

# The Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids / Iowa City

1996 Officers

November, 1996

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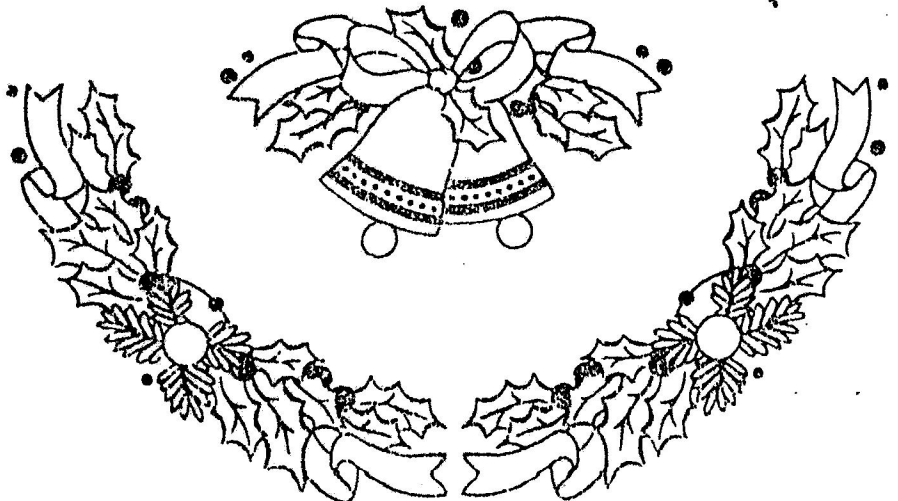
HELLO FROM JIM

Hi. I'm the new person on the Friendship Force team. I'm excited and looking forward to a fun filled year. Colleen and I live at 2803 Camelot Ave. NW Cedar Rapids and have been residents of Iowa since 1969. We have three children; a daughter, son in law and 4 grandchildren in Des Moines; a daughter, son in law and 5 grand cats in Scottsdale, Arizona and a son in Louisville, Kentucky.

I am recently retired, Nov. 30th., 1996 from IES Utilities.

We have had thirty international guests in our home. We find this a great method of learning about other people and cultures. Our first was a young lady from Algiera, with whom we have remained in contact. The latest was a couple from Brazil

Jim Nieman, Vice President Elect



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- HAPPY HOLIDAY**

This has been a year of many events and special moments. It is rapidly drawing to a close.

My reflections include the pleasure of meeting many new friends. And renewing and establishing stronger personal relationships within our club. It certainly has been a fulfilling experience. It's rewarding to meet and spend time with so many nice people who share a commitment to expand world friendships one person or one family at a time.

Has it been work? Of course it has, for many people. It takes the efforts of many members to affect change; but it pays off by sharing the energies of many and enjoying the friendships.

My goals for the year were to involve more members, increase membership, increase in-bound and out-bound exchanges, learn more about other cultures, have fun and publicize Friendship Force so that the general public knows who we are, what we are all about and to instill a desire for them to join us.

Not all goals have come to maximum fruition but I trust we have all gained satisfaction from our efforts. I know I have. It has been a tremendous pleasure to work with each of you and to get to know you better personally.

Thanks to every person who participated this year. Special thanks to those who contributed to the success of the Annual Meeting. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the Friendship Force Officers, Board, and to all of you who have extended yourselves to keep this organization a meaningful force in our communities.

I challenge you to make Friendship force even better known in 1997. What we can not accomplish alone - we can together.



Claudia Oldenburg, Manager, Club Support Services at Atlanta, presented one of the six club awards to Betty Emrich, representing the Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Area at the President's Breakfast in Montreal. Claudia's remarks "Long range planning is good. In fact, it is preferable. But sometimes circumstances cause exchanges to be planned hurriedly. Not every club can accept this need for flexibility, but the Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Iowa has shown over and over again that they are willing to change potential problems into opportunity and will host a group with very short notice. Betty Emrich, please give our thanks to your club for this leadership characteristic."

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY  
QUARTERLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 1996-HIGHLANDER INN-IOWA CITY - 374 Attending

Pres. Betty Emrich welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order following the social hour and "Fun Activity" led by Gerry Stoner. Our own story teller, Margaret Stokley told two delightful stories while we waited for dinner to be served. The Faith Folk Singers from the University Hospital and Iowa City Area provided our dinner music.

Following dinner Betty told of the award presented to our group at the conference in Montreal. The award was for the Flexibility our group has shown throughout the past year. She also informed our group that 1997 will be the 20th Anniversary of Friendship Force and that Atlanta will be having different opportunities which will take place at various times in the coming year.

