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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...*

Last month, the theme of our message was the need for “every member involvement” as we began a long string of events and exchanges. Thanks to so many of you, the Leadership Conference has gotten us off to a great start. More than 30 of our membership (didn't take an exact count) attended the Welcome Party at Prairie Oak Lodge. Thanks to Shirley Rosencrans and the activities team for attending to the details and thanks to all of you for bringing the great food. Hopefully, you were able to get acquainted with several of the 34 guests from the other 11 Midwest clubs.

The next evening, 24 of our membership attended the Brucemore Party along with our guests. LJ's Catering offered an awesome spread of appetizers and drinks. We also enjoyed strolling through the mansion and grounds. Three docents were on hand to answer our questions, but our own Sally Fairchild took it to a different level. Sally was able to get us into rarely seen parts of the mansion during a cocktail party. Sally got us into the third floor and Howard Hall's Tahitian lounge in the basement. Great fun!

Our official delegation at the conference included Mary Stull, Jean Thomas and Dale Moore. The day and a half was packed with information from our three presenters and others who shared during the conference. You will be hearing more about this in the future. Also, a big thanks to Cheryl Moore, Esther Hudson, Stephanie Schulte and Frank Stull for working at the conference to make sure the needs of the attendees were met - - food, drink, snacks, parking, etc.

As I am writing this message, Steve Williams is about to kick off the Azerbaijan Open World with a welcome party at the Maplewood Condo Community Room in Monticello. Six delegates and an interpreter are here to learn about agri-business. Steve and his team have a great lineup of learning and other activities planned including days at Dubuque, Iowa State University, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Waterloo and the area around Monticello. The delegates are all staying with host families in Monticello. Three host families are not members of our club. Incidentally, we learned at the Leadership Conference that this is a great example of a way to introduce new persons to Friendship Force.

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## Presidents Message (continued)

After Azerbaijan, comes a string of summer exchanges with Niagara Canada (outbound), Lansing Michigan (inbound), Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon and Lower Columbia Washington (outbound) and the Quad City Club (inbound).

So, we encourage you to stay connected, stay involved to the extent that you are able and invite persons to "check-out" Friendship Force.

Be connected, involved and inviting!

In friendship,

Dale and Cheryl Moore

## Let's Eat Out (LEO)—May 21, 5:30 pm

The next LEO will be Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 pm at the General Store, Stone City, Iowa. We will order off the menu. This historical building offers views of the Wapsipinicon River.

In addition to great food and conversation, you will be able to meet our guests from Azerbaijan and their host families. This LEO will also be the Open World farewell.

RSVP to Shirley Rosencrans by Friday, May 15 either by phone 319-462-4132 or e-mail her at [sarosencrans@yahoo.com](mailto:sarosencrans@yahoo.com).



## Open World from Azerbaijan—May 15-23



On Friday, May 15, our club welcomed a Open World delegation that will study agri-business development. This is a great opportunity to showcase Iowa's expertise in these areas. The group includes 5 delegates, 1 interpreter and 1 facilitator.

They will be attending activities related to agri-business and economic development coordinated by Steve Williams, program leader during the day. They will spend the evenings with their host families. You can meet the delegates and their host families at Let's Eat Out at the General Store, Stone City, Thursday, May 21.

### *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 events, contact Steve Williams (Azerbaijan), [swill820@gmail.com](mailto:swill820@gmail.com), 319 465-3942 or Vic Klopfenstein (Moldova), [vpklopfenstein@msn.com](mailto:vpklopfenstein@msn.com), 319 377-5502



## Incoming—Lansing, Michigan—June 21-28

There are still opportunities to be involved in the Lansing, Michigan exchange! Fourteen ambassadors will arrive the evening of June 21 and leave early on June 28, 2015.

Join us for a day's activities. **Serving as a day host is a great way for new members to experience an exchange and meet other club members.** The program includes:

- Monday, June 22 check out Cedar Rapids' charm, including the Paramount Theater, Public Library and the Mother Mosque.
- Tuesday, June 23, see the Hoover library and check out Old Capitol in Iowa City
- Wednesday, June 24, visit the Matchstick Museum in Gladbrook and then go on to the Mesquaki Settlement, Tama, to learn about Mesquaki Indian history and eat Tressa Youngbear's delicious tacos.
- Thursday, May 25—Turner Alley, The National Czech and Slovak Museum and more sites in the Cedar Rapids area
- Friday, June 26, Kalona museum and Mennonite dinner, cooked and served in a private home at noon.
- Saturday, June 27, all members are encouraged to attend the farewell dinner at Naso's in Marion. Say goodbye and bid our guests safe travels.
- To volunteer or check out your options, contact Audrey Bradford, [audrey.b@mchsi.com](mailto:audrey.b@mchsi.com), 319-365-5749 or Lynette Nuehring, [lnuehring66@gmail.com](mailto:lnuehring66@gmail.com) 319-560-1659



## Reservations for Lansing Activities

Number attending and payment needed by Wednesday, June 10.

