

**Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
Yours in Friendship
June 2011**

Summer is here, just in time to greet our visitors from Las Vegas! The events of the last week have been fun for the ambassadors and our club as hosts. What a great job our exchange committee, led by Tressa Youngbear, did sorting out a list of great activities in Cedar Rapids, Kalona, Anamosa and surrounding area. Our guests saw a hundred shades of green, ate foods of the heartland, walked in Grant Wood Country and experienced lots of Midwest hospitality. Thanks to all who have participated in this excellent exchange experience.

There are two very important dates for all-club events coming soon: the June 28 reception for Robert and Billie Ray at Elmcrest Country Club with the presentation of the Wayne Smith award at Bruce more *AND* the farewell banquet for the Tokyo club on July 5. These are important because these events summarize the history and the substance of our club. We continue to promote understanding across the barriers that separate people, here in Iowa, in the US and globally. Your board wishes to encourage all members to attend both of these events; please plan to be there. RSVP today!

Calendar of Events:

June 14, Tuesday evening at 6:30pm – Tokyo host family orientation at the Knights of Columbus Hall; 5650 Kacena Ave; Marion. This is just north of the intersection of Hwy 151 & Hwy 13, near the Culvers restaurant.

June 18, Saturday, 7:30 to noon – Farmer’s Market Informational Table
Volunteers are needed to share your FF adventures with prospective members and interested bystanders. **Can you spare 2 hours? Please email Audrey Bradford at audrey.b@mchsi.com or call 365-5746 to sign up.**

Freedom Festival Activities for Friendship Force:

June 19, Sunday from 4:30-8pm at Patriotic Pops Concert and June 25, Saturday from 10:30am to 2pm at Imagination Square

Thanks to all who have signed up! See you at these Freedom Festival events.

June 28, Tuesday - Presentation of the Wayne Smith Award to Robert & Billie Ray for being instrumental in starting Friendship Force in Iowa

You are invited to a private reception with the Rays at Elmcrest Country Club, 1000 36th St NE; Cedar Rapids, from 4-6pm. There will be a hors d’oeuvres buffet with some beverages furnished. (The invitations had a misprint - the bar will be a cash bar, not an open bar. Our regrets for any inconvenience or

temperance this may cause you!) The cost is \$15 per person. **Please RSVP to Audrey Bradford by June 17, 2011.** Make checks to Friendship Force of CR/IC, mail to Audrey's address at 1126 Forest Glen Ct. SE; Cedar Rapids, IA.

Weather permitting, the public presentation of the award will be at approximately 8pm during the Balloon Glow, a Freedom Festival event on the grounds of Bruce more, 2160 Linden Dr SE; Cedar Rapids. A Freedom Festival button is needed for admission to this event.

June 30 – July 6: Incoming Exchange from Tokyo, Japan. We will welcome 16 ambassadors from Tokyo. Some of them know their hosts from a previous exchange, one is on her first Friendship Force exchange and some are experienced Friendship Force hosts and travelers. They are looking forward to meeting our club and exploring Iowa. Contact Mary Stull, Exchange Director: mcdstull@aol.com. Join the activities below:

Thursday, June 30, 6pm, Eastern Iowa Airport, Delta Flight 194

Friday, July 1, Bus trip to Dubuque Day. Cost is \$54 and trip includes:

- 9 am: bus departure from Wal-Mart parking lot in Marion; with a stop in Monticello
- 11 am: board Spirit of Dubuque paddle wheel boat for Mississippi River Ride with lunch included
- 1:45 pm: tour of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.
- 4 pm: leave for Dyersville
- 5 pm to 5:30: stop at the St. Francis Basilica, Dyersville for photo opportunity
- 5:45 to 6:30: play baseball on the Field of Dreams
- Return to Marion for light supper at Klopfensteins (5540 Hunters Ridge Ct, Marion IA 377-5502)

Contact Mary Stull, 393-6254 or mcdstull@aol.com to make reservation.
(Please see form below)

Saturday, July 2, 9 am, Downtown Cedar Rapids walking overview and attend the Farmers Market

Sunday, July 3 and Monday July 4, free time with host family or day host for individual interests; small dinner parties and area 4th of July activities.

Tuesday, July 5, 9:30 am, Tour of Kirk Anderson farm near Clarence

Tuesday, July 5, 5:30 pm Club Farewell Dinner at Lowe Park for Tokyo Ambassadors. All members are encouraged to join us to meet our guests from Tokyo and enjoy a catered dinner in the air-conditioned building at the park. We

will also play yard or tailgating games with our guests. Cost: \$15. Reservation required. This event will serve as our July general meeting, with announcements but no general meeting. **Your RSVP with a check is due by Sunday, June 26th** to Darby Winger, PO Box 392, Ely, IA 52227 (see reservation form below)

Wednesday, noon 7/6/1, Eastern Iowa Airport, Ambassadors depart for Salt Lake City

August 26-30: 2011 FFI World Conference, Hamburg, Germany

Join David & Patty Detwiler for the conference and tour afterwards. If interested in attending contact them at daviddetwiler@msn.com.

August 28, Sunday at 12:30pm – FF Tri-Club Picnic in Dubuque IA

The Dubuque Friendship Force club invites CR/IC and the Quad Cities FF clubs for a picnic lunch. Enjoy the view while spending time with friends at the Riverfront Pavilion's East Porch in Eagle Point Park. Details to be announced later.

September 11, Sunday at 2 - 4pm: Meeting to be held at Iowa City library

Jane Cranston, from the U of Iowa College of Education, will speak about her 2009 journey to a girls' school in Pasrur, Pakistan. This event is open to the public, refreshments included.

November: Outgoing Exchange to Costa Rica

Vic Klopfenstein, Exchange Director: vpklopfenstein@msn.com

Updates

Gerd Jurgan, one of our visitors from the Varel Friendship Force club around 2003, died from cancer at the end of March. He was hosted by George and Stephanie Schulte and Tressa and Irvin Youngbear. Other members of our club might remember him.

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

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In friendship,
Connie Williams & Dave Detwiler

**Reservations for Friendship Force Activities for
Incoming Exchange from Tokyo Japan**

Name(s):

Phone/e-mail _____

Dubuque trip \$54 x ___ (# attending) \$ _____

Club dinner @ Lowe Park \$15 x (# attending) \$ _____

Total due: \$ _____

Send form and check to: Darby Winger, PO Box 392, Ely, IA 52227