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## **CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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### **October 2023**

#### Calendar of Events

- Oct 2-5, 2023**    **World Conference**  
**Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Oct 16-23, 2023**    **Incoming from Ed-**  
**monton,**
- Oct 22nd**    **Farewell Dinner for**  
**4:00PM**    **Edmonton**
- Oct 26 -Nov 2**    **ALEX from Ukraine**
- Oct 28**    **Orchestra Iowa with**  
**7:30PM**    **the ALEX group**
- Oct 29**    **General Meeting**  
**1:00PM**    **Coralville Public Li-**  
    **brary**
- Nov 18**    **Annual Meeting**  
**9:30AM**    **Ronneburg Restau-**  
    **rant Amana, IA**
- Oct 7-9,2024**    **Super Regional Con-**  
    **ference Milwaukee**



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#### President's Message

*Happy October! We have a busy month ahead and several opportunities to meet visiting guests so I hope to see many of you this month! Our contingent to World Conference in Croatia left earlier this week, with most of them being gone for 3 weeks. I hope they have a good and productive time and look forward to hearing about it when they get back. Immediately after their return, we will host Edmonton, Canada for a week....and when I say immediately, I mean Edmonton arrives the day after their scheduled return. **The farewell for Edmonton is a catered meal at Lowe Park on Oct 22; please plan to come, cost is \$25 and let Jim Steggall know so he can include you in the count. On the 26th of Oct, we will host 10 students from Ukraine for an ALEX program. If you would like to attend **Orchestra Iowa with this group on Oct 28 at 7:30, let me know right away. Cost is \$35. Needs to be paid in advance.** We have a few reserved seats left. Another opportunity to meet them is the 29th at the Coralville Library. Speaker will be Russell Ganin. And that will tie up 2023 for hosting. Looking forward to a fun 2024!***

***Patty Potter 2023 Club President***

## Incoming Journey- Edmonton and Area Club of Canada October 16-23, 2023

The Edmonton and Area Friendship Force Club is visiting Cedar Rapids-Iowa City **October 16-23, 2023**. Our committee led by Jim and Barb Steggall has put together a great itinerary for them. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to host:



Jerry & Carol Burke, Larry & Mary Ann Nelson, Myron & Connie Williams, Darlene Peterson, Patty Potter, John & Judy Miner, and Jim & Barb Steggall

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to host dinners on Tuesday October 17:

Emily & Corey Schneller, George & Stephanie Schulte, Tom & Nancy York, and Dan & Nadine Stark

We will be travelling with our Ambassadors all over Eastern Iowa. Many thanks to Mary Stull (Cedar Rapids), Carol Malichky (Kalona), Christine Allen (Iowa City), Gayle Bray (Amana) and Shirley Rosencrans (Dubuque) who are planning these individual days.

Many thanks to Marilyn Benge and Marty Novak who volunteered to day host.

On **Friday October 20 at 12:30pm we will be having lunch at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Main Amana**. All Club members are welcome to join us, just let **Jim Steggall know by October 18 at (319) 651-1092**.

The Farewell Party is **Sunday October 22nd at the Lowe Park-Hickory Room starting at 4:30PM**. We will have a social time followed by a catered dinner and Club presentations. We will also have a brief presentation from our delegates that traveled to the World Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia. All Club members are encouraged to attend. **Cost is \$25 per person. Please send check to Friendship Force CR-IC, P.O. Box 1001, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401.**

## Trivia with the Edmonton Club

### ATTENTION EDMONTON HOME HOSTS

**AND GUESTS** We will be doing something a little different with our Zoom Trivia. Our Friends from Edmonton will be here and we are inviting them along with their hosts to join in. It will be Friday, **October 20 at 7:00 pm**. If you want to join in on the fun watch for the email with the link, and jump on. There will be questions about Canada!



## ALEX to CR-IC Oct 26 to Nov 2

The American Leadership Experience, known as ALEX, will again send participants our way. Nine young adults from Ukraine will be hosted by Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids - Iowa City from **October 26 through November 2, 2023**.

Orchestra Iowa will present Symphonic Sci-Fi at the Paramount Theatre on **Saturday, October 28**. Our group of ALEX students from Ukraine will be in attendance. If you would like to join us, please send your check to **FF of CR-IC, PO Box 1001, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1923** or give to **Patty Potter, before October 4th**. The cost is **\$35 per ticket at this group rate, a savings of \$10 for each seat**.



