

CRYIC Friendship Force UPDATE

April 03, 2001

A Word from the President

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. Everything becomes bright and new again with the lush green grass, the smell of lilacs blooming, the early morning call of the birds singing once again and being able to have the doors and windows open to feel the fresh, crisp spring air. As I look out my window at this moment, it seems as if all these things are never going to happen. But, we all know that one of these mornings we will awake to the fresh beginnings of spring.

As we look forward to spring, the Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City has many fresh beginnings to look forward to, also. For the second time, we are going to get together with the **Dubuque FF Club Sunday, April 22 at the Hoffman House Restaurant**, 3100 Dodge Street. Social hour is at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30PM. Cost is \$10 per person. The program for the evening will be on China as they have an exchange going in October. Please make your reservations to **Joanne Smith 395-9440 by April 15**. We have discussed carpooling to Dubuque. The Iowa City group should meet at the Radisson Hotel (formerly the Highlander) west parking lot, west entrance off Hwy 1 at 3:45pm, the Cedar Rapids group should meet at the Marion HyVee parking lot (southwest corner) at 3:45pm and the Anamosa group should meet at the Wal-mart parking lot. Also, the Dubuque club has offered 3 homes for overnight home stay. For those of you who would like to be home hosted in Dubuque that evening, please tell Joanne and who you would like to room with.

June 9, we have offered an invitation to the Dubuque club to come to the **Wapsipinicon State Park Lodge, Anamosa, for a picnic at 4pm**. The board agreed we will not be charging a fee to their club as this will be a potluck and the club will provide the beverage. The **program will be on Native Americans by Sharon Bowers**, who is Native American and has her Masters in Native American Studies. I am also going to try and find information on Anamosa as our town was named after a Native American. The Dubuque club has requested home-hosting for that evening as some of their members would like to go to the **Grant Wood Day at Stone City on Sunday, June 10**. Please let me know if you are willing to home host and how many people you can accommodate. I would like to have this information available by Sunday, April 22 when we go to Dubuque.

I have received word from **Marietta, President of the Belgium FF Club**, they will be coming to Iowa July 28 and leaving August 2. I'm really excited about seeing these great Belgian's as they entertained us for a wonderful week in 1998. It looks like there will be 2 couples and 3 singles. So, we are in need of an exchange director. If you are interested, please give me a call 462-4132 home or 362-8500 (work). Start thinking about what we can do to show them a great Iowa time. I told them the sweet corn would be ready.

NEW CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY FRIENDSHIP FORCE MEMBERS

We would like to **welcome Irma Kelly and Carrol Roy** to our club. We look forward to sharing many good times and memorable experiences with you. If there is an area that you have a special expertise, please let me know. It takes many Friendship Force hands to have a successful club.

A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to **Betty Emrich** and **Gerry Stoner** who graciously led the FF meeting Sunday, March 4, at St. Andrews Church in Iowa City. I had been fighting a nasty cold and felt extremely miserable on Sunday so called Betty as several of the board members were not going to be able to attend. She reported everyone had a great time eating and talking after the Turkey presentation by Betty and Gerry. I would also like to say thank you to the club members who brought guests. Hopefully, we have some potential new members. Keep encouraging them to come with you to our get-together. If you didn't invite someone to the last meeting, invite a guest for the evening with the Dubuque club April 22.

ALL IOWA FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUBS CRUISE

Phyllis Stevens of the Des Moines FF Club has put together a fun 2-day cruise on the Mississippi River for all of the club members in Iowa. You will board the Riverboat TWILIGHT at 8:30am in LeClaire, Iowa where you will cruise to Galena, IL and stay overnight at the Chestnut Mountain Resort. Next day, you will board a bus that will take you into Galena where you will have time to shop. Then return to the boat and cruise back to LeClaire. I'm sorry to say that the information that came from Phyllis did not have the dates, but I think it is May 29. Cost is \$260 per person. For more information, please call Phyllis @ 515-223-9009 by April 15.

