

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

Yours in Friendship

October, 2012

Greetings in friendship,

It is that time of year to start thinking about turning in our 2014 outbound exchange choices to FFI. Thanks to everyone who shared their choices with us. Our 2014 Club choices, in order, are Fortaleza, Brazil; Niagara, Canada and Romania. Richard and Veta will be advising FFI of our selections.

Now is also time for us to make reservations for our annual meeting. This year it will be held on November 18 at The Clarion Hotel, Cedar Rapids. Let's mark our calendars so we won't miss it. The Buffet Dinner will be served at 5:30 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). Please mail your check with your reservations to David Detwiler at 1561 Matterhorn DR NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. For more information call 319-364-6120 or email daviddetwiler@msn.com. We will have entertainment secured by Vic Klopfenstein.

In case you are wondering why we are not having a LEO during October, take a look at the daily opportunities we will have to participate in our Exchange activities with Niagara Falls during October 21 through October 27. Our October LEO committee visited and worked on selecting a date and place that would work around our exchange activities. They decided there was too much conflict and cost for members to participate in both activities (see Dianne Karal's 9/12/12 email "Making Niagara Exchange Successful").

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

Thanks to the day host volunteers and meal host volunteers for our exchanges this year. You made it possible for others to host and work their jobs, go to prescheduled appointments or take care of other necessities. You folks had the experience of getting to know our visiting ambassadors and making interesting new friends.

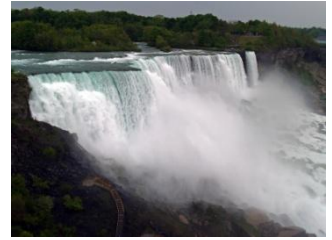
Don't forget to check out all of our upcoming exchange possibilities. Some have limited spaces available. If you can't make it on our Houston exchange, The Twin Cities club in Minnesota has 3 spaces on an exchange to Rio Grande Valley, Texas Jan 14 – Jan 21. For more information, contact Dave at 319-364-6120 or Bob at 651-787-9791 or bemer@usfamily.net

Calendar

October 21-28 Incoming Niagara, Canada Exchange: CO-E.D. Dianne Karal & Lynette Nuehring; Niagara E.D. Martha Abra.

Twenty-one ambassadors will be arriving from Niagara the evening of October 21.

Reminder: Please make reservations for the Niagara Exchange by Saturday Oct. 6, a 2 day extension due to the newsletter just coming out. See the e-mail sent by Dianne Karal, titled "Making Niagara Exchange Successful" dated 9-12-12 for sign-up form and instructions.



November 18, 2012: Annual meeting and dinner at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW. The 6:00 p.m. dinner will feature a two-meat buffet, salad and cash bar. 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.

March 3-March 17, 2013: Outgoing to Houston, TX. ED: David Detwiler, (daviddetwiler@msn.com). March is a great time to be in TX as spring is underway. The Rodeo is going on at this time and side trips to Galveston or Austin are possibilities.



April 17-May 2, 2013– Outgoing to Indonesia (confirmed) Steve Williams, ED, 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. Steve Williams swill820@gmail.com

May 5-11, 2013: Incoming Sacramento. ED: TBD, Contact: Carol Tilly

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

End of Sept to the first of Oct, 2013: Confirmed incoming from Fortaleza, Brazil. ED: TBD, Contact: Marie da Gloria Goncalves

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

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

October 2014: 2014 World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand

Updates



Forty five members and guests learned what it was like to be an immigrant at the Sept. 9 general meeting held at Prairie Woods Retreat Center in Hiawatha Margaret Miller planned the program that kept the members rapt attention. Upon entering the Retreat Center, members found themselves standing in a long line waiting to get their Visa which was issued by Ann Harris, in period dress and from Usher's Ferry. Once citizenship questions were answered and Visas given, members moved on to the display of immigration and travel documents belonging to Richard and Margaret Miller, Andrew McFadden of Britain and

Andrea Siebermann of Slovakia. A PowerPoint, prepared by Margaret, assisted the four speakers who told their personal stories which revealed diverse experiences. Many misconceptions were clarified and participants gained an idea of what their ancestors had gone through to come to America. "Thank you, Margaret" and to your presenters.

