

CRIFC Friendship Force UPDATE

June 29, 2001

A Word from the President Shirley Rosencrans

One of the goals I had as your president in 2001 was to get better acquainted with our neighboring Friendship Force Clubs of Dubuque and the Quad Cities. I can say we are getting to know our Dubuque FF friends. They invited the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City FF Club to their dinner/meeting in April and we invited them to our picnic at the Wapsipinicon Park June 9. Fourteen of their members plus two grandchildren of Doris & John McCorkle, the club president, shared a feast of great food, good conversation and learned about Native Americans. Steve & Nancy Miller hosted two ladies in their home for the evening so they could attend the Grant Wood Day in Stone City on Sunday. Thanks Steve & Nancy for sharing your home.

Also, the Dubuque club has invited our club and our England guests to share a day together in Dubuque in October. This will be a great sharing experience for all of us thanks to the efforts of many people in both clubs.

Now, we must work on getting to know the Quad Cities FF Club better. As of now, we do not have anything planned, but I will be working on it. The board voted to invite the club president and a guest from both the Dubuque and Quad Cities clubs to be our guests at our annual meeting and dinner in November

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

We will meet at 1 pm for a potluck picnic at Kent State Park. Bring a dish to share and your table service. The club will provide iced tea, lemonade and coffee. And as usual, **BRING A GUEST**--someone who has come with you before or someone new to share an afternoon of fun, good food and learning.

The program will be on the Ukraine. Frank & Mary Stull, Jim & Colleen Nieman, myself and three people from Newton who traveled with us, will share stories of our wonderful time spent with new friends in the Ukraine. As our motto says, "A world of friends is a world of peace." Even though this was not a Friendship Force exchange, this trip worked on the same principle.

Directions from Cedar Rapids: go south on I-380, then west on I-80, take the Tiffin exit (first exit) and follow the signs to the park. In the park, look for signs to the Bob White shelter. From Iowa City and points east, take I-80 west to the Tiffin exit and follow the signs to the park.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
Sunday, July 15, 2001 following the picnic at the park.**

BELGIUM FRIENDS STOP BY FOR A VISIT JULY 28 - AUGUST 2, 2001

Marilyn Smith and Joanne Smith are making great plans for the visit of six Belgium friends stopping in Iowa on their way back to Belgium. They will have spent one week in Ohio and one week in Colorado before coming to Iowa. In 1998, the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force Club did an exchange with the Belgium club so we are excited about seeing old and new friends. Following is a tentative itinerary for the Belgium club:

- **Saturday, July 28**, they will arrive at the Cedar Rapids Airport at 3:25pm. So, we will need the host families and as many members as possible to give them a warm Iowa welcome at the airport. The rest of the day will be with the host family.
- **Sunday, July 29**, we will be going to the Quad Cities for a brunch cruise on the Celebration Cruise boat. This is not a gambling boat, but a beautiful boat that travels on the Mississippi River, with great food and entertainment. We board the boat at 10:30am and cruise until 1pm. The cost is \$24.40 per person inclusive. There is a bar available for those who wish a drink. **If you would like to make a reservation for the brunch cruise, call Marilyn Smith 319-365-1295 ASAP.** We will discuss carpooling at the picnic Sunday, July 15. I have been on this boat several times and I have enjoyed it immensely.

After the cruise, we will go to the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, which is free. Then, each host family can do what ever they wish for the evening with their guests.
- **Monday, July 30**, will be a walking tour of downtown Cedar Rapids starting at 10am. Meeting point details will be determined. Lunch will be on your own at the Flavorable Reviews Restaurant on the upper floor of the Cedar Rapids Library. Approximately 2:30pm, the group will tour the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Cost is \$4 per person. I will have the museum store open as I am the manager and I hope to see many of you. The evening will be spent with host families.
- **Tuesday, July 31**, we will be off to West Branch to the Herbert Hoover Museum & Library. Meeting point and time to be determined. Lunch will be on your own at Bennigan's Restaurant, Coral Ridge Mall in Iowa City. There will be time for shopping as we show our Belgium guests the largest shopping mall in Iowa. Or if you prefer, you can go to the Amana Colonies. The evening will be spent with host families.
- **Wednesday, August 1**, Time with host family, Curtis Hill Indian Museum and picnic. The morning will be spent with host families or day hosts. At 2 pm, our Belgium guests and hosts will arrive at the home of Dick & Doris Faas. From there, they will travel to see the Curtis Hill Indian Museum located north of Coralville Lake. Also, Dick will give them a tour around their home as he did for the Turkey group. Dick & Doris did such a wonderful job for the Turkey exchange, and they graciously accepted to do this again. Then at 5:30pm, we will all share a farewell potluck picnic at the Faas home, 2511 140th St, Swisher. More details will be available at the picnic Sunday, July 15.
- **Thursday, August 2**, we will be saying our farewell good-byes as the Belgium group departs the Cedar Rapids Airport at 10:45 am

If you can be a day host or help in any way with the Belgium visit, give Marilyn Smith 365-1295 or Joanne Smith 395-9440 a call. Thanks for all your help and planning.

OCTOBER 15-31, 2001 – OUTGOING EXCHANGE TO TURKEY
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Sign up now

Betty Emrich (563-886-2349), Shirley Messer (319-623-3124) and Berneda Schnoebelen (319-629-5327), exchange directors, reported there are 6 people who have paid a deposit and 7 maybes for the Turkey Exchange in October.

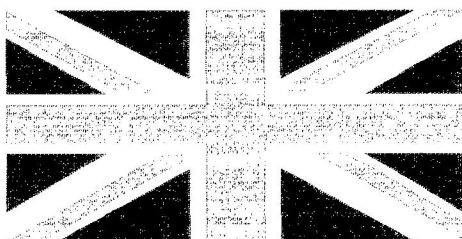
The cost for the trip is \$2400 per person, which includes a one-week exchange and an eight-day tour of Turkey based on 15 people on the exchange. Also, there is a \$45 visa fee. More information will be available at the picnic July 15. If you are interested, please give one of the exchange directors a call. Mary Stull designed an ad for the exchange that appeared in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City *Gazette* newspapers on June 24 and July 1.

OCTOBER 2- 9 2001 - INCOMING EXCHANGE FROM ENGLAND

Steve & Nancy Miller, exchange directors, said there will be 14 people coming to visit us from England, 5 couples and 4 singles. If you can be a host or a day host, please give them a call at 319-447-1623.

The Incoming Exchange Planning Committee will meet July 26 at 7pm the home of Steve & Nancy, 3133 Silver Oak Trail, Marion, Iowa. Members are Steve & Nancy Miller, Kenny & Janis Schmitz, Ted & Tish Healy, Joanne Smith, Frank & Mary Stull, Shirley Messer and Shirley Rosencrans. If you would like to be part of this committee, please call Steve & Nancy.

After their visit with us, our English friends will have a one-week exchange with the southern Minnesota Friendship Force club. On October 9, we will drive to Hampton, Iowa to meet their Minnesota hosts. On October 16, we will meet again in Hampton to pick up our English friends to take them to the Cedar Rapids Airport for their trip home. If you have a van or a large vehicle of some kind, it would be appreciated if you could help drive people or luggage on either day. More information will be available at the picnic Sunday, July 15.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

At the board meetings, we have been discussing the possibility of establishing a scholarship fund for someone to travel on an exchange with the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force Club. Many other FF clubs have such a project. The guidelines would be set by our club. Please come to the picnic July 15 with any ideas of possible fund raisers to build this fund for a future scholarship exchange. I believe this would be a great way for our club to get more members involved and working together.

NEWS OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING EXCHANGES FOR 2002

We have a match... Our club has been notified of preliminary matching for two exchanges next year – an incoming exchange and an outgoing exchange. At the July 15 meeting in Kent Park, we'll reveal the destination of the outgoing exchange and the name of the club that will be visiting us.



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Want to become a member of the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force? We welcome new members anytime. If you want information about our club, contact any board member. Membership 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

A FINAL WORD

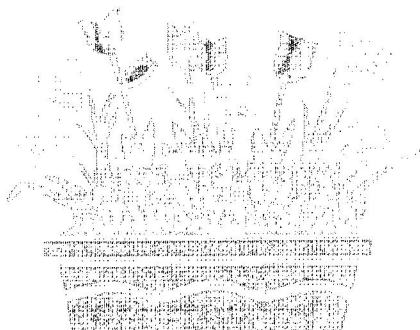
Thank you to each club member who gives of their time and talent to make our club successful. If you haven't done anything for the club lately, please step forward and volunteer when asked to help. It's great fun working together.

See you Sunday, July 15 at 1pm Kent State Park for the picnic. I am going to bring a dish that I had in the Ukraine. My host, Olena, made it for me. I will tell you the name of the dish translated into English, "Herring Under the Fur Coat." It was delicious!!! Bring a guest with you and try this new dish.

Friends in Friendship Force,
Shirley Rosencrans

Friendship Force Calendar of Events

- July 15, 2001 1-4 pm Picnic meeting at Kent State Park near Iowa City
- July 28, to
August 2, 2001 Hosting Friendship Force guests from Belgium
- October 2, 2001 Incoming Exchange from Leicestershire, United Kingdom
- October 15-31, 2001 Outgoing Exchange to Ankara Turkey
- November 4, 2001 Annual Meeting at the National Czech and Slovak Museum, Cedar Rapids
- December 2, 2001 Club Christmas Party at Steve & Nancy Miller's home



Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force Board for 2001

President	Shirley Rosencrans	Director at large	Gerry Stoner Rita Maher
Vice president	Nancy Miller	Historian	Dolores Kaiden
Treasurer	Jery Seidel	Membership	Vic Klopfenstein Betty Emrich
Secretary	Shirley Messer	Newsletter	Jim Nieman Frank Stull
Past president	Bernita Walker	Publicity & Phone	Phyllis Seidel Hally Adams Pat Klopfenstein
Activities:	Joanne Smith Marilyn Smith Sue Jordt	Hospitality	Herman & Millie Knappe Clayton & Helen Ringgenberg
Exchange Directors			
<i>Turkey:</i>	Shirley Messer Berneda Schnoeblen		
<i>UK</i>	Steve & Nancy Miller		

IT'S A PICNIC

Bob White Shelter, Kent State Park, Tiffin

Sunday, July 15, 2001, 1 pm

Bring your table service, dish to share

Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee provided



*Program on Trip to Ukraine
by*

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