

CR\IC Friendship Force UPDATE

July 30, 2005

Greetings from Your Presidents, Steve & Nancy Williams

A brief note in the midst of summer travels.

The only general meetings in the near future are the dinners associated with exchanges. Look for the date of the Varel, Germany Farewell Dinner, and plan to attend.

Thanks to five hard working exchange directors, much is going on in our club. We want all of the members to be involved. So seek out:

- Sally Nelson and help with the **Varel, Germany Exchange** in August.
Host family slots are filled, but at least come to the welcome barbeque and farewell banquet.
- Mary Stull with the **Mystery In-bound** exchange in early October
29 incoming ambassadors for only Friday and Saturday nights. **We need hosts!**
- Vic Klopfenstein with the **Open World Exchange** just a bit later in October
Great chance to practice your Russian for a week
- Phyllis Seidl -Travel with Phyllis to **Latvia and Russia** in June, 2006
More information later or write Phyllis Seidl, E-mail Address: seidlgerald@msn.com
- Shirley Rosencrans with the **Midwest Festival**.
Sorry it is over, if you missed it, you missed some great folks – thank you Shirley!

Look for details of our 20th Anniversary Banquet and annual meeting coming in November. Some other ideas for those who are willing to be more involved. Consider volunteering for a 2006 committee assignment. We need help with communication. The Dubuque Telegraph Herald had a nice front page story on the Midwest Festival. The Gazette missed it.

Scholarship Opportunity!!!!



Friendship Force International Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 3-6.
Our Board is offering an **\$800 scholarship** to a club member to attend International Conference. See details within – immediate application necessary!

****Members please find your updated copy of the membership directory enclosed.****
(send corrections to Frank Stull (fpstull@aol.com) or 5819 Golden Court NE, Cedar Rapids IA 52402)



Congratulations
Herman Knappe and Marie Babbich
married May 29, 2005



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Food & Fun !

The next L.E.O. is set for Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. @ Carlos O'Kelly's, 3320 Armar Drive, Marion



Gather your friends and come for traditional Mexican food (Cheeseburger available if you're not a Mexican fan). It has been a very busy summer with exchanges and personal vacations and yet a busy fall approaching – share your experiences and keep in touch with Friendship Force friends!

RSVP to Dianne Karal by Monday, Sept. 12 at 378-0084

Frank Stull's Sloppy Joes
(served at the Festival picnic)
1# ground beef, 1 clove garlic chopped, ½ C onion chopped
1 tsp Morton's season salt
2 T soy sauce, 2 T Worcestershire sauce, ½ C ketchup, ½ C mustard
Brown meat with onion garlic & season salt. Drain, Add remaining ingredients. Measurements are approx. Adjust seasonings to your taste

Incoming Exchange, Varel, Germany

Sixteen ambassadors arrive in Cedar Rapids from Varel, Germany for the 2nd week of their exchange on August 23, 2005. We will welcome them with a **buffalo burger barbeque** at the home of Steve and Nancy Miller at 7:00 p.m. that same evening. All members are invited to attend. **Please bring a dish to share to serve 10-12 people and lawn chairs.** Table service and beverages will be provided. There will be a **charge of \$3/ea** to cover costs. Your **RSVP** would be helpful for a headcount to Sally Nelson @ 875-5296.

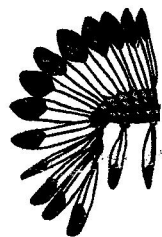


Another event you won't want to miss is the **farewell banquet** to be held Monday evening, August 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at A Touch of Class, 5977 Mt. Vernon Rd. SE Cedar Rapids. **Cost: \$13 each**

Dinner will be a two meat buffet and entertainment will be provided by:

Storm Seymour,
an award-winning Meskwaki vocalist and songwriter,
& Redtale,

Native Americans who tell stories through spirited music and dance.



So, come and help us wish a fond farewell to our new German friends and learn some local native American culture at the same time! Invite your friends!

RSVP is necessary for this event by August 21st. Please mail your check for \$13 ea. to Sally Nelson – 2807 Deer Valley Dr. NE Swisher, IA 52338.

Exchange Updates

A Report on the Road Rally in June:

18 FF Members participated in the Road Rally June 11th. A great time was had by all, Winners were John Elliott, Joan Jacob, Mike Karal and Bernita Walker. I did hear that one car had to backtrack, and maybe the navigator was fired..... We had a great lunch at Villa Comengena followed by a talk on life in WW2 Austria by Inga Schminke. —By Margaret Miller

THANK YOU Margaret for organizing this fun event!

