

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
Yours in Friendship
May 2011

So much to share with you this month! Wow, opportunities to volunteer at Farmers Market and Freedom Festival, greet and host Ambassadors from Las Vegas and Tokyo, honor our own Robert and Billie Ray with the Wayne Smith Legacy Medal, and an update from the Regional Conference in Lincoln. FF of CR/IC is a can-do club and we have fun with all we do. It was great to share our stories at the regional conference and I certainly appreciate the participation and leadership of so many members. Check out our busy summer schedule and put the dates on your calendar today. What you do makes our city, country and world a better place. Thank you!

Explore, Understand, Serve

Calendar of Events:

May 15, Sunday - New Members, 2-3pm at Panera, 2665 Edgewood Parkway, Cedar Rapids. Members who have joined Friendship Force in the past year, members who have questions about Friendship Force exchanges/activities and interested guests are invited. Margaret Miller (319) 364-2135.

June 3 – 8: Incoming Domestic Exchange from Las Vegas

All members are invited to participate in these exchange activities. See the [attached schedule and spreadsheet](#) for listing of activities, reservation and fee information. To participate in exchange breakfast, lunches, dinners, theatre, library, and/or Kernel's game [please make reservations for each event before May 16th](#). Make checks payable to CR/IC Friendship Force and send with event reservations to Marceil Edson, 2322 Fox Trail DR, NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

June 18, Saturday, 7:30 to noon – Farmer's Market Informational Table

Volunteers are needed to staff our booth for 2-hour shifts. Please email Audrey Bradford at audrey.b@mchsi.com or call 365-5746 to sign up.

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

Freedom Festival Volunteer Community Service opportunities are now available, sign up today! There are 10 positions at each shift. Please contact Dave Detwiler at daviddetwiler@msn.com for more information or to sign up.

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

A reception will be held at Elmhurst Country Club before the concert from 4-6 PM for current and past FF members. Plans are to present the award during the

Freedom Festival Balloon Glow concert. Freedom Festival Buttons will be needed for admittance to the Balloon Glow event. You are invited:

The Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City will present the Wayne Smith Award to Robert D. Ray and Billie Ray for their exceptional leadership in promoting the Friendship Force mission of spreading world peace one friendship at a time.

You are invited to a private reception with the Rays at Elmcrest Country Club, 1000 36th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, from 4-6 pm on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

*There will be a hors d'oeuvres buffet and open bar. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please send **RSVP by June 17, 2011**. Make checks to Friendship Force of CR/IC and mail to Audrey Bradford, 1126 Forest Glen Ct. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52403*

Weather permitting; the public presentation of the award will be at Balloon Glow, a Freedom Festival event, about 8 pm on the grounds of Brucemore, 2160 Linden Dr SE, Cedar Rapids. Please wear a Freedom Festival pin for free entrance to Balloon Glow.

June 30 – July 6: Incoming Exchange from Tokyo, Japan

There will be 16 ambassadors on the exchange. Our exchange committee has developed a preliminary schedule of interesting, informative and fun activities for our guests and our club members. Friday July 1 will be a bus trip for a day in Dubuque including a paddle wheel boat ride on the Mississippi River, a visit to the American Rivers Museum and stop at the Field of Dreams. Club members are welcome to join us. Sign up now, space is limited. To make a reservation (total cost: \$60 for bus, boat and museum) contact Mary Stull, Exchange Director: mcdstull@aol.com.

July 5, Tuesday, 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. Send reservation and check to Darby Winger, PO Box 392, Ely, IA 52227

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 soon

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

Jane Cranston, from the U of I 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

The 2012 International Exchange for our club is tentatively scheduled for June, 2012, with Devon, England. Devon is reported to be one the loveliest places in the UK. We don't know much as yet, but they want us in June and we need an Exchange Director to make the arrangements. If you are interested, read the attached guidelines, fill out the attached application, and return it to Steve Williams at swill1234@msn.com or 145 Jayne Court, Monticello, IA, 52310 **Not Later Than Monday June 6.**

A recent **FFI Communiqué** asked for **nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors** (due 6/15) and for **nominations for Outstanding Clubs and Volunteers of the year** (due 6/1). If anyone is interested or would like to make a nomination, please contact Connie Williams. cmw1226@yahoo.com

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

Connie Williams, President

Dave Detwiler, President-Elect

John Haack, Secretary

Dale Moore, Treasurer

Audrey Bradford, Past President

Steve Williams, Exchange Coordinator

Marty Novak, Membership

Vic Klopfenstein, Communications

Jill Rinkenberger, Activities

Marian Wetjen & Lynette Nuehring, Directors At Large

Did you know?

- That in 1977, 34 years ago, President Jimmy Carter challenged all the Governors at the 1977 Governors' Conference to establish Friendship Force Clubs in their states
- Then Iowa Governor Robert Ray and his wife Billie took up the challenge
- That Iowa has 5 clubs
- That there are 13 clubs in our Midwest Region

- That there are now 355 Friendship Force Clubs Internationally
- That the 2 newest clubs are in Switzerland and Argentina
- There are all kinds of club resources located on the Friendship Force International web site <http://www.thefriendshipforce.org/> including the club logo
- That our club's web site is <http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org/>

In friendship,
Connie Williams & Dave Detwiler

Guidelines for Exchanges

Appointing an Exchange Director (ED) for Exchanges

- 1) The board will advertise the need for an ED via announcement at general meeting, email and US mail
- 2) All interested members need to fill out and submit to the President a ED application (see at bottom of the page)
- 3) The President will collect and submit to the board all eligible applicants.
- 4) The board will select the best match for leading the exchange

Incoming

The Exchange Director (ED) will have his or her entry fees and/or meal fees reimbursed through monies sent to the club by the incoming ambassadors. If the incoming exchange budget does not have enough money to cover these expenses, they will be paid out of the club's exchange account.

