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FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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April, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 10, 2021 **Hiking Group**
Saturday **First Event.**
 Clear Creek Trail

- April 23, 2021 **Club Zoom Trivia**
7:00PM

- April 27, 2021 **Broad Meeting**
9:00AM

- May 2, 2021 **LEO at Wanatee**
Sunday **Park**
12:00Noon

- October 7,8 **NE Iowa Club**
2021 **Overnight**
(Tentative) **Adventure**

- Sept 2021 or **Kosovo**
May 2022 **See Journey Calen-**
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It looks like it will be next year before we do any international travel. The US is ahead of other countries in vaccinations. I hope you have been able to schedule your vaccination. I certainly miss our gatherings and look forward to the outdoor activities being planned for this year.

In honor of April Fool’s Day, I found the following--“Mix a little foolishness with your prudence: It’s good to be silly at the right moment. “

Jerry Burke

2021 Club President

World of Friends is a World of Peace

OVERNIGHT NE IOWA CLUB ADVENTURE



Anyone ready to do a little traveling and sight-seeing in our gorgeous state?

We are working on planning a unique and fun filled two day autumn get away. Tentative dates are Thursday, Oct 7 and Friday, Oct 8. We plan to head towards the Decorah area, which should be dazzling with all the colorful leaves.

We're thinking car pooling should work well and if enough folks sign up, then maybe we'll look into renting a van(s) or a bus.

We're also looking into a bed and breakfast and/or a hotel for our overnight stay.

We haven't made any reservations so far but here are some of the adventures we are working on---

--Amish lunch in Hazelton

--visit the Buffalo Farm in Fredericksburg and feed the buffalo from a wagon

--enjoy two natural waterfalls

--visit a couple of the 32 artists at their studios on The Studio Tour

--tour the state of the art NE Ia Comm College Dairy Barn in Calmar and see the robotic milking system

--visit the 4 floor antique shopping mall in Elkader

--possibly more

If you have any questions, please contact one of the trip planners.

We hope you all can join us.




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HIKING GROUP



TAKE A HIKE

Come hiking with your
Friendship Force Friends

**Saturday April 10th
1:00 PM**

This will be our first outing for our new Hiking Group. We will meet at the trailhead indicated to the right. The trail is a hard surface, and the terrain is flat to some gentle hills. We are planning to hike 3 to 4 miles depending on what you decide. It is possible to hike further if you so choose.

We will pass by a Handcart Emigration Area with a Handcart Pioneer Campsite and Burial Grounds. We will experience wetlands with the frogs singing. Hopefully, the Spring flowers will be starting to bloom.

Bathrooms probably closed. Stop somewhere before you arrive.

**CLEAR CREEK TRAILHEAD
(renamed Tom Harkin Trailhead)**

719 CAMP CARDINAL BLVD
CORALVILLE IA

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We will meet at
Christine Allen's
home for snacks
and the restroom
after hiking: 1250
Teg Drive, Iowa City

LEO at Wanatee Park

Please join us Sunday, May 2 for an outdoor **LEO** at Wanatee Park (formerly known as Squaw Creek Park), located at 1600 Banner Dr in Marion. We will meet around noon at Meadowlark Shelter. Box lunches will be your choice of smoked turkey wrap or Harvester ham and Swiss with bottled water, chips, apple, and granola bar catered from Hy Vee at a price of \$11 per person. After lunch will be free time to catch up with friends, play horseshoes or hike. More details and a Sign Up Genius will be sent for



Club Zoom Trivia

The next club Zoom Trivia is scheduled for April 23. Look for the email to sign up. Marty, Connie and Darlene will be bringing interesting fun topics to test everyone's knowledge.



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.

Lorena Schulte



We are saddened to share that CR/IC FF members George and Stephanie Schulte's daughter, Lorena Schulte, passed away on Tuesday, March 23. She lived in Cedar Rapids and was a nurse at the Anamosa State Penitentiary.

Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner

Greetings,

We received our official 2022 journey assignments from international. They are Domestic Outbounds to **New Mexico** and **Dallas**, International outbound to **Australia** and **New Zealand**, and a Domestic Inbound with **Sarasota**. If you are **interested in any of these journeys let me know**. These are interest lists, not a commitment.

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October 7-8, 2021 - Iowa Adventure - See the write up in this Newsletter.



September 2021 or May 2022 - There may be an opportunity to travel to Kosovo. This would not be a normal journey but an exploratory trip with Sister States. Kosovo has a long history with Iowa. Our interest would be to support them in developing a Friendship Force Club. More information later.

April 2022 -The **Albuquerque, NM**. Club is planning on us visiting them in Spring 2022. If interested you can contact Jean Thomas at jeanthomas521@gmail.com



-Albuquerque-

To Be Announced 2022-Dallas

To be Announced 2022- Proposed three-week outbound journey to **Tamworth Australia, Adelaide Australia**; and **Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand**. Pre trip viral tours have been discussed.



To Be Announced 2022 -Inbound **Sarasota**

I look forward to traveling with many of you!

World Friendship Day, Kathy Hsu presents!

It was a pleasure to welcome Kathy Hsu to our World Friendship Day Zoom meeting on Sunday, March 7th. For those of you involved with the journey to Taiwan in November of 2017, you will remember Kathy as the Host Coordinator for the Kaohsiung, Taiwan chapter. We were greeted by Kathy for week 1, then she joined us at the farewell with the Taipei chapter at the end of week 2. We were treated to two whirlwind weeks of exciting insights into the Taiwanese culture, and we are grateful for the experience.

Kathy shared her background with Friendship Force, from her first journey to Minnesota to the current pandemic travel shut down. Here are a few of her travel adventures, observations and bits of advice:



Culture Shock - Public display of affection! Upon landing at the Minneapolis airport, a couple who obviously missed each other hugged and kissed for several minutes in an open area of the airport. The Taiwanese culture is conservative, acceptable greetings are a handshake or a bow.

Her first hosts in Minnesota, Dorothy and Larry, remained good friends for many years. When Kathy's daughter, Diana, was a student at the University of Iowa, Dorothy and Larry were her US grandparents.

In Argentina, Kathy was the target of a pickpocket. Her take on it was that she must have looked wealthy and there are people who needed the money to live.

Kathy found the Czech Republic to be the most interesting place she's visited.

USA - Most households enter their home through the garage, seldom using the front door.

We also like ice cream! Not just 1 scoop, but 5 scoops!

The USA is rich, but we also have homeless people.

Lost in Translation - Speak slowly and clearly, so those with English as a learned language have time to process the information. Using slang or local terminology requires explanations. Example: High tea isn't a tea to make you high!

Travel with Friendship Force is a cultural exchange, a good will mission. It is best to ask before you do. Be diplomatic, don't complain.

Thank you, Kathy!

Written By Connie Williams

Friendship Force Online (MyFF) is Live!

The Friendship Force online experience was developed with you in mind. We wanted something to sit perfectly alongside how we already work with our members. A simple, clear tool that will eventually house all our member resources and exclusive member-only content, and keep you up to speed with news from FFI and around the world. The minimum information required to sign up is your name, club, and email address. Excited to learn more? Then take a look at our instructions and FAQs below to get started.

FAQs link:

https://mcusercontent.com/ba1bffc1cec3dcb20c97569d1/files/b1019e45-9dcc-48f1-a5f7-6d0108f1110b/EN_FAQs.pdf

Instructions on how to sign up link:

https://mcusercontent.com/ba1bffc1cec3dcb20c97569d1/files/ceab1e84-737e-41d6-9378-06c2138077c0/EN_Instructions_for_myff.pdf



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