Tami Eichinger led us in a relaxer by teaching us The Macarena.

Lisa Rock and Jim Schultze of Central College at Pella told of experiences in travel through Chiapas. They told of many beautiful things our ambassadors could expect to see when they travel there in the spring. They assured us that the people there would not have us come to visit if they felt we would be in danger because of some unrest within the country. They also told us they would keep us posted if anything new came about. They shared things people should take with them and answered questions about the area. Joanne Beasler, who will be the director of our exchange, also spoke and encouraged everyone to sign up for a great trip to Chiapas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Tres., Ann Parton, reported on the finances now compared to the past few years. As of Nov. 96 we had a balance of \$2685.13. It was suggested that the cost of newsletters be a separate budget item for the coming year. A budget committee made up of Ann Parton, Rita Maher, Joe Trammel, Janis Schmitz, and Gerry Stoner will audit the books and set up the 1997 budget, making suggestions for other necessary changes.

George Milligan, Chairperson, Shirley Messer, Helen Riggerberg, Rich Ferris, and Charlotte Olson were the Nominating Committee. The nominees for election to serve during 1997 were: Pres.: Ken Schmitz, Vice Pres.: Jim Nieman, Sect.: Doris Faas, Tres.: Anne Parton. There were no nominations from the floor. Charlotte Olson made a motion to accept this slate of officers. It was seconded by Margaret Stokley. The motion carried.

Ken Schmitz, on behalf of our organization, thanked Betty Emrich for her hard work and guidance while she served as our Pres. in 1996.

The members who attended the Conference in Montreal shared information and feelings of the conference. Betty Emrich, Ken Schmitz, Janis Schmitz, Rita Maher, and Shirley Messer all spoke of their many experiences. They felt Pres. Wayne Smith from Atlanta, and his daughter were very organized and that the conference provided many interesting seminars and opportunities to learn from and network with other groups from around the world. We will be encouraged to help expand the mission of Friendship Force in the coming years and they explained a little about the Friendship Force Foundation and what it hopes to accomplish.

Madeline Sullivan, Brazilian Exchange director, expressed her thanks to

everyone who helped make that exchange a success. Everyone's help and cooperation was greatly appreciated. Three people in Brazil had reported to their director that Iowa was the best state they visited.

The By-Laws that needed to be considered for revision were discussed. Madeline Sullivan made a motion that Article VI, Section 4, page 5 be changed to read:

"At least five (5) weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Nomination Committee. This committee shall consist of five (5) members. The duties of this committee shall be to make nominations, with the consent of those nominated and to report those to the President. The nominees shall be listed in the notice for the annual meeting. At the annual meeting the President shall receive further nominations from the floor with the consent of the nominee."

The motion was seconded by Frank Stull. The motion passed and the change approved.

#### Article IX, Finances, Section 1, Page 7

After much discussion on this change, Jim Nieman made the motion, and Joe Trammel seconded the motion, that this section would be changed to read:

"The annual dues of this club shall be \$15 per individual and \$20 per family **PLUS** the cost of the Passport Program. Members who have not paid dues by July 1 shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Two-thirds of the Board of Directors must approve a change in the amount of annual dues. Notice of the change of dues must be published in the club newsletter at least one month prior to date of change."

The motion carried -- 19 yes, 9 no.

The meeting was adjourned.

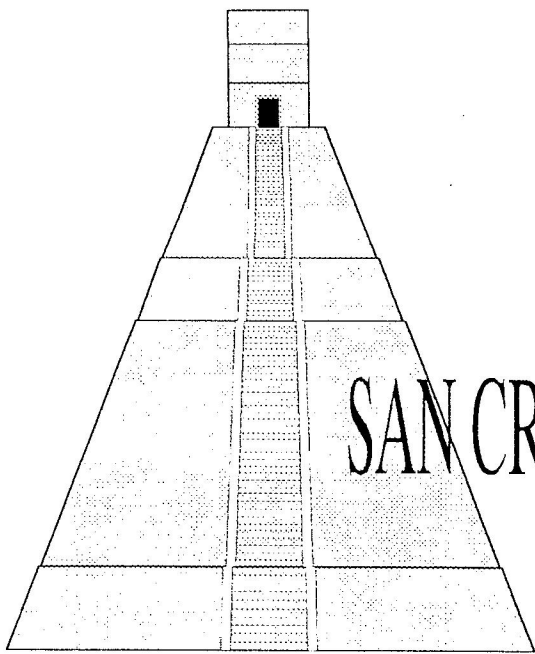
Doris Faas  
Sect.

