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CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

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March 2023

Calendar of Events

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| March 11
10:00AM | Stanley Museum & Iowa City Murals Hike |
| April 14
7:00 PM | Club Zoom Trivia |
| March/April 2023 | Outgoing to New Zealand and Australia |
| June 27-July 4 2023 | Incoming from Taipei, Taiwan |
| Oct 15-22 2023 | Incoming from Edmonton, CA |
| Oct 2-5 2023 | World Conference Dubrovnik, Croatia |
| Dec 2-9 2023 | Open World |



President's Message

*Well, we have now had our first post covid World Friendship Day pot luck! A good time was had by all in attendance, and we possibly have three new members. Coe came through for us in the exchange students, we had 2 from Japan and 1 from Korea, **Reikeo Terabe, Santomi Kubo and Bori Kim**. Then, we picked up **Pastor Boniface Kenny** in the parking lot, who is Interested in joining our club and possibly exploring taking a group to Kenya in the future if there is interest! We also welcomed a new member, **Emily and Corey Schneller and their 3 children**. Emily is originally from China and is eager to host when Taiwan is here as she speaks the language! And finally Shirley's cousin **Barb Holt**, has decided to join our club too. As usual, there was plenty of food and plenty of friendship, which is what we are all about. Please welcome our new members when you see them. If you go on the hike in Iowa City, you may meet some or all of them as I saw them signing up for that. Thank you to all who attended and welcomed our guests!*

Patty Potter 2022 Club President

Join us for an Iowa City hike on Saturday, March 11

We will begin at **10 AM** with a docent led tour at the Stanley Museum of Art.**

<https://stanleymuseum.uiowa.edu/>

After exploring the museum, we will walk to Hancher Auditorium (1 mile walk) and then back to downtown Iowa City where we will explore murals and local shops.



We will end with a late lunch at The Encounter Cafe.

<https://theencountercafe.com/>

This is a for profit restaurant that donates all of its profits to local non-profits organizations.

Come for all of the activities or just join for part of the walk.

Please send an email to callenivy@gmail.com if you plan to attend by **March 9**. Suggestions for parking will be sent out to those who are interested.

**The docent tour will be limited to 15 people. You can explore the museum on your own if you would prefer to.



Edmonton and Area Club of Canada

October 16-23, 2023

The Edmonton and Area Club of Canada will be visiting us in October. **Jim and Barb Steggall** will be Host Coordinators. If you are interested in helping on the planning committee, please contact Jim at steggall.jim@gmail.com or Barb at bjsteggall@gmail.com.



Please join in the fun in preparation for our
Friends from up north!!!!!!

Friendship Force & Jimmy Carter

President Jimmy Carter at a White House gathering of state governors. At that time, President Carter asked the governors to return to their states and identify a volunteer leader who would serve as State Director for the Friendship Force in their state. Rosalynn Carter served as Honorary Chairperson until 2002. Governor Robert and Billie Ray, with Kitty Olson, started both the Des Moines and Cedar Rapids chapters of Friendship Force. We are grateful for the positive use of influence to bring Friendship Force into our lives. Thank you to the Carters and the Rays, you have blessed our world. A World of Friends is a World of Peace.



Call for Volunteers to Support Our New Afghan Neighbors!

A new initiative, ALL Iowa, a partnership between the University of Iowa, Drake University, Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice and the Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services, is providing and facilitating immigration legal services to Afghans in Iowa evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021. (see website below for more information). Transportation is a huge barrier to successful claims as the immigration court for our area is located in Omaha, NE. There is an immediate need for help with transport to the immigration court in Omaha for Afghans residing in Iowa with asylum hearings before the court. We anticipate there will be multiple individuals residing in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Sioux City and potentially other areas of the state needing such transportation help in the coming months. This service would make a world of difference to these newly resettled members of our communities. If interested, please contact Amy Weismann at amy-weismann@uiowa.edu.



ALL Iowa

ALL Iowa is a collaboration between the University of Iowa College of Law's Legal Clinic and Center for Human Rights, Drake Refugee Clinic, and Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice to provide and facilitate immigration legal services to Afghans in IA.

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World Friendship Day Potluck February 26

Last Sunday our club was able to hold a World Friendship Day Potluck. This is an annual event for our club but due to Covid it is the first one we have been able to have in person in several years. We had many delightful guests. Thank you to all who helped plan the event, brought food and facilitated. Here are some photos from the day.



Taipei Taiwan is coming June 27

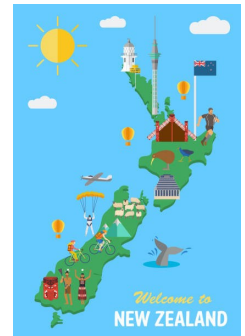
Our friends from Taipei, Taiwan will arrive in Cedar Rapids on June 27, after a week with the Twin Cities Friendship Force Club. Please join in the fun, look for events to be posted in the newsletter. If you are interested in hosting, contact Judy Frascht-Miner at jibm526@aol.com or Connie Williams at cmw1226@yahoo.com. We will need overnight hosts, day hosts and home dinner hosts. Thanks to all who make this journey a success!



Our club's welcome in Taipei on 2017 Journey



***Look Out
Australia and New Zealand
Here we come!!!!!!!!!!***



Club Zoom Trivia

The next Club Trivia zoom gathering will be **Friday, April 14 at 7:00 pm**. If you want to join in on the fun contact or watch for the email with the link, and jump on:



Audrey audrey.b@mchsi.com, or Judy jibm526@aol.com

Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!! There are many things happening in 2023. I encourage you to get involved in our journey's even if in a small way. There are so many ways to be involved. I will use my favorite word for Friendship Force "ENRICHING". Don't wait to be asked, contact me and discuss options: Judy Frascht-Miner jjbm526@aol.com 319-540-1701

Vaccinations are required for traveling and hosting

March/April 2023 -Tamworth Australia, Adelaide Australia; and Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. 15 travelers will be leaving **March 14**, 2023 for the land down under. Flights have been purchased, planning is in full swing, and bags are being packed!

JUNE 27th- JULY 4th, 2023—TAIPIE, TAIWAN will be visiting for an inbound. It appears there will be approximately 19 ambassadors coming. **Connie Williams** has volunteered to be the Host Ambassador. We need many volunteers. There are several of you that traveled with us to Taiwan a few years ago. What a great committee to be on. If you want to be involved with the committee contact Connie Williams cmw1226@yahoo.com 319-396-4747.

OCTOBER 16th-23nd, 2023 -EDMONTON, CANADA will be visiting us. **Jim and Barb Steggall** will be our Host Coordinators. They are looking for people to be on the planning committee. Other ways to be involved are in-home hosting, dinner hosts, or day hosts. No one does this alone and it's a wonderful experience. Contact Jim & Barb Steggall bjsteggall@mchsi.com or Judy Frascht-Miner, jjbm526@aol.com 319-540-1701 if interested.

DECEMBER 1-9, 2023 - Open World with KOSOVO. Yes, a different group from Kosovo will be coming again in December. If you would like to be involved contact Connie Williams cmw1226@yahoo.com

I look forward to traveling with many of you soon!

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