

CR/IC Friendship Force UPDATE

August 04, 2000

A Word from the President

We had a good turn out for the June 11th. picnic at Cedar Valley Park. the food variety was excellent and it was a great fellowship event, even if it was "HOT".

I was able to announce our 2001 exchanges. We will have an **out going** exchange to **ANKARA, TURKEY** about May 1st. and an **incoming** from **LEICESTERSHIRE, UK** on Sept. 1st. The UK exchange will be coupled up with Central Minnesota. Maybe with both weeks in central USA it will work. If you remember the last one had us with Boston and the air travel was too costly.

Enclosed is the application form for the Nov. 9 -12th. 24th international Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Note the Sept. 5th deadline. I encourage you to attend as this location is as close as you will get to an international meeting.. If you are one who hosted the IRIS people, plan to use some of your award money to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Sept. 17th. Quarterly Meeting at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. We will have dinner at 5 PM with a meeting to follow. **Please bring a dish or two of your favorite food, and your own table service. The hospitality committee will provide drinks and coffee.**

Personally, I can not wait until I hear more about our exchanges in 2001. There is always something great to look forward to in Friendship Force.

Your president,
Bernita Walker

CR/IC FF Club may not be the biggest, however very few clubs are as active in creating international friends. Therefore be very proud to be a member of CR/IC FF Club.

EXCHANGE INFORMATION

October 2 to 22 NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIA.

Plans for the trip to Australia and New Zealand are on schedule. We will leave on October 2, 2000 from Los Angeles. Seven people from Cedar Rapids are planning to go. Our ambassadors names have been forwarded to the host families. Kenny and I have heard from our host family in New Zealand. They reported that they are busy planning activities for our stay in Masterton, New Zealand. We all know that we are going to have a great time. There are **three seats available** for anyone that would like to join us **The cost is \$2095 from LA plus \$250 for side trips. Call me at 319 396-4450** Janis Schmitz Exchange Director.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGES

Shelby, North Carolina: They have invited us to come visit them in April, 2001 and they would like to come to Iowa late Summer or fall 2001. I would like to add an extension to this trip and go up to the Washington, DC area and view the Cherry trees in bloom.

Grand Junction, Co. Bernita Walker has received a reply, stating they are interested in a 2002 exchange. They would like us to visit them between May and Sept. The Iowa time frame is up to us.

Greater Denver: On Hold, Maybe something in 2002.

Utah : On Hold.

Central Florida : On Hold.

If you have some place you have dreamed of going to, look on the last two inside pages of the FF mag..

We are always looking for locations to set up an exchange with, give us your ideas and if possible a contact person.

**The Wright Place for Friendship
The Friendship Force 24th International Conference
Madison, Wisconsin
November 9 – 12, 2000**

Don't miss this unique gathering of Friendship Force members from around the world! You'll be at the "Wright Place for Friendship" as we meet old friends, make new ones, and participate in conference sessions and workshops that inspire and educate. Most conference sessions will be held at the spectacular Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright's "Vision on the Lake." First proposed and designed by Wright in 1938, the Monona Terrace was built by the city of Madison in 1997 to welcome visitors from around the world. The official conference hotel is the nearby Madison Sheraton Hotel. Shuttle busses will run between the Sheraton Hotel and the Monona Terrace for all conference events November 9 to 11. Our closing session on November 12 will be held at the Sheraton Hotel.

The conference begins with an **Opening Reception and Banquet** on **Thursday evening, November 9** at the Monona Terrace. We'll enjoy a "Welcome to Wisconsin" featuring local hospitality and entertainment courtesy of our host club, The Friendship Force of Wisconsin. Club presidents for 2000 and 2001 should note that a pre-conference **Club Presidents' Briefing** with Friendship Force staff members will be held at the Madison Sheraton Hotel from **3:00 – 4:30 on Thursday afternoon**.

Friday, November 10 kicks off with our Opening Plenary Session at the Monona Terrace. The rest of the day will feature three workshop sessions during which you can choose from a variety of leadership topics and educational programs of interest to club leaders, exchange directors, and members. Lunch at the Monona Terrace is included in your conference registration fee.

