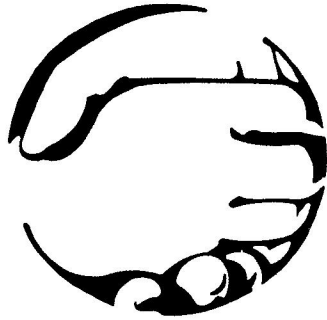


The Friendship Force



October 1992

ANNUAL MEETING

We're excited about the annual meeting on November 15. The University Athletic Club is located on Melrose Avenue (right next to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church). We will use the door with the canopy--there will be a large outdoor display sign with Friendship Force displayed.

Jim Wise, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Friendship Force International will be our speaker. I quote from his letter accepting our invitation to speak.

"Many things are currently taking place that directly affect the concept of the Friendship Force and I will be pleased to address some of those issues."

We are so fortunate that he is able to be our speaker!!

Also we will be electing officers for next year. The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 1993.

President: Mary Stull
Vice President: Shari Radcliff
Secretary: Ken Schmitz
Treasurer: Marcella Soper

FROM ATLANTA---Did You Know?

Exchange Figures Are Up: From January through August of this year, The Friendship Force has exchanged 4,386 ambassadors on 199 exchanges, up 32% from the 3,322 ambassadors on 137 exchanges we conducted during the first eight months of 1991.

Most of the increase is due to our new Friend-to-Friend program with the republics of former Soviet Union, which has involved 1,135 ambassadors carrying food and medicine with them to their host families.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Board has decided to table further discussion on this subject until next year. We are still interested in your input on this matter. If you have suggestions please see Mary Stull.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Mary Stull has prepared this report on the Japanese Exchange.

In September, we hosted 9 ambassadors from Koriyama, Japan for a week in eastern Iowa. The group included a family with an 8 year old son; a couple, and three women. Reports from both hosts and ambassadors indicate it was a wonderful experience. At the Friendship Dinner, exchange director Hideo Murata shared with us some of the ambassadors' impressions of Iowa. He included these observations in an article he faxed back to the Koriyama newspaper. Their comments included: there is so much room between houses, it is like each one is in a park; the squirrels and rabbits come so close to the house, it seems like they live with the people; since the cost of living is less than in Japan, it seems like life is easier here.

It takes the efforts of a lot of people to realize a successful exchange. I would like to say a special thanks to the force of volunteers that made this exchange possible:

Host families: Jim and Sue Denham; Frank and Mary Stull and Cecilia Dixon; George, Janelle, Yara, Logan and Quin McClain; Carl and Mary Carson and their grandson, Ben Hines; Fran Cerny; Jon and Judy Mick and Corrie;
Day hosts: Rita Maher, Eleanor Green and Eve Elliott;
Planning: Dolores Kaiden, Rita Maher, Hally Adams, Mary Carson
Host/Ambassador Matching: Sue Denham
Friendship Dinner: Margaret Stokely, Madeline Sullivan, Mary Carson, Chuck Glover, Helen Ringenberg and Dolores Kaiden
Communications: Sally Nelson and Estyl Breazeale
Dubuque Trip: Mary Carson, Frank Stull, Mary Stull, Cecilia Dixon, Paul Healey (Dubuque club)
Airport Welcome: Sue, Courtney and Carrie Girsch; Shirley Messer
Gifts: Rita Maher and Max and Donna Betenbender.
Workshop: Margaret Stokely and Mary Stull

Having so many talented, willing workers certainly made my job a lot easier. I know our guests appreciated what we did.

ALSO FROM MARY

Immediately after the annual meeting on November 15, we will begin planning activities for 1993. We have a number of leadership and committee positions that need workers. If you are interested in helping out and sharing your talents, contact Mary Stull (5819 Golden Court NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 (393-6254) or Shari Radcliff (27 Durham Court, Iowa City, IA 338-8479)

UPDATE ON EXCHANGES FOR 1993

Belgium--Jan Voots, the President of the Limburg club has called to discuss the Exchange. They will be going to Libertyville, Ill. the week before Easter and coming to CR/IC the week after Easter.

Rio de Janeiro--Maria Ignez de Collo Diaz, the President of their club welcoming us to Rio. She also included three pages of "Area Highlights" to tempt us further. The exact date has not been established but we expect it to be in July.

Moscow--Vladimir Ulyanov, the President of the Moscow club has written to say they are looking forward to the trip to Iowa. They will also be going to Madison, Wisconsin. No date for this exchange but we expect it to be in September.

The Board has extended the period for making application to be an Exchange Director through the November 15th Annual Dinner. Application blanks were sent with the last Newsletter. We will also have some available at the dinner.

We feel the Belgium Director needs to be named by December 1. Rita Maher will head a committee of three to review the applications and make recommendations to the Board. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Rita at 5356 Holly Avenue N.W.; Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52405 Telephone 396-2189.

We will also have Host and Ambassador applications available for you. If you are interested, pick one up at this meeting and complete it later when we have definite details on the Exchanges.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

We will be collecting dues at the Annual Meeting:

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 _____

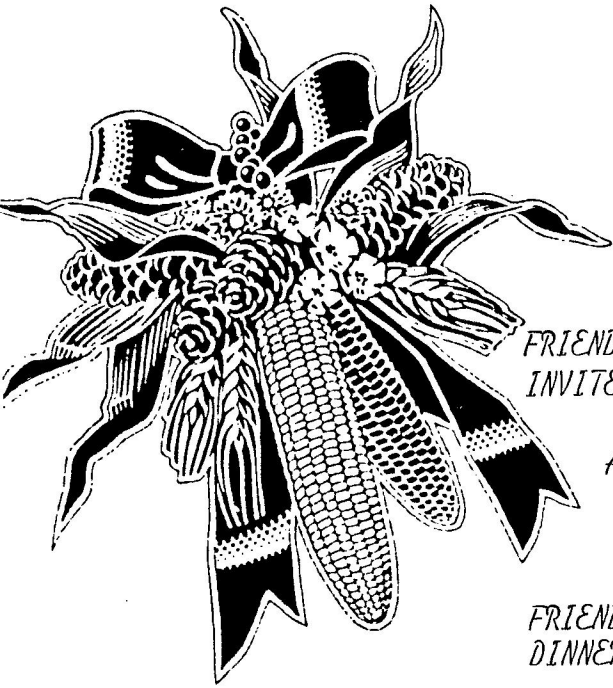
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- _____ \$20.00 for One Family membership
- _____ \$15.00 for one individual membership
- _____ \$ 5.00 for FFI Quarterly Magazine

Bring or send this form to: Marcella Soper; 608 Fourth Ave. Coralville, Ia 52241

We Need You



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING
ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15th
AT THE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC CLUB
1360 MELROSE AVENUE
IOWA CITY

FRIENDSHIP HOUR 5:15 PM
DINNER 6:00PM

RSVP BY
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