

JOINT MEETING WITH DUBUQUE FF CLUB

January 14, 2001

CRVIC Friendship Force UPDATE

December 28, 2000

A Word from the President

It is hard to believe that we are in the year 2001. Where does the time go? I would like to say a **big thank you** to **Bernita Walker**, President 2000, the Board and members who have so graciously given of their time this past year. We have had a lot of fun together and we are all looking forward to meeting many new friends in Friendship Force in 2001. After attending the International Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, I truly see an organization working at understanding world peace and harmony. We can all do a small share to realize the dream of Wayne Smith.

ANKARA, TURKEY EXCHANGE

MAY 1 -14, 2001

Our outgoing exchange is to Ankara, Turkey in May with **Betty Emrich** and **Janice Schmitz** as Co-directors. If you are interested, please call Betty as soon as possible. We need 20 - 25 ambassadors for the return visit to Turkey. We had such a wonderful time when the group from Turkey was here and I am sure they are planning a great exchange for our group. Those going on the exchange will have the option of staying a second week.

LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND EXCHANGE

SEPTEMBER, 2001

Our incoming exchange will be from Leicestershire, England in September and the exchange directors are **Steve & Nancy Miller**. Even though Steve & Nancy will be in warm, sunny Florida for the next three months while we are shoveling snow up to our waist, they will be keeping in touch with England and thus, keeping the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Club informed.

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JANUARY 14, 2001

Our next Friendship Force meeting will be January 14 as a joint meeting/dinner with the Dubuque club. They have invited us be part of their "South of the Border" theme which includes dinner and entertainment. The meeting/dinner will be held at the meeting room upstairs at the *Diamond Joe Casino in Dubuque* and the cost is \$11 per person. the social hour starts at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. **Reservations can be made to Joanne Smith 319-395-9440 by January 10.**

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We have discussed carpooling to Dubuque. The Iowa City group should meet at the Radisson Hotel(formerly the Highlander) west parking lot, west entrance off Hwy 1 at 3:45pm and the Cedar Rapids group should meet at the Marion HyVee parking lot (southwest corner) at 3:45pm. Also, the Dubuque club has offered 3 homes for overnight home stay. They can accommodate 3 couples or 2 people to each home. If you are interested in the overnight home stay, please call me, Shirley, at 362-8500(work) or 462-4132(home) by January 5, 2001.

Let's have a great showing of our club for the evening with the Dubuque club. One of our goals for 2001 was to get more involved and to get to know our own and our neighboring club members better. What better opportunity than an evening of sharing dinner, conversation and fun! I have put in my order for warmer weather and dry roads all the way to Dubuque. Also, we are inviting a return visit by the Dubuque club to have a picnic with us at the Wapsipinicon State Park June 9, 2001.

CLUB MEETING, MARCH 4, 2001

March 4, 2001 will be our next club meeting with a potluck at 1:00pm at the St. Andrews Church in Iowa City. Gerry Stoner has agreed to do the program on Turkey so our outgoing exchange in May will have a better idea of what to expect on their trip. Gerry has been to Turkey several times and has traveled through the countryside.

I hope that each and every one of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2001. We have a wonderful organization and a great membership. Each one of us can make a personal effort for 2001 to increase our membership and get the word out about Friendship Force. There is a lot to do in the upcoming year and I hope that each member will consider taking a small role in helping out when asked to serve on a committee or whatever needs to be done. It is a very rewarding experience. I thank you for everything that you have already done to make a job easier.

Shirley Rosencrans

PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL FOR THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Shirley Rosencranz
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Anamosa, Iowa 52205

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Nov. 28th meeting notes

We met at the Hills Bank in North Liberty. Most of the discussion was on how to promote the out going exchange to Turkey. 9 people have signed up with another 22 who have shown an interest. Betty Emrich will give them a call. She would like to have a yes Commitment by Dec. 15, 2000. The joint meeting with the Dubuque club is to help promote filling the exchange and we were encouraged to attend the joint meeting, make new friends and talk up the exchange.