Another opportunity to meet these ALEX participants will be at the General Meeting at the Coralville Library on Sunday, October 29 at 1pm.

## Annual Meeting and 2024 Board Elections

### November 18 at the Ronneburg Restaurant

The annual meeting of the Cedar Rapids / Iowa City Friendship Force Club will be **Saturday morning November 18th at 9:30AM**. At the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana, IA We will be holding elections for club officers for 2024. **Please mark you calendars and make plans to attend.**



**Nancy York will be the club president** and the following members have been nominated for positions so far. Nominations will also be taken at the meeting.

President Elect: Shirley Rosencranz

Treasurer : Sharon Bowers

Activities : Connie Williams

Secretary: Open

## SUPER REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

The Canada United States Super Regional Conference will be in Milwaukee, WI.



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Circle your calendar for **October 7-9,**

**2024** and make plans to be there. Let's support the Milwaukee club and show the rest of the US and Canada the best of the Midwest.



## CR/IC FF Club Hike Frank Lloyd Wright House Quasqueton, IA



Eight members and two guests toured The Walters House, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home on the banks of the Wap-sipinicon River near Quasqueton on September 16. After meeting at the visitors' center, some members chose to hike the 3/4 mile path to the house while others

rode in the tractor driven trolley. Our very knowledgeable tour guide first took us to the boat house and then to the house and grounds. The house features many built-in features, a lot of natural lighting, an abundance of green plants, and very



unique bathroom facilities.

After the tour, part of the group hiked back to the visitors' center while the rest rode the trolley.

Then we enjoyed lunch in Quasqueton at Wolfey's Bar and Grill where we enjoyed delicious pizza, hand breaded fish, and other delicious options.

## September 6 LEO in Manchester

We had a fun evening hosted by Jerry & Carol Burke at their home in Manchester. The meal was provided by Olive That Deli. We were able to learn some fun and interesting facts about our members.

Thanks to Jerry and Carol for hosting.



## October 29 General Meeting

There will be a general Meeting of the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force Club at the Coralville Public Library, **October 29th at 1:00PM**. Russell Ganim will be speaking. He is Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs at the University of Iowa. He will speak on Iowa-Kosovo relations over the last 25 years as well as the UI- based USAID cooperative agreement entitled, [Private Sector Partnerships to Strengthen Higher Education \(PSPSHE\)](#). He has recently joined Friendship Force and gave us tremendous help in creating programming for the Open World group from Kosovo in December 2022. Even though October is a really busy month, this Kosovo-related info is quite relevant to the club, given that several members will have been in Kosovo early in October and ALEX visitors will be with us then.



Here is a link to more info about this project. <https://education.uiowa.edu/news/2023/04/usaids-taps-ui-experts-connect-higher-education-and-private-sector-kosovo-and-iowa>



# Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner



**WE HAVE OUR 2024 JOURNEY ASSIGNMENTS!!!!** We have been assigned an outbound to **Edmonton, Canada** and an inbound from **Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley**.

See below. I encourage you to get involved in our journey's even if in a small way. There are so many

ways to be involved. Don't wait to be asked, contact me and discuss options: Judy Frascht-Miner

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**OCTOBER 16th-23nd, 2023 -EDMONTON, CANADA** will be visiting us very soon. **Jim and Barb Steggall** are our Host Coordinators. Everything is ready to go except for some last minute details. Hopefully we will see many of you at the **Farewell party on October 22nd**. Contact Jim & Barb Steggall [bjsteggall@mchsi.com](mailto:bjsteggall@mchsi.com) or Judy Frascht-Miner, [jjbm526@aol.com](mailto:jjbm526@aol.com) 319-540-1701 if interested in being involved in other ways

**OCTOBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 2ND —UKRAINE—** ALEX, is sending 10 young adults our way. They will be arriving shortly after our friends from Edmonton depart. Hope you will definitely consider coming to the **General Meeting on October 29th at 1:00 pm**. The Ukrainian guests will be in attendance . See the article earlier in the newsletter.

**2024 Outbound to Edmonton** — Tentatively looking at a July or August date. If you would like to join the journey or be part of coordinating the trip contact Judy Frascht-Miner, [jjbm526@aol.com](mailto:jjbm526@aol.com)

**LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER 2024 Incoming from Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley**– If you would like to be part of the planning of this incoming Journey contact Judy Frascht-Miner, [jjbm526@aol.com](mailto:jjbm526@aol.com)

**I look forward to traveling with many of you soon!**

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