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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...***

We are looking at a very busy spring and summer and how exciting it all is! If you have not contacted Audrey Bradford to find out how you can become involved with our Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon Exchange, please do so today. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make new friends from Oregon.

I am working on an incoming exchange for September with Wessex, England. They have 5 ambassadors. Over the last week this exchange has grown into a very diverse experience for us. We are in the process of including 12 ambassadors from Costa Rica and 1 ambassador from California. Wow!

We received official notice from International confirming an outgoing exchange with Niagara, Canada in 2015. Niagara visited us in 2012, so it will be fun visiting our friends from Canada.

On behalf of the club, I am pleased to welcome Helen Hunter as our newest member!

As you are reading this newsletter I will be attending the Midwest Regional Conference and hope to learn many new ideas to bring back for our club. Have a great month and see you at the general meeting on May 18th.

*Tressa*

## **Trip to Iowa State Fair**

### **IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED!**

Esther Hudson is planning a L.E.O. bus trip to the Iowa State Fair. The date has not been finalized, but we are looking at the week of August 11 thru 15. We need the interest of 30 people in order to continue with planning (arranging the bus, etc). **So please, if this interests you, contact Esther Hudson soon at [Esther\\_Hudson@msn.com](mailto:Esther_Hudson@msn.com).**



## INCOMING OREGON EXCHANGE

**Don't miss out on the Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon Exchange from May 14 through 20! A summary of the planned activities include:**

May 15, Cedar Rapids—Library, Grant Wood Studio, Czech Museum, & Trolley Tour (\$10).

May 16, Dubuque—Eagle Point Park & Mississippi River Museum.

May 17, West Branch—Free morning, Hoover Library

May 18, Cedar Rapids—FFCR/IC General Meeting at Wickiup Hill, 2:00 pm

May 19, Kalona—Kalona Museum and Mennonite lunch (\$23.60).

There are a few seats left on the trolley tour of Cedar Rapids lead by Mark Hunter at 4:00 on Thursday the 15th. This is a great personalized tour including the history of Cedar Rapids. Cost is \$10. Reservations will be taken until all seats are full.

You may also join the Kalona Museum tour and Mennonite lunch on the 19th. The cost for the tour and meal is \$23.60. Reservations will be taken through May 5.

RSVP to Audrey Bradford at 365-5746 for either of these activities.

All of the other activities are open for you without RSVP.



Be sure NOT TOO MISS the General Meeting on Sunday at Wickiup Hill Center. You can hike the trails in the afternoon and about 2:00 Marian Wetjen will host an olympian-esque challenge between the west-coasters and mid-westerners.

If you haven't met the ambassadors before this will be your chance to learn more about the 15 members of this exchange.

**Please bring either a salad or a dessert for the meal that will follow. Meat, drinks and serving ware will be provided.**

Thanks,

*Audrey*

Contact Audrey Bradford at [audrey.b@mchsi.com](mailto:audrey.b@mchsi.com) or 319-365-5746, or contact Jean Thomas at [jeanthomas521@gmail.com](mailto:jeanthomas521@gmail.com) or 319-830-5091 with questions.

# 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!**

- **ASSISTANT ED FOR WESSEX ENGLAND EXCHANGE**

Tressa Youngbear is seeking someone to assist her in the ED role for the September 11—18 incoming exchange with Wessex, England. See Tressa's "Presidents Message" on the front page. **Contact [ityoungbear@gmail.com](mailto:ityoungbear@gmail.com) or call 319-350-4143 to volunteer!**



- **FREEDOM FESTIVAL WORKERS**

We are planning to work at the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival for a fund raiser. We need about 15 more volunteers. We will not have specific work dates until closer to the Festival; however, please indicate your willingness to work at this important and fun fund raising event. **Volunteer by contacting Cheryl or Dale Moore at 319-362-6252 or by email at [mooredale@imonmail.com](mailto:mooredale@imonmail.com) !**



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

### REMAINING 2014 EVENTS

|                 |  |   |
|-----------------|--|---|
| May 1-4         | Midwest Regional Conference  | Milwaukee, Wisconsin  |
| May 18          | 1:30 Board Meeting<br>2:00 General Meeting with Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon | Wickiup Hill Learning Center                                    |
| May 14 – 20     | Incoming Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon  | ED - Audrey Bradford  |
| June 26         | L.E.O. at Sutliff Bridge Tavern—6:00 PM                                      | Host Vic Klopfenstein   |
| 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 11—18 | Incoming Wessex, England Club  | ED - Tressa Youngbear   |
| September 14    | Road Rally   | Committee: Mike Karal,, Nancy Miller,<br>and Shirley Rosencrans |
| October         | L.E.O, (TBD)   | Host Mary Stull   |
| October 15 -21  | Outgoing Sacramento, California  | ED - Marian Wetjen  |
| November 16     | Annual Meeting   |   |

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

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| TBD | Outgoing Niagara, Canada | ED—TBD |
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Tressa Youngbear  
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