

**Minutes for
Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
General Meeting, April 30 – May 2, 2015,**

Our club hosted the Midwest Region Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids on April 30 through May 2. We hosted 34 guests from the other 11 Midwest clubs. Every club in the region was represented.

Two events gave club members an opportunity to meet conference attendees. A Welcome Party on Thursday, April 30 at Prairie Oak Lodge in Squaw Creek Park was attended by more than 30 of our members. Thanks to Shirley Rosencrans and the activities team for attending to the details and thanks to all of you for bringing the great food.

Twenty Four of our members along with our guests attended a reception at Bruce more on Friday, May 1. . 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. Greetings and General announcements were followed by presentations by Adrienne Moen, Midwest Regional Representative; Mathew Nidek from FFI and Dave Kalan, FFI Board Member.

Thank you to all club members who help set up the venues, provided food to the potluck, or demonstrated great Iowa hospitality. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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