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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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

Greetings Friends,

Hope you are having a wonderful summer. As usual it is going by quickly!

To recap –

We had a general meeting and vote to update our by-laws June 4

There was a LEO at Cedar Ridge Winery and Distillery June 14

We had Freedom Festival volunteer events July 1 and 4th

There was a board meeting July 29

Moving on to August there will be a LEO at Franklin Street Brewing Company Wednesday, August 2.

And this is just a warm up for a busy fall... The Friendship Force International Conference will be August 24-28. Connie Williams will represent our club there and will work very hard to secure contacts for future journeys. We are also fortunate to have Audrey Bradford and Lynette Nuehring attending. We look forward to the outcomes from this event.

In September we will have two groups to welcome. Please note that these two groups overlap and say "yes" if asked to help during this time.

- September 5th-12<sup>th</sup> ambassadors from the state of Washington

- September 8th-16th Open World visitors from Kosovo

Later in September and November we have -

An outgoing journey to the Quad Cities September 28-29

The All State Picnic September 30

Outgoing journey to Taiwan November 1-15

Whew! There will be many things going on, but we can do it!

In Friendship,

Jean and Dean Thomas

Co-Presidents



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

It occurred to me recently that we are a community. Many in our group have held positions on the board, organized journeys or hosted for journeys not just once but multiple times. It never fails that when there is a need, someone will jump in to fill that need. We are a community! We are a community and we are stronger as a group than we are as individuals.

Thanks to all of you for being part of the Friendship Force community!

Jean Thomas



## **Justice for Our Neighbors—July 25, 2017**

On Tuesday evening, July 25, our Club hosted a dinner for Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Our club member, Margaret Nelson has volunteered with this program for several years. Our participation is part of our community service outreach. Thanks you to Margaret Nelson for coordinating the event.

Justice for our Neighbors provides assistance to immigrants who are applying for citizenship.

Interviewers help clients fill out the basic paperwork so attorneys can efficiently work with them. The attorneys see 10 or 11 clients during the session. For more info on JFON, go to:

[www.iaumc.org/jfon](http://www.iaumc.org/jfon).



## **Want to Join the Club?**

If you are not yet a member, you'll want to join the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force club. It's as easy as sending dues (\$30 per person) to Marian Wetjen, 2009 Linmar Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Then you'll be all set to enjoy fun Friendship Force activities, meetings and journeys. An application is also available on our website: <http://www.friendshipforceccr-ic.org/join-us/>

## Freedom Festival-Fundraising

Club members volunteered at the Freedom Festival Parade on July 1 and Celebration of Freedom on July 4. These are fun events that enable us to meet other club members and represent Friendship Force in the community. The Club received a \$600 donation for our efforts. Thanks to everyone who participated!

## Let's Eat Out-August 2-Manchester, IA

We had a wonderful LEO (Let's Eat Out) at Franklin Street Brewery in Manchester on August 2 that was attended by approximately 30 members and two guests. Thank you to Jerry and Carol Burke for hosting and to Pin Oak Pub & Links for fabulous catering.



Jerry and Carol Burke and Mike & Linda Peitz



Myron Williams with Dan & Marcia Banyas



Darlene Peterson & Barb Steggall



Patty & Dave Detweiler and Frank Stull

## Club Facebook Page

**Are we friends—on Facebook—yet?** Follow us on Facebook at [Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force](#). See notices of future activities and photos and information on past events.



## Journey Calendar by Connie Williams

Get ready for a busy September! FF of CR/IC will host a domestic journey and Open World delegates this month, travel to the Quad Cities and attend the All Iowa Club Picnic this month. So many interesting people to meet, fun to share and the chance to reconnect with old friends. Planning for 2018 journeys has begun, with an eye toward 2019 and beyond.

### **Incoming domestic journey from Columbia, Washington, September 5-12, 2017**

Thanks to Stephanie Schulte, Jerry and Carol Burke and their committee for preparing a fun-filled week for the ambassadors.

Join with this journey and the Open World delegates for a catered dinner at Lowe Park on September 10, 5:30pm. RSVP to Mary Stull at 393-6254 or mcdstull@aol.com, then mail your check to FF of CR/IC to 3000 27th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. The cost will be \$20 per person and includes a 2 entree buffet, dessert and beverage. Further details of the week's events in this newsletter.

