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Thank you to Audrey Bradford and those who helped with the successful Albuquerque

Journey. The Ambassadors experienced true Iowa friendship. The General Meeting at the Anamosa Motorcycle Museum was very well attended.

Club members will once again be volunteering for Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival activities. This is the primary fundraising effort for our Club and we appreciate those who are able to support.

The Central Iowa (Ames) Club did a nice job hosting the All-Iowa Picnic on June 2. Several of our Club members were able to attend. Next year it will be our Club's turn to host the Picnic.

The next Club activity is the LEO to be held on Tuesday July 24 5:30pm at Bulichek's Landing in Delhi, IA. Looking forward to seeing you then if not before.

In Friendship,

Jim and Barb Steggall
Co-Presidents



Albuquerque Inbound Journey



Albuquerque Journey: This may have been the smallest journey our club has hosted, four women from Albuquerque and one man from Ottawa, Ontario, but participants felt they had a full journey of enjoyment. Ian (Ottawa) described Cedar Rapids as “a best kept secret “ The Cedar Rapids Public Library was again a hit, although the rain kept us from walking on the roof.

Our historic Paramount Theater impressed the group



Jim and Barb hosting a home dinner



Ice cream in West Branch. Nice treat after touring the Hoover Museum



Grant Wood exhibit in Anamosa after the general meeting dinner. A must see!



Open World is Coming Soon

Our Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Club has been granted an Open World Program event for November 2, 2018. The participants will be from the **UKRAINE AND THE TOPIC WILL BE ELECTIONS**. Steve Williams will be leading this event for our club.

There is a Meeting scheduled for **Friday August 3rd at 10:00am** at the Marion Culver's Restaurant.

Some programming is starting to evolve. They would love to have a couple more committee members. If interested please contact him at 319-465-3942 swill820@gmail.com It is a wonderful experience!

LEO at Bulicek's Landing in Delhi, IA July 24, 2018 5:30PM

Come join your Friendship Force friends for a LEO on Tuesday July 24th at 5:30PM at Bulicek's Landing at 306 Franklin Street in Delhi Ia.

Bring a friend to show them the fun and adventure of joining Friendship Force.

Please RSVP to Shirley Rosencrans by July 16 at 319-462-4132

A HUGE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Freedom Festival Parade Volunteers. The heat was grueling!!! Although some of the streets provided lovely shade. Looking forward to volunteering on the 4th. Hopefully better temperatures!



Travel Opportunities

*If you would like to venture off to places that are not currently being planned by our club you have the opportunity to join another clubs journey if they have not filled all of their slots. You can contact our own Dale Moore, 319-362-6252 moore-dale@ironmail.com the Midwest Fed Rep. Indicate the type of Journey (domestic or international) and a date range. The information is then put into a shared spreadsheet and then FFI will work to do their best to find a match.

*If you have not yet planned a summer trip this is a great opportunity to join the Cincinnati Club on a Journey to Leicester, UK and Norderstedt, Germany August 29-Sept.12. Please see flyer on page 5 for more details.

*The dates for next year's FF cruise, **15 day South America Passage voyage**, are Feb 21 to Mar 8, 2019 departing Buenos Aires, Argentina and cruising to Santiago, Chile. Bobbie Mulholland will be on the cruise as the incoming board chair. An announcement will be in the catalog soon. In the meantime, this may be of interest to you. https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/find-a-cruise/S9S15C/X913.html

*Another opportunity to join a Journey is to **Sherbrooke Quebec Canada this August**. Sherbrooke's scheduled inbound was canceled about the time of the Western Super Regional Conference in early May. Leaders at the conference decided to try to fill the opportunity. 6 slots are filled. Sherbrooke needs a minimum of 10 and will take a maximum of 15. The dates are August 2 thru 8. Sherbrooke is located between Montreal and Quebec City - - a great location. If interested, contact Judi Smith, Pacific NW and N Rookies Field Rep, at smithjudi1941@gmail.com.

Meet New Friends in Leicester, UK and in Norderstedt, DE

August 29 – Sept 12

The Friendship Force Club of Greater Cincinnati invites you to join us as we journey to Leicester to renew friendships with the fun loving Leicestershire club that visited Cincinnati in 2016 and then travel on to Germany to meet new friends in the Norderstedt club.

In Leicester we will have the opportunity to learn about King Richard III and see his new burial site in the Leicester Cathedral and visit a market to learn how to make Leicestershire pork pie. Leicester is geographically in the center of England and in the past was the center of much political intrigue. In 1936 it was the second richest city in Europe! Today, the area is still growing in population, but faces the challenges of the 21st Century.



Norderstedt is very close to Hamburg and the journey will include a visit to the very modern port area of Hamburg and to other sites around Hamburg. Other possibilities include a visit to the NordArt Exhibition and to the quilting work of Andrea Stracke.

Details: The cost of the Journey is \$1030, which includes FFI fees, homestay fees to both clubs, and transportation between the cities. We will have a weeklong homestay in Leicester (Aug 29-Sept 5) and a weeklong homestay in Norderstedt (Sept 5-Sept 12). To apply for the exchange, send an Application, along with a \$500 deposit to: Sandra Small, 323 E. 2nd Street, #104, Covington KY 41011. Make checks out to 'Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati'. You can find an application at <http://www.friendshipforcecincinnati.org/journey-applications.html> For more information, contact Sandra Small at 859.250.9055 or Kay Atkins at 513.378.3278. Please respond by May 25.

Journey Calendar by Connie Williams

2018 JOURNEY CALENDAR

Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand - Sept. 29-Oct. 6, 2018

Incoming international journey to Des Moines, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Wichita and Las Vegas. Please put these dates on your calendar and call Host Coordinator, Jerry Burke at 563-929-0190 or Mary Ann Nelson at 319-362-8078 for hosting opportunities. All are invited to the Welcome on Sunday, Sept. 30 (location to be determined) and the Farewell on Thursday, October 4 at Lowe Park. Feel free to bring guests!

