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Multilingualism and Access to Public Information
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Administered by Friendship Force International
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Description of hosting organization:

Friendship Force International, a leading nonprofit international cultural exchange organization headquartered in Atlanta, was founded in 1977 with a single mission: to create an environment in which personal friendships are established across the barriers that separate people. A 1992 nominee for The Nobel Peace Prize, it is active in 125 American communities and more than 55 countries, promoting friendship and goodwill through an extensive program of homestay exchanges and an expanding range of related programs. Specializing in short term group homestay programs, Friendship Force International is distinctive, in that it can not only draw on its extensive experience operating similar programs around the world, but it also can utilize volunteers

Friday, Sept. 8 **Greet and get settled**

**1:25 PM Flight #5350 Host Families Meet delegates --
Flight at Chicago Eastern IA Airport**

Saturday, Sept. 9 Touring Dubuque, Steve Williams, Coordinator

8:30 Meet at Eagle Ridge Comm. Room Parking Lot

10:00 Sarah Gieseke, who is the Director for the Presentation Lantern Center, will give a tour of their location and discuss their work in the community.

<https://presentationlanterndbq.org/>

11:00 Farris Muhammad, will ask a staff member of the Multicultural Family Center to provide a tour, including information on their language programs.. Here is more information on them. <https://www.mfcdqbq.org/> .

12:00 Lunch-Taj Suleyman, Equity Outreach Coor.,
City of Dubuque Phone: 563.589.4191
<http://www.cityofdubuque.org/>

1:00 PM Magic Show at Dbq. Art Museum

2:15 Guided tour of Dubuque National Mississippi River museum in Dubuque, IA

3:00 Other Dubuque sights
4th St. Elevator
Eagle Ridge Park, Overlooking the Miss. River

Sunday, Sept. 10

Planned by host families. Include ample **shopping** in CR/IC

5:30 Catered dinner by LJ Catering, combined with Lower Columbia WA Journey
Lowe Park, Hickory room

Monday, Sept. 11 West Liberty- Iowa City Day - Gayle Bray

8:20 A.M. Delegates meet at Seidl Law Office Parking Lot, 229 Northland

10:00 – 11:30 Visit to West Liberty Elementary School at 806 North Miller St. Observe classes in the Dual Language Program. Questions and answers with teachers & administrators.

Contact: Brenda Arthur-Miller, HS principal & former director of dual-language program

319-627-2115 barthurmiller@wl.k12.ia.us

Elementary principals: Dr. Nancy Gardner &/or Jennifer Laughlin

Elementary school phone 319-627-4243

11:45 –12:45 Lunch at El Patio, a Mexican restaurant at 214 N. Columbus St
(319) 627-7334

1:00–2:00 Visit with city administrators (chief of police, city clerk/treasurer, and possibly the city manager) at City Hall, 409 N. Calhoun St.

Contacts: Lawrence McNaul, city manager 319-627-2418
lmcnaul@lcom.net

Kary Kinmonth, police chief kkinmonth@lcom.net

West Liberty, Iowa, is a small, rural community with a settled population of 4,000. More than half the population is of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. For almost 20 years, the West Liberty Schools have offered a dual language program (a two-way immersion program with instruction in both Spanish and English), beginning in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

The widespread use of both Spanish and English by the school, city government, and local employers has been the result of local decision-making.

Possible visit to West Liberty Foods, a private multi-lingual business

Mindy Heick mindy.heick@wlfoods.com 319-627-6000

Alternative for late Mon. PM if needed or desired:

West Branch, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and visitors Center

Elected president in a landslide, Hoover quickly became a scapegoat in his own land. Even today, Hoover remains linked with the Great Depression of the 1930s. Yet he refused to fade away. In the years after World War II, Herbert Hoover joined Harry Truman and helped organize the relief effort to save Europe and reorganize the executive branch of the federal government. By the time of his death in 1964, the scapegoat of the 1930s had become the grand old man of the Republic

Tuesday, Sept. 12

8:30 AM Pick up Delegates at Seidl Law Firm, Parking Lot, 229 Northland

9:00 A.M. Visit to National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library, Douglas Smith, Director of Retail and Business Development. dsmith@NCSML.org

10:30 Stop for coffee at Sykora Bakery www.sykorabakery.com

11:45 AM Rotary Luncheon (Marion/East Cedar Rapids) – Indian Creek Country Club

Facilitators & ambassadors give brief introductions,
biographies and discussion of Open World

1:30 P.M. Kirkwood Community College, **John** Haack, Coordinator
Visit English Language Center and English as a Second Language Center
Wind Turbine Technical Program
KCKK Radio Studio
Small Animal Veterinary Tech program
Hear about a public vote today on a school tax

Connie and Myron Williams will host a dinner at the end of this day with a panel of journalists to visit with the delegates

The guests for Tuesday evening are Ron DeChristopher and his wife, Judy Winter. Ron worked at the Waterloo Courier before joining Iowa Farmer Today, working with Myron Williams for many years and is now also retired. In his early years, Ron was in the Peace Corp in the French speaking Ivory Coast.