Friday evening, November 10, is an event you won't want to miss, the **Gala Reception and Dinner** with special guests, **President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter**. The program will be a tribute to **Wayne Smith**, President and Founder of The Friendship Force, who is retiring after 23 years of leadership of our organization.

Saturday, November 11 will open with a second Plenary Session at the Monona Terrace followed by the final workshop session. We'll end by noon so that you can enjoy the afternoon as free time for local sightseeing or visiting with friends.

The conference concludes on **Sunday, November 12** with a **Closing Plenary Session** from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Please note that this session will take place at the Madison Sheraton Hotel.

The conference fee of US\$275 includes all conference plenary sessions and workshops, Opening Banquet, lunch on November 10, Gala Banquet, coffee breaks, conference materials, and shuttle bus transportation between the Madison Sheraton Hotel and the Monona Terrace Conference Center.

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin has arranged some special optional activities to help you enjoy your visit to their beautiful state.

You're invited to the **optional Fireside Dinner Theatre** presentation on Saturday evening, November 11. The program, "A Fireside Christmas," is a unique holiday celebration in Wisconsin. You'll enjoy a delicious dinner with your choice of entrée followed by a gala theatrical experience. Beautiful costumes, glorious songs and traditional dances grace the stage with all the warmth, passion and faith that makes Christmas such a special time of the year. Busses will depart from the Madison Sheraton Hotel at 5:15 PM. Cost is \$68 per person, including roundtrip transportation, dinner, and the show. Advance reservations are required. Please indicate your meal preference on your conference registration form.

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin has planned a **City Tour**, which is offered on Thursday afternoon, November 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and again on Saturday afternoon, November 11 from 1:15 – 4:15 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. Sights to be visited include the Wisconsin State Capitol, the campus of the University of Wisconsin, a drive through the city, and a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Unitarian Meeting House. (Minimum of 20 participants required to operate tour.)

The official conference hotel is the **Madison Sheraton Hotel**, located just a short distance from the Monona Terrace. *Please note that the cost of the hotel stay is not included in the conference registration fee. You should register directly with the hotel in order to qualify for the special conference room rate, which includes a breakfast buffet each morning.* Use the enclosed hotel reservation card. You can return it by mail to the hotel or you can fax it to 608-251-1189. In order to qualify for the special room rate, please contact the Madison Sheraton Hotel directly; do not call the toll-free reservations line for Sheraton Hotels. Room reservations can be made at the special conference rate until October 9, 2000. After that time, rooms can only be reserved on a space-available basis, and the room rate can not be guaranteed.

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin, as well as several nearby clubs, invite you for a four-night, **post conference homestay from November 12 – 16**. The homestay fee is \$100 per person. If you are registering for the homestay, complete the enclosed Ambassador Application in addition to the registration form. If you are placed in a homestay community outside of Madison, transportation will be provided at no additional cost from Madison to your host city on November 12. You will also be notified shortly after your registration is received of your host community so that you can then finalize your travel plans for returning home on November 16. Most of the homestay communities are within easy transfer distance of the Chicago airports; many of them also have local airports in the vicinity. If you have a special request, make a note of it on your application. Homestay placements cannot be guaranteed in specific communities.

All of the information you need to register for the conference, optional activities and post-conference homestays is included in this packet. Review the material carefully and then mail or fax the registration form with your full payment to:

Conference
The Friendship Force
34 Peachtree St. NW, Suite 900
Atlanta, GA 30303 USA
Fax: 404-688-6148

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Parr or Harriet Kuhr at FFI.

REGISTRATION FORM
The Friendship Force 24th International Conference
Madison, Wisconsin
November 9-12, 2000

Name(s) _____ Home phone _____

Address _____ Work phone _____
street address

city _____ state/province _____ zip code/postal code _____

Email Address _____ Fax _____

Member of: _____ Club Position _____
Local Friendship Force Club 2000 or 2001 President or Exchange Director

Conference Registration Fee:

Conference Fee(s): \$275 per person X ___ people

Optional City Tour:

City Tour: \$15 per person X ___ people

(Please check one)

Thursday, November 9 from 1:00 – 4:00

Or

Saturday, November 11 from 1:15 – 4:15

Optional Evening Activity:

Fireside Dinner Theatre, Saturday, November 11: \$68 X ___ people

Please indicate your menu preference(s):

Chicken Cordon Bleu X ___ people

Beef Chateaubriand X ___ people

Whitefish/Shrimp X ___ people

Vegetarian Entrée X ___ people

Post Conference Homestay (please enclose homestay application form):

Homestay Fee: \$100 X ___ people

TOTAL DUE

Payment is due in full at time of registration in US dollars by credit card or by check to The Friendship Force.