### **Open World, Kosovo September 8-16, 2017**

Delegates from Kosovo will explore the topic of Multilingualism and Access to Public Information. Steve Williams and committee are creating a program for the week, focusing on language and communication in schools, media and government. Iowa has an established relationship with Kosovo as a sister state and its Embassy has a Consulate office in Des Moines.

A welcome potluck on September 8 at the Marion Heritage Center on Sept. 8 and the farewell dinner on September 15 will be open to the membership. The Kosovo delegates will attend the Lower Columbia banquet on September 10. For more information, contact Steve Williams at 319-465-3942.

### **Outgoing in-state journey to Quad Cities, September 29-30, 2017**

Marian Wetjen is working with Linda Shearer from the QC club to plan the weekend, but they would like your input. If you plan to attend this Friday-Saturday journey, please contact Marian at 330-2088 or via email at mjwetjen27@yahoo.com. The journey begins with a car pool to QC on Friday morning and concludes with the All Iowa Club Picnic on Saturday.

### **Outbound Journey to Taiwan Kaohsiung and Taipei, Taiwan. November 1-15, 2017**

Our club's ambassador coordinator, Mary Stull, is working with the Taiwan clubs to finalize plans for this journey. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Mary Stull via email mcdstull@aol.com or phone 393-6254.



### **Ribeirao Preto, Brazil - Incoming international journey to arrive between July 7-27, 2018.**

Helcio Lanzoni, ambassador coordinator from Brazil has contacted us to advise of open dates, a very good sign. Chicago and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City will each host for a week. A Host Coordinator is needed.

### **Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand**

Incoming journey to Las Vegas, Wichita and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. Tentative dates in October 2018.

In addition to the above, connections have been made with the Albuquerque, NM club regarding future domestic journeys. We will continue to make connections at the Manchester International Conference, offering our Midwestern hospitality to Friendship Force clubs worldwide.

Requests for 2019 will be due at Friendship Force International soon. If you have a Friendship Force friend we should contact with an invitation, let me know. If you have an international friend you would love to visit, perhaps we should request their club for an outgoing exchange. Any and all input is appreciated. Friendship Force International does its best to coordinate these requests, though we might not see immediate results. FFI is working on new opportunities, I can't wait to hear more at conference. Please feel free to contact me with your requests, concerns and questions at cmw1226@yahoo.com or call me at 319-396-4747.

## Hosting Lower Columbia—Sept. 5 to 12

We are looking forward to having Lower Columbia come to see the sights of Cedar Rapids. We have a full schedule and would love to see all Club members participate if possible. If you are available to day host for any of the days please contact Host Coordinator Stephanie Schulte or Jerry Burke. For several of the days, we will need to have specific numbers of those interested in attending.

On **Tuesday** Sept. 5 the Journey will begin with a Welcome Party at George & Stephanie Schulte's house, 523 Rockvalley Dr. SW at 5:30 pm. We are having pulled pork sandwiches and asking those who attend to bring appetizers or dessert. Wine, beer and soda will be provided. On **Wednesday**, we would love to have you meet us for lunch at the 350 First restaurant at the Doubletree Hilton. We will use the \$10 menu which includes tax but not gratuity. At 1 pm, Turner Alley and 2 pm will be the Art Museum, \$7, which has a special exhibit of Grant Wood through October.



**Thursday**, we are spending the day in the Amanas and MUST have reservations by August 18<sup>th</sup>. The morning will take us to the Amana Museum for \$3, lunch at PHAT Daddy's for \$12, Footloose at the Old Creamery Theatre at 1:30 for \$27 and dinner at the Ox Yoke for \$22.

**Friday** is a John Deere tour in Waterloo, lunch on your own in Independence and tour of Cedar Rock, a Frank Lloyd Wright house for \$5.

**Sunday** we are going to have dinner with the Open World group at Lowe Park. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a 2 entree buffet, dessert and beverage. RSVP to Mary Stull at 393-6254 or mcdstull@aol.com by Sept. 3.

**Monday**, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, we are going to West Branch, \$7, lunch on our own and then a chance to see a driving simulator at the University of Iowa in Coralville. We MUST have reservations for the simulator also by August 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost but the size of the group is limited. To make reservations for any of these events, please send an email to Stephanie at [sschulte08@gmail.com](mailto:sschulte08@gmail.com) or Jerry at [jcburke@yahoo.com](mailto:jcburke@yahoo.com). We are excited to see our friends from Lower Columbia!

