

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City World Friendship Day
3/1/2020

We were happy to welcome 15 guests from Mt. Mercy, Kirkwood, and the University of Iowa representing 9 different countries.

Judy Miner called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM, and invited our guests to be first in going through the potluck line.

After the meal, Maximillian (Max) Rieger, from Leipzig, Germany, gave an interesting presentation on his experience as a foreign student in the United States. The other international students nodded in agreement at having similar experiences. Max talked about culture shock having four stages: honeymoon stage, panic stage, adjustment stage, and acceptance stage.

As we were running out of time, other guests introduced themselves and some also gave short presentations or talked briefly about their home country.

Business Meeting:

The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved. Motion by Nancy Miller, seconded by Frank Stull.

Stephanie Schultz reminded everyone that the last day to sign up for the Mix and Mingle is March 25th.

Connie Williams said the incoming journey from Kaohsiung, Taiwan is still set for September, the journey to Albuquerque is in April, and the trip to Hungary and Kosovo is in October.

Jean Thomas, journey coordinator for Albuquerque, said to check our email for her correspondence and send her any questions we might have.

Nancy Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George Schultz.