

CR\IC Friendship Force UPDATE

February 11, 2004

Greetings from Your President

Sally Nelson

Hi friends! There are several opportunities in the next couple months to be aware of. Details on these events are later in this newsletter.

- L.E.O. (Let's Eat Out) Vernon Inn, 5:30 pm - RSVP to Mary Stull 393-6254 *Open to All!*
- Even if you are not hosting Russians, mark your calendar on Feb. 21 for the pot luck or Feb 27 for the farewell dinner at Indian Creek Country Club.
- On Feb. 29 stop by the U of I Cultural Diversity Festival to say Hi to our volunteers Mary Stull, Joan Jacob, Dolores Kaiden and Joanne Smith handing out information about Friendship Force.
- If a couple more volunteers step forth, we will march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade at 1 pm on March 17 in Cedar Rapids. Those who have volunteered so far are Diane Karal, Shirley Rosencrans, Steve Williams and myself
- **Five or six volunteers are needed to bring a crock pot of soup for the general meeting Mar. 28.** Please call me. (857-5296)
- Contact me if you register for the Heartland Conf., I will compile a list to facilitate car pooling.

FYI:

- A Scholarship Committee has been formed to research and recommend guidelines to award future scholarships. Members include: Mary Stull, Stephanie Schulte, Shirley Rosencrans, Dolores Kaiden, Richard Miller and Steve Miller.
- The Board of Directors is beginning to review and update our club bylaws. Remember, Board meetings are open to anyone interested. Just call me, so we make space for you.
- When your friends ask "What is Friendship Force? do you struggle with the answer? Well, soon you will be able to hand them a brochure that will help! Hopefully, the brochures will be available at the general meeting in March.
- **Save your books, books on tape and videos that you would like to recycle for a future club book sale!**

General Meeting

Sunday, March 28, 2004, 2 PM

PLACE: St. Jude's Catholic Church, 50 Edgewood Rd. NW Cedar Rapids

Speaker: Ivan Sablin, foreign exchange student from Russia at Marion High School. If you have been to Russia, and have items or photos to share, please bring them to share!

POOR MAN'S SOUP SUPPER SERVED in honor of tax season!
Bring one or two muffin tins, Styrofoam cups to sample soups, and dress casual (jeans?)



Upcoming Exchanges

RUSSIAN OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP: There will be a pot luck honoring the arrival of the Russian Open World Leadership participants on **Saturday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Pat & Vic Klopfenstein. We encourage all Friendship Force members to attend and welcome our Russian ambassadors. **Please bring dinnerware & 2 dishes to share. Beverages will be furnished.**

The farewell Dinner & Awards Ceremony will be held at Indian Creek Country Club, 2401 Indian Creek Rd on Friday February 27. Social is at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Members please come and join in the week's memories and pictures. \$16.50 for dinner and entertainment. **Please call Pat or Vic at 377-5502 by Wednesday, Feb. 25 by noon for reservations.** If you are hosting, no need to call. We sure are looking forward to another great Open World Leadership Program. One of the interpreters is our contact in Washington D.C.-let's show her some Iowa hospitality!
Vic Klopfenstein, Program Director

SCOTLAND: A warm, sunny May 11th doesn't seem too far away for 20 ambassadors that will be leaving for the west of Scotland. They include: Betty Emrich, Sally & Lou Fairchild, Marge Ferris, Nancy & Steve Miller, Sally & Greg Nelson, Phyllis & Jerry Seidl, Joyce & Ron Swanson and Bernita Walker. The other seven ambassadors are: Marilou and Don Simpson from the Quad Cities FF; David Law from the Dayton, Ohio FF; David Fredin, Carol Thompson and Charlene and George Foster from Northern Ill. FF. **Ambassadors, please submit requested information to ED Nancy Miller by Feb. 15** so she can forward it to Scotland to assign host families. Any questions, call Nancy Miller, 393-3580 ED.

Traveling ambassadors, there will be a workshop on Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 pm at the home of Steve and Nancy Miller (4618 Chestnut Ridge Ct NE). There will be opportunity to ask questions of a native Scot, enjoy homemade shortbread and sample Scotch whiskey if you like!

Welcome New Members

Wayne & Ann Scott live in Marion and winter in Florida. Ann enjoys visiting 14 grandchildren spread throughout six states on the East Coast. Wayne also enjoys railroading and photography. They like history and are interested in meeting people from around the world. They learned of Friendship Force from Joanne Smith.

Richard & Carolyn Bice live in Marion and they own Consumer Insurance Services in NE Cedar Rapids. Richard enjoys woodworking and travel and Carolyn enjoys reading. They have traveled extensively, but look forward to a homestay experience as well as hosting in their home. They learned about Friendship Force from Pat and Vic Klopfenstein

Don & Elizabeth Underwood live in Marion and winter (Dec. to April) in Houston. They have grandchildren in Houston and New Orleans and more family in St. Cloud. Last year's travels included London, Paris, Rome and a Caribbean cruise. Liz is a retired registered nurse. Don is a retired educator. Steve and Nancy Williams introduced them to Friendship Force.