Left to Right  
Father Jorge Diaz, Exchange  
Director for  
San Cristobal, Chiapas,  
Mexico

Member from Tuxtla  
Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico

Jaime Trujillo  
Exchange Director for Tuxtla  
Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico





# COME TRAVEL TO TUXTLA GUTIERREZ & SAN CRISTOBAL de Las Casas Chiapas, MEXICO

COST: \$1290 U.S. DOLLARS

Joanne Beasler is the Exchange Director. Please fill in the Ambassador Form and send in your \$100. deposit before January 6, 1997. **WE MUST HAVE TEN AMBASSADORS FROM THE CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY AREA TO HOLD THE AIR SEATS AT THIS PRICE. OUR GOAL IS 20.**

**The balance of the money must be paid to Joanne by February 1, 1997.**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A THIRD WEEK TOUR??

Four travelers are already interested in going to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Possible plans from there are to visit various Mayan Ruins at Uxmal, ChichenItza or other historical areas. Please let Joanne know **A.S.A.P.** so she can work with Courtney from the Atlanta office to arrange flights and costs.

A small group from Vienna, Austria will be joining us for the first week in Tuxtla Gutierrez. They are making separate travel plans for their second week.

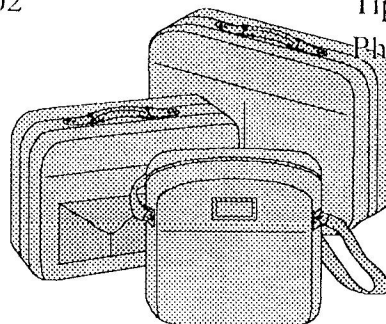
Some members of the new Chicago Club have expressed an interest in joining us. We will take our own members first.

There is a possibility of returning to Tuxtla Gutierrez on April 23 to avoid a very early bus ride from San Cristobal.

A tentative schedule is included with this newsletter.

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Rosalynn Carter, Honorary Chairperson

**The Friendship Force**

D. Wayne Smith, Founder and President

Date: November 6, 1996

**Travel Schedule Form**

Exchange: Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Tuxtla Gutierrez/San Cristobal, Mexico

Departure Date: April 10, 1996

Exchange Number: 97073

**Tentative Schedule \* Subject To Change**

April 10	Depart Cedar Rapids, Iowa	on UA #1436	at	6:10 am
April 10	Arrive Chicago, Illinois-O'Hare		at	7:04 am
April 10	Depart Chicago, Illinois-O'Hare	on UA #1017	at	9:45 am
April 10	Arrive Mexico City, Mexico		at	1:53 pm
April 10	Depart Mexico City, Mexico	on 6A #831	at	4:20 pm
April 10	Arrive Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico		at	5:40 pm
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April 24	Depart Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico	on 6A #818	at	10:05 am
April 24	Arrive Mexico City, Mexico		at	11:23 am
April 24	Depart Mexico City, Mexico	on UA #1018	at	3:00 pm
April 24	Arrive Chicago, Illinois-O'Hare		at	6:49 pm
April 24	Depart Chicago, Illinois-O'Hare	on UA #1551	at	10:00 pm
April 24	Arrive Cedar Rapids, Iowa		at	10:57 pm

Please note: UA is the airline code for United Airlines  
6A is the airline code for Aviacsa

Exchange Program Fee: \$ 1,290.00 USD**Fee Includes:**

- Seven nights home-hosting each in Tuxtla Gutierrez and San Cristobal, Mexico
- Phase I Hosting Fee for Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico
- Phase II Hosting Fee for San Cristobal, Mexico
- Local Committee Fee for Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Round-trip airfare from Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Mexico City, Mexico
- Round-trip airfare from Mexico City, Mexico to Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico
- U.S. Departure Taxes and U.S. Customs User/Immigration Fees

**Exchange Program Fee Does Not Include:**

- International and Domestic Airport Departure Taxes in Mexico
- Round-trip bus transportation from Tuxtla Gutierrez to San Cristobal, Mexico
- Any Additional Transportation or Tour. We will do an overnight tour to Palenque, an Indian Ruins. Cost: Bus + Hotel approx \$50, U.S. \$ depending upon having 20 people to share bus costs!

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# AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

A Friendship Force Exchange offers an opportunity for people from different parts of the world to share their lives with each other in the spirit of friendship. The success of the experience depends on the extent to which participants can build friendships, exercise flexibility, adapt to unforeseen difficulties, and promote understanding.

The following information is needed to help The Friendship Force select Ambassadors who are representative of their community or region. Detailed information also helps us match Ambassadors with host families. Each applicant must complete and sign the Application and Agreement. We appreciate your cooperation.