Congratulations:

It was announced that Pat Klopfenstein, who was earlier named Marion Citizen of the Year by the Marion Chamber of Commerce and the Marion Times,, would be riding in the Marion Swamp Fox parade on September 15.

In addition , Vic and son Mark were the subjects of a multi-column article in the Marion Times of August 23 showcasing their family business and their work at Linn Animal Hospital. It was a great article and, hopefully, all had a chance to read it.

Congratulations to Darby and Matt Winger on the birth of their son.

Exchange Directors Needed

Below are three 3 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.

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

Opportunity #2: **Sept.23rd–Oct 1st, 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.

Please fill out the application below and return to: Dianne Karal toy4di@msn.com or

Tressa Youngbear ityoungbear@windstream.net

Thank you for helping our club have a successful exchange year!

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

Other Travel Opportunities

Go on-line to The World of Friends catalog. Two interesting trips listed there include

1. Bike Through Belgium and the Netherlands from 5/29-6/8, 2013
2. Join Birders in TX to Watch the Spring Migration from April 7-14, 2013.

New Item: Green Tote Bags Polo Shirts, Notebooks, Luggage Tags, distinctive hand-written note card displaying the friendship force logo. Contact the Hildebrands (319-743-5441 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

LET'S GET READY FOR NIAGARA

Twenty-one Niagara Falls ambassadors will be arriving in Cedar Rapids on Sunday evening, Oct 21st & be with us until the morning of Sunday, Oct 28th. Please make reservations for the exchange activities by completing this form and mail it along with your check (payable to CR/IC FF) no later than **OCTOBER 6TH** to Dianne Karal, 4859 Oak Grove Ct NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411.

(WE NEED TO PROVIDE EXACT NUMBERS TO SOME OF OUR VENDORS 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT)

YOUR NAME(S): _____

Phone number _____ Cell number _____

NIAGARA FALLS EXCHANGE EVENTS		COST	NUMBER	TOTAL
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Sunday, Oct 21	DINNER CED-REL Supper Club	\$22.00	X _____	\$ _____
Monday, Oct 22	Mississippi River Museum	\$11.50	X _____	\$ _____
	OPTIONAL: Country Junction Restaurant	RSVP	X _____	
Tuesday, Oct 23	LUNCH BrickLynn Cafe, Dysart	\$8.50	X _____	\$ _____
	Salt & Pepper Shaker Gallery, Traer	\$3.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Matchstick Marvels, Gladbrook	\$3.00	X _____	\$ _____
Wednesday, Oct 24	Tour of Kinze Manufacturing	RSVP	X _____	
	Old Creamery Theatre "The 39 Steps"	\$23.00	X _____	\$ _____
Thursday, Oct 25	Heartland Acres Agribition Center Independence	\$8.00	X _____	\$ _____
	LUNCH Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Cedar Rock - Frank Lloyd Wright House	\$5.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Farm Tour and Evening Meal	RSVP	X _____	
Please indicate what you can provide for the Evening Meal @ the Farm (Meat, table service and drinks will be provided)				
VEGETABLE _____ SALAD _____ DESSERT _____				
Friday, Oct 26	Grant Wood Studio	RSVP	X _____	
	Nat'l Czech & Slovak Museum	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
	LUNCH White Star Ale House	\$14.00	X _____	\$ _____
Saturday, Oct 27	LUNCH Bethany Lutheran Church	\$15.00	X _____	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED				\$ _____

For the FAREWELL SOUP SUPPER on SATURDAY, OCT 27th, please indicate what you can provide:

ROLLS or CORNBREAD _____ MISC. _____ DESSERT _____