

The Friendship Force



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES-

We had a great turnout for the "Sunday Supper With Friendship Force" on June 5th at the Sheraton Inn in Cedar Rapids. Don Beckley gave a terrific talk and presentation on his experiences as a Peace Corp Volunteer in Africa. His first hand knowledge of why aid projects succeed or fail is a message everyone should hear, especially our Federal Government. Everyone enjoyed Don and the program very much.

George Milligan
President

POTLUCK PICNIC CEDAR VALLEY PARK SUNDAY - AUGUST 6TH - 1:00 PM

General Membership Potluck Picnic at Cedar Valley Park with an enclosed shelter in case of rain and/or mosquitoes. Location and details on flyer.

FALL QUARTER GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH

The tentative date for the Fall Quarter General Meeting is, Sunday, November 5th. Mark your calendar now for some fun with your Friendship Force Friends.

1995 EXCHANGES -

NORDERSTEDT, GERMANY INCOMING - is scheduled for one week during the last half of October. They should have the definite date and schedule by July 22th from their travel agent. They also have an exchange with Southern Colorado either before or after their Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Exchange.

Betty Emrich, Exchange Director and Bernetta Walker, Assistant Exchange Director, are organizing committees and will arrange the activities once the date has been determined.

LUGANSK, UKRAINE INCOMING - Janis and Ken Schmitz will be the Exchange Director/Assistant Exchange Director and will begin organizing their committees when they return on August 6th from Kiev and Lugansk as ambassadors with the Milwaukee Friendship Force Club.

CLUB ACTIVITIES -

If you have ideas for activities that would think would be of interest for our club or if you know of activities in this area involving other cultures or countries, please contact Carl & Mary Carson, Activities Committee Chairpersons.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE/CULTURAL EVENTS

WORLD FRIENDSHIP WEEK - Richmond, Virginia on September 14 - 18, 1995. (See Insert)

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE 19TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - Atlanta, Georgia - November 5-8, 1995. If you are interested in attending this International Conference there will be a brochure at the August meeting or contact George at (319) 363-8642.

MESKWAKI POW WOW - Tama, Iowa - August 10 - 13, 1995



Richmond, Virginia

World Friendship Week

September 14 - 18, 1995

Join us in celebrating the United Nations 50th Anniversary with The Friendship Force's World Friendship Week sponsored by The Friendship Force of Richmond and Friendship Force International. Enjoy 4 days of home hosting with activities including the Ethnic Cultural Festival at the Richmond Center, a guided tour of Historic Richmond and the Virginia Museum while learning about the United Nations at a symposium sponsored by Virginia Commonwealth University.

Thursday, September 14

Arrival in Richmond late afternoon. You'll be met on arrival by your local host family. Return home with your family, enjoying Friendship Force home hospitality as you begin a four day homestay.

Friday, September 15

In the morning, enjoy "The United Nations at 50" symposium sponsored by Virginia Commonwealth University. In addition to presentations by scholars, representatives of NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) will have the opportunity to give presentations on their international activities. Exhibit space will be available for the NGOs who wish to showcase their programs. Following the symposium, there will be a guided tour of Historic Richmond. A covered dish dinner will be hosted by The Friendship Force of Richmond.

Saturday, September 16

Enjoy the day celebrating the International Festival at the Richmond Center sponsored

by The Boys and Girls Clubs of Richmond. This is an ethnic, cultural festival with international food, music and dancing from around the world. Late afternoon there will be a tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts followed by a gala reception and buffet dinner. Enjoy live entertainment with a prominent guest speaker.

Sunday, September 17

Spend the morning free with your host families. Mid afternoon you will enjoy a reception in Monroe Park followed by an optional interfaith service at the Cathedral of Sacred Heart in honor of the UN's 50th Anniversary. At 4:00pm the NGO representatives will return to New York in time for their Monday conference. All other participants will return home with host families for the evening and will depart Monday morning.

Monday, September 18 (Optional Homestay)

Transfer to Friendship Force club in region (2-3 hours drive) for second city hosting. Transportation will be provided. You'll

be the guest of a Friendship Force family for four days, learning about their community and sharing everyday experiences.

Friday, September 22

Morning transfer back to Richmond for departure home. (Arrival in Richmond by noon.)

Festival Fee:

\$175 for the Richmond Program

\$225 for the Richmond program and optional homestay.

TRAVEL NOTE:

If you are planning to arrive or depart from New York, here are some numbers which may be of help to you in making your own travel arrangements.

AMTRAK 1-800-872-7245
US AIR 1-800-428-4322

Depending on demand, a charter bus service will be available from New York to Richmond (Sept 14) returning from Richmond to NY (Sept 17 or Sept 22). Please add \$75 for either of these trips.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Name Of Spouse Or Traveling Companion: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

WORLD FRIENDSHIP WEEK

I (we) will participate in the following program (circle one):

\$175 for Richmond program \$225 for the Richmond program and optional homestay

PLEASE NOTE: The above fees are per person.

