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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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**June 2020**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>June 16,2020</b>	<b>Possible LEO in Monticello</b>
<b>June TBD</b>	<b>Zoom Trivia</b>
<b>July 1, 2020</b>	<b>LEO at Jerry &amp; Carol Burke's More information to follow</b>
<b>July 12, 2020</b>	<b>All Iowa FF Picnic -Cancelled to be rescheduled for next year</b>
<b>December 2, 2020</b>	<b>Open World Kosovo –on hold</b>
<b>April 2021</b>	<b>Outgoing journey Cedar Rapids/ Iowa City to Albuquerque, NM</b>
<b>July 2021 proposed</b>	<b>Inbound journey with Tuxtla- Gutierrez, Mexico</b>
<b>Summer Autumn 2021 proposed</b>	<b>Outbound domestic to Western North Carolina, Ashville &amp; Hen- dersonville.</b>
<b>Sept – Nov 2021 proposed</b>	<b>Outbound to Tamworth, Austral- ia; Adelaide, Australia and Tau- ranga-Bay of Plenty, NZ</b>

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear fellow Friendship Force  
Members,

With a little more warmth and  
sunshine, I am actually spending  
time outside listening to the  
birds, chasing deer out of the  
plants, and enjoying life in Iowa.  
It is not the way I had intended to  
spend my summer but I will take  
time to enjoy life around me in  
the upcoming months. However,  
I am also grateful for the technol-  
ogy that allows me to keep in  
contact with my family and watch  
my grandchildren grow. It’s not  
quite the same as hugs. I am cer-  
tain many of you are living the  
same type of situation. I guess it  
is a time we count our blessings.

**TOGETHER.....**

**WE CAN GET THROUGH ANYTHING.**

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As I am seeing plans from FFI for the year 2021 and 2022 develop, there are exciting and interesting times ahead for us both for incoming and outgoing journeys. Connie has been working hard to make certain Taiwan and Mexico incoming journeys will be on the schedule in the next couple of years as well as our outgoing to Albuquerque NM, Kosovo and Budapest, Australia and New Zealand. We have also been informed that we have an outgoing match for 2021 with Western North Carolina. None of us can see into the future but we are all hopeful that we can resume travel having new adventures far and near and welcoming new friends to Iowa.

In the mean time, please enjoy the friendship of the members of our own club. Please join the activities that the Connection Committee is preparing. Last month on ZOOM we had a wine party with Miners, a coffee with Nelsons, and a Trivia Night. Darlene was the navigator who led us on a drive-by of some of our members' homes that live on the east side of Cedar Rapids and Marion celebrating Friendship Force. We had Mix-and-Mingles where people met at a member's home in a group of 8 or less bringing their own food and drink. It was a great way to meet and enjoy the company of members you do not know well.

Look for upcoming information on activities in June with another trivia night with George and Audrey. On June 16 we are planning a drive by of Nancy and Steve William's house in Monticello. Following the drive-by, we would meet in a park with our sack lunches while social distancing. Jerry and Carol Burke are planning a LEO in Manchester July 1st where we will meet in their back yard with proper protocol and enjoy ordered food from the deli. More information other than what is in the newsletter will be sent out via email or Sign-up Genius.

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Please note that the July picnic in Des Moines and the August baseball game in the Quad Cities have been cancelled for this year and will be rescheduled in 2021. Do take a look at the calendar and join us in the activities. Also, give a quick call to someone you have not talked to during this pandemic period and wish them well.

In Friendship,

Mary Ann and Larry Nelson

Co-Presidents

## Humanitarian Project

As part of our humanitarian outreach, club members collected much needed items for the Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids. Donations included puzzles, coloring books, pencils, games, kids magazines and craft projects.



We also collected breakfast bars and juice and one member made a monetary donation. **Catholic Worker House was very grateful for the items they received.** Thank you to everyone who helped with this project.

## Spring Mix & Mingle



Jerry and Carol Burke had a great time hosting George and Stephanie Schulte, Marian Wetjin and Shirley Rosencrans.

It was a cool night for those of us who visited Frank and Mary Stull, so we moved into the garage. Being out of the wind with a jacket was perfect. It was fantastic to see everyone in person.



Mary Ann & Larry Nelson hosted Jim & Barb Steggall, Joanne Smith and Glenn & Marjorie Jensen.

