

April 1994

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Western Virginians are coming. To date, 8 people will be arriving on June 25th. Host families will meet along I-80 near Iowa City to meet and pick-up their guests. Then that night the whole CR-IC Friendship Force Club is invited to a Pot Luck at the Hally Adams Acreage and pond. This will give all of us an opportunity to meet them. We are planning a busy week with day trips on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. (Kalona tour and dinner, Amanas & Tanager Outlet, Mississippi boat trip Wednesday evening we will have dual city progressive dinners, one in Iowa City and one in Cedar Rapids.

On Friday, July 1st, everyone is invited to attend a Farewell dinner party at the Lark Supper Club in Tiffin. Mark your calendar and come join the fun and help up show our Eastern friends some real Western hospitality.

Please fill out and return the attached reservation.

Gerry Stoner & Jim and Colleen Nieman

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

_____ I will attend the July 1st Farewell Dinner at the Lark.
6:00 Social
6:30 Dinner

Menu

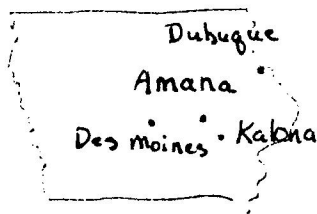
_____ Beef Tenderloin Dinner \$17.25 (Includes tax and tip)

_____ Ham Dinner \$10.00 (includes tax and tip)

_____ Chicken Dinner \$10.00 (includes tax and tip)

Please include your check with this reservation. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION: June 25.

Return to: Jim & Colleen Nieman
2803 Camelot Avenue NW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405



Summer is here - at least it feels like it. I remember hearing about lazy, hazy days of summer. My calendar shows no indications of lazy days. Our club has TWO IMPORTANT events this summer. The incoming Western Virginia domestic exchange and the incoming German exchange. The directors have details following. Please join the events for lots of fun and camaraderie!

Information of the Virginia Exchange follows on the next pages.

Update on the Germany Exchange:

Eighteen ambassadors from Hanover will be our guests August 22-29, 1994. We need hosting applications for the week or the day by **June 27** so that assignments can be made by July 1. The committees have exciting plans for the week. The farewell banquet will be on Sunday, August 28, so mark it on your calendars! Hosting applications should be sent to: Madeline Sullivan, 39 Green Mtn. Drive, Iowa City, IA 52245 Phone (319) 338-4350.

Our Pisa, Italy outgoing exchange in May was a great success! We, 18 ambassadors, found the Italians to be warm, very hospitable, proud of their country and all it holds--and BOY do they know how to throw a party! They wined us and dined us and "toured" us every possible minute! The second week 2 went to Manchester, England and the remaining 16 toured Italy by bus. Three of the group came home early after Betty Emrich broke her leg in Venice. Peggy Levy volunteered to fly back with Betty and Doug. Unfortunately casting was not effective, so June 2 surgery was done at U of I Hospital and a plate and 7 screws was inserted. She is home and doing well. I will be ordering name pins soon. If anyone wants to order one, please notify me.

The 18th International Friendship Force Conference is Oct 13-16 in Denver, Colo. The next conference will be in 1997. In 1995 & 1996 there will be International Leadership Conferences in Atlanta, Georgia. Anyone may attend and I would encourage you to do so. If you are interested call me for details.

Have a great summer

Shari Radcliff

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SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA EXCHANGE UPDATE

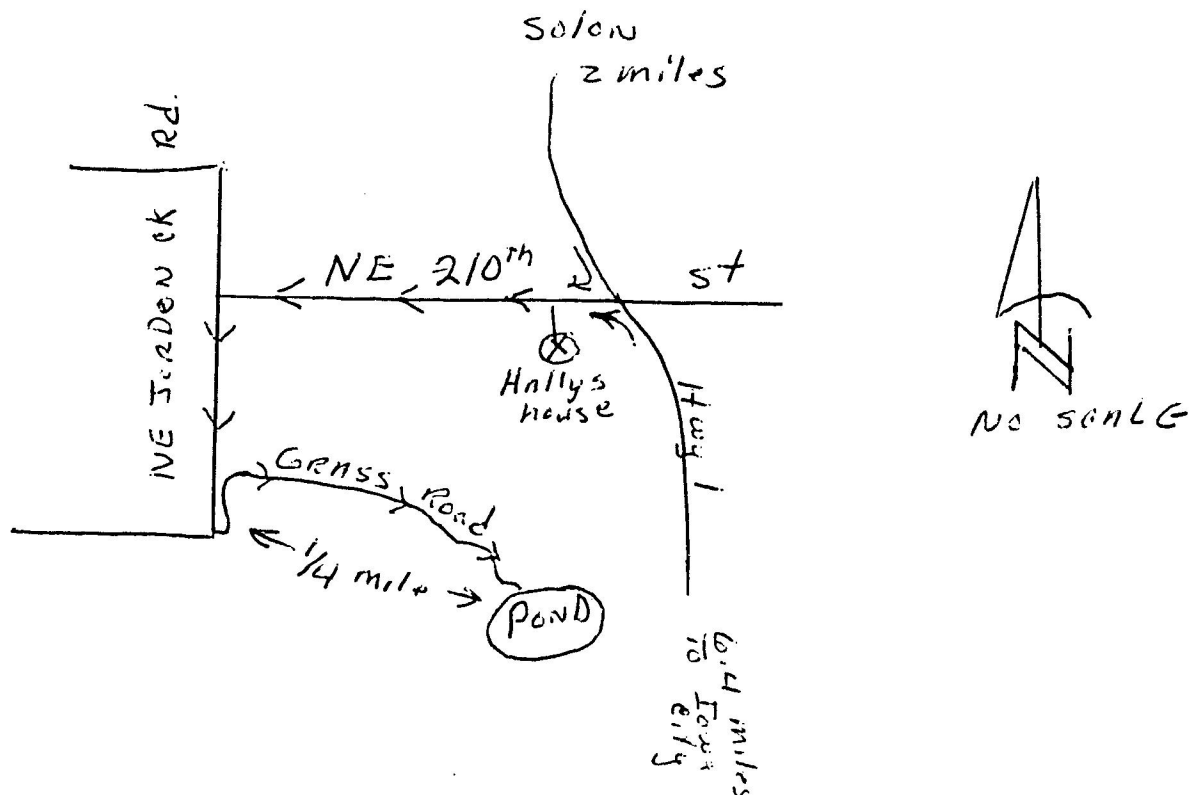
Yes, the exchange is GO!! Things moved rather slowly until a new exchange director on their end took over. PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES AND EVENTS HAVE CHANGED, SOME EVEN CANCELLED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER. Please remark your calendars.

