

CRIC Friendship Force UPDATE

October 15, 2002

A Word from the President

Nancy Miller



As I write my final article I wish to thank each of you for making this a very good year. You have all helped to make our club even stronger than before. We have had a very active year with two exciting exchanges, five general meetings, a delicious pig roast with the Dubuque and Quad Cities clubs, and have welcomed many new members. Let's celebrate our joy by coming together at the annual meeting/dinner on Nov. 3. You will also learn about all the upcoming plans for 2003.

The ten ambassadors and many of our club members enjoyed the Scottish exchange. So many of you volunteered your time, efforts, and creativity to make this a most successful exchange. It was difficult to say good-bye at the farewell banquet and the airport, but the West of Scotland club has invited our club for a return visit in 2004. Steve and I wish to thank **DORIS AND DICK FAAS** for doing the lion's share of the work as exchange directors. We were happy to help them out and so enjoyed getting to know them better.

I was able to meet with Mayor Paul Pate of Cedar Rapids on Sept. 26 and told him about our club and its importance to the city in helping with foreign guests. He eagerly listened and also dropped in for a nice visit at our welcoming potluck at Klopfenstein's. I have asked him to mark his calendar for April 5, 2003 so he can welcome our delegates at the Friendship Force Regional Heartland Conference that our club is hosting.

As my term comes to an end, I have to say that it has been wonderful serving as your president and I thank you for your support and encouragement over the year. Pat Klopfenstein has been my friend for a long time and she will serve you very well. I close with this thought, "One step by 100 persons is better than 100 steps by one person." Thank you, God bless you and may we all continue our friendships here and abroad for many years to come. Nancy

Nancy and Steve Miller have new email addresses:

Nancy's is

; Steve's is

SLATE OF OFFICERS - 2003

The following members have agreed to be the officers for 2003. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.

President	Pat Klopfenstein
Vice President	Sally Nelson
Treasurer	Jerry Seidl
Secretary	Joanne Smith

There are also many committee positions available for next year. Plan to sign up for a committee at the annual meeting.

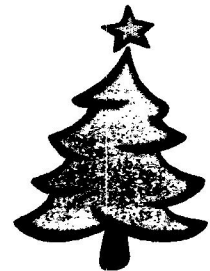
EXCHANGE TO ENGLAND AND GERMANY
September 2003



Hats off to Phyllis Seidl. She has been selected as the exchange director for the September, 2003 exchange to Leicestershire, England (the group we hosted in 2001) and Varel, Germany. She has already contacted the other exchange directors. We will share this exchange with Lee County (Ft. Myers area), Florida Friendship Force club. A sign-up sheet for this 2003 exchange will be at the annual meeting. Did you notice that Varel, Germany was featured in the latest Friendship Magazine? Wouldn't it be great to have our club's brick installed in the walkway in front of their city hall? At the annual meeting, Phyllis can show you the location of the two cities we will be traveling to. Phyllis and husband, Jerry, have made about 20 trips to Germany so our exchange director is well qualified.

SEASON OF LIGHTS
November 24 and November 26, 2002

We have been asked again to participate as ticket-takers at the SEASONS OF LIGHTS at Squaw Creek Park on Sunday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 26 from 5:15-10:00 pm. Club members who volunteered last year had lots of fun they told me. Steve and I went to see the lights and the display was lovely. This year we will volunteer and hope you will join us. We need five people for each night. Steve and I can do Sunday night and will need three more club members and then we will need five club members for Tuesday night. PLEASE call me at 393-3580 if you can volunteer. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Friendship Force club to do community service.

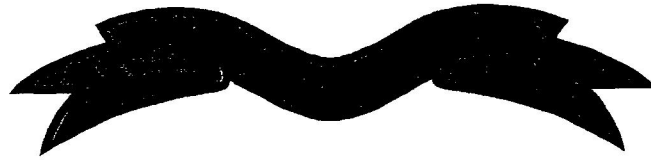


HEARTLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE
April 5, 2003

Our club will be hosting the Heartland Regional Conference, April 5, 2003, at the Long Branch Hotel, Cedar Rapids. Co-chairs, Bernita Walker and Betty Emrich, are asking for volunteers for the planning committee. All club members need to support this important daylong meeting. In future newsletters you will get more information. About twelve clubs from the Midwest will be invited and we anticipate about 80-100 attending. Please call Bernita (563-886-3098) or Betty (563-886-2349) to offer your help.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
November 7-10, 2002

Nancy and Steve Miller and Vic and Pat Klopfenstein will represent our club at the international conference in Dallas. This 26th Annual Conference will take a fresh look as we grapple with a rapidly and dramatically changing world.

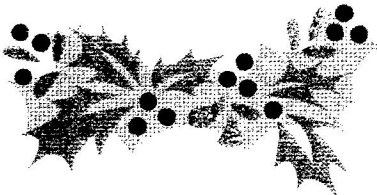


ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL DINNER

When: Sunday, November 3, 2002
Where: National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library
30 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids
Social Hour: 5 to 5:30 pm (wine and soda available)
Buffet Dinner 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Entertainment by Gene Hinkel and his sidekick Webster
Menu: Turkey Dinner and Dessert
Cost: \$15. per person
All reservations must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 29.

I hope to see every Cedar Rapids/Iowa City FF club member at our annual dinner. This is a great time to reminisce about the past year and to look forward to the upcoming fun and excitement of 2003. The 2003 officers will be elected and installed at this meeting. PLEASE bring a guest as a potential new member!! Remember, 2003 DUES will be collected at this dinner/meeting.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, December 15, 2 to 5 pm



President-elect Pat Klopfenstein and her husband, Vic, have invited everyone and potential members to a gala Christmas Open House, Dec. 15, 2002, from 2:00-5:00pm at their home in Marion. Address is 5540 Hunters Ridge Court, Marion, IA 52302. Please RSVP to Sally Nelson (857-5296) by Dec. 12th if you plan to attend



SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER

Number attending _____ x \$15.00 = _____ amount enclosed

Name(s) _____

Please make your checks payable to "Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force" and send to Pat Klopfenstein (377-5502) 5540 Hunters Ridge Court, Marion, IA 52302

**Friendship Force Calendar of Events
2002-2003**

November 3, 5:00 PM

Annual Meeting at the Czech and Slovak Museum
30 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids
Oct. 29 RSVP to Pat Klopfenstein, (377-5502)

November 7-10

International Conference, Dallas, TX

November 24 & 26, 5:15-10:00 PM

Seasons of Lights, Squaw Creek Park, Cedar Rapids
Five volunteers needed for Sunday and Tuesday

Dec. 15, 2:00-5:00 PM

Christmas Open House,
Pat and Vic Klopfenstein's home
5540 Hunter's Ridge Ct. Marion (377-5502)

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