



# YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP

FROM THE CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY  
FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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## MARCH

# 2014

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Is winter over yet? We have been keeping busy setting up our meetup.com account, where we have promoted our LEO and World Friendship Day. We are in the process of setting up a club Facebook account, and we placed an ad for the World Friendship Day event in the Cedar Rapids and Marion papers. We are getting the word out about our club and reaching new people. Exciting!! We encourage all members to utilize the avenues that work best for them to stay updated with our club activities.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** 1

A big thank you goes out to all our volunteers - you are the strength of our club and we appreciate it!

**FEBRUARY L.E.O.** 1

I don't normally forward these types of things, but I thought this YouTube video is very appropriate for our club. It will put a smile on your face and I would love to have this guy as a member of our club.

**WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY** 2

Enjoy—<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Pwe-pA6TaZk?rel=0>

**MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE** 2

Make sure you check out the Friendship Catalog for exchanges being offered to places around the world.

**INCOMING OREGON EXCHANGE** 3

Hope to see all of you at the World Friendship Day Celebration.

*Tressa*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 3

## APRIL 10th L.E.O.

**L.E.O. AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR** 3

The LEO will be at Whitey's Bar & Grill in Lisbon on Thurs, April 10 at 5:30pm. Whitey's is located on Hwy 30 across the street from the Casey's Convenience Store.

**CALENDAR** 4

Contact Shirley Rosencrans at 319-462-4132 or [saroscncrans@yahoo.com](mailto:saroscncrans@yahoo.com)

**BOARD MEMBERS** 5



## World Friendship Day



The March general meeting will be held in conjunction with **World Friendship Day**. The Open World Ambassadors from Russia and several foreign exchange students attending Kirkwood will be in attendance. The details are:

**WHEN:** March 2 at 2:30 PM

**WHERE:** Marion Heritage Center

**COST:** None—Light refreshments provided.

This gathering will be a great opportunity to meet persons from around the world and to learn and share cultures. There is no better way to promote a peaceful world than “making one friend at a time”. The general public is also encouraged and invited to attend. Invite a friend, neighbor or family member.

## 2014 Midwest Regional Conference - May 1 thru 4

The Midwest Regional Conference is an opportunity for all members and officers to meet others from our region. It will be held at the Brookfield Suites Hotel on the near west side of Milwaukee. Suites include complimentary breakfast and free drinks at night and can comfortably accommodate up to 3 people.

The conference kicks-off on Thursday evening, May 1, with a social networking gathering. A variety of workshops will be held on Friday and Saturday morning on topics important to our club. Saturday afternoon offers an opportunity to participate in one of the following programs associated with Milwaukee's many themed exchanges:

**Food and History:** Enjoy a walking tour highlighting the history of the city and food sampling at various restaurants. Conclude with dinner at a German Restaurant.

**Food Cooking:** Experience the food of India through hands-on cooking and a meal.

**Arts & Architecture:** Experience a fun art crawl and dinner followed by a theater performance of “Noise Off”.

**Eco & Water:** Participate in activities focused on nature, the environment and water.

**Please let Tressa know if you are planning on attending so we can organize car pools. We encourage all members to attend to increase our clubs working knowledge, to start new friendships and to renew old ones.**

**Registration info will be sent in a separate e-mail. PLEASE WATCH FOR IT!!!**

## INCOMING OREGON EXCHANGE MAY 14-20

Join in on the fun of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon exchange. We can all practice saying "Willamette" with the accent on the "la" while we teach the ambassadors about Houbys. I've promised them that we will not have snow in May!

We need a couple more hosts for ambassadors (May 14-20), dinner hosts for small groups on Saturday May 17th and we can always use more day hosts. Please let Audrey know at [audrey.b@mchsi.com](mailto:audrey.b@mchsi.com) or 365-5746 if you can host.

The weekend of May 17 and 18th we have both the Marion Arts Festival and Houby Days so it won't be hard to find things to do with our free time

The General Meeting on May 18th at Wickiup Nature Center will be an opportunity for everyone in the club to interact with our guests. We will hike the trails and I've heard about a challenge being arranged between Iowa and Oregon members-- more about that later.

## Volunteers Needed



### ◆ Leadership Conference Committee

Tressa Youngbear is chair of the planning committee for the Leadership Conference in 2015 and is looking for members to help make this a great experience for all Midwest leaders. Contact [ityoungbear@gmail.com](mailto:ityoungbear@gmail.com) or call 319-350-4143 to volunteer!

### ◆ Freedom Festival Workers Needed

We are planning to work again at the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival for a fund raiser. We will not have work dates until closer to the Festival; however, please do not hesitate to contact [mooredale@imonmail.com](mailto:mooredale@imonmail.com) to tentatively volunteer today!

## 2014 L.E.O. at the Iowa State Fair

Esther Hudson is tentatively planning to charter bus for a L.E.O. at the Iowa State Fair. Start asking family, friends, neighbors, co-works if they would like to go to the fair with you - the more the better for cost and fun. If you have questions, contact [Esther\\_Hudson@msn.com](mailto:Esther_Hudson@msn.com).



## CALENDAR of EVENTS - (print this page as a reminder)

March 2	1:00 Board Meeting 2:30 World Friendship Day Celebration/General Meeting	Marion Heritage Center
April 10	L.E.O. Whitey's Bar & Grill , Lisbon	Host Shirley Rosencrans
May 1-4	Midwest Regional Conference	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 18	1:00 Board Meeting 2:30 General Meeting with Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon	Wickiup Hill Learning Center
May 14 – 20	Incoming Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon	ED - Audrey Bradford
June (TBD)	L.E.O. at Sutliff Bridge Tavern	Host Vic Klopfenstein
June 11-13	Incoming Japanese Stop Over <b>CANCELLED</b>	
July 13	1:00 Board Meeting - 2:30 General Meeting	Marion Heritage Center
July 21-27	Outgoing Cincinnati (Theme Underground Railroad)	ED - Steve Williams
August (TBD)	L.E.O. (Tentative Bus Trip to State Fair)	Esther Hudson Planning
September (TBD)	Incoming UK Clubs	ED - TBD
September 14	Road Rally	Committee: Mike Karal,, Nancy Miller, and Shirley Rosencrans
October	L.E.O, (TBD)	Host Mary Stull
October 15 -21	Outgoing Sacramento, California	ED - Marian Wetjen
November 16	Annual Meeting	

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**In friendship**

**Tressa Youngbear**

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