

Iowa City/Cedar Rapids Friendship Force

June 14, 1999

Picnic

Our annual picnic potluck will be on Sunday June 27, from 1 PM to 4 PM at Palisades Kepler State Park west of Mt Vernon on highway 30. It will be at Shelter #1 which is past the stone house and on the left. This is a different shelter than we have used in the past. It will be at Shelter #1 which is past the stone house and on the left. This is a different shelter than we have used in the past. This will be a pot luck with everyone bring their own table service and beverage, along with a dish or dishes to share. There will be **no electricity** available at the shelter. The program will be a sharing of recent Friendship Force Exchanges that our members have shared with other clubs, to exciting places such as: Germany, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa.

Incoming Turkish exchange

I have been in communication with the exchange director of the Chicago FF Club and my information is from them. I have e-mailed several people in Turkey who I believe are connected with the exchange but have not heard from any of them. The dates our club are expecting them are August 8 to 15 (tentative)

We do need an Exchange Director for this exchange. If you would be interested please contact Gerry Stoner.

Volunteers Needed

1. Exchange Director for the Ankara, Turkey exchange
2. Editor for the Newsletter
- 3 Home Hosts for the Turkish Exchange this August

Opportunities for 2000

Our club has been assigned along with the Chicago Club to be ambassadors to Cairns, Australia, and Wairarapa, New Zealand in October 2000.

We are scheduled for an incoming exchange from Kiev, Ukraine in April 2000

Vice President appointment

Bernita Walker has been appointed as Vice President for this current year and will move into the Presidency in November. Joyce Roberson, current VP, is leaving Iowa City and moving to Florida.

Chip Carter to the Middle East

From September 25 through October 5 Chip Carter will lead an exchange for Friendship Force to the Middle East. If you are interested in joining them on this groundbreaking exchange contact Pat Royalty, at 404-355-1516 or by e-mail at stillwaters@mindspring.com

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CLUB PROFILE

Official club name: The Friendship Force of Wairarapa

Closest major airport: Wellington for International travel (98 kms)
Palmerston North for domestic travel (94 kms)

Cost of transportation between the airport and our city (based on 20 people):
by train: NZ\$11.50 per person
by private car, if Hosts meet the Ambassadors at the airport: No charge.

The maximum number of Ambassadors our club can host: 30

About the club: The club, the second club formed in New Zealand, was formed in February 1984. Members are drawn from throughout the district. Meetings are held in Masterton, which is the largest town in the Wairarapa area. Membership is small, approximately 60. Our members are mainly retired people.

About the region: Our area has many attractions. Southern Wairarapa has a seal colony at Palliser Bay and a Fishing Village at Ngawi. There is also an unusual rock formation called "The Pinnacles" which can be reached by an easy walk. Lake Ferry is also a popular spot for surf-casting.

Martinborough has vineyards and are producing prize winning wines considered as good as French wines. February and March see the town come alive with a Country Fair. Featherston has the only Fell engine in the world that is still in working order. Greytown is called the Fruit Bowl of the Wairarapa. Orchards of apples, peaches, nectarines and small fruites such as raspberries, blueberries, boysenberries are grown in abundance. There is a Paua Shell factory in Carterton that is well worth a visit. Mt. Holdsworth has beautiful forest walks and a barbecue area.

Castlepoint is a beachside resort close to Masterton which is well worth a visit. A walk up to the lighthouse is a must, and there are lovely views overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the local area.

Masterton's Queen Elizabeth Park is one of the most beautiful in New Zealand. Nearby there is a swimming complex, a Croquet Club and mini golf.

Mt. Bruce National Wildlife Centre breeds endangered native birds such as Kiwi, Takahe, New Zealand Black Robin and liberates them back to the wild.

These are a few of the attractions in the Wairarapa, but there are many more. We also have farming that includes sheep, cattle, deer and emus. Forestry is a big industry here.

The climate is temperate ranging from a winter average day temperature of approximately 10-12°C and a summer temperature of 25-30°C. Rainfall is 30-35 inches.



CLUB PROFILE

Official club name: The Friendship Force of Cairns

Closest major airport: Cairns International - 5 kms. Our Ambassadors are always met at the airport.