\$ _____ X _____ people = _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

____ Enclosed is my personal check.

____ Please charge: Visa _____ Mastercard _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Full payment is required by August 1 to reserve space.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Inger Rice at (804) 353-3482

**Return the following to: Festival Department
Friendship Force International
57 Forsyth Street, Suite 900
Atlanta, GA 30303 USA**

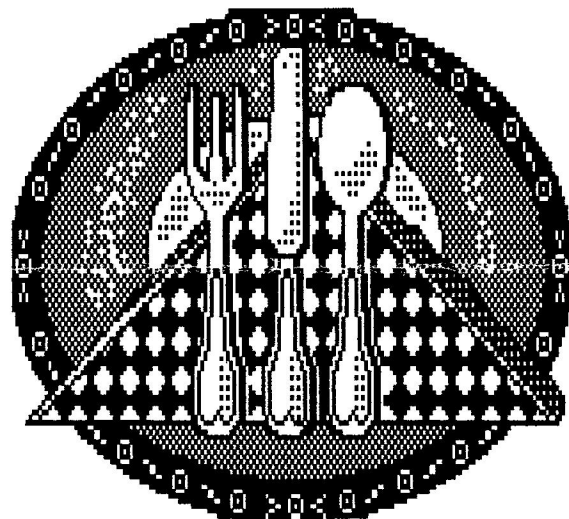
- > **Registration Form**
- > **Full Payment (payable to The Friendship Force or by credit card.)**
- > **Due August 1, 1995.**

Friendship Force POTLUCK PICNIC

CEDAR VALLEY PARK

(near Cedar Valley, Iowa - Map on back)

1:00 PM



We plan to eat about 1:00 PM - Bring your table service, a hot dish and salad or dessert. Beverages will be furnished.

Entertainment Planned.

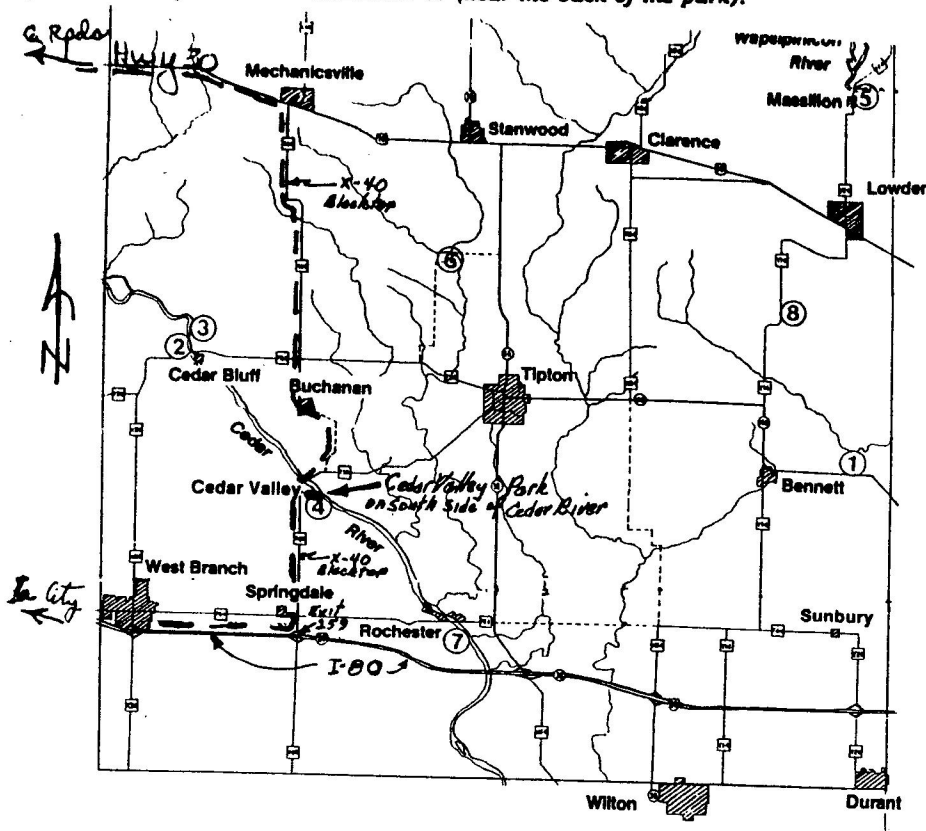
Bring Your Guests and Join Us!!

DIRECTIONS TO PICNIC:

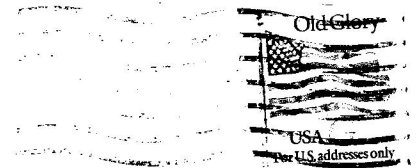
CEDAR RAPIDS - East on Hwy 30 to Mechanicsville, South on Co Road X40 to Cedar Valley (south side of river)

IOWA CITY - East on I-80 to Exit 259, North on Co Road X40 to South side of river.

As you enter Cedar Valley Park continue past the first shelter, downhill past the quarry (on the right) to the river (on the left) and back up the hill to SHELTER #1 (near the back of the park).



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