



# YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP

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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....*

Audrey Bradford and Lynette Nuehring planned and hosted a wonderful exchange with the Greater Lansing, Michigan club. Audrey and Lynette did a great job of featuring the attractions and activities in our home territory of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Michigan ambassador's remarked, "We want to have CR/IC come to Lansing, but are worried that we do not have as many interesting attractions as you do." Sometimes we take our great community for granted and don't realize how special it really is.

Great job all around, Audrey and Lynette! Thanks to all who participated in this exchange. It takes a big team to pull off a great exchange.

Mary Stull captained a group of 10 who worked on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Freedom Festival. The group sold beverages on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue bridges. For their efforts, the club made \$250. Thanks to Mary for her leadership and all who took the time to support this project.

Next up on the calendar, Marian Wetjen will be leading back to back exchanges with Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon and Lower Columbia, Washington. Have a great trip!

Your Presidents are also hosting a LEO at Zeppelin's on July 30. This will be followed by an exchange with the Quad City Club on August 6 thru 8. Our club is also hosting the first annual all Iowa Club picnic on August 8. Your Presidents are also taking their first shot at ED for the QC exchange. We need and appreciate your support.

Esther Hudson has booked the bus trip to the State Fair on August 20. This was a great trip last year. It was great that the participation interest allowed this to be a "go" again. I think there is still room on the bus, so contact Esther if you want to join the fun.

Mary Stull, Connie Williams, and your Presidents will be going to the World Conference in Vancouver August 29 thru 31. This will be a great opportunity to network with many persons and promote our club and location for future exchanges. Dale also has been presented the opportunity to be on two different panels during the sessions. One is on Club Strategic Planning and the other is on Club Leadership Development.

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## Presidents Message (continued)

Membership growth and development continues to be a top priority for our club. We have gained 8 new members thus far this year putting our current membership at 80. Again, we challenge each member to reach out to friends and acquaintances and invite them to give Friendship Force a look. Also, stay as involved as you can. It is through being connected and the experiences we gain through direct involvement that prepares each of us for new challenges in the club.

We trust you are having a great summer. Please, remain connected, involved and inviting!

In friendship,  
Dale and Cheryl Moore

## LEO at Zeppelin's on July 30



The next Let's Eat Out (LEO) will be held at Zeppelin's Bar and Grill on July 30 at 6:00 PM. Zeppelin's is located at Suite 500, 5300 Edgewood Road in Cedar Rapids.

This is the retail development between Blairsferry Road and Collins Road just on the east side of Edgewood Road.

Contact Cheryl or Dale Moore at 319-362-6252 or email at [moore-dale@imonmail.com](mailto:moore-dale@imonmail.com) to make your reservation.

## Iowa State Fair Bus Trip—August 20

A bus loaded with Friendship Force members, family and friends is headed to the State Fair on Thursday, August 20. The cost is \$40 per person which includes motor coach transportation directly to the State Fair Grounds and admission to the Fair.

There are a couple of seats open so if you are interested please call **Esther** at **319-393-4839 TODAY**



## Hosting Quad Cities Club—August 6-8

Our club is hosting the first “intrastate” exchange in August. Quad Cities club members will arrive on Thursday morning, August 6 to explore Cedar Rapids and enjoy two nights of home hosting. The exchange will conclude at the All-Iowa picnic at Noelridge Park on Saturday afternoon.

If you can help, volunteer now for::

Home Hosting – Only 2 nights, Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7.

Dinner Hosting – Thursday, August 6

Please, contact Cheryl or Dale Moore at 319-362-6252 or email at [mooredale@imonmail.com](mailto:mooredale@imonmail.com) to volunteer.

### Tentative Itinerary Highlights

#### *Thursday, August 6*

- Welcome Lunch at Moore's
- Grant Wood Studio
- Stewart Memorial Library at Coe
- Veterans Memorial Stained Glass Window
- City Hall Murals
- Evening – Home hosted dinners



#### *Friday, August 7*

- National Czech and Slovak Museum
- Czech Village
- NewBo District and Market
- Cherry Building arts and crafts
- Cedar Rapids Public Library
- Evening – Cabaret in the Courtyard at Brucemore



#### *Saturday, August 8*

- Morning with hosts
- All Iowa Club Picnic at Noelridge – 11:30 to 3:30

Please plan to participate in this exchange. All club members are invited to

- Cabaret in the Courtyard and Brucemore - \$18 per person
- All Iowa Club Picnic - \$12 per person. (see details page 3)

Please, contact Cheryl or Dale Moore at 319-362-6252 or email at [mooredale@imonmail.com](mailto:mooredale@imonmail.com) to sign-up.