Mike Williams (his contact info below) was also once one of Myron's co-workers. He was a journalist in MN and IA, then taught English and journalism in China. Michael Williams
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7:30PM Hosts picked up delegates at Seidl Law Firm Parking

Wednesday, Sept. 13

8:30 AM Pick up Delegates at Seidl Law Firm, Parking Lot, 229 Northland

9:00 AM Meet with Congress Officials

Congressman Rod Blum's, Senator Charles Grassley's and
Senator Joni Ernst's Staffs
310 3rd Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

11:15—12:15 Meeting with 3 participants in the International Writing Program at Shambaugh House, 430 N. Clinton St.

Contact: Hugh Ferrer, Associate Director, International Writing Program
hugh-ferrer@uiowa.edu 319-335-3856

Each year for 50 years, the University of Iowa's International Writing Program (IWP) has brought established and emerging creative writers from around the world to campus for a 12-week residency. Three of this year's 35 writers are involved and/or interested in language preservation and will meet with us. They are:

Kristian Sendon CORDERO (poet, fiction writer, essayist, translator, filmmaker; Philippines) writes in Filipino, Bikol and Rinconada, and has translated Borges, Kafka, Wilde and Rilke to these languages. He is actively working to preserve Bikol and Rinconada.

Lunch in Iowa City

1:00 David C. Johnson, University of Iowa College of Education, and John Reitz, College of Law.

Place not yet set, but probably at Center for Human Rights in Old Capitol Center, downtown Iowa City.

Professor Johnson is a specialist in language policy.

See <https://education.uiowa.edu/person/david-cassels-johnson>

Contact: david-c-johnson@uiowa.edu 319-335- 6175

Professor Reitz is Professor of Law and Director of Graduate Programs and Visiting Scholars. He teaches comparative law and speaks several languages. See <https://law.uiowa.edu/john-c-reitz>

Contact john-reitz@uiowa.edu 319-335- 908

Other Iowa City Activities may follow as time allows

Pick up delegates at Seidl Law Office 5:00 PM

Thursday Sept. 14 Des Moines Day. Dr. Victor Klopfenstein and Steve Williams, Coordinators

6:45A.M. Delegates Meet at Seidl Law Office Parking

7:00 A.M. Departure to Des Moines

10:00 Meet with Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate regarding voting issues and public access

11:00 meet with Lieutenant Gov. Adam Gregg.

Capitol Tour -Time permitting- Joan.arnett@legis.state.ia.us

We think the visitors would be interested in how federal law has been used in this case to direct private businesses to make information accessible to those with limited English proficiency. Iowa Insurance Commissioner

12:00-12:45 Lunch at the Court Avenue Brewery

Address: 309 Court Avenue 50309 Point of contact: Rinora Jelliqi- 515 205-9191

12:45 -1:20 Meet at our Consulate Office with Consul General Gashi

- Address: 309 Court Avenue, Suite 223, Des Moines, IA 50309 Phone: 202 417 4370 Address: 7724 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, IA 50131

1:30 - 2:30 Meeting with Iowa Sister States at the Consulate Office

3:00 - 5:00 Visit the International Center

(Learn about their interpretation program, refugee program, as well as talk to Des Moines Public School representatives as they now deal with 100 different languages.)

Address: 3839 Merle Hay Rd Ste 259, Des Moines, IA 50310 Phone: 515 282 8269

7:15 PM Arrival Cedar Rapids- Hosts Pick up delegates at Seidl Law Firm Parking

Friday, Sept.15 8:00 A.M. Delegates meet at Seidl Law Office Parking Lot,

229 Northland, Audrey Bradford. Connie Williams, Coordinators

9:00 Hoover Elementary School, English as a second Language.

11:00 Islamic Center, Ph. 366-3150, Imam Selim
Imam Selime hmhmseline@gmail.com host for lunch.

Visit to Mother Mosque, oldest mosque in united States , if time allows

12:30 PM Noon Lunch-

PM Job Shadowing to be arranged

6:30 PM Farewell Pot Luck Dinner at Marion; Heritage Center
Meat, Paper Products, and Beverage furnished
Bring a salad, dessert or vegetable
All FF club members invited
Jean Thomas, Audrey Bradford, Coordinators

Saturday, September 16

5:28 PM Flight 4772 to Chicago

Arrive at Airport two hours prior to the flight from Eastern Iowa Airport