

CR\IC Friendship Force UPDATE

Oct 6, 2006



Greetings from Your President, Vic Klopfenstein

Hello Fellow FF Club Members,

What a great fall season we have had! To Steve Williams, his committee, host families, Open World Leadership Ambassadors, facilitators and interpreters - thanks for a 'World Class' experience. Many thanks also to Mary Lukas, her committee, home hosts, day hosts and Shelby, North Carolina Ambassadors for a wonderful week. Their farewell at Bloomsbury Farm was a treat.

I'm sorry Pat & I missed a great LEO last month. By the time you receive this Newsletter, 14 of us will be off to Ireland (Seidls, S. Millers, R. Millers, Karals, Bices, Edsons and Pat & I) for a 10 day CIE Tour. Karal's, Edson's & we will attend the 29th Annual International FF Meeting. Thank to Dianne's encouragement, we now have Friendship Force shirts for us to wear proudly around the world. We have approval to sell them while at the Conference.

We have contacted you all about our Incoming & Outbound Exchanges for 2008. Please respond by October 25th so we can coordinate with our Midwest Regional Representative, Dave Kaplan, before we must respond to Atlanta by November 1, 2006. Atlanta has asked us to possibly host one additional week next summer (2007).

Make plans to attend the Annual CR/IC FF Club Banquet/Meeting to be held at Indian Creek Country Club, Marion on Sunday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. Dennis Naughton, former Dubuque FF Member, will present the program, 'Denny, Benny & Friends' on ventriloquism, comedy & 2006 political commentary. Dennis' wife, Gail, is Director of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Please look for the reservation form in this newsletter.

In friendship, Vic

September Exchange Reports:

Russian Open World Leadership Exchange (by E.D., Steve Williams):

The delegation was a delightful group of bright, professional young women. They were journalists in many aspects of media from anchor TV reporters to newspaper columnist, dean of a school of journalism, and public relations spokespersons. A big thanks to the host families for their effort. The club will realize several hundred dollars from the weeks' activities and we seem to get good reviews from FFI for our efforts. The highlights of our tours, for me as exchange director, were the visits to the Gazette and Daily Iowan - both made excellent presentations to the delegates and were generous with their time.

Domestic Exchange - Friendship Force Club of Shelby, North Carolina (by E.D., Mary Lukas):

We had a great time and impressed our 10 Ambassadors with the distances we covered in 6 short days! Areas visited included Kalona, West Branch, and the Quad Cities. We spanned Iowa's history too, starting with the Devonian fossil period, unfolding the history of the Quad Cities arsenal, and ending with modern organic farming, stopping along the way at historic points along the musical Mississippi. We ate farm food, Czech food, and tasted local fruits and wines. Ambassadors commented that they felt they'd really seen quite a lot of Iowa, and they are eager to show us their beloved Cleveland County. Discussion is under way for our outgoing exchange to Shelby, so stay tuned! (Special thanks to everyone who home hosted, day hosted, dinner hosted, and offered extra options for our guests!)

Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

Once again, that time of year has arrived for our annual meeting and election. We hope to see *ALL of you* as we look forward to 2007 and hear what's happening with our local club as well as reports on the International Conference in Dublin. So mark your calendar for Sunday, November 5, 2006, invite your friends, and don't delay in submitting your RSVP below.

Come One, Come All



**Indian Creek Country Club
2401 Indian Creek Road
Marion, IA 52302**

**6:00 Cocktails
6:45 Dinner (2 meat buffet – turkey & ribs)
8:00 Program**

2006 Highlights

**Denny, Benny & Friends – Ventriloquism, Comedy & Political Commentary
By Dennis Naughton – former Dubuque FF Club Member**

Election of 2007 Officers

We will vote to install the following slate of officers:

PRESIDENT: *DIANNE KARAL*

VICE PRESIDENTS: *TRESSA YOUNGBEAR & STEPHANIE SCHULTE*

SECRETARY: *DARBY ANDERSON*

TREASURER: *WINSTON EDSON*

Please send reservation form & payment (\$20 each) by November 1 to:

Victor Klopfenstein, 5540 Hunters Ridge Ct, Marion, IA 52302

Checks should be payable to: CR/IC Friendship Force

Name/s _____

Guests: _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

The following 2 board positions are still vacant - please call Dianne Karal if you are interested in helping - 319-378-0084)

- EXCHANGE DIRECTOR for JAPAN: _____

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR / DISTRIBUTION: _____

This position could be filled by one person or two persons – (one person to design the newsletter and another to distribute it and maintain a database of recipients). The newsletter is currently designed in Microsoft Word and emailed to the vast majority of members. If you would like further information, call Frank or Mary Stull (393-6254) or Sally Nelson (857-5296)

Proposed Officers and Committee Chairs for 2007:

PRESIDENT: *DIANNE KARAL*
VICE PRESIDENT: *TRESSA YOUNGBEAR & STEPHANIE SCHULTE*
SECRETARY: *DARBY ANDERSON*
TREASURER: *WINSTON EDSON*
MEMBERSHIP: *RICHARD & MARGARET MILLER*
COMMUNICATION: *STEVE WILLIAMS*
DIRECTORS at LARGE: *Sally Fairchild 12/07 & Mary Lukas 12/08*
EXCHANGE DIRECTOR for PERU: *MARGARET MILLER*
PAST EXCHANGE DIRECTORS: *PHYLLIS SEIDL & MARY LUKAS*
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: *VICTOR KLOPFENSTEIN*
ACTIVITIES: *JILL RINKENBERGER & MARGARET NELSON*
HISTORIAN: *MARY CARSON*
NEW MEMBER MENTORING: *PAULA PEARSON*

*"If you walk as a friend you will find a friend
Wherever you choose to fare,
If you go with mirth to a far strange land you
Will find that mirth is there.
For the strangest part of this queer old world is
That like will join with like,
And who walks with love for his fellowmen an
Answering love will strike."
-Edgar A. Guest*

Calendar of Events, 2006

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| Oct. 12-15 | FFI Int'l Conference in Dublin, Ireland |
| Nov. 5 6 p.m. | Annual Membership Meeting and Election |
| Dec. 5 6 p.m. | Planning Meeting for all 2007 Board Members at the home of
Dianne Karal: 4859 Oak Grove Ct NE Cedar Rapids |



Looking ahead: In 2007, Friendship Force International has moved the International Conference from November to March, which will be here before you know it. This conference will be hosted in Atlanta. Below is brief information and a website to go to for more details.

Celebrate 30 Years of Friendship this March! For 30 years, Friendship Force International has called Atlanta, Georgia, USA home. Atlanta, Georgia is the largest city in the Southeast, USA and one of the most culturally diverse cities in the United States. Home to Martin Luther King, Ted Turner and many other peace building individuals, Atlanta has been a symbol for cultural understanding in the United States for centuries. In 1996, Atlanta was awarded the opportunity to host the Olympic Games and now you can visit the Centennial Park and remember when millions of people from around the world gathered in the name of good sportsmanship. In 1977, the Greater Atlanta community consisted of roughly 1,000,000 people and now claims a population of over 4,000,000. Similarly, Friendship Force International in 1977 had no more than 100 members and now the global network contains over 20,000 members. That is something to celebrate! Register for the 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration and/or the 2007 International Conference today at www.friendshipforce.org/atlanta2007.htm

The Friendship Force

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Mission Statement:

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