

The Friendship Force



Cedar Rapids-Iowa City
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February 14, 1993

Winter is almost over, spring is near and friendship is in the air. Committees are meeting to plan our incoming exchange next month and our outgoing exchange in July. One of the extra benefits of becoming active in the club is the interesting, delightful people you get to meet. Bring a friend and come to our meeting March 6th (details below). You'll enjoy good soup and friendship.

Thany Stull
President

MARCH MEETING

Our next general meeting will be Saturday evening, March 6, at 6 pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 4420 Center Point Road, Cedar Rapids, IA. Our activities chairs, Rita Maher and Gerry Stoner are planning a **Souper Supper**. We'll have several kinds of soup to try - provided by board members - as well as salad, bread and dessert brought by other members. If you live in Cedar Rapids bring a salad or relish tray to share and if you're coming from Iowa City or other communities, bring a dessert. The club will provide beverages. Don't forget your table service - a mug or soup bowl and silverware.

We will have updates on the exchanges, application forms for hosts for the Belgium and Russians exchanges, and a short presentation on what it means to be a day host. Bob Hanson, a teacher at Benton Community Schools spent a month in Russia last summer. He will talk about his experiences visiting schools, cultural centers and industries in three areas. Bob participated as a member of a Fulbright-funded Studies Group through Iowa State University

Directions from Iowa City: I-380 to 42nd Street, right onto 42nd Street, left onto Center Point. It is on the right side of the street, with a large parking lot at the back of the building.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new friends who have joined our club in the past quarter:

Russell Thompson, Solon; Dewey & Joyce Jacobsen, Jim & Colleen Nieman, Neale, Ann & Amy Weaver, Cedar Rapids; David Piersol, Cedar Falls; Nancy Struve, Waterloo; Carol Boyce, Dysart; and Minnette Doderer, Iowa City. We're glad to have you with us.

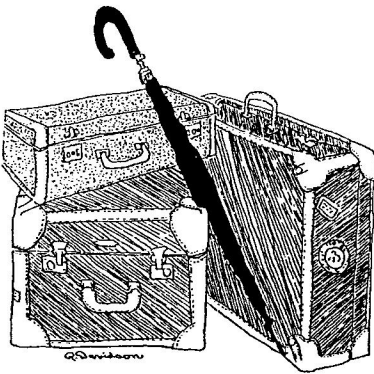


BOARD ACTIVITIES

At its meeting February 6, the board received updates on the years' exchanges and made plans for the March and June meetings. The board decided to table discussion of a scholarship program for review next year and focus our activities on building membership in 1993. Also the board voted to pay our club's exchange director expenses for attendance at required exchange activities such as a farewell dinner or a day trip when we host a club. We estimated the cost would be \$50 or less for each exchange. ***Note to Board Members: the board meeting scheduled for March 13 has been postponed. A new date will be set shortly.***

LIMBURG, BELGIUM AMBASSADORS ARRIVE SOON

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first exchange of the year from Limburg, Belgium. A group of about 20 ambassadors will arrive in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, April 10 from a week's stay in Libertyville, Illinois. Margaret Stokely and Dolores Kaiden have been working on activities for their stay and they have lots of interesting events for members to participate in - even if you are not hosting this time. All members are invited to the welcome at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on Saturday afternoon, on the day trip to sights in Des Moines on Wednesday, April 14, and to the Farewell dinner at the Lark on Friday, April 16. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend at least one event. We'll have sign up at the March 6 meeting. Margaret (354-3247) and Dolores (390-3011) are also looking for host families and volunteers to work on various committees so give either a call if you can help.



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Marlene Milligan announced at the January meeting that a group of 25 ambassadors will be visiting Rio de Janeiro and Campinas, Brazil, July 1-16. We were especially pleased about the Campinas match because our club hosted ambassadors from Campinas in 1990 and we hope to renew acquaintances as well as make new friends. Cost for the trip is \$1,795 for transportation and two weeks home hosting. Interviews are scheduled for February 13 and 20 with applications and \$100 deposit due by March 1.

The exchange committees include:

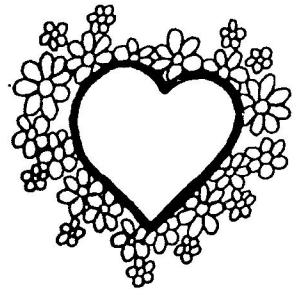
Exchange Director:	Marlene Milligan (363-8642)
Applications:	Shari & Ralph Radcliff and Mary & Frank Stull
Workshops:	Hally Adams, Mary Carson, and Madeline Sullivan
Treasurer:	Carl Carson
Communications:	Helen and Clayt Ringgenberg

LOOKING AHEAD - THE MOSCOW EXCHANGE

Madeline Sullivan is working on finalizing a September date for this exchange. We'll keep you posted on details as they develop.

THANKS TO...

It takes a lot of volunteers to keep our club running smoothly. Thanks to Rita Maher and Gerry Stoner for planning and hosting the January meeting and to all who brought cookies; to Anne and Dave Parton for hosting the February board meeting; to Mary Carson for sharing her experiences as a host; to Anne Parton for presenting our speaker; and to Helen and Clayt Ringgenberg for arranging our use of the church. We appreciate your efforts!



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 March 6 or send a check with the following form.

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
608 Fourth Ave.
Coralville, Iowa 52241



1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6, Sat, 6pm	Meeting in Cedar Rapids (see details on page 1)
April 10-17	Hosting Limburg, Belgium
	Sat, April 10 - Arrival at St. Andrew Lutheran Church
	Wed, April 14 - Bus trip to Des Moines
	Fri, April 16 - Farewell Dinner at the Lark in Tiffin
June 13	Club picnic
July 1-16	Exchange to Brazil - Rio de Janeiro and Campinas
September	Hosting Moscow
October 14-17	17th International Conference, Acapulco, Mexico
November	Annual meeting

DON'T MISS OUT

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