

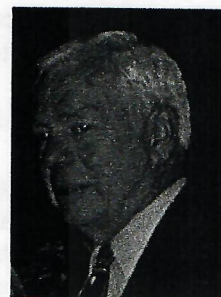
CR\IC Friendship Force UPDATE

October 12, 2005

Greetings from Your Presidents, Steve & Nancy Williams



We are in the final stages of another successful year for this great organization. Please support these last three events included below. Thanks to Mary Stull for leading the Wisconsin Mystery Exchange. At this writing, we haven't met our guests, but we know a great Badger-Hawkeye weekend awaits us. Steve almost "spilled the beans" at an interstate rest stop on the way to Nebraska last spring, when we encountered Wisconsin Pres. Donna Calvert. (Her rider didn't know the mystery destination).



Thanks to Vic Klopfenstein and his committee for another fine job on Open world. The delegates, facilitators, and interpreters will arrive Saturday Oct. 15. As we are reduced to 5 delegates, two facilitators and two interpreters we can get to know the Russians well. Also, welcome and thanks to some new host families in both October incoming exchanges.

For the final big bash, thanks to Carl and Mary Carson and their committee for leading our 20th anniversary party and annual meeting. Steve had a great visit with former Gov. Bob Ray about our club's origins a few weeks ago. We have a rich history and we want you to hear all about it. Come on to the Party!!

The new slate of officers is included in this newsletter. Vic has a great slate and we look forward to another great year. Now if they can just get elected Nov. 13 (☺)

One More Thing—we have an exciting 2006 outbound venue, with a great exchange director. We need club support for the outbound exchange next June. Call or write Phyllis Seidl- see email and phone inside. Also the Friendship Force of Lincoln invites all to join them on an exchange to Africa in June, 2006. Call me for more details.

We appreciate your great efforts this year!

Celebrate 20 Years!!!

- What:** The 20th Anniversary of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Area Friendship Force
When: November 13, 2005
Where: The Clarion Hotel, just off 33rd Ave. in Cedar Rapids
Cost: \$18.00 each (incl. tax & gratuity)

The guest speaker will be Bill Mueller from Cedar Rapids, founder and director of REAP International. REAP stands for Rural Enterprises Adaptation Program, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to help stabilize villages in Russia with a focus on youth. This will be of particular interest with our outgoing exchange to St. Petersburg and Latvia.

The event will be a sit-down dinner with roast beef or chicken (indicate choice below), potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, and beverage. A cash bar will be available.

Please invite prospective members and former members with whom you are still in contact.

Please R.S.V.P. by mailing a check for \$18 each payable to Friendship Force CR/IC Area and this form to Carl & Mary Carson by **November 1, 2006** at 3013 Tiperary Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Name: _____ Choice of Entree: _____
Name: _____ Choice of Entrée: _____
Total amount enclosed: _____

The Proposed Slate of Officers and Calendar For 2006:

*President	Victor Klopfenstein
*Vice-president	Dianne Karal
*Secretary	Doris Faas
*Treasurer	Winston Edson

Note the officers* positions are subject to vote on November 13, and nominations may be taken from the floor subject to prior approval by the nominee.

Directors at Large	1 year term	Mary Lucas (12-06)
	2 year term	Sally Fairchild (12-07)

Past Exchange Directors (2005): Phyllis Seidl (Outbound Australia 5-05); Sally Nelson (Inbound) Germany 8-05; Mary Stull (Inbound - Mystery - 10-05); Vic Klopfenstein (Open World -10-05)

Past Presidents Steve/Nancy Williams

Exchange Directors (2006): Phyllis Seidl - Outbound - Russia & Latvia, May or June 06; Jim Nieman - Inbound - North Carolina; Sep or Oct '06; Shirley Rosencrans - Tri-Club Picnic;; Outbound exchange to Memphis in April '06?; Open World ??; Outbound Mystery Exchange?

Standing Committees - Chairpersons and Special positions

Membership	Richard & Margaret Miller
Communications	Pat Kress
Activities	Margaret Nelson & Jill Rinkenberger
Iris Rep	Colleen & Jim Nieman
Historian	Mary Carson
Newsletter	Sally Nelson and Frank & Mary Stull

Additional volunteers would be helpful on the standing committees:

Membership (follow up with prospective members); Communications (publicity and telephoning); Activities (help set up for meetings & plan special activities)

Mystery Is Solved!

The first mystery tour ever hosted by the club was a success with 27 Badgers from Madison enjoying Hawkeye hospitality for the week-end. Many worked to make the week-end a rousing success. Thanks go to Margaret Nelson and Jill Rinkenberger for creating a beautiful fall setting for the welcome potluck at First United Methodist Church on Friday night. Joann Smith and Nancy Williams also helped set up the food and beverages and welcome guests. Everyone commented on the wide array of delicious food.

The tour of Turner Alley and the Grant Wood exhibit at the Museum of Art was a big hit. Our guests noticed that the collection included a piece on loan from the University of Wisconsin. The farce, *It Runs in the Family*, at Old Creamery Theater kept everyone laughing and we completed the day with dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn. Thanks to Margaret Miller for planning the mixer at dinner and welcoming everyone and to Winston Edson for serving as treasurer.