## Cedar Rapids/Iowa City FF Club's Donation to FF International

Recently we had a request from FF International for donations to keep them running through these difficult times. The club's board of directors voted to forward \$1500. from the club's treasury to International. We also asked any club member to make a personal donation to send along with this. We received an additional \$1035 for a total of \$2535. This does not include the money that some members had sent to International individually. Thank you for your generosity.



## Club Drive By Parade



Another way we found to see our Friendship Force friends was through a drive by "HELLO". Cars paraded to visit six members' homes.

With signs, flags, horns, noisemakers, and shout outs we greeted everyone. It was great fun and a memorable experience!



Vic and Pat Klopfenstein (left) invited their neighborhood to greet us with welcome signs, cheers, and waves. Glen and Marjorie Jensen welcomed us with a dance on their porch.

## Zoom Trivia



Some of us were nervous about being in over our heads with Trivia. But it was great fun and there were some easy questions. Audrey Bradford and George Schulte were moderators.

Other participants were Judy Miner, Frank and Mary Stull, Stephanie Schulte, Marty Novak, Rosie Russell, Esther Hudson, Darlene Peterson, Nadine Stark, Steve and Nancy Williams, and Lynette Nuehring. Bring on round #2! Contact Audrey Bradford or George Schulte if you would like a chance to play.

## What our member are doing while practicing social distancing.

During the Covid19 social distancing, Larry Nelson decided to rebuild the little horse barn in his backyard.



He made sure that he did not over extend himself.

## Outings in Monticello & Manchester

There is a **tentative** plan to have a gathering in Monticello, Iowa on June 16. Steve William is looking into reserving a shelter in a city park where we can bring our own lunch and practice social distancing. After lunch and socializing, there are some public gardens to view, possible access to a pickleball court or playing a round of golf. This is contingent on the Monticello City council opening the parks sometime after the first of June.

Jerry and Carol Burke are going to host an outdoor LEO in there back yard on July 1.

**Look for more information to follow in the form of an email or Signup Genius.**

## CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD

This is a project that will involve our entire club and produce a slide show for each of us to share with our Friendship Force friends both domestically and internationally.

Your contribution would be photos....one from a past journey where you've experienced a culture/friendship OR your hosting experience where we've shown the best of the Midwest. The second photo is your message to the world. Take a selfie with a message/sign, expressing your encouragement, hope, feelings or future to Friendship Force. Please send your photos as a .jpg to [cmw1226@yahoo.com](mailto:cmw1226@yahoo.com)

## Journey Calendar by Connie Williams

### JOURNEY UPDATES

As we travel from the front door, to the living room, to the backyard, THANK GOODNESS for phones & internet to stay in touch with people and books & tv to take us to other places. It is an armchair version of FFI, nurturing our connections with our friends around the world. I've particularly enjoyed Rick Steves on PBS as a guide, revisiting memories of Berlin and other parts of Europe.

**To keep our Friendship Force message alive, please send me a travel photo and a message photo. I've heard from a few members, but would like more to put together a FF of CR/IC slideshow. THANK YOU!**

**December 2, 2020** - Open World Engagement of Youth in volunteerism delegation from Kosovo is on hold.

**April 2021** - Outgoing journey Cedar Rapids/Iowa City to Albuquerque, NM, coinciding with 2021 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow.

**July 2021 proposed** - Inbound journey with Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Mexico. English learning adventure for families.

**Summer/Autumn 2021 proposed** - Outbound domestic to Western North Carolina, Asheville & Hendersonville.

**Autumn 2021 proposed** - Outbound 3 week journey to Tamworth & Adelaide, Australia and Tauranga-Bay of Plenty, NZ.

## Accessing Membership Content on CR/IC Friendship Force Website

Several members have asked how to access the membership content on our CR/IC Friendship Force Website. This information is open to all club members and is set up with a username and password. To get to this information:

Click on the Membership Content on the left side of the home screen of our website.

Enter Username: Ffmember (both are case sensitive)

Enter Password: Friendship

You can then access directories of membership and club leadership. There are minutes from general & board meetings & Club Governance policies.

Note: The directories seem small but if you click on them they will enlarge. This works for the stored newsletters also.

Remember to use **.org** in our website: [friendshipforcecr-ic.org](http://friendshipforcecr-ic.org)

If you use **.com** you will be directed to a different website for an online pharmaceutical company.



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