

CR\IC Friendship Force UPDATE

October 3, 2007

Greetings from Your President, Dianne Karal

We had a *great* exchange with Peru, and I want to thank Margaret Miller and her entire committee and helpers for a week that I'm sure the Peruvians will remember forever. They cooked, danced, sang, visited some wonderful sights, made new friends and seemed to have a great time. They have invited us to visit them as soon as possible. Well Done!!

Steve Williams and Vic Klopfenstein have been working hard on the program for our Open World Exchange, October 6th - 15th. *The Russians are coming!!*

Twenty Ambassadors will be leaving October 22nd for Japan. Everyone is excited and anxious to have the chance to experience a new and different culture. I'm sure you will all hear about the adventure and see pictures, and hopefully get excited about the opportunities that Friendship Force affords us.

Don't keep Friendship Force a secret.....share it with all your friends!!

In friendship, Dianne

Sunday, November 11 Annual Meeting Mark Your Calendar - R.S.V.P. Necessary!

At the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library
in West Branch, Iowa

Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served during social time from 3-4 PM in the Reading Room.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the auditorium from 4-5 PM.

Cost for Annual Meeting: \$4.00 per member.

Members who would like to tour the museum and take the walking tour should go early and have their touring completed around 3 PM.

Cost of tours: 62 & older is \$3.00; 61 & younger is \$6.00.

The Library-Museum & Park closes at 5:00 PM.

We hope all members will come to help celebrate a successful 2007 and help start planning for an exciting 2008.

Please R.S.V.P. to Darby at darby.anderson@mchsi.com or at 319-431-8417 by Nov 1st.

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| Open World | To be determined |
| IRIS | To be determined |
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Membership Dues

We will begin collecting the dues for calendar year 2008 at the Annual Meeting. After Nov 11th, please return the following to Marty Novak – 1253 Belmont Pky NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. (We need to meet FF International's deadline).

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.

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

Name: _____ Name _____

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

BERLIN – the City of Great Changes

**This will be our destination for the outgoing
one-week exchange May 5th – 12th, 2008.**

Berlin is the heart of modern Germany, with a stoic beat that echoes through grand public buildings, glorious museums and theatres, urbane restaurants, bustling pubs and raucous nightclubs.

It's a city that thrives on change and that has made a virtue out of reinventing itself.

If you are interested in being an ambassador for this exchange, please contact Tressa at: ityoungbear@iowatelecom.net or call 641-484-5239 or 319-350-4143.

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"Glorious time" had by 6 Peruvians from Trujillo, Nor Peru

This was a great exchange which also included the Exchange Director from Cincinnati and her husband and one other ambassador from Cincinnati who stayed the entire time. Much fun was had at the Welcome Banquet when we were introduced to their native dance the Marinera. Trujillo is considered the capital of this dance. We also heard some of their songs both on the bus going to the Celebration Belle on the Mississippi River and at the potluck at Wickiup Hill. They were impressed with College Community Schools where they toured both the High School and Prairie Crest Elementary School. Much fun was had climbing into the cab of a semi at the "largest truck stop in the USA" on I-80, and again during the farm tour riding on a combine and tractor.

We had a taste of their cuisine at the potluck. They were delightful and many friendships have been made. A warm reception awaits us when we visit Peru. Thanks to everyone who made this exchange a success.

Margaret Miller

A new club brochure is being developed. It will be available soon. It will be a great way to share the story and purpose of Friendship Force with your friends.

Open World Program Updates

From October 6 through 15, our club is hosting a delegation of three men and four women from Russia. The delegates are eldercare workers or social service workers; two facilitators and two interpreters complete the group. Their program includes visits to many senior citizens sites in the Cedar Rapids area. There is an amazing array of great places servicing seniors. Two special events for this group include hearing Russian writers with the Writers Workshop in Iowa City read from their own work on Tuesday and attending the Saturday banquet at the FF Regional Conference in Dubuque.

We are privileged to have several new hosts including John and Liz Sauer, who just joined our club. Other hosts are Ron and Margaret Nelson, Chuck and Janet Thulin, Will and Karen Mickelson, Richard and Veta Hildebrand, Vic and Pat Klopfenstein, Winston and Marceil Edson and Steve and Nancy Williams. Vic Klopfenstein and Colleen Nieman have been instrumental in arranging programs and home hosting for Open World delegates. Steve Williams joined them the last few years.

Each year Open World delegates come from a wide variety of Russian cities and represent many interests and personalities. Each group has a specific focus. We have hosted programs in Economic Development, Social Services, and Women in the Media.

Open World is under the auspices of the Library of Congress and is sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center. Friendship Force is one of the hosting organizations and our club has been recognized as an exemplary hosting club. This is the sixth or seventh year our club has hosted Open World program delegates. Prior to the Open World program, our club participated in a similar program through Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS).

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Wishing you peace, prosperity, health, happiness, friendship
and happy travels in 2007!

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Calendar of Events, 2007

October 6-15 - OPEN WORLD EXCHANGE - Exchange Director: Steve Williams
October 6 - Welcoming potluck at Vic & Pat Klopfenstein's at 6 PM.
October 9 - Let's Eat Out at Peking Buffet in Coralville at 5:45 PM

October 12-14 - Midwest Festival in Dubuque

October 22-November 6 - Outgoing Exchange to Japan, Exchange Director: Vic Klopfenstein

November 1, Thursday - RSVP for the Annual Meeting

November 11, Sunday - Annual Meeting, at Hoover Presidential Library



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Mission Statement:

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