

# CR/IC Friendship Force UPDATE

January 24, 2002

## A Word from the President Nancy Miller

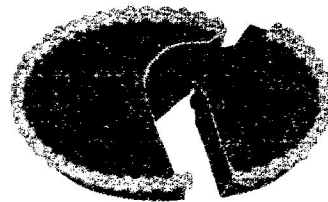
Happy New Year to all of you. The September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks reaffirmed my belief that organizations like the Friendship Force enable us to meet and become friends with individuals from different cultures and this is critical to our world's survival. The process of living with people lets us come to understand that we all have many common goals, aspirations and beliefs.

A busy and exciting year lies ahead and I hope all of you will join us in as many activities as possible. I enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Christmas Open House. My special thanks are extended to all my board members who are joining with me for this coming year. Also, kudos to our audit committee, Richard Ferris, Vic Klopfenstein and Jerry Seidl!! You'll be glad to know that the books are in good order.

Mark your calendar for all the upcoming activities and events. Hope to see you at the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Marion Public Library at 2 pm. The program for the meeting will be Shirley Rosencrans telling us all the details about the Edmonton, Canada outgoing exchange and we will also be viewing the new Friendship Force promotional video that the membership committee purchased. See you soon.

*Nancy*

**HELP WANTED:** We need cherry pies for the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you can bake or buy a pie for this meeting, please call Paula Pearson, 377-8192 as soon as possible.



Thank you to Bernita Walker for talking about Friendship Force to the Beta Nu chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Also Nancy Miller spoke to Herman Knappe's Daybreak Optimist Club. Membership packets will be available for all members at the February meeting. We need to inform our area about our great club.



**MEMBERSHIP INFO**

Bernita Walker

Greetings from the membership committee. Members of the new 2002 committee are Bernita Walker, chair, Chuck Thayer and Vic Klopfenstein. We have assembled new membership packets, which can be given to new members and prospective members. The packets are available from all three of the committee members.

A new video that tells the Friendship Force story has been purchased and it will be shown at the February meeting. It is up to date, colorful and a great way to tell the story in 15 minutes.

Everyone is needed to recruit new members. We hope all of you will bring a guest sometime to a meeting. If you belong to a group who would enjoy hearing some one speak about Friendship Force, contact Bernita, at (563) 886-3098. She is willing to speak and tell about her wonderful experiences.

**INCOMING SCOTLAND EXCHANGE**

**September 29 to October 6, 2002**

With the arrival of the New Year we begin to look forward to the arrival of the Ambassadors from Scotland. Many of you signed up to be hosts or day hosts at our last general meeting. As we begin planning for their visit we want to make sure all of the membership has had an opportunity to sign up to participate in this exchange. In addition to hosting there will be volunteers needed to plan activities such as a welcome event, welcome gifts, day excursions, a banquet, farewell gifts and entertainment. If you would like to be considered for hosting or any of the committees needed for this exchange please, contact: exchange directors:

Herman & Millie Knappe

(319) 365-0335

or

Dick & Doris Faas (319) 857-4177



**MEMBER NEWS**

Charlotte Olson fell and broke her hip while visiting her daughter's family in Texas over the Christmas holidays. Charlotte would enjoy cheery notes sent to her daughter's home where she is recovering. Her address is Charlotte Olson c/o Kathy Sedlet 2824 Shasta Dr, Plano, TX 75025

**EXCHANGE TO EDMONTON CANADA JUNE 27 TO JULY 4**

Exchange Director, Shirley Rosencrans

I have been very busy since Christmas talking with the Atlanta office and the exchange directors from Edmonton and the Quad Cities. We have determined the exchange will be June 27 - July 4. Then, we have the option of adding a five-day tour of Banff, Jasper, Lake Louise and the Calgary area via motor coach. Between the two clubs, we must have a minimum of 25 people to do the extended tour. We would then fly home the morning of July 9.



Edmonton is excited about our coming and they can host a maximum of 35 people. As of last week, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City had 25 people and the Quad Cities had 15 people signed up for the exchange. The total price of the exchange and the five-day tour has not been finalized. Last week the airfare was approximately \$350 USD and the five-day tour was approximately \$650 USD. I will be calling everyone who has already signed up for the exchange to confirm their reservation for the exchange. If you have not signed up for the exchange but are interested, please give me a call 462-4132 (home) or 362-8500 (work).

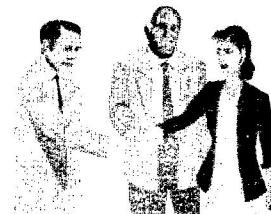
Once the details have been worked out, the Quad Cities and the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City clubs will be getting together for an informational meeting. Deposits will be due at that time. Be sure and come to the Friendship Force meeting on Sunday, February 24 at the Marion Library for more details. The program will be on Edmonton and the surrounding area.

**HEARTLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

April 6, 2002

The Heartland Regional Conference will be at the Quality Inn South, Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the daylong conference begins at 9 am and concludes with dinner and entertainment. Clubs from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Nebraska have been invited. As Maggie Dohn, conference chair, told me, "It is important that we as an area get together to discuss ways that will make our clubs more relevant to the changing times." More details will be forthcoming at the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. I hope many of our

CR/IC club members can join me for this one-day conference.



The hotel rate is \$72 per night plus 13-1/2% city tax and includes continental breakfast. Four people can share a room. The hotel has a full service restaurant, bar and indoor pool. Phone number for hotel reservations is 608-222-5501.

**IRIS NEWS**  
Colleen and Jim Nieman

Five business people from Armenia, sponsored by IRIS (Iowa Resource for International Service) are coming to the Cedar Rapids/Marion/ Iowa City area to study U.S. business practices. They will be here from March 24 until the farewell party on April 20. Vic Klopfenstein and Jim Nieman are looking for business internships and Colleen Nieman will be calling you for home hosting as soon as the internships are arranged. We do have one business intern that we are trying to place in Iowa City. Host families provide a room, two meals a day and transportation to work for their intern. It's a great way to learn about another country and culture without the hassle of jet lag.

IRIS sent a check for \$1350 to the club for hosting the Russians last fall. The club general fund gets \$675, \$75 is for the scholarship fund and \$600 is held as Friendship Force travel credit for members who hosted an intern. This has been a great fundraiser for our club and Vic, Colleen and Jim appreciate your support.

**VOLUNTEER THANK YOU**  
The Festival of Lights

A BIG THANK YOU to Greg & Sally Nelson, Ray & Lynda Smith, John & Jan Sperry, Helen & Clayton Ringgenberg, Marilyn Smith, Dolores Kaiden and Carol McGregor for volunteering their time at the Festival of Lights at Squaw Creek Park. They handed out Friendship Force brochures, directed traffic and sold admission tickets. On Saturday evening, 496 cars drove through the park and on Monday evening 96 cars. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather and it was a great time that was shared by Friendship Force friends. Oh! Did I mention all the yummy food?

Our group did such a great job and I know we will be called upon this coming Christmas season to volunteer at the park again. One of the goals of Friendship Force is to share the ideas of this great organization by spreading the word. We can spread the word by volunteering at this event and other events in our community. Thank you, Shirley Rosencrans

**Annual Dues**

Reminder, 2002 dues are payable now. Check your address label. If it shows 2002, you are current on your dues. If you are not current, you can send your payment to Jerry Seidl, 7709 Princeton Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402 Membership cost is \$32 for a family and \$27 for a single. This includes the Friendship Force magazine.



**Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force Board for 2002**

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



**Friendship Force Calendar of Events  
2002**

February 21, 2002, 6 PM Board Meeting, Country Kitchen, 3130 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids

February 24, 2 PM General Meeting, Marion Public Library, 1095 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Marion

April 6, 8:30 AM Heartland Regional Conference - Quality Inn South, Madison, WI

May 2, 6 PM Board Meeting, Country Kitchen, 3130 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW Cedar Rapids

*April 28*  
*May 6, 2 PM*

General Meeting, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1300 Melrose Ave. Iowa City

June 27 to July 4 Club *July 5. Leave* Outgoing exchange to Edmonton, Canada with the Quad Cities

July (TBD) Board Meeting

Late July/early August General Meeting, and "Pig Roast" at Bettenbender's home in Coggan. Dubuque and Quad Cities clubs will be invited

*13 people* *26 Oct 3*  
September (date TBD)

General Meeting and Sunday brunch -- date/location TBA

*26 Oct 3*  
Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Incoming exchange from Scotland

November 3 Annual Meeting at the Czech and Slovak Museum, Cedar Rapids

November 7-10 International Conference, Dallas, TX

**THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE PLEDGE**

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognize that **I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**. I recognize that I have a mission. The mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark on this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace will be furthered. **I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**.





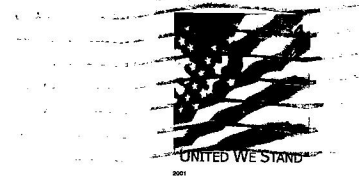
February General Meeting  
Sunday, February 24, 2002, 2 PM

Join us at the  
Marion, Public Library  
1095 Sixth Avenue, Marion, Iowa



Program: Preview the new Friendship Force video  
and learn more about the exchange to  
Edmonton, Canada

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