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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

Greetings!

The summer has gone by far too quickly and we are getting ready for a busy fall. Our Club will be hosting two groups; New Zealand in late September and Open World Ukraine in early November. Please check this newsletter for details and get your reservations in for the next General Meeting and Farewell Dinner on October 4 at Lowe Park where we will also bid farewell to our NZ Ambassadors. We are still in need of day hosts and dinner hosts so please contact Jerry Burke or MaryAnn Nelson if you would like to get involved in this Journey. We hope the Ambassadors will have a chance to meet all of our members.

The FFCR-IC Board has been busy planning upcoming journeys for 2019 and 2020. Keep checking our Calendar of Events each newsletter to find out about future plans.

Remember to print out your newsletter or store it electronically in a place that is easily accessible to you. We want you to be in the know! Also, are you receiving the United States e-Flyer each month from FFI? If not, go to the web site, scroll down to the bottom of the first page and sign up under the heading of Newsletter. You can subscribe to receive updates and new listings from them. In the meantime, don't forget to reach out to new and longtime friends. See you at the upcoming events.

In Friendship,

Jim and Barb Steggall
Co-Presidents



New Zealand Incoming Journey September 30

The **Tauranga, Western Bay of Plenty club from New Zealand** will be arriving on Saturday September 30.

A welcoming party is planned for noon on Sunday October 1 at the home Larry and Mary Ann Nelson starting at noon. All are welcome to attend. We will be using the Sign Up Genius for RSVP and for pot luck items.

Members are also welcome to join us for the following lunches and tours during the week:

Cedar Rapids Tour and lunch at the Hilton,

Lunch at the Iowa River and Power in Iowa City,

Trolley Tour of Dubuque

John Deere Tractor works.

Farewell dinner at Lowe Park in Marion. 5PM (club general meeting)

Host Coordinators Jerry Burke at 563-929-0190 or Mary Ann Nelson at 319-362-8078



SignUpGenius is an online tool for volunteer organizing and event planning. The service provides nonprofit organizations with an alternative to “reply-all” emails, phone trees and paper sign ups, and helps members RSVP and sign up for tasks online. We plan to see if this program works when we ask club members to RSVP for the New Zealand welcoming party and requesting pot luck items. So watch for an email from Sign Up Genius and simply sign in, RSVP and indicate what food item you are bringing. A one page report is generated showing who is coming and what they are bringing. So, watch for the symbol above.

General Meeting October 4

There will be a general meeting of the IC/CR Friendship Force Club on October 4 at 5PM at Lowe Park in Marion, IA. We will be having a farewell dinner for our new friends from The Tauranga, Western Bay of Plenty club from New Zealand.

The cost for the evening will be \$20 and you may make your reservations by using the new **SignUPGenius** or contacting Jerry Burke at jbcburke@yahoo.com or calling 563-927-5568 (you can leave a message)

This is another opportunity to bring a friend to expose them to the fun and adventures of joining Friendship Force.

Open World November 2-10

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.

If interested in helping out with this please contact Steve at 319-465-3942 or swill820@gmail.com It is a wonderful experience!

LEO at Reds Alehouse North Liberty 5:30PM

Come join your Friendship Force friends for a LEO on Wednesday September 19. It will be held at the Red's Alehouse 405 N Dubuque St, North Liberty, IA starting at 5:30pm.

Bring a friend to show them the fun and adventure of joining Friendship Force. Please RSVP to Judy / John Miner by September 17 at 319-540-1701 or 319-540-2199, jjbm526@aol.com

Are you ready for a South American adventure?

Are you ready for a South American adventure? We've been invited by two clubs in Brazil to visit them next summer. It is actually the winter season in Brazil. The first journey will be with the **Ribeirao Preto** club for one week, then we will travel to **Salvador-Bahia** for a 5-day home stay with their club.

The estimated Journey price is \$900 per Ambassador and approximately \$1500 for airfare, not including optional tours such as Iguazu Falls.

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 settlers, the African slave trade (which was banned in 1835) 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. The club has some great activities planned such as 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 now 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. It 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 one of its type in the world, having a detailed and rare exposition of the rise and fall of the coffee barons.

We are planning a side trip to Iguazu Falls which is in southern Brazil. The colossal power of these thundering falls, viewable from both Argentina and Brazil, and accessible from Paraguay, is a mesmerizing sight: 275 separate falls in a U-shaped formation pound the water below in raging cascades with a deafening intensity.



An application link to signup for this Journey is at <https://friendshipforce.azurewebsites.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Ambassador-Application-and-Agreement-1.pdf>. The hosting capacity for these Clubs is 16 Ambassadors. Please contact Jim Steggall at bjjfs@mchsi.com or (319) 651-1092 if you are interested in this Journey.

