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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

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Greetings Friends,

Schools have started and we are quickly approaching fall. Our club has an extremely busy first two weeks of September as we host both the Columbia, Washington club and Open World participants. Hopefully the calendar on page 2 will help with planning. Please see more details within the newsletter. Thanks to all who are home hosting, dinner hosting, escorting and preparing food for potlucks. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

In Friendship,

Jean and Dean Thomas
Club Co-Presidents



Club Facebook Page

Are we friends—on Facebook—yet? Follow us on Facebook at *Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force*. <http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org/>

See notices of future activities, and photos and information on past events, and Membership information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All club members welcome at highlighted events					1	2
3 <u>Reservations due</u> to Mary Stull for September 10 catered dinner	4 Labor Day	5 Appetizer/dessert potluck welcome for Lower Columbia club at George & Stephanie Schulte's house, 5:30pm, all welcome	6 Lunch with <u>Lower Columbia club</u> at 350 First Restaurant Doubletree Hilton, all welcome; 1pm Turner Alley; 2pm CR Art Museum	7 <u>Lower Columbia</u> club goes to Amanas	8 <u>Lower Columbia club</u> goes to Waterloo John Deere plant and Cedar Rock <u>Open World</u> group arrives	9 <u>Open World</u> tours Dubuque
10 Catered dinner at 5:30pm Lowe Park, 4500 N 10 th St, Marion for <u>Lower Columbia Club</u> & <u>Open World</u> participants. Reservations required (see above)	11 <u>Lower Columbia club</u> goes to West Branch and Coralville. <u>Open World</u> visits West Liberty schools	12 <u>Lower Columbia</u> ambassadors depart. <u>Open World</u> visits Czech & Slovak Museum, Marion Rotary, Kirkwood with dinner at Williams.	13 <u>Open World</u> meets congressional officials in Cedar Rapids and educators at University of Iowa	14 <u>Open World</u> travels to Des Moines to meet Kosovo consulate and tour Capitol	15 <u>Open World</u> visits Hoover Elem and Islamic Center and job shadowing. <u>Potluck farewell dinner 6:30 at Marion Heritage Center, 590 10th St, Marion. All welcome</u>	16 <u>Open World</u> departs

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.friendshipforcecr-ic.org/join-us/>

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 a delicious Italian dinner.

The next LEO is being planned for mid-October at a restaurant in the Solon/North Liberty area.



A fun time was had by all!



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Journey Calendar by Connie Williams

Planning for 2018 journeys has begun, with an eye toward 2019 and beyond. I'm excited to say I've had emails from Helcio Lanzoni, ambassador host from Ribeirao Preto, Brazil and plan to meet his wife, Simone, at the FF International Conference.

If you have a Friendship Force friend we should contact with an invitation for 2019, please let me know. If you have an international friend you would love to visit, perhaps we should request their club for an outgoing exchange. Friendship Force International does it's best to coordinate these requests, though we might not see immediate results. Please feel free to contact me with your requests, concerns and questions at cmw1226@yahoo.com.

Connie Williams, Journey Chair

Calendar of Journeys

Lower Columbia, Washington, September 5-12, 2017: Incoming domestic journey

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 by Sunday, Sept 3, 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 to Cedar Rapids, 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. The farewell potluck dinner (meat, beverage and tableware provided) on September 15 at the Marion Heritage Center is open to all Club members, please plan to attend! For more information, contact Steve Williams at 319-465-3942.

Quad Cities, September 29-30, 2017: Outgoing in-state journey

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.

Kaohsiung and Taipei, Taiwan. November 1-15, 2017: Outgoing international journey

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.

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. All Club members are welcome. On **Wednes-**

day, 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. **All Club members are welcome.** 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. The morning will take us to the Amana Museum and Footloose at the Old Creamery Theatre at 1:30pm. Dinner will be at the Ox Yoke Inn.

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. **All Club members are welcome. RSVP to Mary Stull at 393-6254 or mcdstull@aol.com by Sept. 3.**

Monday, Sept 11th, we are going to West Branch to the Hoover Museum and Library, and then a chance to see a driving simulator at the University of Iowa in Coralville. To make reservations for any of these events, please send an email to Stephanie at sschulte08@gmail.com or Jerry at 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 Group arrives

Saturday, Sept. 9 Touring Dubuque

Sunday, Sept. 10 5:30pm Catered dinner, combined with Lower Columbia WA Journey Lowe Park, Hickory room. **All Club members are welcome. RSVP to Mary Stull at 393-6254 or mcdstull@aol.com by Sept. 3.**

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

Tuesday, Sept. 12 Visit Czech & Slovak Museum, attend Rotary Luncheon (Marion/East Cedar Rapids) –at Indian Creek Country Club. Visit Kirkwood Community College in the afternoon.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 Meet with Congressional Officials in Cedar Rapids and educators and creative writers at the University of Iowa. Dinner at Steve & Nancy Williams' home.