## All Iowa Friendship Force Clubs Picnic-August 8

**Saturday, August 8 beginning at 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**At Noelridge Park Pavilion on  
the Lagoon**

**4900 Council Street NE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

**Catered Lunch served about 12:15**



**Pulled Pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad,  
Bars, ice tea, lemonade, water, table service — all provided**

**\$12 per person—Checks to Friendship Force CR/IC  
3508 River Ridge Ct. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52405**

**Lawn games available and beautiful garden walk to enjoy**

**RSVP to Dale & Cheryl Moore at [mooredale@imonmail.com](mailto:mooredale@imonmail.com) or 319-362-6252 by August 1.**



### ***Directions To Noelridge :***

**Heading North on I-380**

**Exit No. 23 at 42nd St.**

**Turn Right & Go East 3 Blocks**

**Turn Left on Council Street**

**Follow Friendship Force Signs**

## Incoming—Chiapas, Mexico Exchange—October 2015



We're delighted to announce that we have confirmed an incoming exchange from Chiapas, Mexico tentatively scheduled for mid-October. We expect a group of 15 ambassadors that will include families. We are looking for an exchange director and a committee to work on planning activities for the exchange. Applications are available on the club website: [www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org](http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org) in the member section, under Governance. Also contact Connie Williams with questions or suggestions at 319 396-4747, [cmw1226@yahoo.com](mailto:cmw1226@yahoo.com).

We're looking forward to an exciting exchange with Chiapas.

## 2016 Exchanges

### Outgoing exchange to Wessex, England—June 7-14, 2016

Wessex Club will be able to accommodate 16 Ambassadors. So far we have 22 interested club members. Since this is nearly a year away, we will continue to take name for a waiting list. Please contact Connie if you might be interested in the Wessex exchange, either as the exchange director or an ambassador. Options for a second week with another club are being explored. 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. Ambassadors from India will spend one week in Iowa and the following week with Friendship Force in Madison, Wisconsin. Now accepting applications for Exchange Director. If you would like to work on this exchange committee, contact Connie Williams.

**Quilters in our group?** We are exploring the possibility of hosting a themed exchange with Ames in 2016. Contact Connie if you are interested in working on this exchange. A themed exchange includes ambassadors from all over the world who share a common interest.

## Volunteer Mentor Families Needed for Kirkwood International Students

Kirkwood International Programs is excited to be welcoming several new international students from Tunisia, Turkey, Egypt, Pakistan and Indonesia beginning this summer (2015). These students are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Community College Initiative and Tunisian Scholarship programs.



Program requirements include spending time getting to know the local community and local families. Your family can participate and have an opportunity to learn about the world through an international student's eyes. Email [Gayle Glick](mailto:Gayle.Glick@kirkwoodcc.edu) or [Jane Ann Rix](mailto:JaneAnn.Rix@kirkwoodcc.edu) for an application to be an international mentor family. Call 319-398-5443 with questions. The program is in need of 10-15 families and look forward to getting you involved in Kirkwood's international activities. Our club members have participated in this program and found it to be a rewarding experience. **Dawn Wood**, International Programs at Kirkwood Community College.



## Lansing, Michigan Exchange Recap

From June 21-28, 14 ambassadors from Lansing, Michigan, experienced warm, Iowa hospitality and discovered that Iowa is not a flat state. Thank you to Lynette Nuehring, Audrey Bradford, exchange directors, and their committee—Esther Hudson, Stephanie Schulte and Marian Wetjen.

- Monday, June 22 and Thursday, June 25, the group visited interesting sites in Cedar Rapids including the Paramount Theater, Public Library, the Mother Mosque, Grant Wood's studio, the National Czech and Slovak Museum and more.
- Tuesday, June 23, Hoover library and Old Capitol in Iowa City
- Wednesday, June 24, visited the Matchstick Museum in Gladbrook and heard a presentation on Mesquaki Indian history and learned about a link between the Iowa and Michigan tribes. Then Tressa and Irvin Youngbear hosted the group with delicious Indian fry bread and tacos. They also shared their personal stories of Mesquaki culture and life on the settlement.
- Friday, June 26, Kalona museum and Mennonite dinner, cooked and served in a private home at noon.
- Saturday, June 27, after a day free to explore individual interests including a local garden walk, Brucemore, estate sales, everyone attended a farewell dinner at Naso's in Marion.



Playing word games at the farewell dinner



CR Library Visit

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Learning about Mesquaki Indian culture at Tressa and Irvin Youngbear's home at the Mesquaki settlement



Welcome reception at Connie and Myron William's home



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Friendship Force Exchange June 2015

## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 14 to 25	Outgoing Exchange to Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon 2nd week at Lower Columbia, Washington	ED—Marian Wetjen
July 30, 6 pm	Let's Eat Out	Zeppelin's, 5300 Edgewood Rd, Ste 500, Cedar Rapids. contact: Dale/Cheryl Moore, 362-6254, moore-dale@imonmail.com
August 3	Board Meeting	Dale/Cheryl Moore's home
August 6-8	Quad City Incoming Exchange	EDs: Dale/Cheryl Moore
August 8	All Iowa Picnic	Noelridge Park, Cedar Rapids
August 20	Let's Eat Out (LEO)	State Fair Bus 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
October – mid	Incoming Chiapas Mexico	ED—Taking Applications
October 23-25	Outgoing Exchange to Central Iowa (Ames)	ED—Taking Applications
November 15	Annual Meeting	Touch of Class, Cedar Rapids

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**In friendship**  
**Dale & Cheryl Moore**  
**Mary Stull**