June 22 Paramount Theater Tour	\$5.00 x ____ (# attending) = \$_____
June 24 Lunch at Gladbrook	\$8.00 x ____ (# attending) = \$_____
Matchstick Museum	\$5.00 x ____ (# attending) = \$_____
Taco Supper	\$4.00 x ____ (# attending) = \$_____
June 26 Kalona Museums & Mennonite Dinner	\$27.00 x ____ (# attending) = \$_____
June 27 Farewell Buffet at Nasos, Marion.	\$17.50 x ____ (# attending) = \$_____

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please send your number for each event and payment to:

Lynette Nuehring 920 Boyson Rd NE Cedar Rapids, 52402

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## Iowa Club Activities—Save the Dates

### Weekend Exchange with the QC Club and the All Iowa Club Picnic Coming in August!

To get acquainted with Friendship Force members with other clubs, the four Iowa clubs—Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, Des Moines, Central Iowa and Quad Cities—are initiating weekend exchanges with each other and an annual all-Iowa Club Picnic. The main objective of this initiative is to get our club members better acquainted and to promote working together on our exchanges.

Two events are coming in August.

August 6 – 8: We will host members of the Quad City Club for a short exchange. Details have not been set, but this event will most likely kickoff with a welcome lunch on Thursday, August 6 and conclude with the All Iowa Club Picnic on August 8.

August 8: This will be the first annual All Iowa Club Picnic. It will be held at Noelridge Park Pavilion on the Pond. Details to come later.

As always, it will be the membership who will make these events great. We will need home hosts, an array of volunteers for specific activities.

Also, the Central Iowa Club has extended an invitation to host our club for a weekend exchange in Ames! They are looking at mid to late October but have not arrived at a specific date. Ames is a great place to visit, so be thinking about this opportunity also.

## Incoming—Chiapas, Mexico Exchange—fall 2015



We are expecting an exchange from Chiapas, Mexico in the fall. Dates have 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](http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org) in the member section, under Governance.

## 2016 Exchanges

Outgoing exchange to Wessex, England—May, June 2016

Connie Williams has been in contact with Penny Slade of the Wessex UK Club regarding possible dates for our May or June 2016 exchange. The Wessex Club will be able to accommodate 16 Ambassadors. Please contact Connie if you might be interested in the Wessex exchange, either as the exchange director or an ambassador. Details need to be worked out for the dates, accommodations and an optional second week. It will be a wonderful exchange! Contact Connie Williams at 396-4747 or [cmw1226@yahoo.com](mailto:cmw1226@yahoo.com)

Incoming exchange from Nashika Riverside, India, tentative slated for fall 2016.

## Outgoing—Exchanges—2015

**Niagara, Canada** June 3-10. Ambassadors will reconnect with friends they made when the Niagara club visited our area in the fall, 2013. Mary Stull is the exchange director.

**Mid Willamette Valley, Oregon**, July 15-21, 2015 and an optional second week in **Lower Columbia, Washington**. Marian Wetjen is exchange director.



## Midwest Leadership Conference—April 30-May 2

Our club hosted the Midwest Region Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids on April 30 through May 2. Each club of the 11 clubs in the region sent representatives.

Two events: a Welcome Party on Thursday, April 30 at Squaw Creek Park, Prairie Oak Lodge and a reception at Brucemore on Friday, May 1, gave club members an opportunity to meet conference attendees. Thank you to all club members who help set up the venues, provided food to the potluck, or demonstrated great Iowa hospitality.



Conference Session Led by Dave Kalan, Milwaukee



Lunch Discussion Group



Welcome Party at Squaw Creek Park

## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15-23	Open World Group from Azerbaijan	Steve Williams
May 21	Let's Eat Out with Azerbaijan Open World Delegates	The General Store, Stone City
June 3 to 10	Outgoing Exchange to Niagara Canada	ED—Mary Stull
June 21 to 28	Incoming Lansing Michigan	EDs: Lynette Nuehring/ Audrey Bradford
July date TBD	Let's Eat Out	to be determined
July 15 to 25	Outgoing Exchange to Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon 2nd week at Lower Columbia, Washington	ED—Marian Wetjen
August 3	Board Meeting	Dale/Cheryl Moore's home
August 6-8	Quad City Incoming Exchange	
August 8	All Iowa Picnic	Noelridge Park, Cedar Rapids
August 20	Let's Eat Out (LEO)	State Fair Trip
August 29 to 31	FFI World Conference	Vancouver BC Canada
September 13	General Meeting	Shueyville United Methodist Church
October 2 to 10	Open World—Small Town Mayors from Moldova	Vic Klopfenstein
October 5	Board Meeting	Dale/Cheryl Moore's home
October (TBD)	Let's Eat Out (LEO)	Place to be determine Vic Klopfenstein/Connie Williams
Late October	Outgoing Exchange to Central Iowa (Ames)	
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**