



THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
NEWSLETTER  
July 1994

Greetings from your president! Thank goodness we are having a much drier summer than 1993!! Our worldwide friends won't need to worry about us this year. We continue to have a busy Friendship Force schedule. I will be including information in this newsletter about many events. We hope you will be about to participate in many of them.

I personally want to thank everyone for the terrific attendance we had at the domestic exchange events! As usual, the committee -- Gerry Stoner, Jim and Collen Nieman -- planned a wonderful exchange. Thank you to them and to the host families.

Ed Barker continues to put out some nice media releases. Thank you, Ed. If anyone has any suggestions for publicity to promote Friendship Force, please contact Ed, ph 354-2410.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGES:

1. June 26, 5 Virginians, 1 Arizonan plus 1 Australian and 1 Chicagoan arrived to a truly old fashioned picnic at Hally Adams farm (thank you, Hally.) They enjoyed day trips to Kalona and Amana. The farewell banquet was June 29.

2. We're hoping we can take far more than 5 ambassadors to Virginia this fall for our outgoing domestic exchange! Remember this is a new program and we want our club to contribute to its success!

GERMAN EXCHANGE:

Hannover, Germany Exchange plans Aug 22-29, are being finalized. 19 ambassadors are coming: 10 hosted in Cedar Rapids and 9 in Iowa City. The farewell banquet will be at Indian Creek Country Club in Marion on Sunday evening, Aug 28th. We encourage you to attend and bring prospective members. Mark it on your calendar and reservation forms will be sent mid-August with more details.

Madeline Sullivan, Exchange director  
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1995 EXCHANGES:

1995 will be an exciting year for our exchanges! In May our club will host

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BERLIN, Germany. What an opportunity to learn more about a vastly changing part of the world!

Our outgoing exchange is in July - which should suit many of our schedules!! It is a TWO week exchange. One week on the North Island of NEW Zealand in West Waikato and 1 week on the South Island in Christchurch! Some of us can highly recommend New Zealand as a beautiful, friendly place to go. So start making your plans to be one of the ambassadors!! We need exchange directors of both of these exchanges.



Remember there are great perks for the outgoing director! Please call Shari for applications as soon as possible.

Enclosed are explanations of 2 events:

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: October 13-19 in Denver.

Remember any club member may attend. This will be the last International Conference until 1997. With its being so near to us it's a wonderful opportunity.

HEARTLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE: October 28-29 in

Minneapolis. Those that attended this conference in Des Moines feel it was very educational and helpful. Shari has applications and more information. These are both events to make more friends and learn more about all aspects of Friendship Force.

Shari is interested in some feedback from the membership that might be interested in the 3 October activities: 1. International Conference 2. Virginia exchange 3. Heartland Regional Conference. Is this too much in 1 month? Obviously the 2 conferences cannot be changed, but should we negotiate with the Virginia Club for a different date? What do you think? Call Shari (338-8479) with your thoughts by August 1st. At that time a decision will be made.

The dates for the next 2 general meetings are Sept 11 and Nov 20 (Annual Meeting). Mark your calendars!

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Shari Radcliff, President