

Rosalynn Carter, Honorary Chairperson  
Wayne Smith, President

The Friendship Force  
of Cedar Rapids - Iowa City



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 26

Meet the Ambassadors 2:00 p.m.  
Tri-State Tours Inc.  
114 32nd St. Dr. SE

P. M. Exchange 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
3rd Ave. Parking Ramp  
\$3.00 per person no RSVP required

Welcoming Dinner 7:00 p.m.--Dinner 8:00 p.m.  
Coe College Pub \$8.50 per person  
Reservations accepted NO LATER than Monday, May 23  
Contact Marnie Fletcher at 363-4573

May 29

C. R. Community Theatre Sun. matinee  
Fiddler on the Roof \$4.00 per person  
Contact Marlene Milligan at 363-8642 NO LATER than May 20

Day in the Amanas  
Church, brunch, lunch or shopping  
Contact the Babbitts at 362-2464 for more information.

June 1

Farewell potluck, picnic 5:30 dinner 6:30  
Pioneer Village at Seminole Valley  
\$3.00 per Iowa Chop. Bring your own table service and a dish to share.  
Drinks will be provided.  
Reservations accepted NO LATER than May 27.

June 2

Departure time for the ambassadors will be about 2:00 p.m.

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German Arrival

42 German ambassadors will be arriving in Cedar Rapids on May 26th at 2:00 p.m. This is going to be a very exciting and enjoyable exchange. We

have ambassadors ranging from six years old to an 80 year old Grandma. Many people have been in contact with the guests so are very anxious to meet them. We are still in need of day hosts. If you are interested in hosting a German ambassador for a day, please contact Marlene Milligan at 363-8642. All members of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force are welcome to attend any or all events while our guests are here. Please come, even if you can't host, you can meet our guests.

### Netherlands Exchange

The Netherlands exchange is now filled. The ambassadors have been selected and a waiting list established. If you are still interested in applying for the exchange, your name will be put on the waiting list. Chances are very good that some members of the exchange will cancel. If you are interested in being on the waiting list, please feel free to apply to Sue Girsch at 378-1719. Our departure date is Thursday, October 20 and our arrival home will be Thursday, November 2. We have yet to receive a host city designation.

### Volunteers of the Year

Max and Donna Betenbender were honored as the volunteers of the year. Max and Donna have contributed much time and talent to us without ever being asked. They show the true spirit of Friendship. They have been on 5 Friendship Force exchanges with different Iowa clubs and hosted twice. They are true ambassadors of peace. Congratulations Max and Donna.

### Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held at St. Andrews Church on May 5th. We had a delightful evening visiting with everyone and preparing for the German guests arrival. George and Marlene Milligan shared their videos of last years exchange with Kiel W. Germany for our enjoyment.

Several members were recognized for their contributions of the past year. Volunteers are the backbone of our club. Without everyone, we would not be able to function.

Marnie Fletcher is the exchange director for the upcoming hosting. Marnie has spent many hours working hard preparing for this exchange and we are confident you will have a memorable week with your German guests. We're looking forward to our exchange very much.

Carl and Mary Carson and George and Marlene Milligan did an outstanding job of matching German ambassadors with host families. This is an extremely difficult job and very time-consuming. I'm sure everyone will be pleased with their guests.

Connie Williams, Janice Dyrland, Bunnie Tomes and Betsy Sargent were the interviewers for the Netherlands exchange. This again is a very difficult and time-consuming job.

Our Executive Assistants did a super job of notifying members of the annual meeting. You'll be hearing from these ladies again. Please help them out when they call. We need everyone's help to be a successful club. Thanks to: Una Carr, Eleanor Green, Pauline Falcon, Betty Breen, Dot McClain, Madeline Sullivan, Charlene Erceg, and Shirley Messer.

We also want to recognize Marty Shepardson and Kitty Olsen for being past exchange directors. Marty was the first hosting director and Kitty was the first traveling director. Being the first to do a job is always very difficult. They both did a wonderful job.

### September Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting at which we will elect officers for the 1989 year will be held on Monday, September 12. All subsequent annual meetings will be held in September.

### Thanks for a job well done

After the German ambassadors have left Cedar Rapids, I'm sure we'll all be ready for a well-deserved rest. This has been a very busy and productive year for the Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids-Iowa City. We have hosted three times (including the Soviet visit in November) and gone on an exchange, all in the last 9 months. At this point, we're planning on an easy summer to rest up for another hectic year beginning in September. Don't get too comfortable, however. Who knows what could come our way at any given time! Take it easy and we'll see everyone in September.

### Merchandise

We have a variety of Friendship Force merchandise available. If you are interested in obtaining a name badge, hat, t-shirt, luggage tag, or a variety of other items, please contact Sue Girsch at 378-1719.

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### Friendship Force Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ individual \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ family

Friendship magazine \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_