Strategic Plan for IC/CR FF Club

The board has been discussing a strategic plan for our organization.

Several goals have been developed and committees are being formed to discuss these goals and for the development of action plans under each category. If you have an interest in any of these areas and would like to join the discussion please contact Jim or one of the board members.

Goal #1 Maintain membership at not less than 70 members.

Goal #2 Increase active participation of members.

Goal #3 Increase IC—CR Friendship Force visibility in the community.

Goal #4 Identify, mentor and train members in leadership roles.

Goal #5 Expand journey planning.

Justice for our Neighbors

On September 18, 2018 our Friendship Force club will be hosting a meal for "Justice for our Neighbors", an evening of donated legal assistance for those wishing to immigrate into our country. The response from our club has been outstanding. We would like to thank Jean Thomas for organizing and all of the club members who will be helping. This is a wonderful example of putting into practice the spirit of Friendship Force.

Leo at Red Ginger

We had a great time at the August Leo at the Red Ginger. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next one September 19 at Red's Alehouse in North Liberty.



Journey Calendar by Connie Williams

Journey Calendar

September 29 - October 6, 2018 Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand.

Incoming international journey to Des Moines, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Wichita and Las Vegas. Please put these dates on your calendar! Call Host Coordinators Jerry Burke at 563-929-0190 or Mary Ann Nelson at 319-362-8078 for hosting opportunities or questions. All are invited to the Welcome Picnic on Sunday, September 30 and the Farewell Banquet on Thursday, Oct 4 at Lowe Park. Feel free to bring guests.

November 2 – 10, 2018 Incoming Open World group from Ukraine. Topic: Elections

If interested in hosting or working on the committee, contact Steve Williams at 319-465-3942 or swill820@gmail.com or Jim Steggall at 319-447-1147 or bjjs@mchsi.com

May 14 – 19, 2019 Outgoing domestic journey to Louisville, KY. Contact Connie Williams at 319-396-4747 or cmw1226@yahoo.com if interested.

June 23 – July 8, 2019 Outgoing to Ribeirao Preto and Salvador-Bahia, Brazil. See the information in this newsletter. Contact Jim Steggall at 319-447-1147 or bjjs@mchsi.com to apply for journey. ***

July 23 – 27, 2019 World Conference in Boulder, CO More details will become available soon, save the dates on your calendar.

July 28 – Aug 3, 2019 All New Zealand tour Our club has been asked to host 18-20 ambassadors from various locations in New Zealand after the Boulder, CO, World Conference. What a great way to make connections for a future journey to New Zealand! If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Connie Williams at 319-396-4747 or cmw1226@yahoo.com

September 2019 Incoming journey from Aichi, Japan. Contact Connie Williams at 319-396-4747 or cmw1226@yahoo.com if interested. Host Coordinator and committee needed. **

I've been in contact with the FFI of Dallas, coordinating possible journeys for 2019 or 2020 and with Kathy Hsue of the Kaohsiung, Taiwan FFI regarding their visit to CR/IC in 2020. Lots of friends and fun to come!

**link to host coordinator application:

<http://www.friendshipforceccr-ic.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/EDapplication.pdf>

***link for ambassador application:

<http://www3.thefriendshipforce.org/downloads/AMBASSADOR%20APPLICATION%20AND%20AGREEMENT2.16.pdf>

Mobile Credit Card Reader

Jerry Burke, treasurer is also working with Community Saving Bank to set up a mobile credit card reader whereby members can pay membership dues and other payments for welcoming dinners, farewell dinners by credit card in addition to cash or check. The mobile payment gives us flexibility to securely accept payments anytime, anywhere. This should be set up sometime in September.

Online Information is Available

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.

Our website is www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org

What 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.

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.

*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

2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
September 19, 2018 5:30 PM	LEO Reds Alehouse, North Liberty, IA	Judy / John Miner 319-540-1701/319-540-2199 jjbm526@aol.com
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
October 1,2018 12:00 Noon	Welcome for Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand	Larry and Mary Ann Nelson 2111 5th Ave SE, CR,IA
October 4, 2018 5PM	Farewell Dinner for Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand General Meeting	Lowe Park, Marion, Iowa
October 16, 2018 5:30-7:30pm	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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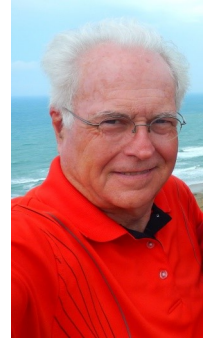
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