6 ambassadors will arrive Sunday, June 26th and depart Thursday June 30th in the morning. 5 of them are arriving in 2 cars from Virginia. The sixth person will join the group from Scottsdale, Arizona.

Here is the schedule of events for their stay. We hope that all club members will join us for one, two or all events. The more the merrier.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th

1. Host families will meet their ambassadors (2 couples, 2 ladies) at exit 242 at the Day's Inn on I-80. (The ambassadors will call us Saturday to give us an approximate arrival time and we will let the host families know as soon as we know.)
2. Potluck Picnic at Hally Adams' Pond - map included. 5-9p.m. Eat at 6 p.m. (It's a beautiful, quiet, restful place.)
 - A. Club will furnish bröts, hot dogs and buns
 - B. Iced tea furnished by Hally Adams
 - C. You need to bring 1 dish for potluck if you are 1 or 2 people and 2 dishes if you are 3 or more
 - D. Bring table service and lawn chairs
 - E. Canoe available, fishing also, bring pole
 - F. Call Hally Adams at 319-644-3804 in Solon or Nieman's at 319-396-5892 in CR so we will have enough bröts!! Leave a message if we aren't home and give number coming.





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SOUPER SUPPER

We had a large turnout at St. Andrew Church in Cedar Rapids April 10, for the Souper Supper. Special thanks go to Delores Kaiden and Marian Wietjen for planning and organizing the meeting room and the food. A BIG thanks also to all those who contributed food: Parton, Riggerburg, Roberson, Sullivan, Trammel, Weitjen, Stull, Schmitz, Nieman, Hansen, Cerveny, Beasler, Green, Bitenbender, Nelson, Pearson, Elliott, Olson, Kaiden families. The program was given by Marianne Brown who shared her knowledge of Germany and German customs.

SCRAPBOOK

Lynn Black, historian, will be happy to accept and would appreciate items and pictures for the club scrapbook.

ITALY

Eighteen ambassadors leave for Italy on May 12 and return on May 26, 1994.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE

More will follow in regard to the domestic exchange from western Virginia. Do remember that this is a new FF program and it will take time and hard work to make it successful and to reap the benefits from this new experience. Jim and Colleen Neiman and Gerry Stoner have worked very hard for this exchange. The number of ambassadors may be small but all are enthusiastic.

GERMANY

Madeline Sullivan is the exchange director for the incoming exchange from Germany August 22 - 29, 1994. As usual there is a great deal of cooperation needed from the club to work with Madeline and her committees to make this a successful exchange.

THANKS!

I want to thank Ed Barker for writing a wonderful press release for our FF and the Pisa exchange. We received some responses from prospective new members.

MEMBERSHIP

Our club has gained a number of new members in 1994. Welcome! We have 60 paid units - a unit being either a single or family membership. There are a large number of unpaid units. The Club policy is that dues must be paid by July 1 or you will be dropped from the membership. Your mailing label denotes the last year your dues were paid.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE PASSPORTS

If you paid for a passport and have not received it, please, notify Joe Trammell at 351-3517. Again the label tells you if you paid for one- if you did a P will follow the year.

Shari Radcliff

NEEDED

Ambassadors to attend a week filled with fun activities in western Virginia the 2nd or 3rd week in October. The trees should be in full autumn colors by then. They have much to offer in early American history and other areas of interest.

This is your chance to participate in selecting the time frame and to also share in a new venture called Domestic Exchange.

The price has not been set yet. It appears we will fly out on Saturday and return the next Saturday. If we have 20 ambassadors our cost of the airfare will be approximately \$300 plus the \$75 to Friendship Force.

To sign up call Gerry Stoner at 319-351-9067 in Iowa City or Jim and Colleen Neiman at 319-396-5892 in Cedar Rapids.