Midwest Magic & The Mighty Mississippi Festival Followup:



A very big **THANK YOU** to all the host families, day hosts, dinner hosts, the hospitality committee for the farewell potluck, to Sally Fairchild for the entertainment, to Steve Miller for taking the pictures and getting copies for me on such a short notice, the Quad Cities and the Dubuque clubs and to anyone else who I might have missed who helped make the festival a huge success. I heard nothing but positive comments from the 34 ambassadors. They said we were well organized and they liked the diversity of the festival.

I escorted them on the 2-day Mississippi cruise so we had plenty of time for chatting about their host families and the different events during the festival. One question was, "When are you going to do it again?" Two or three people wanted to know how we put the festival together with two other

clubs because they are interested in doing a festival with clubs in their area. I believe our efforts to be involved with the Quad Cities and the Dubuque clubs with our tri-club picnic each year has been a real bonus for the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City club. Again, thank you. This event couldn't happen without the support of all our Friendship Force members.
-Shirley Rosencrans, ED, Midwest Festival Photo is Daisy the Clown (aka our very own Sally Fairchild) entertaining at the farewell picnic at Mohawk Park)

Open World Hosting -

We are awaiting further word from Friendship Force International in Atlanta regarding the exact arrival and departure dates and names of the next group of delegates to visit. We know it will be sometime the last half of October. Stay tuned for further details!

Mystery Tour Hosting October 7-9, 2005

How would you like to host a Friendship Force member from another regional club for **two nights in October?** From Friday evening, October 7 through noon on Sunday, October 9, 29 ambassadors will be in our area.



Activities begin with a potluck for the entire club on Friday night and then hosts and guests will head home to get acquainted. Saturday events will start with a docent-guided tour of Grant Wood's American Gothic at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art followed by a tour of Grant Wood's studio. Then we're off to the Amanas for a matinee performance of the farce, *It Runs in the Family*, at the Old Creamery Theater. After the show, we'll enjoy a traditional Amana dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn

What can you do? We need home hosts as well as members to help plan or host activities. Everyone is welcome to participate in all the activities. **To sign up to home host or help plan activities, contact Mary Stull (319) 393-6254. SHH...Don't forget it's a mystery tour so do not tell your friends at other U.S. clubs about this event!**

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Scholarship Program

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship to attend International Conference in November, it is imperative you submit your application no later than August 15, 2005 to Vic Klopfenstein, 5540 Hunters Ridge Court Marion, IA 52302.

Selection will be made by August 23, 2005. Registration deadline for the conference is September 2, 2005.

When making reservations, be sure to get the travel insurance offered to enable return of your money if you should need to cancel. (Please ask cancellation policies).

If you have never been to an International Conference, think about it now! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from all over the world at one site! In addition, it is an inspiring, motivational, educational, fun experience!!!! FFI is offering "all-inclusive" packages from Miami, including a post-conference homestay and/or a Buenos Aires tour after the conference. Check out the website: <http://www.friendshipforce.org/> for more information. For example, the price from Miami including air, conference registration, hotel, and a 5-day, 4-night tour to Buenos Aires is \$1590. Just think - the scholarship would cover half this cost! (You must arrange own travel to and from Miami.

Guidelines for CR/IC Friendship Force

Purpose of the funds: To strive to give more value to the members and to either develop leaders or thank current leaders, the CR/IC Friendship Force has developed a scholarship or travelship program. This program will assist members financially for attendance in an International Conference. Funds will be given only to one applicant for years the International Conference is held outside the United States. The maximum amount per year to be given is \$1,000. **This scholarship is not based on financial need and the scholarship award for the year 2005 is \$800.00**

Program Criteria:

- Applicant must be an active club member, defined as one who regularly attends and participates in General Meetings and has indicated a willingness to accept a leadership position within the next two years. Also be willing to share their experiences at a general membership meeting.
- The Travelship must be applied toward the cost of an International Conference
- If the applicant is not able to travel after the award is given, the money is to be returned to the scholarship fund.
- The President or Vice-President is not eligible for this scholarship as the Club already is providing other financial support.
- A member is eligible to receive only one scholarship

See reverse side for application form