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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The very busy year of 2015 was kicked off with the January 18 General Meeting held at the Marion Library Conference Room. Almost 40 persons attended including two new members and two guests. Ron and Caroline Larson presented an interesting slide program on their recent trip to Bhutan and Burma. Thanks, Caroline and Ron.

Looking forward to the next few months our calendar is busy including the following events:

- February 24 – LEO at Louie's Scoreboard in Marion
- March 22 – General Meeting at Shueyville UMC – World Friendship Day
- April 18 thru 25 – Incoming Exchange with Moscow Russia
- April 30 thru May 2 – Midwest Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids
- May 15-23 – Open World from Azerbaijan

Refer to other articles in this newsletter for details of each event and the full calendar on the next to last page.

We will need the help of the entire membership to successfully complete all of these events. So we challenge you to get involved as much as you can. For the events listed above, your opportunities to get involved include:

- Get to know your fellow members better by attending the LEO.
- Bring a guest (prospective member) to World Friendship Day (March 22). The program will be by foreign exchange students.
- ED and planning team for the Moscow Exchange.
- Home Hosts for Moscow, Leadership Conference, and Azerbaijan.
- Attend Welcome Party and Brucemore Party during the Leadership Conference.

You, our membership, have always been very active so we know we can count on you again. We appreciate all that you do.

We hope you will all enjoy the rest of the winter. Stay healthy, stay warm, and stay involved!

Dale and Cheryl Moore

Exchanges for 2015

We have lots of exciting opportunities for travel and hosting in the first half of 2015.

April 18-25, 2015	Incoming Exchange from Moscow, Russia	ED: to be determined
May 15-23, 2015	Open World Group from Azerbaijan	Contact: Steve Williams
June 3-10, 2015	Outgoing Exchange to Niagara Canada	ED: Mary Stull
June 22-28, 2015	Incoming Exchange from Lansing Michigan	EDs: Audrey Bradford & Lynette Nuehring
July 15-21 & July 21-25, 2015	Outgoing Exchange to Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon plus Lower Columbia Washington	ED: Marian Wetjen
October 2-10, 2015	Open World Group of Small Town Mayors from Moldova	Contact: Vic Klopfenstein

Details on exchanges:

Incoming—Moscow, Russia—April 18-25



NEW Incoming from Moscow, Russia—new exchange

We are expecting 15 to 17 ambassadors from April 18 to 25.

If you are interested in being the exchange director or working on the exchange committee, contact Connie Williams at 396-4747 or crm1226@yahoo.com. Attached is an exchange director application.

Open World from Azerbaijan—May 15-23

Our club will be hosting an Open World seminar for delegates studying accountable governance-agri-business development. This is a great opportunity to showcase Iowa's expertise in these areas. We expect 5 mayors, 1 interpreter and 1 facilitator.

They will be attending activities related to agri-business and economic development coordinated by Steve Williams during the day. They will spend the evenings with their host family. Contact Steve at swill820@gmail.com or 319 465-3942.



More about Open World Groups:

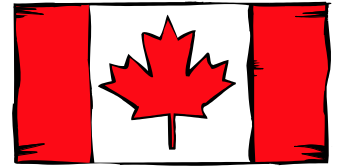
Our club is able to host one or two of these groups of seven people each year. During the day, each group experiences lectures, tours and interaction with Iowans who work in their area.

To help with these exchanges or host, contact Steve Williams (Azerbaijan), swill820@gmail.com, 319 465-3942 or Vic Klopfenstein (Moldova), vpklopfenstein@msn.com, 319 377-5502

Outgoing—Niagara, Canada—June 3-10

Niagara club is looking forward to our visit and has planned interesting activities for us to learn about their area, meet their club members and experience Niagara Falls, Historic St. Catharines, the Shaw Festival Theatre and other features of their area.

There are a couple openings for this exchange. Fill out an ambassador application and submit with full fee of \$390 to Mary Stull, 3000 27th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404, mcdstull@aol.com, 319 393-6254. Applications are available on the club website: www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org in the member section, under Governance.



Incoming—Lansing, Michigan—June 22-28

Lynette Nuehring and Audrey Bradford are the exchange directors and are beginning planning. If you would like to assist with this exchange or would like to host, please contact Audrey at Audrey.b@mchsi.com.