Shirley Rosencrans

PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL FOR THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CEDAR
RAPIDS/IOWA CITY TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

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OTHER FRIENDSHIP FORCE EXCHANGE INVITATIONS

*Lincoln, NE to New Zealand Oct. 8-Nov.1 Contact: Larry Kluck 402-483-6508

*Lincoln, NE to Bridgebuilder Exchange Newcastle, England June 27-July 5
Contact: George Meyer 402-464-2417

*Minneapolis & St. Paul, MN to Australia Sept. 12-Oct. 30
Contact: Joyce Twistol 763-755-8488

March 21st Br. meeting notes

We met at the Tropical Smoothie in Cedar Rapids. Most of the discussion was on how to promote the club and to inform the people in our area on some of our activities. The exchange to Turkey was discussed. 7 people have signed up with another 22 who have shown an interest. The April 22, joint meeting with the Dubuque club is to help promote filling the exchange and we were encouraged to attend the joint meeting, make new friends and talk up the exchange. The first week of the Turkey exchange will be in Ankara, Turkey. The second week is open and are looking for input from those who wish to go.

Then we reviewed the 2001 schedule of events. See last page for more information.

EXCHANGE INFORMANTION

LEICESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND EXCHANGE

OCTOBER 1 -7, 2001

Our **incoming exchange** will be from Leicestershire, England and the exchange directors are **Steve & Nancy Miller**. They will arrive at the Eastern Iowa Airport where we will host a small reception depending on arrival time. At the end of the week we have agreed to meet the Fairmont Minnesota group about half way and to pick them up again at the end of their week. Our club will deliver them back to the airport. Steve and Nancy will need several chair persons to make this an enjoyable event for them and our club. Be

thinking about how you can help. activities director, Hosting director, Transportation director, are key duties.

ANKARA, TURKEY EXCHANGE

OCTOBER 16 - 22, 2001

Our **outgoing exchange** is to Ankara, Turkey in May with **Betty Emrich** and **Janice Schmitz** as Co-directors. If you are interested, please call Betty (563-886-2642) as soon as possible. We have 7 to date and can take 20 - 25 ambassadors for the return visit to Turkey. We had such a wonderful time when the group from Turkey was here and I am

sure they are planning a great exchange for our group. Those going on the exchange will have the option of staying a second week, the group will decide where to travel. If you know of any one who might be interested, talk it up and join us. **We welcome ambassadors from the clubs too.**

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Batumi, Georgia Visitors from IRIS

We have 5 people here from March, 25 to April 20th..

Elena Martakidi	Ron and Margaret Nelson	Month
George Imnasishvili	Colleen & Jim Nieman	month
Zviad Khalvashi	Norm McCoy	month
Eka Mshidobadze	John Haack & Joan Jacob	month
Lia Kobuladze	Ed & Michelle Lovetinsky	month

Colleen is looking for host families for IRIS people from Africa, 4 in Iowa City and 4 in the CR areas. Each group consists of 2 men and 2 women. She will be calling the IC / CR members or call her 319-396-5892. They will be here in May.

Notice: IRIS donates funds for our club to doing this function. Vic Klopfenstein and Jim Nieman find internships for these people. Colleen Nieman calls you to host. Last year our club made almost \$2000. Give them your support specially in hosting.

Calendar of Events

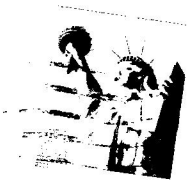
MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDER

- April 22** Joint meeting with Dubuque Club. 5.30 social and 6PM Dinner at Hoffman restaurant. The Dubuque club is going to China therefore the program theme will be China. See other note on car pooling directions. Call Shirley (462.4132) or we for restorations.
- May 9th** 6 PM Br. Meeting at Tropical Smoothie 3200 16th Ave. CR.
- June 9-10** Joint meeting with Dubuque club 4Pm potluck dinner at Wapsipinicon state park (near Anamosa, Iowa) in Lodge #42 and on the 10th, we will tour Grant Wood displays in Stone City. Our club will offer over night home stays to the Dubuque club. The program will feature Native American speaker Sharon Bowers.
- July 15th** Club picnic in Kent State Park. The program will feature Shirley Rosencrans, Frank & Mary Stull and Jim & Colleen Nieman. They will tell about their adventures to the Ukraine.
- Oct. 1-7** Incoming Exchange with Leicestershire, United Kingdom
- Oct 16 - 29** Outgoing exchange to Ankara Turkey
- Nov. 4th** Annual Meeting at the National Czech & Slovak Museum
- Dec. 2nd** Club Christmas Party at Steve & Nancy Miller's house

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