## Open World– Kosovo Sept. 8 to 16

Steve Williams and committee are creating a program for the week, focusing on language and communication in schools, media and government.

**Friday, Sept. 8 6:30pm** Pot Luck Dinner at Marion; Heritage Center. Meat, Paper Products, and Beverage furnished. Bring a salad, dessert or vegetable. All FF club members invited.

**Saturday, Sept. 9** Touring Dubuque

**Sunday, Sept. 10 5:30pm** Catered dinner , combined with Lower Columbia WA Journey Lowe Park, Hickory room. All FF Club members invited.

**Monday, Sept. 11** West Liberty- Iowa City Day - Gayle Bray hosting. Visit local schools to learn about languages.

**Tuesday, Sept. 12** Visit Cedar Rapids media organizations Gazette, KCRG or WMT and CR Schools. Attend Rotary Luncheon (Marion/East Cedar Rapids) –at Indian Creek Country Club. Visit Kirkwood Community College in the afternoon. Brief introductions, biographies and discussion of Open World.

**Wednesday, Sept. 13** Meet with Congressional Officials in Cedar Rapids

**Thursday, Sept. 14** Travel to Des Moines to visit the Kosovo Consulate and tour the State Capitol

**Friday, Sept. 15** Czech Slovak Museum Tour and Farewell Dinner

## Outgoing Journey to Taiwan—2017

Our club will be visiting Taiwan from November 1 through November 15.

Ambassador slots are filled however, we are taking names for a waiting list. Three people who were on the waiting list who are now going. If you have always wanted to experience Taiwanese culture, here is your chance. The first week will be with the Kaohsiung club beginning on November 1. Then we will travel by train to Taipei for a week with the Greater Taipei club. The journey will include ambassadors from our club as well as Canada, North Carolina, Kansas, Des Moines and the Quad Cities. Cost is \$900 plus air fare and travel insurance. Contact Mary Stull, [mcdstull@aol.com](mailto:mcdstull@aol.com). (319) 393-6254. [basmcstull@aol.com](mailto:basmcstull@aol.com), (319) 393-6254.



## Board Member Profile

### Rosie Russell– Director at Large

Rosie grew up on a farm in Delaware County near Petersburg and has spent most of her life in Iowa. She lived in Cedar Rapids for 27 years, Iowa City for 10, and now she and Jocko Hinderks make their home in Coralville. Her first Friendship Force journey was a wonderful trip to Berlin and Nuremberg. She developed a love of Germany and the German language early in life as her paternal grandparents emigrated from Oldenburg, Germany. Trying to understand the complexity of the German culture has been a lifelong process. Jocko and Rosie have enjoyed additional journeys to Canada and the Netherlands and having the opportunity to offer Iowa hospitality to FF ambassadors.

Rosie graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in German and Education. She was a computer consultant for nearly 20 years with RSM McGladrey, automating manual accounting systems, and retired from the investment division of Transamerica as a Senior Financial Reporting Analyst. Her favorite spectator sport is watching her grandkids play soccer! Daughter Cathy and husband Hans live in Elmhurst, IL with their four children and goldendoodle Beckham. Son Jon lives in Denver with his cat Lester. Her hobbies include walking (10,000 steps every day), playing golf a couple times a week, reading anything she can get her hands on and, of course, travelling.



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## Greater Des Moines Club 40th Anniversary

The Friendship Force of Greater Des Moines has invited our Club members to attend their 40<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday Bash on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 4:00-7:00 P.M. at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club, 1600 Jordan Creek Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA (EXIT 121 off I-80). The keynote speaker will be Jeremi Snook, President/CEO of Friendship Force International. The cost is \$35 per person.

