

CR/IC Friendship Force UPDATE

May 18, 2001

A Word from the President Shirley Rosencrans

As I was typing the word "president", I was asking myself what does the title mean. It seems like such a big and impressive word. A title that belongs to someone who has done wondrous deeds? not me. The word "president" to me means someone who helps lead a group of people to an ultimate goal. Our goal as Friendship Force members is to make possible our motto, "A world of friends is a world of peace." With the help of each and every one of you, we can come closer to realizing the Friendship Force motto. When you are with friends, neighbors or relatives, tell them about your wonderful experiences you have had hosting and visiting other Friendship Force Clubs around the world. Ask yourself, who can I *bring as a guest?* to our next FF get-together.

OUR VISIT TO THE DUBUQUE FF CLUB APRIL 22, 2001

Eight of our club members and one guest traveled to Dubuque to share an evening of dinner and fellowship. We were greeted with a big warm Dubuque welcome by 55 of their members and guests. The program was on China as they are doing an exchange in October. Several of their members have already been to China and had brought lots of photos and memorabilia.

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 9, 2001 WAPSIPINICON STATE PARK

At the Dubuque club meeting, I gave them a warm Cedar Rapids/Iowa City welcome to come and share a picnic with us at the Wapsipinicon State Park in Anamosa, Iowa on Saturday, June 9, 2001 at 4PM. The club will be providing iced tea, lemonade and coffee. We are not charging a fee to their club or asking them to bring any food. So, bring plenty as you always do.

The program will be on Native Americans by Sharon Bowers, who is Native American and has her Masters in Native American Studies. She also is a very dear friend of mine. She will allow plenty of time for questions and answers. **BRING A GUEST!!!**

See map for directions to Anamosa and the lodge.

Overnight Hosting

Steve and Nancy Miller have graciously offered to find host homes for any of the Dubuque club members wishing to stay overnight and attend the Grant Wood Day in Stone City on Sunday. If Nancy gives you a call, please say yes. Or call them at (319) 447-1623

Overalls All Over

The same weekend will be the kickoff for the Cedar Rapids downtown promotion called, "Overalls All Over." So named for the American Gothic by Grant Wood. There will be 35 to 40 life size pairs of statues designed by several different artists depicting the couple from the American Gothic on the street corners in downtown Cedar Rapids. This promotion is similar to the one in Chicago last year with the cows. So, if you host someone, try and find time to show them "Overalls All Over." Did you know that as known art the American Gothic is second in the world, after the Mona Lisa.

JULY 15, 2001 MEETING – KENT STATE PARK, IOWA CITY

This will be our regular meeting with a picnic from 1-4PM. The program will be on the Ukraine as Frank & Mary Stull, Jim & Colleen Nieman and myself will be traveling there May 22 - June 6 with the IRIS program. We have all home hosted IRIS people and are excited about seeing friends once again. Just another way to help build friendships and create world peace. Kent State Park is off Hwy 6 near Iowa City. See an Iowa map for directions. **BRING A GUEST!!!**

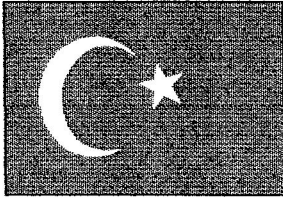
JULY 28, 2001 - BELGIUM FRIENDS STOP BY FOR A VISIT

I have received word that six people from the Belgium Friendship Force will be stopping in Iowa after a week exchange in Ohio and a week in Colorado. We look forward to their visit as seven members of our club had a wonderful time in Belgium in 1998. Joanne Smith (319) 395-9440 and Marilyn Smith, (319) 365-1295 *how about that for a Smith duo*, have offered to find host homes and plan an itinerary during their stay. If you can home host or day host, please give them a call. Hopefully, we will have most of the information available at the picnic June 9.

OCTOBER 2, 2001 - INCOMING EXCHANGE FROM ENGLAND

Steve & Nancy Miller, exchange directors, tell me everything seems to be in order for the exchange. Here is another opportunity to make new friends toward world peace. So, give Steve & Nancy a call at (319) 447-1623 to home host, day host, prepare food, provide transportation or help with what ever needs to be done. Ted & Tish Healy have offered their summer home at Coralville Lake for a potluck, which sounds like a great time. Thank you, Ted & Tish.

OCTOBER 15-31, 2001 - OUTGOING EXCHANGE TO TURKEY



Because of family illness and other family related matters, Betty Emrich and Kenny & Janis Schmitz have declined to be the exchange directors for the Turkey exchange. Betty said she is still willing to help provided Doug is doing well.

So, you're probably thinking what are we going to do now. There is always another FF member willing to take the lead. Shirley Messer (319) 623-3124 and Berneda Schnoebelen (563) 452-3471 have agreed to be the exchange directors. The cost for the one-week exchange and an 8-day tour is \$2,400. If you are interested in going, please give one of them a call. At the last board meeting, the board voted to spend up to \$150 on advertising in newspapers to promote the trip. More information at the June 9 picnic.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - JUNE 13, 2001

The next board meeting will be June 13 at 6 PM at the Tropical Smoothie, 3200 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids.

2001 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Look at the date on your newsletter. If it has 2001, then your membership is paid for this year. If it has 00 or some other number, then your membership needs to be paid. The cost is \$32 for a family and \$27 for a single. Send your check to:

Jerry Seidl, 7709 Princeton Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402. Thank you.

That's all, folks...

I hope I haven't forgotten anything. Let's have a great turn out for the Dubuque Friendship Force Club at the picnic June 9, at the Wapsipinicon State Park in Anamosa. **BRING A GUEST OR GUESTS!!!**

Thank you to the entire club for everything that you do to make our club successful,
Shirley Rosencrans

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT WAPSIPINICON PARK, ANAMOSA

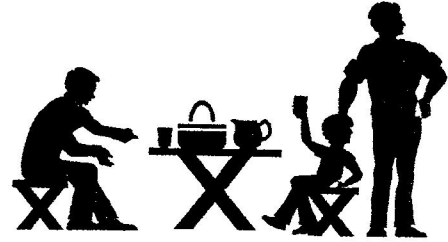
Date: *Saturday, June 4, 2001, 4pm*

Bring: *Table service, dish(es) to share*

Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee provided

Meet: *Your Friendship Force members
from eastern Iowa (Cedar
Rapids-Iowa City and Dubuque
clubs)*

Hear: *Program on Native Americans by
Sharon Bowers*



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