

The Friendship Force



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HAPPY NEW YEAR - We're beginning a new calendar year and a new club year. This should be an exciting year - with two incoming exchange and one outgoing. I hope you will find a way to participate in club activities - at the meetings or during exchange activities. It is the best way to feel a part of this vital, vivacious organization. I want to say a special thanks to Margaret Stokely for her dedication and leadership in guiding our club during 1992. Her insights and enthusiasm serve our club well and are appreciated.

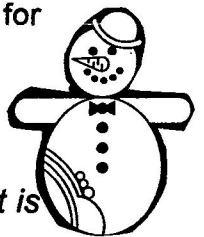
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JANUARY MEETING

The club's first meeting will be Sunday afternoon, January 17, 2 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1300 Melrose Avenue, Iowa City. We will have updates on the exchanges, application forms for hosts and ambassadors, a short presentation on what it means to be a host; and a chance to renew membership. Our speaker will be Sonia Guetter, a doctoral student at the University of Iowa,. Sonia is from Curitiba, Brazil. She'll share insights on her country which will be interesting for all of us (even those who can't go on the exchange this year,)

Please join us - it's a great way to beat cabin fever!

Directions from Cedar Rapids: I-380 to Melrose exit, turn left onto Melrose, it is on the left side of the street, with a large parking lot in front of the church.



BOARD ACTIVITIES

A complete listing of the 1993 Board of Directors is on the newsletter insert. We are grateful for their willingness to share their time and talent. Please feel free to contact any board member if you have any questions or suggestions.

At their first meeting the board accepted the recommendations of the Exchange Director's selection committee and the following exchange directors were appointed:

From Belgium (incoming)
To Rio de Janeiro (outgoing)
From Moscow (incoming)

Margaret Stokely and Dolores Kaiden (co-directors)
Marlene Milligan
Margaret Sullivan

Board Activities (continued)

We appreciate the commitment of these volunteers. Special thanks to Sally Nelson, Judy Mick and Jim Denham for serving on the selection committee. They were impressed with the talent in our club and the applications submitted. Additional information on each exchange is listed below.

COMING FROM BELGIUM

Margaret Stokely and Dolores Kaiden have been in contact with the Limburg, Belgium club and have begun planning for their visit here April 10 to 17, 1993. They will arrive by bus from Libertyville, Illinois where they will spend their first week. The Belgium group hosted our club in 1991 so some of our members are looking forward to renewing friendships from Limburg. If you would like to serve on any of the committees planning this exchange or host ambassadors please contact either Margaret or Dolores (see their addresses on the insert.) If you signed up at the November meeting, they have your name.



ON TO RIO..

For the latest information on this exchange, come to the January 17 meeting! Marlene Milligan has some exciting information to share. Ambassador applications for the exchange, which is from July 2 to 16, 1993 will be available at the meeting or you can contact Marlene. Her address is on the insert. Also, Atlanta has promised trip costs and additional information on January 15.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING

Although it is a ways off, our club will be hosting ambassadors from Moscow in September. Madeline Sullivan is exchange director and she is looking for volunteers to work in all areas of planning. If you can help, sign up at the meeting or contact Madeline (you guessed it - her address is on the insert.)

MERGER WITH WORLD LEARNING

At our annual meeting in November, our speaker, Jim Wise, mentioned a possible merger with World Learning in his comments on future activities of Friendship Force. A recent letter from Wayne Smith, president of The Friendship Force, advised that negotiations on the merger have ended and the board has decided not to proceed with the consolidation. Wayne notes, "...it was a very difficult decision-making process for our Board....This means that The Friendship Force will now continue as a separate independent organization just as we have done successfully for 15 years. But now we urgently need to build a strong Friendship Force, one that offers greater financial stability and one which presents a wider variety of new exchange destinations for your ambassadors."





1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17, 2 pm	Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Iowa City
February 6, 9 am	Board meeting at Dave & Anne Parton's, Iowa City
March 6	Meeting in Cedar Rapids
April 10-17	Hosting Limburg, Belgium
June	Club picnic
July 2-16	Exchange to Brazil - Rio de Janeiro
September	Hosting Moscow
November	Annual meeting

If your address label on the reverse side shows "93" under your name, you've renewed your membership for this year. If it shows "92", you can pay dues at the meeting January 17 or send a check with the following form.

DON'T MISS OUT

MEMBERSHIP DUES

YES!! Sign me up for 1993 membership in the CR/IC Friendship Force!! Enclosed find my check for the options noted.

NAME (please Print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

_____ \$20.00 for One family membership

_____ \$15.00 for One individual membership

_____ 10.00 for FFI Quarterly Magazine (after 1/1/93)

Send this form with your check to: Marcella Soper
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