Welcome New Members (Cont.)

Will & Karen Mickelson live in Cedar Rapids and both enjoy participating in many sports activities. They have 3 grandchildren, two nearby and one in Florida. Will is a retired engineer from Rockwell. They have been to Norway and hope to do more traveling and possibly hosting. They were invited to a Friendship Force meeting by Greg and Sally Nelson.

Community Cultural Events

Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival - Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, noon-5:00 pm, U of I Field House
A free event offering music, dances, games, food, crafts, and educational activities from many different cultures! Ethnic foods, arts and crafts are available to purchase. Park in lots 6, 13, 14, Hospital Ramp 4, or the ramp south of the Field House. Additional parking is available near The University Recreation Bldg where shuttle vans will take you to the festival.

If you enjoyed the Indian dance performance at our meeting in January, then check out the following:
Nachte Rahon, 2nd Annual Indian dance competition, March 6, 5:00 pm. Iowa Memorial Union, 2nd Floor Ballroom. \$10 includes authentic Indian dinner & show - call Pushpa Aggarwal at 377-4683 or 378-6661. There will be numerous dance teams from across the nation competing. The dinner will be Indian cuisine catered by Taj Mahal.

Annual Dues

If you have not yet paid your annual dues for 2004, please submit a check with the following form ASAP to Richard Miller, at 2011 Linmar Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

Remember, your dues support our club's operating expenses.

Name(s) _____

Address (include both addresses if you winter south): _____

Phone: Home _____ Email: _____
Work: _____

Please check one: Family Membership (\$45) _____ Individual Membership (\$35) _____

Heartland Regional Conference, April 24, 2004

Now, more than ever, FFI needs regional cooperation between clubs to strengthen membership and fill exchanges. The conference provides you an opportunity to share your ideas and network with your neighbors in the Heartland Region.

We hope attendees will take advantage of varied home hosting opportunities from the four clubs in this region. (see brochure for details). You should have received information previously, but here it is again. Take note of the deadlines.

You must call the Ramada Inn to make your own room reservations before March 23: Room rates are \$83.00 plus tax per room per night for 1- 4 persons. Identify yourself as a Friendship Force participant attending the Regional Conference. Parking is free for hotel guests. The Ramada Inn is located just three blocks from the Milwaukee Public Museum where the Saturday evening festivities will be held.

FULL CONFERENCE FEE: \$70.00 – registration and all meals (two snacks, lunch and dinner on Saturday plus breakfast buffet on Sunday) and a tour of the special “Quest for Life” Egyptian Exhibit.

CHOICES FOR SATURDAY DINNER

- Chicken Duxelle en Croute: Boneless chicken breast stuffed w/ mushrooms duxelle and wrapped in puff pastry
- Sliced Roasted Pork Tenderloin: Served with a raspberry glaze and scalloped apples.
- Vegetarian Mixed Grill: Portabella mushrooms, asparagus, grilled eggplant, broccoli with pasta in a marinara sauce.

CONFERENCE AND LUNCH ONLY - \$40.00 –includes conference registration plus snacks and lunch on Saturday. Lunch will be a buffet of assorted cold cuts, cheeses, salads, rolls, chips, beverage and chocolate mousse.

Queen Size Patriotic Quilt
Handmade
Each letter is embroidered to represent something American.

Note : a raffle is being conducted for a beautiful queen-size patriotic quilt hand made by Milwaukee club members.

I have photos available

You need not be present to win!
Raffle tickets will be available at our meeting on March 28.

Questions?

Contact Terry Peter: tpeters73@wi.rr.com

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Feel free to contact any board member with questions or to volunteer your talents.

Friendship Force 2004 Calendar of Events

- February 18** L.E.O. (Let's Eat Out) Vernon Inn, 5:30 pm - RSVP to Mary Stull 393-6254 *Open to All!*
- February 21** Russian Open World Leadership Pot luck at **Vic and Pat Klopfenstein's**, 6:30 pm
5540 Hunters Ridge Ct. Marion - bring 2 dishes to share and your own dinnerware.
- February 27** Farewell Dinner for Russian Open World Leadership Exchange
Indian Creek Country Club, 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm dinner
\$16.50 includes dinner, entertainment - **RSVP to Klopfenstein's 377-5502 by noon on 2/25.**
- Feb. 29** Cultural Diversity Festival at University of Iowa Field House 12-5 pm *Try it!*
- March 8** Board Meeting, 6:15 p.m. **Metro Buffet 448 33rd Ave. SW, CR**
- March 17** 1 pm, St. Patrick's Day Parade? *Any more brave souls out there?*
- March 28** General Meeting 2:00 p.m. St. Judes Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids
Tax Time: Poor Man's Soup Supper will be served - bring muffin tins & styro cups
Speaker: Ivan Savin, Topic: Russia
- April 18** Scotland Workshop for ambassadors at home of Steve & Nancy Miller 1 p.m.
- April 24** Midwest Regional Heartland Conference in Milwaukee
- May 11** Ambassadors leave for Scotland

The Friendship Force

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Mission Statement:

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