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

Friday, Sept. 15 Visit Hoover Elementary, Islamic Center and Mother Mosque. Farewell Potluck Dinner at the Marion Heritage Center, 590 10th Street, at 5:30pm. **All Club members are welcome.** RSVP to Steve Williams at 319-465-3942.

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. (319) 393-6254. basmcstull@aol.com, (319) 393-6254.



Annual All Iowa Friendship Force Club Picnic

This early fall picnic, hosted by the FF Quad Cities, is an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old ones.

When: Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 4 PM (food at 12:30)

Where: Inside the Deere Wiman House, 817 11th Ave, Moline, IL 61265. Free parking is on the East side of 8th street, or either of two parking lots accessed from 11th Avenue.

Cost: \$12 per person Attire: Casual. Wear comfortable walking shoes if you want to tour the historic Butterfield mansion with its lovely grounds and gardens.

Questions? Linda Shearer, FFQC Picnic Chairman, at 309-496-3099 or d23shearer@aol.com RSVP by September 21, 2017: Please send a reservation form with a check to Gene Vincent, 24037 – 183rd St. Bettendorf, IA 52722. (563-332-4816 or genearlene56@gmail.com)



Greater Des Moines Club 40th Anniversary

IT'S PARTY TIME CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GOODWILL PLEASE mark your calendars for 40 Year Anniversary BIG BASH at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club. SUNDAY, October 29, from 4-7:00 pm, will be a time to greet current friends, an opportunity to make new friends, and experience a wonderful, uplifting evening. SPECIAL GUEST, Jeremi Snook, President/CEO of Friendship Force International, will be unveiling the future of Friendship Force with his inspiring presentation. There will be FUN and SURPRISES for ALL; so DON'T miss this "once in a lifetime" event. The cost is \$35 per person.

RSVP to Adrienne Moen, 4800 Aspen Dr., W. Des Moines, IA 50265, 515-223-4129,
adriennemoen@gmail.com

New Member Profile

Introducing new member Geri Frascht of Charles City IA. Geri writes:

I am retired from our small local hospital as an insurance clerk. My husband and I have several rental houses that keep us busy. He can fix anything and I help clean and like to paint. I love doing crafts, cro-



cheting and canvas painting. It is really fun for me to repurpose and renew stuff. We have eight grandchildren including two sets of twins. We enjoy them all a lot. We take them camping often. I read a lot of different subjects. My favorite is reading fiction with history and different cultures, so I can relate to them. I also like science fiction like apocalypse. Like what it would be like to survive without electricity.

My husband is Judy Miner's brother. Judy and I are planning to go on the Taiwan journey in November. My mother is in the same assisted living as my father in-law, Judy's Dad. They are in the same town so we visit them often. We have recently sold both of their houses. It is hard to end that chapter of our lives.

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 has been named to succeed Adrienne as the Field Representative. 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

September 5-12, 2017	Incoming Journey from Lower Columbia, Washington	Co-Host coordinators: Stephanie Schulte, 319 350-5279 or sschulte08@gmail.com and Jerry & Carol Burke, 563-929-0190 or jbcburke@yahoo.com
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 mcdstull@aol.com , 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 15, 2017	Kosovo Farewell Dinner Marion Heritage Center	Open to all Club members. RSVP to Steve Williams 465-3942
September 29, 30, 2017	Outgoing Journey to Quad Cities	Contact Marian Wetjen at (319)330-2088 or via email at mjwetjen27@yahoo.com
September 30, 2017	Annual All-Iowa Club Picnic, Quad Cities	Reservations to: Gene Vincent, 24037 – 183rd St. Bettendorf, IA 52722. (563-332-4816 or genearlene56@gmail.com)
October 26, 2017 5:30pm-7:30pm	CR/IC FF Board Meeting; Cedar Rapids Library Conference Room	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, adriennemoen@gmail.com
November 1-15, 2017	Outbound Journey to Kaohsiung and Taipei, Taiwan	Ambassador Coordinator: Mary Stull mcdstull@aol.com ; 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 Southwest Clubs	Greater Cincinnati Area Contact Dale Moore (319)362-6252

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