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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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**January, 2020**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Week of**                      **Board Meeting**  
**January 11, 2020**

**January 15, 2020**   **Zoom Trivia**  
**7:00PM**



**May you hold  
your loved ones  
close in 2021**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I want to thank Mary Ann & Larry for their leadership through an unusual year and ending it with a great annual meeting. It was great that so many could join us via zoom to hear positive words from our CEO Jeremi Snook.

Jeremi reassured us that Friendship Force will survive the pandemic and be ready for journeys in 2022. In the meantime they will update the website and create on-line membership access, making it easier for us to communicate with International and other clubs

We need to stay in contact with each other by whatever means suits us, whether its via phone or zoom. Hopefully we can do more in person mix and mingles later in the year.

I look forward to working with the board in keeping all members involved until the opportunity arrives to again travel.

***Jerry Burke 2021 Club President***

## Jerry Burke 2021 Club President

Jerry and Carol joined Friendship Force in 2015 after a group tour to South America where they learned about Friendship Force from fellow travelers Dale & Cheryl Moore.

Jerry grew up in New Hampton and Carol in State Center, Iowa. Jerry started out teaching vocational agriculture but spent most of his career in banking. Carol was an English teacher until they got married in 1976 and has only substituted since. We are both retired now.

We have lived in Manchester since 1980 and have two boys and three grandchildren.

Jerry enjoys golf, skiing, woodworking, the Iowa State Cyclones and is a Rotary member and we have hosted a Rotary Exchange student from Denmark. Jerry also serves as President of the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County. Carol is a Master Gardener and helps maintain the beautiful public flower gardens in Manchester.

Jerry's first travels were on a European Ag Travel course to 12 European countries while at Iowa State University and Carol's were to Europe with the University of Northern Iowa on an eight-week Social Science Seminar. Therefore, we both enjoy traveling and have been to Ireland, Netherlands, Denmark, Mexico, Jamaica, Alaska, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, South America, Cuba, and Australia/New Zealand.

Jerry has previously served as Club Secretary, Treasurer, journey coordinator and Carol as Membership Chairman. We have hosted journeys from, Sacramento, Lower Olympia Washington; Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand and have traveled to East Jerry Burke 2021 Club President

Jerry Burke 2021 Club President

## Connie Williams 2021 President-Elect

I'm an original member, joining FFI when an ad was placed in the Gazette for a new FF chapter in Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. In the early days, Gov. Robert & Billie Ray and Kitty Olson hosted introductory gatherings in the community room of Blair House, which drew the who's who of the area. As I was a banquet server at Stouffers Five Seasons Hotel (currently Double Tree), I borrowed serving pieces and tablecloths from them to help host these events. Many joined upon the Governor's requests, however, Mary & Frank Stull and Myron & I are the original members who are still active. We both hosted Japanese ambassadors from that first exchange.

I've been on the board as Activity Chair, President-elect, President, Past President and Journey Chair. Myron and I have home hosted ambassadors from Japan, UK, Peru, Russia, Canada, as well as domestic ambassadors. Home hosted Thanksgiving dinners have always been so much fun with international ambassadors, regardless of the time of year. We've been on journeys to Germany, Canada, Japan, Australia and Taiwan, with domestic journeys to Los Angeles and Western North Carolina. As journey chair for a global themed 'Crazy for Quilting', our club and Ames club co-hosted 18 ambassadors, with Profiles of Club Board Members

Connie Williams 2021 Club President Elect

## 2020 Zoom Annual Banquet

Like everything else this year, the CR/IC FF Club held their annual meeting this year a little differently. Instead of getting together at the Long Branch we gathered via Zoom. We had 28 members sign up. We were able to elect the officers for 2021 and amend our by-laws to allow electronic meetings to



conduct business. We were able to breakout into small groups to have personal conversations with other members.

Jeremi Snook the CEO of FFI was able to join us as our speaker. He entertained us by sharing his story and his vision of FF.

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## George Milligan



We have recently heard that long time former Cedar Rapids/ Iowa City FF member George Milligan passed away on December 24th..

His obituary may be found on the Hrabak-Neuhaus Funeral Service website.

## Club Zoom Trivia

Marty Novak, Darlene Peterson & Audrey Bradford are organizing another Zoom Trivia Night. The game will be Friday night January 15.

You don't need a Zoom account to participate. Just let one of the 3 know you want to play. Participants will get an invitation from Judy Frascht-Miner on the day of the event. It will give you a link to the Zoom "meeting". Click on the link and be sure your video and microphone are turned on. That's all there is to it.



## Club Zoom Activities

On December 30 several members of our club got together on Zoom for a Holiday Cocktail Party. It was a fun safe way to visit and catch up with fellow members. The board is planning more of these opportunities for the new year. Zoom Trivia will continue and we are looking into adding small group Mix and Mingles. There might be other events planned until we can hopefully safely gather together later this year.



# Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner

Happy 2021!

I am your new Journey Coordinator and hopeful with vaccines and continued safety protocols we will be able to move slowly back into having journeys. I know we have all missed them.

At this point I am introducing myself to other journey chairs and coordinators to keep our planning active. At the same time, I will be exploring other journey ideas and looking forward to whom may want to visit us. If anyone has any ideas and contacts to share, please contact me (jjbm526@aol.com or 319-540-1701).

These are journeys presently being developed. Keep in mind there are many factors to be considered such as the status of the pandemic and the changed status of other FF clubs. Although I remain hopeful for a much better year.

**Spring 2021** – Possible outbound to Albuquerque, NM. This was originally planned for April 2021 after cancelling in April 2020. We are still trying to figure out what may work with possibly having to move the dates back a bit.



-Albuquerque-



**Autumn 2021** – Possible outbound journey to Western North Carolina (Ashville & Henderson). Planning in process.

**Jan -May2022**- Proposed three-week outbound journey to Tamworth Australia; Adelaide, Australia; and Tauranga-Bay of Plenty, NZ. We are trying to coordinate their summer/spring/ or autumn seasons. Pre trip viral tours have been discussed.



I look forward to traveling with many of you!

## 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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