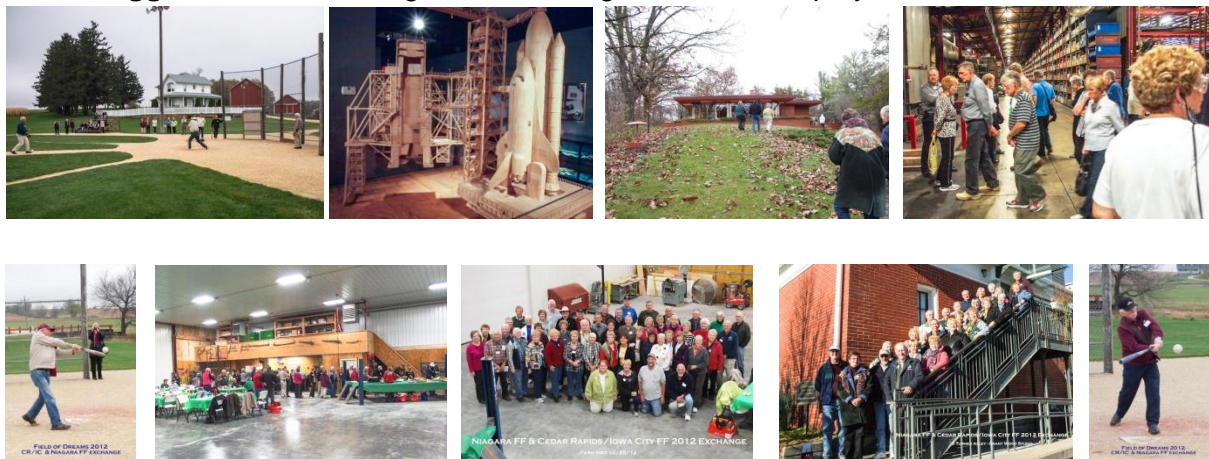


Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
Yours in Friendship
November, 2012

Greetings in friendship,

As this is the last newsletter before our annual meeting, I would like to give our committed and enthusiastic officers and board of directors a special thank you for their hard work keeping our organization running well this past year. Our appreciation and heartfelt thanks go to Margaret and Richard Miller for their splendid work on and execution of our September meeting entitled "Iowa Immigration." I missed the meeting but received many good reviews. Also, thanks to our generous and dedicated membership who home hosted, day hosted, hosted meals, served on committees, acted as exchange directors, found guest speakers, located meeting rooms, decorated tables, made and poured coffee, donated beverages, cooked for potlucks, cooked taco meals, volunteered at the Freedom Festival, trained exchange directors, set up and took down tables, sent out emails and helped otherwise with our exchanges.

We had a **grrreeaattt!** exchange with our Niagara Friends, hope you all had a chance to meet



and spend time with them. There were plenty of well organized activities available for you to



participate in. If you took part and met our guests you will agree with me that they were fun, interesting, easy to get to know and entertaining. Good work EDs and Exchange Committee. I didn't know CR had a Frank Lloyd Wright home. What about those Blue Ladies?

Annual Meeting Reservations: Have you mailed in your reservation and check to: David Detwiler, 1561 Matterhorn DR NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 for our Annual Meeting? This year it will be held on November 18 at The Clarion Hotel, Cedar Rapids. The Buffet Dinner will be served at **6:00 PM**. Our menu includes: Bone in ham carved on the line, Sage stuffed chicken, au gratin potatoes, Green Beans almandine, tossed salad with choice of dressings, creamy coleslaw, hot rolls and butter, coffee, tea or milk and dessert table (chef's choice). A Cash Bar will open at **5:00 PM**. Dinner cost is just \$21.50 per person (the same price given us by The Clarion the last 3 years, in spite of inflation). For more information call 319-364-6120 or email daviddetwiler@msn.com. We will have entertainment secured by Vic Klopfenstein.

Reservations are due by November 10, 2012.

**In friendship,
David Detwiler, President**

Calendar

November 18, 2012: Annual meeting and dinner at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW @ 5:30 p.m. Cost \$21.50.

You won't want to miss the entertainment provided by Sestra (Czech name for sister) Dance. Pam Hyberger and Allison Frerking will present a tasteful program on Belly Dancing. Pam's Hebrew name is Zahavah which means "the golden one" and Allison's Celtic name is Talora which means "Dew in the Morning."

Allison is a school teacher and Pam has the Happenstance Store at 1026 7th Ave., in Marion. Happenstance is a Creative Re-Use store where Pam recreates, reinvents, reconstructs and recycles original art and clothing.

