

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

Greetings in friendship,



If you didn't attend the Tri Club Picnic, you missed a chance to eat without cooking, take a guided tour of Stone City (Grant Wood Country), meet new and old friends, participate in a drawing for door prizes and take your picture using Grant Wood props. Connie Williams, Esther Hudson, Veta & Richard Hildebrand, Marty Novak, Esther Hudson and Alice Wilkerson- Thanks for your work in making an impressive Tri-Club Picnic happen! Please note the picture on the left of our Regional FF Representative, Pat Meyer and FFI Director David Meyer, participating in the Grant Wood spoof. They did great, didn't they? Does anyone else have a picture to share with us?

Reserve your space on our Huston, Texas exchange coming up the first week of March. Their Exchange Director hasn't been appointed yet and the dates are not exact. Our Exchange Director, David Detwiler with the help of Tressa Youngbear, is ready to set up a great exchange. A visit to the rodeo and livestock show with Country and Western Stars and a day trip to Galveston (about 2 hrs away) are part of the plans. An extended exchange with Austin may also be a possibility as soon as our dates are set. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available and hold the approximate time open.



Thanks to our members, hosts, exchange directors and the exchange committee who made the Cincinnati Exchange a success. Left is a picture of both the Ambassadors and the hosts at Thomas Park, Marion on Tuesday, August 14th. You missed a chance to make new friends if you didn't attend any of the exchange activities. The bus ride to



the State Fair, the State Fair and the ride back was a good day. The pork chop on the stick wasn't bad either. A photo of the Meskwaki Pow Wow, one of our exchange activities, is on the right.

Don't miss a chance to visit Prairie Woods on September 9. It is located at 120 E Boyson Road, Hiawatha. Our General Meeting will be held there at 2PM sharp. See Margaret Miller's description below.

David Detwiler, President

Calendar

September 9, 2012: General Meeting @ Prairie Woods Retreat Center, 120 E. Boyson Road, Hiawatha @ 2:00pm sharp.



Come experience being an immigrant! See if you can answer the citizenship questions. See what was required of our ancestors

Margaret Miller has arranged for CR/IC members to visit a traveling display entitled **"Iowa: A state of Immigrants."** This display is located at the ecospirituality center sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters. The display is made up of 4 panels that combine photos and attractive format to convey the history and status of immigration in our nation and Iowa. These panels are 7 feet tall, 12 feet long and 1 foot deep.

As you enter, Margaret has arranged for the immigration clerk to process you through. Ann Harris of Ushers Ferry will be dressed in period costume. A PowerPoint presentation, as well as other displays and information on visas, will follow. Coffee and bars will be provided but must be kept away from the large panels.

This will be an inspirational and informational day! Come meet, greet and make friends with our club membership. See you there!

September 28-Oct 1 Outgoing St. Louis, Missouri, Exchange: Audrey Bradford, exchange director; Tressa Youngbear, assistant exchange director; St. Louis exchange director, Dee Ebert. This exchange is full.

October 21-28 Incoming Niagara, Canada Exchange: Co-exchange directors Dianne Karal & Lynette Nuehring; Niagara exchange director is Martha Abra.

November 18, 2012: Annual meeting at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 525 33rd Ave SW.

March 3-March 17, 2013: Outgoing to Houston, TX. exchange director, David Detwiler, (daviddetwiler@msn.com)

April or May, 2013 – Outgoing to Indonesia (confirmed) Steve Williams, exchange director, Contact: Tedja Wigny



"Our club has a confirmed 2013 outbound exchange (#11231). We are scheduled for a week with two Bandung FF clubs and a week with Malang FF, Indonesia. We are considering a possible extension to Bali. We hosted Indonesian teachers last year and the president of the Malang club was hosted by Steve and Nancy Williams. Mrs. Tedjningtyas (or Tedja, as she calls herself in English) has helped make the arrangements and will be very helpful in the exchange. Steve Williams has been confirmed as exchange director for our club. The exchange will be in April or May (after the rainy season), and scheduled around our incoming domestic exchange with

Sacramento May 5-11.

At least two clubs from our area have been to Indonesia lately, so we need local club ambassadors. Tedjas has indicated the cost will be \$2000 to \$2500 per person. An internet search this week has United tickets at \$1474 from Chicago to Jakarta.

We will likely fly to Jakarta and then go by land to Bandung, then to Malang by rail or air. Details to be arranged, but let Steve know if you think you are going. We don't know the limits yet and a deposit will be required soon, but it isn't too early to say "yes we'll go". Steve Williams, exchange director, phone 319-465-3942 or swill820@gmail.com

Statistics on Indonesia: 17,508 islands, 33 provinces, 4th most populous country in the world, 16th largest economy. Bandung: (Ban-dun) 2007 metro pop. 7.4 m., Capitol of W. Java, "city of flowers" Malang: (ma-lan) pop. 2010= 819,708, famous for cool air, "Paris of East Java."

Suggestions as to dates and desired extensions are welcome. We might land in Singapore and Singapore is a possible extension. If anyone is familiar with Indonesia, please volunteer to help plan. Many more details to follow. Let's go to the islands!!

May 5-11, 2013: Incoming Sacramento. CR/IC exchanged director: TBD, Sacramento contact: Carol Tilly

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

End of Sept to 1st of Oct, 2013: Confirmed incoming from Fortaleza, Brazil. CR/IC exchange director: TBD, Brazil Contact: Marie da Gloria Goncalves

October 9-16, 2013: Outgoing to Virginia. CR/IC 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



The Cincinnati exchange was enjoyed by ambassadors and members who participated.

As ED I received a lot of praise and thanks for providing a wonderful week for our ambassadors. I am passing on all these praises and thanks to the following members who deserve them for volunteering when the exchange needed them:

Exchange Committee: Alice Wilkinson (assistant exchange director), Sally Fairchild, Esther Hudson and Joyce Roberson. Dianne Karal unofficial assistant.

Host Families: Margaret & Ron Nelson, Tom & Alice Wilkinson, Jackie & Dallas Bryant, Marceil & Winston Edson and Dianne & Mike Karal.

Dinner Host: Joanne Smith, Darlene & David Tammel, Liz & John Sauer, Esther Hudson and Veta & Richard Hildebrand

Dinner Logistics: Karen & Will Mickleson, Janis Schmitz and Pat and Vic Klopfenstein.

Photographer: David Detwiler

Your involvement made this exchange the success it was – thank you!

Tressa Youngbear, Cincinnati Exchange Director



St. Louis Here We Come! Our club will be doing a return exchange to St. Louis leaving September 28, 2012, and returning Monday, October 1, 2012. This exchange is full. Exchange director is Audrey Bradford (audrey.b@mchsi.com or 319-365-5746.)

Oct. 21-28, 2012: Incoming Niagara. Co-exchange directors: Diane Karal, toy4di@msn.com, and Lynette Nuehring; Niagara ED: Martha Abra.
Hosts: Remember the planning meeting on September 8, 1:30p.m. at the Karals, 4859 Oak Grove Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids. 378-0084.



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.)

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In friendship

Dave Detwiler & Richard & Veta Hildebrand