

EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Leicestershire United Kindom

I just wanted to share with you the good news from Atlanta. The **incoming exchange** from Leicestershire UK has been confirmed. I have not recieved the letter that says "Its a match" but I should receive it soon. Hopefully 2001 will be a great year. Bernita

Ankara Turkey May 2001

I received a letter from Atlanta that our **outgoing exchange to Ankara Turkey has been confirmed**. Wonderful news! It should be a wonderful experience because we enjoyed them very much when they were here in Iowa. The next step is to get an exchange director. Be thinking about this and bring your ideas to our next meeting.

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	Geoge & 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. Contact Colleen Nieman 319-396-5892.

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NOVEMBER 19TH

CRVIC Friendship Force UPDATE

October 22, 2000

A Word from the President

Fall is in full swing and our 2000 year for Iowa City/Cedar Rapids Friendship Force will soon come to a close with our annual meeting, November 19th at the "Muddy Waters Restaurant in Cedar Rapids. If you are wondering where that is ---- it is just across the street from the public library in downtown Cedar Rapids. Cocktails will be available from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be 6:00 - 7:15. You will have your choice of three wonderful foods---pasta primavera, top sirloin or salmon steak. (what a tough choice. I like all three.) You will find a coupon in an other part of this newsletter to send and make your reservation. For entertainment we will hear reports from our ambassadors who went on the Australian exchange and music by the Kitty Creek Quartet.

A very important moment will be the election of officers for 2001. The nomination committee has nearly all of the positions filled, thanks to your responses on the survey at our last meeting. We are still searching for a Vice President and a director for the Turkey exchange. If you have belonged to Friendship Force for awhile, please consider being the Vice President. It is not necessary to have participated in an outgoing exchange. All that is required is a desire to make friends with people here and abroad. Vice Presidency leads to a one year term as president. The rewards are great. Your circle of friends becomes much larger and you will find the folks in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids are the greatest to work with.

At the time of this writing I am looking forward to hosting one of the IRIS people in my home. I met her the other night at the home of Jim and Colleen Nieman's home. She is very attractive and also very friendly. My home is on a large Iowa farm and the harvest will be at its peak during her visit. It should be interesting for all of us.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the hard working officers, exchange directors, committee chairs and members who have given so much of their time to make this Friendship Force a success. I am most grateful.

Looking forward to seeing you, November 19th.

Your president, **Bernita Walker**

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Sept. 17th meeting notes

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church at 5 p.m. on September 17th, 2000. After a potluck dinner, Bernita Walker, President, welcomed everyone attending.

In the absence of Dick Hansen, the reading of the minutes was omitted. The treasurer, Helen Riggenberg, reported a balance of \$5361.83.

A list was passed around for committee sign ups.. It was announced that Turkey has said yes and the outgoing exchange would be in May. The incoming exchange from Leicesterchire, United Kingdom has not been confirmed as yet.

It was announced that the Australian exchange would leave on October 2nd according to Shirley Rosecrans.

Colleen Nieman told us that 5 people were coming from IRIS and they are still looking for a home host for a couple weeks for one of them.

The following people will be going to the international Conference in Madison, Wisconsin:

Betty Emrich	Bernita Walker
Shirley Rosecrans	Herman and Millie Knappe
Joanne Smith	Marge Ferris
Dolores Kaiden	Steve and Nancy Miller
Ken and Janis Schmitz	

The annual meeting will be held at Muddy Waters on November 19th.

Hally Adams showed slides and talked about her trip on the Amazon River.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Beasler
Secretary Pro Tem

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Shirley Rosencrans will chair the Nomination Committee. Say **yes**, when she calls and asks you to fill a position. It's because she thinks you will work well with her on the team.

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YOU CAN PAY YOUR 2001 DUES AT THE DINNER MEETING

!!!! 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 **Helen Ringgenberg**, club treasurer: 822 Juniper Drive, Iowa City, IA 52245.

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Board for 2000

President	Bernita Walker	Historian	Joanne Beasler
Vice President	Shirley Rosencrans	Membership	Betty Emrich Dolores Kaiden
Treasurer	Helen Ringgenberg	Newsletter	Jim Nieman Frank Stull Mary Ann Harding
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Past Exchange Director	Janis Schmitz Mary Stull		

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Calendar of Events

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDER

Nov 9-12 24th International Conference; Madison, Wisconsin. It will be held in the spectacular lakeside Monona Terrace Convention Center, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (1938) built in 1997.

There will be a formal celebration to honor **Wayne Smith** who will retire as **President** and install **Chip Carter** as his successor. **President Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter** will be the featured guest at the gala Friday night banquet. Come meet visit them they are accessible to the public and are very personable. Foreign dignitaries and friends from all the world will be there.

Nov 19 Annual Meeting and election of officers. Muddy Waters in downtown Cedar Rapids. Your choice a Pasta Primavera, Top sirloin or Salmon steak dinner will be served with a view of the Cedar River following a 5:30 - 6PM cocktail party. The cost will be \$15 per person. Nancy and Steve Miller Chairpersons

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