RSVP to Adrienne Moen, 4800 Aspen Dr., W. Des Moines, IA 50265, 515-223-4129, [adriennemoen@gmail.com](mailto:adriennemoen@gmail.com)

## FFI 40th Anniversary International Conference

The Friendship Force International Conference in Manchester, England begins at 6 pm on August 24 and ends at Noon on August 28. Workshops include: Documenting Journeys with Videos, Blogs, and Photography; Journey Requests and the Planning Process; Making Friends and Making an Impact; Practical Tools to Engage the Media; Revitalizing Europe: From Vision to Action; Philanthropy 101; A Multigenerational Approach to Recruitment; Myths and Realities of Great Leaders; Q&A with the FF International Board of Directors and President; Club Best Practices. There will be a Q & A session with the FFI board and president. Our club will have three members attending. Connie Williams will be the club representative. Audrey Bradford, Myron Williams and Lynette Nuehring also plan to attend.

Go to: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=209170&> to read more about it and follow the Conference proceedings.

## In Memorium– Dolores Reger



We are saddened that Dolores Schulte Reger passed away on July 18, 2017 in St. Louis, MO. A current Club member, Dolores was also known in the Club as George Schulte's mother. After traveling with the Club on a Journey to Lansing, MI last September, Dolores joined Friendship Force, and was planning to participate on the Taiwan journey in November. Dolores was a lifelong resident of the St. Louis area. In her profile, she said, "I love to meet people as I find they have so many interesting stories to tell". Our condolences to her family.

## New Regional Field Representative

Adrienne Moen is ending her term as the Midwest Region Field Representative effective at the end of the year. We are pleased to announce that our own Dale Moore was offered the opportunity and accepted! Dale is our current Communications Director and has previously held several leadership positions in the CR/IC Club. Dale will begin the two-year term on January 1. We all know that this is a great choice for Friendship Force and know that Dale will do a great job. Good luck Dale!



## 2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 24-28 2017	International Conference, Manchester, England—celebrating 40 years of Friendship Force	Go to: <a href="https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=209170&amp;">https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=209170&amp;</a> to read more and to make your reservation.
September 5-12, 2017	Incoming Journey from Lower Columbia, Washington	Co-Host coordinators: Stephanie Schulte, 319 350-5279 or <a href="mailto:sschulte08@gmail.com">sschulte08@gmail.com</a> and Jerry & Carol Burke, 563-929-0190 or <a href="mailto:jbcburke@yahoo.com">jbcburke@yahoo.com</a>
September 10, 2017 5:30pm	Catered dinner with Lower Columbia and Kosovo Ambassadors at Lowe Park, Marion	Open to all Club members. RSVP to Mary Stull at 393-6254 or <a href="mailto:mcdstull@aol.com">mcdstull@aol.com</a> , then mail your check to FF of CR/IC to 3000 27th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a 2 entree buffet, dessert and beverage.
September 8-16, 2017	Open World—Kosovo Multilingualism and Access to Public Information	Host coordinator: Steve Williams (319) 465-3942
September 8, 2017	Kosovo Welcome Potluck— Marion Heritage Center	Open to all Club members. RSVP to Steve Williams 465-3942
September 15, 2017	Kosovo Farewell Dinner	Open to all Club members. RSVP to Steve Williams 465-3942
September 28-30, 2017	Outgoing Journey to Quad Cities	Contact Marian Wetjen at (319)330-2088 or via email at <a href="mailto:mjwetjen27@yahoo.com">mjwetjen27@yahoo.com</a>
September 30, 2017	Annual All-Iowa Club Picnic, Quad Cities	Reservations to: TBD
October 29, 2017 6:00pm	CR/IC FF Board Meeting	Board Members. RSVP to Jean Thomas
October 29, 2017 4:00-7:00pm	Greater Des Moines Club 40th Anniversary Des Moines Golf & Country Club, 1600 Jordan Creek Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA	\$35 per person. RSVP to Adrienne Moen, 4800 Aspen Dr., W. Des Moines, IA 50265, 15-223-4129, <a href="mailto:adriennemoen@gmail.com">adriennemoen@gmail.com</a>
November 1-15, 2017	Outbound Journey to Kaohsiung and Taipei, Taiwan	Ambassador Coordinator: Mary Stull <a href="mailto:mcdstull@aol.com">mcdstull@aol.com</a> ; 393-6254
December 3, 2017	Annual Meeting—Longbranch Hotel & Convention Center, Cedar Rapids, IA	Reservations to Jean Thomas, TBD
April 20-22, 2018	Super Regional Conference Including Midwest, Great Lakes and South-west Clubs	Greater Cincinnati Area Contact Dale Moore (319)362-6252



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