or you must **insert something of real value**—a gift certificate, a jar of pickles, cookies, a bottle of wine, a fabulous souvenir, etc.
3. Wrap/disguise your container
4. You may attach hints—but not too obvious
5. We'll auction off. (a live auction is planned so be prepared to bid and have a fun time.)



August 10-16: Incoming Cincinnati: Tressa Youngbear, exchange director, Alice Wilkinson, Ass't exchange director; Cincinnati exchange director, Diane Patten. (Dates changed from previously stated Aug. 12-18.)

August 18: The Tri Club Picnic will be held at Stone city from 1-4 p.m. Join in the fun with Dubuque and the Quad Cities for a road trip to the General Store Pub in Stone City, IA on Saturday, August 18 at 1pm - 4pm. All are welcome to order lunch off the menu at very reasonable prices! The appetizers are great fun, served in a bait bucket or a tackle box. The menu includes burgers, BBQ pulled pork and a tenderloin sandwich that can feed two! Lunch plates range from \$8 to \$10.



The General Store, constructed from local limestone, is perched on the banks of the Wapsipinicon River in the heart of Grant Wood Country. The main floor has been reserved for Friendship Force; however, we will adjourn to the outdoors after lunch for a relaxing stroll through this picturesque village. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and relax by the Waspi. And bring a camera to create your own American Gothic photos. Address: 12612 Stone City Road; Anamosa, IA 52205

Please **RSVP to Esther Hudson** at esther_hudson@msn.com (there is an underscore between her first & last name) by August 15th. We look forward to a great time!

September 28-Oct 1 Outgoing St. Louis, Missouri, Exchange: Audrey Bradford, exchange director; Tressa Youngbear Asst. exchange director; St. Louis exchange director, Dee Ebert. This exchange is full.

October 21-28 Incoming Niagara, Canada Exchange: CO- exchange directors: Dianne Karal & Lynette Nuehring; Niagara exchange director, Martha Abra

February 24-March 2, 2013: Outgoing to Houston, TX.

March 2013 – Outgoing to Indonesia (tentative)

Early May, 2013: Incoming Sacramento

Summer, 2013: Incoming Theme Exchange August 2-8 (CR/IC) and August 9-16 (Ames)

Late September, 2013: Confirmed incoming from Fortaleza, Brazil

October 9-16, 2013: Outgoing to Virginia

Updates and Details on Exchanges



Incoming Cincinnati: The Cincinnati Exchange will arrive the evening of August 10 and leaving the morning of August 16. We have planned a fun filled week for our incoming ambassadors and club members. We would like to invite all members to become involved in the exchange by participating in any activity that fits into your schedule. **See e-mail attachment for a list of activities and a form to sign up for all the fun activities.**

If you are interested in hosting some of the guests arriving from Cincinnati, contact Tressa Youngbear – ityoungbear@windstream.net 319-350-4143

Incoming Niagara, Canada, Oct. 21-28 – At least two committee members are needed to work with Dianne (toy4di@msn.com) and Lynette (lnuehring66@gmail.com) on this exchange. This is your chance!

St. Louis Here We Come! Our club will be doing a return exchange to St. Louis leaving September 28, 2012, and returning Monday, October 1, 2012. This exchange is full. exchange director, Audrey Bradford (audrey.b@mchsi.com or 319-365-5746.)



Exchange Directors Needed!

1. **Feb. 24-March 2, 2013 – Houston – Outgoing**
2. **March 2013 – Outgoing to Indonesia**

Here is your chance to use that new training! Application deadline to be either of these Exchange Directors is July 15, 2012. Send your application to Dianne Karal at toy4di@msn.com. Get your application form from the FFI website: www.friendshipforce.org.

Hosting a Regional Meeting? Is the CR/IC Club interested in hosting the 2014 Regional Conference? This will be a topic of discussion at the July General meeting. In order to do so, we would need someone to chair the effort. If you are interested, please contact President David Detwiler. We will need many volunteers if we decide to do this. Would you be one?

Thank You: A big thank you to our ten members who worked the Freedom Fest concert on July 1. Winston and Marceil Edson, Marty Novak, Mary Stull, Myron and Connie Williams, Mike and Dianne Karal, Richard and Veta Hildebrand and the Hoffmans, alternates.

Museum of Art: We have been asked to make our members aware that the Museum of Art is sponsoring free admission from July 5-September 2. (www.crma.org)

New Item: Green Tote Bags (great hostess gifts), Polo Shirts, Notebooks, Luggage Tags, distinctive hand-written note card displaying the friendship force logo. Contact the Hildebrands (319-743-5441 or rvhilde1@juno.com) if you need merchandise.

Board Members 2012

Dave Detwiler, President
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Lynette Nuehring, & John Sauer, Directors At Large

In friendship
Dave Detwiler & Richard & Veta Hildebrand

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Here is an overview of our week:

August 10: Welcome snack party at the Karal's home at 7:00 pm

August 11: Turner Alley, Match Stick Museum, Shaker Museum, Winery and Meskwaki Pow Wow evening performance at 7:00

August 12: Family Day

August 13: Charter bus to State Fair – cost is \$35, which includes bus, fair ticket and coupon book for food.

August 14: Kalona day with Beachy Amish lunch – cost \$23.60

August 15: Museums in Cedar Rapids – cost entrance fees and lunch

August 16: Going away breakfast at Cooper's Mill

We need at least 30 people for the bus to the State Fair so please try to schedule this event so we can fulfill our contract. Help us promote it by asking neighbors, other club members, family, friends, church members, etc. It would be a great event for any individual or group and there is room for 56 people on the bus.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us in the week's activities. Please help us make this exchange a success for everyone.

Please fill out the form below and send it along with a check made out to FF CR/IC. If you have any questions please call me at 319-350-4143 or 641-484-5239.

I would like to thank Alice Wilkinson for being my assistant ED, our committee: Joyce Roberson, Esther Hudson, and Sally Fairchild-Hogge and Dianne Karal for helping out where we need her.

Thank you,

Tressa Youngbear

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Reservation Form for Cincinnati Exchange

Please fill out and mail form and check to: Dianne Karal, 4859 Oak Grove Ct, NE,
Cedar Rapids, IA 52411.

August 10: Welcome snack party at the Karal's home at 7:00
Please bring snack to share
of people attending _____

August 11: Meskwaki Pow Wow evening performance 7:00
Entrance fee is \$8
of people attending _____ (pay at gate)

August 12: Family Day

August 13: Charter bus to State Fair – cost is \$35, which includes bus, fair ticket
and coupon books for food.
of people attending _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

August 14: Kalona day with Beachy Amish lunch – cost \$23.60
of people attending _____ X \$23.60 = \$ _____

August 15: Museums in Cedar Rapids: Czech Museum (\$8), African/American
Museum (\$4), Coe College Library (free) and Capone's for lunch (at
cost) (pay individually)

August 16: Going away breakfast at Cooper's Mill
of people attending _____ (pay individually)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Names of additional people:
