

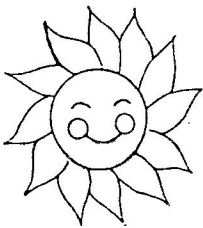
The Friendship Force



Cedar Rapids-Iowa City
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May 15, 1993

It's a fun, busy season - graduations, Mothers day, Fathers day, weddings, vacations. We have a special treat for you at our June meeting. Take a step back in time when things moved at a slower pace and visit a 1930s-era lodge nestled in the woods of Palisades-Kepler Park. We'll have a potluck picnic, a short business meeting, and plenty of conversation and camaraderie. Invite a prospective member to come wit you and enjoy the fun at the Friendship Force picnic on June 13. Mark your calendars now.



Thany Stull
President

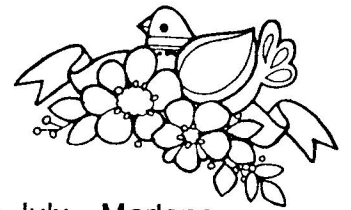
Our summer meeting will be a potluck picnic on Sunday, June 13, at 4 pm at Palisade-Kepler State Park. The park is located on Highway 30 near Mt. Vernon (8 miles east of I-380, or 3.7 miles west of Highway 1). Enter the park from Highway 30; go .8 of a mile and at the split go straight ahead; the lodge is a half a mile further on. There is a large screened in area, a limited kitchen facility and restrooms.

Bring a dish to share and your table service. Beverages will be provided. We'll eat at 4 pm, have a short business meeting, and see the premier performance of the Friendship Force players (AKA the ambassadors to Brazil) - presenting Old McDonald's Farm. We'll have time for sharing photographs and experience from the Belgium exchange. (Ask Madeline Sullivan how she redecorated her living room during the day trip and amazed several ambassadors)

We will be combining this meeting with planning activities for the Brazilian and Russian exchanges. Marlene Milligan will have a departure workshop for everyone going to Brazil beginning at 2:30 pm. Madeline Sullivan will have a planning session for the Moscow exchange following the picnic. Also, we will announce information on our hosting match for 1994 and discuss domestic exchange opportunities.

Welcome to the following new members

Agnes Gilbert and Hildegard Cerveny, Cedar Rapids. We're looking forward to seeing you at Friendship Force activities.



Ambassadors to Brazil are practicing and packing

We wish a *bon voyage* to the 20 ambassadors headed for Brazil in July. Marlene Milligan (and her able assistant, George) have done an outstanding job of recruiting and preparing this group for two weeks of homestays in Rio de Janeiro and Capinas followed by sightseeing trips to Iguassu Falls and the Amazon River. We are looking forward to hearing about your host families and your experiences after your return.

Ambassadors are:

Marlene and George Milligan; Mary and Carl Carson; Rita Maher; Anne and Dave Parton; Marcella Soper; Dee and Charles Thayer; Lynn and Keith Black; Fran Cerney; Betty and Dick Emrich all from our club. Joining them on the trip will be Mary Jane McCullum, Cedar Falls; Virgil Kellog, Ankeny; James Stewart, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mary Ann and Jim Gleason, El Paso, Texas.

Reminder: departure workshop on June 13, at 2:30 pm at Palisade-Kepler State Park (see page 1 for directions)

Looking ahead - Moscow Exchange

Madeline Sullivan is working on finalizing a September date for this exchange. The Madison, Wisconsin club, which is hosting Moscow for their first week in the U.S., is traveling to Russia this month and we should have more details on arrival date, number of ambassadors, etc. in early June. Madeline is having a planning session following the June 13 picnic. Everyone interested in working on this exchange should plan to be there. If you would like a hosting application, you can pick one up at the picnic or contact Madeline at 39 Green Mountain Drive, Iowa City (338-4350) or Mary Stull at 5819 Golden Court NE, Cedar Rapids, (393-6254)

Belgium Exchange

Our 17 guests came with lots of enthusiasm and interest in learning about Iowa and their host families met the challenge of sharing their lives with their guests. From the welcome at St. Andrew Church to the party at the Lark, it was a fun-filled week leaving us with new experiences and wonderful memories. Jan Voets, exchange director from Limburg, wrote, "*All of the ambassadors have expressed to me their great experience on this exchange....pass our gratitude to your club committee and hosts. This exchange has really been great to all the participants, thanks to the skill in organizing all the details and warm hospitality. We hope we'll once meet again in Belgium.*" This is what really makes all the work worth it! Special thanks to Margaret Stokely and Dolores Kaiden and their army of volunteers. You did a super job. If anyone has photos of this exchange they would like to donate to the club scrapbook send them to Mary Stull (see address above)





Board Action

At a board meeting on May 12, 1994 exchanges were discussed including the opportunities for domestic exchanges, that is, with other clubs in the United States. We can tell Atlanta if our club is interested in this type of exchange and they will try to make a match. This is viewed as an additional opportunity, not a replacement for international exchanges, so if a club does not fill their outgoing exchange, they will not be eligible for a domestic exchange that year. We will discuss this at the June picnic so if you have any comments or suggestions, please share them at the meeting or contact Mary Stull or Shari Radcliff (338-8479).

Other Friendship Force Activities

Following are other international activities available to Friendship Force members: For further information or a copy of the flier, contact Mary Stull, 393-6254

Big Sky Montana Camp for Youth, August 5-16 (open to students ages 13-20)
Festival Cruise, December 3-11, departing from Cape Canaveral Florida
Three sessions of Leadership Training Workshops are scheduled for June 9-10
September 9-10; and December 9-10 in Atlanta.

Thanks to...

Thanks to Kenny and Janis Schmitz for hosting the May board meeting; everyone who work on or participated in the Belgium exchange; and all the ambassadors and committee members for the Brazilian exchange. We appreciate your efforts!

Last call - 1993 membership renewals

Our by-laws dictate that members who have not paid their dues by July will be dropped from the listing of members. We will miss you so if you've overlooked renewing your membership, (your address label shows "92"), you can pay dues at the meeting June 13 or send a check with the following form.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

YES!! Sign me up for 1993 membership in the CR/IC Friendship Force!! Enclosed find my check for the options noted.

NAME (please Print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

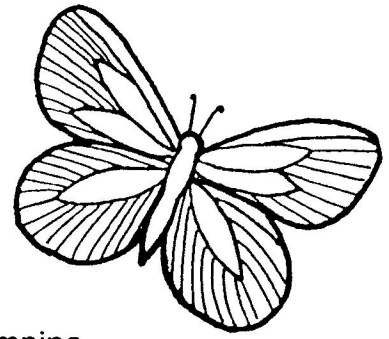
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

_____ \$20.00 for One family membership

_____ \$15.00 for One individual membership

_____ 10.00 for FFI Quarterly Magazine (after 1/1/93)

Send this form with your check to: Marcella Soper
608 Fourth Ave.
Coralville, Iowa 52241



1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13, Sun, 4 pm	Picnic at Palisades-Kepler Park
July 1	Exchange to Rio de Janeiro and Campina Brazil
October 14-17	17th International Conference, Acapulco, Mexico
November	Annual meeting

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