

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

Yours in Friendship

June 2012

Why are we having challenges getting international exchanges? Below is FFI's Analysis of 2013 Exchange Requests. The statistics in the table below reflect an analysis of the 2013 exchange requests. The data was compiled from club requests submitted via the 2013 online Planning Request Form or by correspondence and telephone conversations with Friendship Force International (FFI) staff.

Listed here are the countries in which Friendship Force International has a presence, the number of clubs in that country, the number of weeks of hosting available, and the number of requests to visit each country. You will notice that some very population destinations, for example, Austria, has only two clubs and only two opportunities for exchange. Other countries like the US have many weeks available but may have already been visited several times by the same club. This creates challenges in matching clubs. Because of this we have been working on strategies to change this. I'll be happy to listen to your ideas.

The countries marked "*special*" are countries in which special programs allow us to have a virtually unlimited number of exchanges in a given year. In some cases there may be no club in that country; instead FFI has a partner organization with which we arrange programs.

From Dave Detwiler, president

Country	Number of clubs in each country	Number of weeks available for hosting	Number of requests to visit this country	Country	Number of clubs in each country	Number of weeks available for hosting	Number of requests to visit this country	Country	Number of clubs in each country	Number of weeks available for hosting	Number of requests to visit this country
Albania	2	1	2	Hungary	3	3	14	Taiwan	3	4	11
Argentina	1	2	9	India	1	2	6	Tanzania	1	1	5
Australia	25	51	35	Indonesia	7	10	16	Thailand	3	3	7
Austria	2	2	22	Israel	1	1	7	Turkey	7	9	48
Azerbaijan	1	1	1	Japan	24	29	20	Ukraine	3	3	6
Belarus	1	1	0	Kenya	1	1	5	United States-Hawaii	2	2	20
Belgium	5	9	16	Korea	1	1	16	United States-Mainland	94	148	65
Brazil	27	41	22	Latvia	1	1	6				
Burundi	1	1	1	Mexico	6	10	12	Uzbekistan	1	1	0
Canada	21	39	66	Morocco	<i>partnership</i>	3	8	Vietnam	<i>Special</i>	<i>Special</i>	<i>Special</i>
Chile	3	4	12	Nepal	1	1	7	Wales	1	1	12
China	<i>Special</i>	<i>Special</i>	<i>Special</i>	Netherlands	4	6	19				
Colombia	2	5	9	New Caledonia	1	2	7	Anywhere Europe			43

Costa Rica	6	10	18	New Zealand	24	49	24	Anywhere in Middle East/Africa			
Cyprus	1	2	15	Northern Ireland	1	2	25				
Czech Republic	1	1	9	Norway	1	1	4	Anywhere in Latin America			14
Egypt	1	2	7	Peru	5	9	11				
England	15	25	48	Romania	2	4	10	Anywhere in the South Pacific			3
Estonia	1	1	9	Russia	10	13	17				
France	2	3	33	Slovakia	1	1	10	Anywhere in Asia			9
Georgia	1	1	0	South Africa	3	4	28	Anywhere in world!			10
Germany	21	31	23	Sweden	1	1	40	TOTAL	364	565	962
Ghana	5	5	0	Switzerland	1	1	30				

Calendar

Let's Eat Out (LEO): Tuesday, June 12, @ 6:00 p.m. at the Sushi House, located at 2665 Edgewood Pkwy SW, Suite 100, Cedar Rapids, is the same strip center as Panera. It is a Japanese and Chinese Restaurant with a diverse menu. Hope to see many friends there for a fun time. Reservations by June 8 (Fri.) to Karen and Will Mickelson @ wamickel@q.com. or 319-743-0575.

August 10-16: Incoming Cincinnati: Tressa Youngbear ED; Alice Wilkinson, Ass't ED; Cincinnati ED 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 18th 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!

Sept. 15-Oct. 1 (approx), Outbound International Exchange to Uganda. This exchange was cancelled due to a lack of participants.

September 28-Oct 1 Outgoing St. Louis, Missouri, Exchange: Audrey Bradford, ED; Tressa Youngbear Asst. ED; St. Louis ED. Dee Ebert. Contact Audrey to sign up - audrey.b@mchsi.com.

October 21-28 Incoming Niagara, Canada Exchange: CO-E.D. Tressa Youngbear & Lynette Nuehring; Niagara E.D. Martha Abra

October 30, 31, and November 1, 2: World Conference in Hiroshima, Japan. Home stays available.

2013

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

Freedom Fest – July 1st Pop's Concert, 4:30-8:00p.m.!

Thank you to those who signed up at the May general meeting to work an event. Freedom Festival has assigned us to work the **4:30-8:00 p.m. shift at the Patriotic Pops Concert on Sunday, July 1st.**

Theme Meeting –The development of the THEME EXCHANGE CONCEPT continued with members of the CR/IC club meeting with a delegation from the Central Iowa Club (Ames) on Sunday, June 2. Tressa Youngbear hosted the joint meeting. Our club is partnering with the Ames group to offer a new type of exchange for August 2013. The theme exchange concept is an exciting way to show off Iowa's strengths and to work closely with other clubs. **An Exchange Director is needed.** To apply for the exchange director position, please fill out the attached ED application and forward it to Dianne Karal: toy4di@msn.com.

Thank you for helping our club have a successful exchange year! **Remember: You can host, be the ED, or be on the planning committee as well as go on outgoing exchanges.**

With many exchanges already scheduled for the next 18 months, new members, and those who have not yet traveled with CR/IC Friendship Force, are sure to wonder how to get involved.

Q. If I want to go on an exchange, what should I do?

1. Contact the Exchange Director and add your name to the list of travelers.
2. Fill out an application to be a participant

Q. Where do I get the application?

1. Go online to www.friendshipforce.org, the FFI website
2. Click on "Club Resources."
3. Click on "Documents" and then "Exchange Documents"
4. Click on "Ambassador Application and Agreement"

Q. Then what?

1. Print, fill out and turn in the form to the Exchange Director
2. Wait to hear from the Exchange Director who will be in contact with you.



Incoming Cincinnati: August 10-16

If you are interested in hosting some of guests arriving from Cincinnati and/or if you would like to help plan the exchange we would like to have you on the planning committee. Contact Tressa Youngbear – ityoungbear@windstream.net 319-350-4143



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. If you have signed up for this exchange or would like to, now is the time to fill out your application and turn it in to ED, Audrey Bradford at audrey.b@mchsi.com or 319-365-5746.

Other Exchange Opportunities:

Special Cruise Opportunity! Spring 2013 Enrichment Voyage: Europe and North Africa. You can do the full voyage, the first segment to southern Europe or the 2nd segment to northern Europe. Contact Laura Romero at FFI: lromero@friendshipforce.org. by June 15.

Northern Colorado, June 21-28, 2012. Visit Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Rocky Mt. National Park with the Lincoln club. Contact Larry Kluck at LarryKluck@hotmail.com for information. Cost is \$200 plus car pool costs.

New Item: Green Tote Bags (great hostess gifts), 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. Contact the Hildebrands (319-743-5441 or rvhilde1@juno.com) if you need merchandise.

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