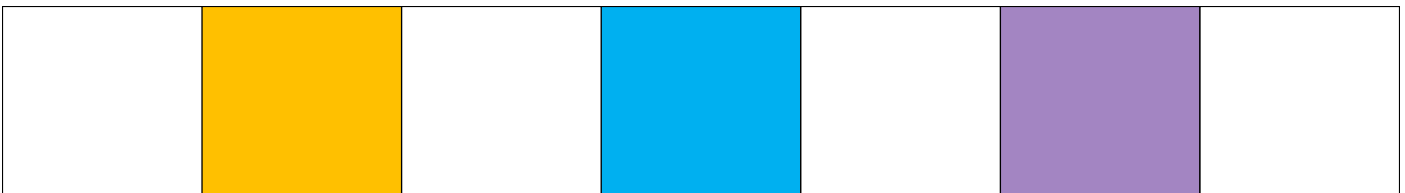
Outgoing—Oregon and Washington—July 15-21

Outgoing to **Mid Willamette Valley, Oregon**, July 15-21, 2015 and an optional second week in **Lower Columbia, Washington**. Marian Wetjen has been named exchange director. This exchange is currently full. Marian (mjwetjen27@yahoo.com, 319 363-0586) is accepting names for a waiting list in the event there is an opening.

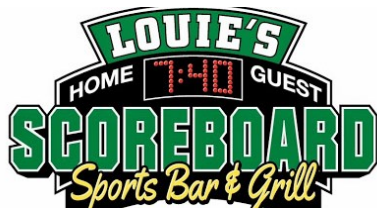
Incoming—Chiapas, Mexico Exchange—fall 2015



We are expecting an exchange from Chiapas, Mexico in the fall. Dates yet to be set. We are still working with the club and Friendship Force International. Connie Williams is now accepting applications for exchange director. ED applications are available on the club website: www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org in the member section, under Governance.



Let's Eat Out—February 24



On Tuesday evening, February 24, we will have a club Let's Eat Out event at Louie's Scoreboard, 7th Ave & 10th Street in Marion. LEO reservations to Jean/Dean Thomas, jeanthomas521@gmail.com, 319 830-5092. Ever wish you had more time to visit with club members? Here's your chance. Meet them here for a relaxed evening of food and conversation—order food and beverages off the menu.

General Meeting—March 22, 1:30 pm

We'll be celebrating World Friendship Day at Shueyville United Methodist Church, Exit 10 off I-380, then 1 mile east. The festivities will kick off with a potluck at 1:30. Bring your favorite international dish or experiment with a new one. International students from local colleges and high schools will be our guests and will share information on their countries. If you know an international student, invite them (and their host family) to join us.

Plan now to invite a friend to learn about our club. Also, invite a prospective member to share the fun. Get updates on the incoming and outgoing exchanges for 2015. Learn more about the Midwest Conference in April.

Club to Host Midwest Leadership Conference —April 30-May 2

Our club is hosting the Midwest Region Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids on April 30 through May 2. Each club will be sending three representatives—club president, president elect and another club leader.

We need home hosts for about 40 persons— many will be singles! This will involve hosting for only two nights, Thursday and Friday. To home host, contact Marian Wetjen, 319 363-0586, mjwetjen27@yahoo.com

Conference Activities will include:

Thursday, April 30, Welcome Potluck at Prairie Oaks Lodge, Squaw Creek Park. **Club members welcome!**

Friday, May 1, representatives attend conference sessions

Friday evening, reception for conference attendees and club members at Bruce more.

Saturday, May 2, representatives attend conference sessions; then depart for home.

January Meeting Recap

Thank you to club members, Ron and Carolyn Nelson, for their presentation on their recent trip to Bhutan and Myanmar. Ron and Caroline are adventurous travelers and experience the local culture, history and food by traveling with local guides or on their own. They shared photos and stories about their experiences in these fascinating countries.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 24, 6 pm	Let's Eat Out (LEO) hosted by Jean & Dean Thomas.	Louie's Scoreboard, Marion 7th Avenue and 10th Street
March 2	Board Meeting	Dale & Cheryl Moore's home, 3508 River Ridge Court NE, Cedar Rapids
March 22, 1:30 pm	Potluck & General Meeting— Celebrating World Friendship Day	Shueyville United Methodist Church Exit 10 off I-380, then 1 mile east.
April 13	Board Meeting	Place to be determined
April 15-23	Incoming Exchange from Moscow, Russia	ED—Taking Applications
April 30 to May 2	Regional Leadership Conference	Human Services Center, CR
May 15-23	Open World Group from Azerbaijan	Steve Williams
June 3 to 10	Outgoing Exchange to Niagara Canada	ED—Mary Stull—Taking applications
June 22 to 30	Incoming Lansing Michigan	EDs: Lynette Nuehring/ Audrey Bradford
July 15 to 21	Outgoing Exchange to Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon 2nd week at Lower Columbia, Washington	ED—Marian Wetjen
August 3	Board Meeting	Place to be determined
August 20	Let's Eat Out (LEO)	State Fair Trip
August 29 to 31	FFI World Conference	Vancouver BC Canada
September 13	General Meeting	Place to be determined
October 2 to 10	Open World—Small Town Mayors from Moldova	Vic Klopfenstein
Fall, (date TBD)	Incoming Chiapas Mexico	ED—Taking Applications
November 15	Annual Meeting, Touch of Class, Cedar Rapids	

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In friendship
Dale & Cheryl Moore
Mary Stull

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