The first week of the Turkey exchange will be in Ankara, Turkey. The second week is open and are looking for input from those who wish to go.

Then we reviewed the 2001 schedule of events. See last page for more information.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Remind members to use the IRIS credit they have earned towards Friendship force travel

EXCHANGE INFORMANTION

Ankara Turkey May 1 - 14, 2001

See presidents message for the latest details. Betty Emrich and Januis Schmidt are the Exchange Directors.

Leicestershire United Kingdom Sept. 2001

They will be coming in September and Steve and Nancy Miller are the Exchange Directors. Return to the Presidents message for more details

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DOMESTIC EXCHANGES

Shelby No. Carolina

I sent you an email in early October that everything was fine for your April, 2001 trip to NC. Everything is set to go for April whenever you choose, except Easter Week. Most of our people will be away then. Please let me hear from you. Marietta.

Please call Jim Nieman 319-396-5892 if you would like to go and for more information.

Grand Junction, Co. Bernita Walker has received a reply, stating they are interested in a 2002 exchange. They would like us to visit them between May and Sept. The Iowa time frame is up to us.

If you have some place you have dreamed of going to, look on the last two inside pages of the FF mag... We are always looking for locations to set up an exchange with, give us your ideas and if possible a contact person.

Cherkasy, Ukraine Visitors from IRIS

We had 5 people here for the month of October.

Vladimir Chemeris	Ted & Trish Healy	2 WK
	JoAnn & Rudy Gorbajuk	2WK
Irina Mihailik	Colleen & Jim Nieman	month
Serhiv Kucherenko	George & Marlene Milligan	WKend
	Dick & Doris Faas	2WK
Olena Derzhaveva	Tom & Mary Ann Harding	3 WK
	Bernita & Morris Walker	1WK
Hryhoriy Bohun	Ed & Michelle Lovetinsky	month

Notice IRIS will be offering a 2 week trip to the Ukraine in the spring of 2001. Host families will have the first choice. At this point we are looking at going to the Ukraine the last 2 weeks of May. Our current new friends say this is the best time to come. The trip is full. Contact Colleen Nieman 319-396-5892.

DUES ARE FROM JANUARY TO JANUARY

Please pay yours now and send it to

Jerry Seidl

7709 Princeton Dr. NE
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!!!! New Members wanted !!!!

Summer time is the time we talk about our vacations, We as members have access to many opportunities to be in contact with friends from other countries. This places us in high esteem with other people. When we find someone who is showing you some interest in our tales of our experiences, tell them about FF and ask them to join our club. **Cost is \$32 for family membership and \$27 for single membership**, which includes the FF mag.....(Costs \$12 and a \$5 FF assessment). Note: If you haven't received a Friendship force Magazine Lately, your dues are not up to date. We don't pay FF fees until you pay. . Send your check to **Jerry Seidl**, club treasurer: 7709 Princeton Dr.. NE. Cedar Rapids, Ia, 52402.

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Exchange Directors			
Turkey	Betty Emrich & Januis Schmidt		
UK	Steve & Nancy Miller ✓		

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Calendar of Events

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDER

- Jan. 14** **Joint meeting with Dubuque club on the Diamond Jo for dinner and friendship. Those who feel lucky can go down stairs.**
- March 4th General meeting At St. Andrews Church in Iowa City 1 - 4 PM
- May 1-14 Outgoing exchange to Ankara Turkey
- June 9-10 Joint meeting with Dubuque club Picnic at Wapsipinicon state park Lodge #42 on the 10th and tour Grant wood Stone City on the 11th With over night home stays.
- July 15th Club picnic in Kent State Park
- Sept Incoming Exchange with Leicestershire, United Kingdom
- Nov. 4th Annual Meeting at the National Czech & Slovak Museum
- Dec. 2nd Club Christmas Party at Steve & Nancy Miller's house

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