"Above and beyond" hospitality was given by Tressa and Irvin Youngbear who took their guest to Iowa City on Sunday morning to have brunch with her grandson. Marge and Rich Ferris "went the extra mile" by driving to Cedar Rock at Quasqueton to return medical equipment to one of their guests. Other host families were Winston & Marceil Edson, Veta and Richard Hildebrand, John Haack & Joan Jacob, Ed Junkens & Mary Lucas, Karen & Will Mickelson, Greg & Sally Nelson, Jim & Colleen Nieman, George, Stephanie & Gretchen Schulte, Steve & Nancy Williams, Connie & Myron Williams, Vic & Pat Klopfensteins and Frank & Mary Stull. Thanks to everyone for showing warm and caring Iowa hospitality and creative hosting.

-Mary Stull, Mystery exchange director

2006 - St. Petersburg/Latvia/Estonia/Helsinki

Come join us on this great exchange. We feel very fortunate to have been assigned this exchange and also very fortunate to be under the experienced leadership of Phyllis Seidl, Exchange Director. The tentative schedule for this exchange is as follows:

One week home hosting in St. Petersburg, Russia. Here we will tour many historic places including the Hermitage and St. Catherine's Palace. Then a bus or train ride through Western Russia, a corner of Estonia and Latvia. Then a week with our hosts in Riga, Latvia - the only FF Club in Latvia and their only home hosting in 2006.

We will then travel to Helsinki, Finland for a three night stay in a downtown hotel. A tour of the city will be included as well as a one-day boat trip to Tallinn where we should have about twelve hours for sightseeing and a guided tour of the city.

All Air Transport from New York will be with Finnair. There still remain details to work out but the cost of all the above, including FFI fees and hosting fees should be less than \$2500.00 per person. Meals in Helsinki and Tallinn will be your own expense. In order to get this air fare, the departure date must be in May, probably between May 25 -31. To ensure getting seats, space must be reserved **WAY IN ADVANCE**. **The number of ambassadors is limited to 16. With such a great program this should fill quickly. Hosting programs and planned events will be scheduled after the new officers are installed next month.** I expect that deposits will be requested in the next 4-6 weeks. Please contact me without delay and let your friends know about this exchange - it is open to anyone.

Phone: 319-377-5619 or email g.seidl@mchsi.com

In friendship, Phyllis & Jerry Seidl

Membership Dues

Please return the following to Richard Miller - 2011 Linmar Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Please submit this by January 15 in order to receive all issues of the Friendship Magazine

Name(s) _____

Address (include both addresses if you winter south):

Phone: Home _____ Email _____
Work (only if you wish to be called at work) _____

Check one: Family Membership (\$35) _____ Individual Membership (\$26) _____

Note: Membership dues include the "Friendship" Magazine published by Friendship Force International in Atlanta on a bi-monthly basis (in 2006).

If you would like to order a name badge for \$5.00 each, please write a separate check, payable to Friendship Force, to cover cost of badges ordered. Write your name below as you would like it to appear:

Name: _____ Name _____

Total # of badges requested: _____ X \$5.00 = _____ enclosed



Russian Open World Hosting October 15 – 23, 2005 - Hosts have been assigned for the 7 Russian women arriving to learn about Economic Development. Remember all members are invited to the picnic and farewell events below.

*****Have you sent in your RSVP for the following events:*****

Tuesday October 18 - an Iowa Picnic with hosts, Open World guests, speakers and members (Catered Rib Dinner - \$7.50 each) at Eagle Ridge Community Bldg 1st Bldg just north of the Microtel Hotel on Hwy 13 at 6:30 pm. Please **RSVP by Monday, October 17th**.

Friday, October 21 - The Gala Farwell & Awards Ceremony at the Prairie Hill Pavilion just north of the Microtel and Eagle Ridge on the left on Kacena Ave. & Hwy 13. Dave Hamm, who has been to Russia & Ukraine will be the DJ Entertainment with a terrific mix of Ruski & Americanski music for our listening & dancing pleasure! Open Bar at 6:00 p.m., turkey & roast beef buffet at 7:00. Cost: \$13.50 each, **RSVP necessary by Wednesday, Oct. 19.** Call Program Director, Vic Klopfenstein at 377-5502 if you have any questions.

**RSVP's can be mailed to Margaret Miller at 2011 Linmar Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Please make checks payable to Friendship Force CR/IC**

Mark Your Calendars!!!!

Oct. 15 - 23

Open World Hosting: Oct. 17 – Picnic RSVP needed
Oct 19 – Farewell event RSVP due

Nov. 1

RSVP Due for Anniversary celebration

Nov 3-6

Int'l Conf. in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Nov. 13

Annual Meeting/Club 20th Anniversary Celebration

December 5

2006 Board Planning Meeting (TBA)

March 1, 2006

World Friendship Day Celebration

The Friendship Force

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Mission Statement:

*To create an environment
where friendships can be
established across
international borders.*