If there were co-EDs, each exchange director would get half of their entry fees and/or meal fees reimbursed.

Assistant ED(s) are considered in training and would not get entry fees and/or meals reimbursed.

Outbound

Process for filling outbound exchanges:

- 1) Develop list of interested people through announcements at meetings, newsletters, e-mails to members, public announcements etc.
- 2) Set deadline for applications to be received
- 3) Only members in good standing will be eligible to be an ambassador
- 4) Review applications
- 5) Conduct interviews (as needed)
- 6) Check with past exchange directors for experiences, particularly any problems, with potential ambassadors on previous incoming and out-going exchanges
- 7) Develop a list of selected ambassadors
- 8) Finalize list of ambassadors based on the order that applications were received.

Expenses

The Exchange Director (ED) is to determine their cost for the trip then assess each ambassador an equal share up to \$50 each. If the cost of the trip is over the cap of \$50 then the ED will pay the remaining costs. IFF fee should not be included since this is taken care of by the FFI office.

Co-ED

If there were co-EDs, each exchange director would get half of the reimbursement funds, based on the formula noted above.

Assistant ED(s) are considered in training and would not get any cost reimbursed.

Note: The Exchange Director is appointed and it is their decision if they would like to have a Co-ED or assistant(s).

Voted in September 2008 - takes effect January 2009

Application for Exchange Director Position

Exchange Name: _____

Incoming or Outbound (circle one)

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Cell _____

What strengths/skills do you bring to this exchange?

What would your goals be for leading this exchange?

How many exchanges have you participated in? Incoming _____ Outbound _____

How many exchanges have you participated in a leadership/planning role?

Incoming _____ Outbound _____

What languages do you speak besides English? _____

Signature

Date

Welcome all members to the Las Vegas Exchange!

You are invited to participate in all of the activities planned for the exchange from Las Vegas. The ambassadors will be welcomed on June 3rd and given a going away breakfast on June 8th. Please attend all events that fit into your schedule.

Below is the schedule and cost to participants. We are asking that you pre-register and pay for any event where there is a cost by May 16th.

Schedule for the exchange:

Friday, June 3rd

8:00 P.M. Welcome Dessert Party at Dianne & Mike Karal's Home (4859 Oak Grove NE).
Members are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Saturday, June 4th

9:00 AM Downtown walking tour guided by Dale Moore (start at Great American Building
Plaza - 625 First Street SE)
10:30 Downtown Farmer's Market
12:00 PM Tour of Grand Wood Studio
1:00 Lunch at Green Leaves - Cost \$9.00 each
2:30 Grant Wood Gallery & Grave - Anamosa
Dinner on your own
7:30 Old Creamery Theatre - "G.I. Jukebox" Cost : \$23

Sunday, June 5th

Free family day

Monday, June 6th

9:00 AM Kalona Amish Stores - independently
11:00 Quilt Museum and overview of Amish Community - east on B Avenue in Kalona
12:00 PM Lunch in Beachy Amish home - Cost: \$24 for museum & lunch
1:00 Horse Sale at Kalona Sale Barn
6:30 Hosted dinners by FF members

Tuesday, June 7th

9:00 AM Hoover Library and grounds - Cost \$3 (if under age 60 \$6)
12:00 PM Lunch at Skillet Restaurant in Mt. Vernon. Cost \$12
1:30 Farm tour
6:30 Kernel's game against Great Lakes - Cost \$6.50 for Club Seats.

Wednesday, June 8th

8:30 AM Going Away Breakfast at Cooper's Mill. Cost \$11
10:30 Ambassadors head to Minnesota for the 2nd half of their exchange.

We hope you will be able to attend these exciting events and make new friends with our Las Vegas ambassadors. The form is attached to fill out and send in with your money to confirm reservations.

The LV Exchange Committee:

Tressa Youngbear (ED), Marceil Edson, Audrey Bradford, Marian Wetjen, and Jill Rinkenberger

Las Vegas Exchange June 3 - 8th

Return form & money by: May 16th

Check all events attending

| Events: | Cost: | Name | Name | Name |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 3-Jun | | | | |
| Dessert Party | dessert | | | |
| 4-Jun | | | | |
| Walking Tour | | | | |
| G. W. Studio | | | | |
| Green Leaves | \$9.00 | | | |
| G. W. Gallery | | | | |
| Creamery Theatre | \$23.00 | | | |
| 6-Jun | | | | |
| Amish Lunch | \$24.00 | | | |
| 7-Jun | | | | |
| Hoover Library | \$3.00 | | | |
| Lunch at Skillet | \$12.00 | | | |
| Farm Tour | | | | |
| Kernel's | \$6.50 | | | |
| 8-Jun | | | | |
| Going Away Breakfast | \$11.00 | | | |
| Total Cost: | \$88.50 | | | |
| Return to: | Marceil | Edson, 2322 Fox Trail Dr.NE, | Cedar Rapids, Iowa | 52402 |