1. Name as shown on passport \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

2. Name as you would like it on your nametag \_\_\_\_\_  
(first & last or nickname & last)

3. Check here if you already have a Friendship Force nametag \_\_\_\_\_

4. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip / postal code) (country)

5. Telephone: Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Work (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_ 8. Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
(day) (month) (year) (state) (country)

9. Sex: Male Female 10. Marital Status: Single Married 11. Do you have a valid passport? Yes No  
(circle) (circle) (circle)

12. Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_  
(day) (month) (year)

14. Please note any languages you speak other than your own and circle your proficiency in that language.

Language _____	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Language _____	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor

15. Current Job Title and Employer (previous job if retired): \_\_\_\_\_

16. Please give a short description of your work responsibilities (previous job if retired):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Interests and Hobbies - Circle no more than three:

- |                    |             |                  |                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Outdoor Activities | Antiques    | Sports-Spectator | Sports-Participant | Visiting Museums        |
| Theater/Movies     | Cooking     | Animals          | Music-Spectator    | Music-Participant       |
| Entertaining       | Crafts      | Volunteer Work   | Dancing            | Gardening/Farming       |
| Family Activities  | Reading     | Photography      | Traveling          | Collecting-Stamps/Coins |
| Art                | Other _____ |                  |                    |                         |

18. Do you smoke? Yes No  
(circle)

19. Do you have any allergies, physical limitations, special diet or health conditions that require special consideration? Yes No If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e., vegetarian, walk with a cane, allergic to penicillin, high blood pressure)

20. Please circle where you have traveled:  
USSR Latin-America Europe North-America Asia Middle-East Africa South-Pacific None

21. Please circle if you have participated in a homestay (or similar) program before: As a host As a visitor

22. Are you currently a member of a Friendship Force Club: Yes No  
If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Are you a participant in the **Friendship Force Passport** program: Yes No If yes, number \_\_\_\_\_

24. If traveling with someone else please complete below. Each applicant should submit an application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

25. Ambassadors under 18 must travel with a parent/guardian. Ambassadors under 16 must be hosted together with a parent/guardian.

Name of guardian for youth under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

26. Person at home to contact in case of emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) (address) (city-state-zip)

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Home(\_\_\_\_) Work(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Mission Statement:**

The Friendship Force considers each Ambassador and Host to be a "Citizen Diplomat", a person committed to improving international relations through people-to-people diplomacy during and after the exchange.

Thus, to help judge your application, please indicate briefly in the space below a personal goal you wish to accomplish through this exchange. It can be a spin-off project (i.e. establishing a sister-school link), a special connection (arranging a return visit by a musician or artist), or just making a lifelong friend. Think about how you can keep these personal and institutional relationships alive after you return home and share your goals with us here:

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I have read the Ambassador Agreement provided with this Application. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have completed this application to the best of my knowledge and believe it is true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Ambassador Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian. Date  
If Ambassador is under 18 years old, both signatures are required.

Committee Chairs

With the coming of a new year, we are in need of replacements for committee chairs. Kenny Schmitz, our incoming president, would like volunteers for these positions. The committees are Activities, Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity and Telephone. If you would like to help our club to remain strong, please volunteer. Choose the committee of your choice and return this application blank to Kenny.

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Kenny Schmitz  
147 Echo Lane N.W.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

DUES ARE DUE

1997 dues are due by January 1. Passport will increase by \$2.00 on December 15th. Dues not received by December 10 will be \$32 for family and \$27 for individual. Until said date, use the following form.

I would like to be a member of THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR RAPIDS/  
IOWA CITY AREA CLUB.

I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 for family membership (includes the quarterly Friendship magazine and Passport Programs.) Please include spouse's name, and names and ages of children.

or

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 for individual membership (includes the quarterly Friendship magazine and Passport Programs.)

In addition \_\_\_\_\_ \$4.50 for Friendship Force Name tag. Print your name on your own.  
\$8.00 from Atlanta office with name imprinted

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Memberships are for calendar year.

Send payment to: Anne Parton  
2006 Dunlap Street  
Iowa City IA 52245

Dates to Remember

Monday December 2 CR/IC FF Board meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Kenny Schmitz home, 147 Echo Lane NW  
Cedar Rapids

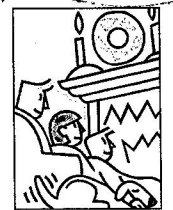
Sunday March 9 CR/IC FF Quarterly meeting.  
Place to be announced.

April 10-24 Outbound exchange to Tuxla Gitierriz  
and Cristobal, Chiapas, Mexico.

September 1 Inbound exchange from Hampshire, England



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