Open World from the **Ukraine** - November 2nd. If interested contact Steve Williams at 319-465-3942 or swill820@gmail.com.

2019 Journeys

Possible domestic journey to FF **Louisville, Ky** in mid May or early June 2019.

Ribeirao Preto and Salvador-Bahia, Brazil. Outgoing tentatively set for late June 2019. More details to come, Ambassador Coordinator needed. See pages 7 & 8.

Aichi, Japan incoming to Cedar Rapids-Iowa City and Madison. Tentatively planned for September 2019. More details to come, Host Coordinator needed.



Brazil 2019

Outgoing international 2-week exchange to Salvador-Bahia and Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. July 2019.

Are you ready for a South American adventure? We've been invited by two clubs in Brazil to visit them next summer. Estimated dates are late June/early July. It is actually the winter season in Brazil. The first journey will be with the Salvador-Bahia club for one week, then we will travel to Ribeirao Preto for a week with their club

Our club's Journey director, Connie William, is working with the Brazil clubs to finalize plans for this exchange. Open seats will be posted in the Friendship Force International catalog nine months before the exchange. If you are interested or know friends from other clubs who may be interested, encourage them to join us.

Salvador is located along the balmy tropical Atlantic waters on the Bay of All Saints and is one of Brazil's oldest colonial cities. The city is known as the "melting pot" of Brazil where the Portuguese, African and indigenous people came together to form the "Bahian" culture. They live in what's known as the "Land of Happiness." We will learn about the history of the Portuguese and African settlers and the blending of these two groups with the existing indigenous people. Sugar was king in the colonial times and we will hear about its importance in the region. Activities may include exploring the UNESCO neighborhood of Pelourinho with its rich Baroque churches and colorful colonial architecture, a day on a schooner visiting islands of the bay, visiting the tranquil beach village of Praia do Forte and a sea turtle rescue center and a trip to the town of Cachoeira with its colonial architecture and important connection to Brazil's fight for independence.

Ribeirao Preto is an economic and business regional center and is located in one of the most developed areas in the country. It has a population of about 600 thousand inhabitants and is proud to have a high social index. In the 19th and 20th centuries Ribeirao Preto was considered the coffee capital of the state. During that period the city built the Pedro II Theater, which held several European productions in the early 20th century. After that, Pedro II Theater experienced a decline, until it caught fire in the early 1980's. It was restored and modernized in the 1990's and nowadays is the home of the Ribeirao Preto Symphony Orchestra and is among the largest opera houses in Brazil. A significant event in the history of the city was the opening of the Antarctica Brewery Company in 1911. This led to the opening of many beer houses in the city, one of which was named Pinguim and became very famous and brought national fame to the city because of the fantastic quality of its draft beer. Ribeirao Preto is also a pioneer in the establishment of microbreweries in Brazil. Besides culture and beer, Ribeirao Preto also has many gardens, parks, a zoo and museums. The Coffee Museum, is the only of its type in the world, having a detailed and rare exposition of the rise and fall of the coffee barons.



Facebook Page Information

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.

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. An application is also available on our website: <http://www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org/join-us/>

Tell a friend and bring them to an event or Leo.

2019 FF World Conference in USA

FFI is working on the next World Conference, 2019 in the USA. Expect official announcements soon when enough details are firmed up. In the meantime, we expect you are working on 2019 Journeys. So we are giving you an “unofficial” range of dates to save - - July 21 thru 28, 2019. The conference will, of course, not be this long, but these are the range of dates in current discussions.

This is all we can share at this time. Please keep in mind when planning your 2019 FF adventures.

2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4, 2018	Volunteer at Freedom Festival Celebration	Judy /John Miner 319-540-1701
July 13-16	Journey to Chicago	Marian Wetjen 319-330-2088
July 24, 2018 5:30pm	LEO Bulichek's Landing in Delhi, IA	Shirley Rosencrans 319-462-4132 sarosencrans@yahoo.com
August 3, 2018 10:00am	Open World Meeting Culvers Restaurant Marion, Ia	Steve Williams 319-465-3942
August 23, 2018 5:30pm	LEO Red Ginger, Cedar Rapids, Ia	Judy / John Miner, 319-540-1701
August 21, 2018 6:30-8:30pm	Board Meeting CR Library	Jim & Barb Steggall, 319-447-1147
September 18,2018 4:30pm	Justice for our Neighbors Lovely Lane United Methodist Church 2424 42nd St NE, CR, Ia	Jean Thomas 319-830-5092
Sept. 29-Oct. 6, 2018	Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty- New Zealand Inbound Journey	Host Coordinators, Jerry Burke, 563-929-0190 and MaryAnn Nel- son, 319-362-8078
Sept 29, 2019	Welcome for Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty-New Zealand	Location TBD
October 4, 2019	Farewell Dinner for Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand	Lowe Park, Marion, Iowa
October 16, 2018 6:30-8:30pm	Board Meeting	Jim & Barb Steggall, 319-447-1147
November 2-10, 2018	Open World Ukraine visit on elections	Steve Williams 319-465-3942
November 4, 2018 5:00pm	Annual Meeting, Longbranch Hotel, Marion, Iowa	Jim & Barb Steggall 319-447-1147

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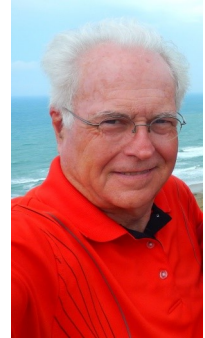
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