

The Friendship Force
of Cedar Rapids - Iowa City



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Rosalynn Carter, Honorary Chairperson
Wayne Smith, President

W. German Hosting

On Thursday, May 26, our guests from Hamburg, W. Germany will be arriving in Cedar Rapids. The first week of the exchange will be spent in the Chicago area. We have several exciting events planned at this time. Ambassador ages range from a six year old boy to an 82 year old grandma. We are getting a great mix of ages and interests. This should be very exciting for all of us. If you are interested in hosting or day hosting, please call Carl and Mary Carson at 366-4545 or George and Marlene Milligan at 363-8642. This is a great opportunity for you to get more involved in Friendship Force. An interview is required of each hosting family. If you are unable to make any of the interview and informational meetings, please call one of the above names to schedule an appointment

Schedule of Events

INTERVIEWS/INFORMATION

April 16 -- 1-3 p.m.
I. C. Library

April 18 -- 7-9 p.m.
Life Investors

April 21 -- 7-9 p.m.
Life Investors

May 14
1/2 day of workshops for hosts
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Center Pt. Rd. C. R.

May 26
Welcoming dinner

May 31
Memorial day picnic

June 1 5 - 8:30 p.m.
Seminole Valley picnic

June 2
Leave C. R. by 2:00 p.m.

We will forward information to you as we receive it. We will begin matching families as soon as the interviews are concluded so everyone should have time to write to their guest. Please consider hosting, it is a very worthwhile experience.

Netherlands Exchange

We are still accepting applications for the exchange to the Netherlands on October 20. The cost of the exchange is \$695 from Chicago. A second week of home hosting is available for an additional \$25 per person. If you would rather select your own itinerary the second week, that is the ambassadors choice and arrangements will have to be made individually. It will be a fun country to visit. The Dutch are ALWAYS an excellent hosts. We can expect a great time while we are visiting. If you are interested in an application, please contact Sue Girsch at 378-1719.

This is what the Friendship Force is all about. Please consider a trip with us. It will be a great trip at a SUPER price.

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All ambassadors must be interviewed. If you have not sent in an application, please feel free to attend an interview and fill out an application at that time. A deposit of \$100 per person is required with an application. After the interviews are conducted, we should be notifying prospective ambassadors within a month if selected.

GARAGE SALE

Thanks to all who participated in the garage sale. We made about \$400! This will go a long way towards paying our bills. Mary and Carl Carson were the organizers of the event. Thanks also to the workers: George and Marlene Milligan, Carl and Mary Carson, Marnie Fletcher, Betsy Sargent, Connie Williams, Sue Girsch. Also the folks who volunteered to be a drop-off point for items.: Mary Rickey, Clem and Jan McKamy, Connie Williams, Sue Girsch and Carl and Mary Carson. Great job Mary and Carl. It was so successful that we plan to do it again.

CALLERS

Because we are growing so quickly it has become necessary to form a calling committee. These people will notify the membership of meetings or other special activities. I would like to thank the following people for volunteering for this committee: Una Carr, Eleanor Green, Betty Breen, Pauline Falcon, Kay Jones, Charlene Erceg, Doris McClain. I still need callers

for the Iowa City, Muscatine and Marengo areas. If you could help us out, we would sure appreciate it. No caller will need to call more than 15 names. Please call Sue Girsch at 378-1719 if you can help.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5. This will be a potluck for all members and guests. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided by the club. These potlucks are very enjoyable and a super way to get to meet your fellow Friendship Force members. We will be meeting at St. Andrews Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. St. Andrews is located on Center Pt. Rd. in Cedar Rapids, across the street from Stillwater's Restaurant. (Take the 42nd St. exit and go east towards the 7-11 grocery store. Turn left at the 7-11 and the church is about 1 more block on your right.) We will have entertainment, and we will update you on the German hosting and the Netherlands exchange.

We will also be proposing some by-law changes. These changes are necessary because of changes made by Friendship Force International. So all clubs are run on the same schedule, we are to make the following changes:

Article VI - Sect. 2

The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers will begin term in January of the following year.

CHANGED FROM:

Officers will begin term in June of year elected.

Article VII - Sect. 1

The annual meeting of the club shall be held during the month of September each year at a time and place to be designated by the President.

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CHANGED FROM:

The annual meeting of the club shall be held during the month of May each year at a time and place to be designated by the President.

Article IX - Sect. 1

The annual dues of this club shall be \$5.00 per individual and \$10.00 per family, payable in the month of January.

CHANGED FROM:

The annual dues of this club shall be \$5.00 per individual and \$10.00 per family, payable between the months of May and June. Members who have not paid dues by July 1 shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

We want to encourage all to attend this important meeting. Because of this change we will have 2 annual meetings this year!

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SOUVENIRS

We have a number of items for sale with the Friendship Force insignia on them. All items will be on display at the workshops, interviews and the annual meeting. We want to encourage all members to get a name badge especially. For a list of available items give Sue Girsch a call or order at a get-together.

JAPAN

Kathy and Dennis Goemaat have recently returned from a Friendship Force trip to Japan. After having such a great time with their two Japanese ambassadors, they decided to see Japan for themselves. They had a great time with the Quad Cities club. They did report that they missed seeing Misa and Yumi because they were on a Friendship Force trip to Australia at the very same time! We're glad to have you back Kathy and Dennis!

MEMBERSHIPS

New members are always welcome. If you have a friend that is interested, feel free to invite guests to any of our events. Don't you forget to come. We always like to see our old friends.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE MEMBERSHIP	
Name	_____
Address	_____
Phone	_____
Membership	\$5 _____
Family	\$10 _____
Friendship magazine	\$5 _____



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