Vic suggests everyone wear or bring dancing shoes because they want to get the audience involved. Please don't bring your own Belly Dancing outfit because they will provide them.

January 13, 2012: General Meeting: Lunch at the HyVee on 32nd and Oakland Rd @1:00 p.m. with a program on China presented by Dale & Cheryl Moore and Mike and Dianne Karal. Chinese, Italian or American food available for approx. \$5.00 per lunch. Your choice.

March 2-March 12, 2013: Outgoing to Houston, TX. Exchange Director, David Detwiler, (daviddetwiler@msn.com). March is a great time to be in TX as spring is underway. Houston Exchange March 2 - 12:



Join us for a very reasonably priced 5-day cruise on the Carnival Triumph, before our home stay, Leave Galveston March 2nd and return March 7(Sat-Thu). Stop at Progresso, Yucatan, Mexico and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to be picked up at Galveston by our Houston Hosts for a day tour of Galveston. Upon completing the tour we will go home with our hosts to Houston for the remainder of the exchange. Exchange Activities Offered: Rodeo 1 day, Visit NASA/space Center 1 day, Galveston 1 day, Downtown walking tour possibly including the stadium, Historical George Ranch 1 day, Battle Ship Texas and Museums & monuments. Hosting for 16 Ambassadors available. Exchange is also available without cruise. Contact David Detwiler, Exchange director for information, 319 364-6120, daviddetwiler@msn.com

April 17-May 2, 2013– Outgoing to Indonesia (confirmed) Steve Williams, Exchange director, Contact: Tedja Wigny

Cost: \$3000 more or less

Ambassadors: no more than 20

To Date: 9 people have indicated some interest



We are planning a week in Bandung and a week in Malang, both cities on the island of Java. Bandung is called the "Paris of West Java" and Malang the "Paris of East Java." A FF member in Indonesia has suggested we stop in Bali and have tea with the Princess.

We have advertised the exchange internationally now, so if you haven't indicated an interest. NOW is the time. Contact: Steve Williams swill820@gmail.com, 319 465-3942.

May 5-11, 2013: Incoming Sacramento. Exchange director: TBD; Ass't exchange directors: The Hildebrands; Sacramento Contact: Carol Tilly

August 1-9, 2013: Incoming Theme Exchange August 2-8 (CR/IC) ED: Tressa Youngbear
CR/IC, Ames ED: Dennis Dake

Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 2013: Confirmed incoming from Fortaleza, Brazil. ED: TBD, Contact: Marie da Gloria Goncalves

October 9-16, 2013: Outgoing to Virginia. Exchange director: TBD; Virginia Contacts: Don & Babs Fickes

November 22-25: 2013 World Conference in New Orleans, USA.

October 2014: 2014 World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand

Updates:

2013 Dues:

Renew CR/IC Friendship Force memberships for 2013 by mailing dues to Marian Wetjen, 2009 Linmar DR, NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Annual Membership Dues are \$25.00 per person. For further information contact Marian at mwetjen@q.com.

Exchange Directors Needed

Below are three opportunities for you to take the lead for our club by being an Exchange Director. Please decide which one is of interest to you and volunteer so we will not have to cancel any of these exchanges. Contact Dianne Karal (toy4di@msn.com) or Tressa Youngbear (ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net.)

Opportunity #1: **May 5-11, 2013:** Incoming Sacramento

Opportunity #2: **Sept.23-Oct 1, 2013:** Incoming Fortaleza, Brazil

Opportunity #3: **October 9-16, 2013:** Outgoing to Virginia.

If you are a new exchange director you will have assistance so your learning experience will be enjoyable.

Friendship Force Items: Green Tote Bags, Polo Shirts, Notebooks, Luggage Tags, distinctive hand-written note card displaying the friendship force logo. Contact the Hildebrands (319-743-5541 or rvhilde1@juno.com) if you need merchandise. (Tote bags, notebooks, and notecards make great hostess gifts.)

Board Members 2012

Dave Detwiler, President

Richard & Veta Hildebrand, Co-President-Elect

Steve Williams, Secretary

Dale Moore, Treasurer

Connie Williams, Past President

Dianne Karal & Tressa Youngbear, Co-Exchange Coordinators

Marian Wetjen, Membership

Vic Klopfenstein, Communications

Will & Karen Mickelson, Meeting Hosts

Lynette Nuehring, & John Sauer, Directors At Large

In friendship

Dave Detwiler & Richard & Veta Hildebrand