Cost of transportation between the airport and our city (based on 20 people):

by private car, if Hosts meet the Ambassadors at the airport: X

The maximum number of Ambassadors our club can host: approximately 24

About the club: Our club has a membership of 46. We have bi-monthly meetings, with a social gathering alternative months. The club was founded in 1985.

About the region: Cairns is in the far north of Australia 1697 kms. north of Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. The population of 110,000 enjoy a warm to hot summer with heavy rains for a short period and winters which are perfect, which the many tourists during that time would agree with. The area has many tropical flowers and palm trees, beaches to enjoy, many golf courses to be played on. The Great Barrier Reef, with many fine large craft visitors can board to enjoy a wonderful day viewing the reef either by snorkling, scuba diving or viewing from glass bottom boats. There is big game fishing, a Sky Rail over rainforest to Kuranda village, also many scenic tours of the Tablelands.

About the exchanges: Our guests are welcomed at a get-together usually by the Mayor or other pertinent official. At least two organized days are planned as a group with more if wished, usually after viewing brochures etc. We have a farewell dinner, B.B.Q. and other interesting things to do.

Ambassadors from any country will be guaranteed of leaving the Cairns club with new friends.

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NOTES FROM THE 1999 HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

The Heartland Conference, made up of Mid-Western Clubs, was held this year in Omaha on April 17th. There were 44 members in attendance representing 12 Clubs. Betty Emrich and Bernita Walker represented the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Area Club.

Dr. Esmael Burhan, the keynote speaker from the University of Nebraska, outlined many interesting aspects of Cross-Cultural communications. We were told that 65% of communications is non-verbal and that many statements and actions of one culture are completely different in another culture. I am confident that many of us have experienced confusing situations and can look back to an interesting, if not hilarious, moment with one of our Hosts or Ambassadors.

Harriet Kuhr, the Atlanta Director of the Bridgebuilder Program, advised us that they are working on programs for Cuba, Croatia, China, South Africa, Mongolia and Iran. Last year Friendship Force International sent 280 Exchanges involving 5,647 Ambassadors to 52 countries. New clubs have been formed this year in Cornwall, England, Quito, Ecuador, The Cayman Islands, California and Canada.

Several Clubs gave presentations on functions and activities of their clubs. Margo Lindi from the Madison Club talked about their 20th Anniversary Celebration. Dave Sartori from the Milwaukee Club outlined their Exchange with 13 police officers from St. Petersburg, Russia. Gloria Melgaard from the Dubuque Club spoke about showing the types of homes they have in Dubuque to visiting Ambassadors. Bernita Walker from the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Area Club explained about our Progressive Dinners. Betty Emrich explained about our new income arrangements of hosting and locating month -long job training for IRIS. Many other interesting ideas were presented.

At the close of the day, we enjoyed friendship and an excellent prime rib dinner along with the fine music of John Tynan. The hosting Friendship Force Club of Eastern Nebraska should be commended for the excellent organization of this conference.

Next Spring, the Heartland Conference will be hosted by the Friendship Force of the Greater Milwaukee Club. Make plans now to attend.

Betty Emrich
Bernita Walker

The Five Pillars of Cross-Cultural Success

- 1) **Participation.**
Participate in social and cultural activities.
- 2) **Learning.**
When you participate, you learn more about yourself and others.
- 3) **Contribution.**
When learning takes place, one is more capable of contributing to a target culture and being involved in the society.
- 4) **Visibility.**
Through interacting with others, one will be more visible in the community.
- 5) **Respect.**
One assimilates into the target culture and gains the respect of others.

Tentative 1999 Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

Friendship Force Schedule

Dates, Times and Locations will be discussed at the Annual Picnic:

Sun., June 27 1 P.M. to be held in Shelter #1

Palisades Kepler State Park near Mt. Vernon, Ia. On Highway 30.

Ambassadors will be arriving from Turkey Aug. 8-16. Plan time for a farewell dinner, picnic? And other activities.

Quarterly Meeting Sept. 19- Cedar Rapids.

Board Meeting Oct. 10 1-3 P.M.- Hills Bank in North Liberty

Annual Meeting Nov. 14- Iowa City