Visa/MasterCard: _____
circle one card number

Signature: _____ Expiration Date: _____
month/year

The registration deadline is Tuesday, September 5, 2000. Space is limited, so register now!

Return by fax to: 404-688-6148 or mail to: Conference, The Friendship Force, 34 Peachtree St. NW, Suite 900, Atlanta, GA 30303 USA

Cancellation Policy: Prior to September 5, \$25 cancellation fee per person; September 5-October 6, \$50 cancellation fee for registration plus \$50 cancellation fee for optional activities or homestay; after October 6, no refunds will be made. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

Please make your own hotel reservations directly with the Madison Sheraton Hotel using the enclosed Hotel Registration card. Return it by mail or fax it to 608-251-1189.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE
24th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
POST CONFERENCE HOMESTAY APPLICATION

All applicants for the post-conference homestay must complete this Ambassador Application and return it together with the Conference Registration Form. Homestay placements are limited so please apply early.

1. Name as shown on passport _____
(last) (first) (middle)

2. Address _____
(street address)

(city) (state) (zip / postal code) (country)

3. Home Telephone: _____ 4. Work Telephone: _____

5. Fax: _____ 6. E-mail _____

7. Date of Birth ____ -- ____ -- ____ 8. Sex: Male Female 9. Marital Status: Single Married
(day) (month) (year) (circle one) (circle one)

10. Please note any language you speak other than your own and circle your proficiency in that language.
 Language _____ Excellent Good Fair Poor

11. Current Job Title and Employer (previous job if retired): _____

12. Interests and Hobbies - Circle no more than three:

- | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Outdoor Activities | Antiques | Sports-Spectator | Sports-Participant | Visiting Museums |
| Theater/Movies | Cooking | Animals | Music-Spectator | Music-Participant |
| Entertaining | Crafts | Volunteer Work | Dancing | Gardening/Farming |
| Family Activities | Reading | Photography | Traveling | Collecting-Stamps/Coins |
| Art | Other _____ | | | |

13. Do you smoke? Yes No (circle one)

14. Do you have any allergies, physical limitations, special diet or health conditions that require special consideration?
 Yes No If yes, please specify _____
(circle one) (i.e., vegetarian, walk with a cane, allergic to penicillin, high blood pressure)

15. Are you currently a member of a Friendship Force Club: Yes No If so, which one? _____

16. If traveling with someone else please complete below. *Each Ambassador should submit an application.*

Name _____ Relationship _____ Age _____

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17. Any special requests you would like considered as to hosting community, friends to be hosted with, etc.: _____

18. Person at home to contact in case of emergency:

(name) (address) (city-state-zip)

Relationship: _____ Telephone Home _____ Work _____

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have completed this application to the best of my knowledge and believe it is true. I hereby agree to secure adequate travel and medical insurance for the duration of the homestay.

Signature of Ambassador _____ Date _____

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Dimitrov Armenia visitors from IRIS

We had 2 people from Dimitrov Armenia hosted by our club members (June 6-July 9). **Arpik Hakobyan & Avetik Nersisyan.**

Here is a report of Travel credit FF members earned by hosting , finding internships and host families with the last IRIS group.

Jim and Mary Pratt	\$ 50	Ted & Trish Healy	\$ 50
Vic & Pat Klopfenstein	\$ 25	Clayton and Helen Ringgenburg	\$ 50
Jim & Colleen Nieman	\$ 25	Our CR/IC club also earned	\$200.

Notice IRIS will be offering a 2 week trip to the Ukraine in the spring of 2001. Host families will have the first choice. Contact Colleen Nieman.

!!!! New Members wanted !!!!

Summer time is the time we talk about our vacations, We as members have access to many opportunities to be in contact with friends from other countries. This places us in high esteem with other people. When we find someone who is showing you some interest in our tales of our experiences, tell them about FF and ask them to join our club. Cost is \$32 for family membership and \$27 for single membership, which includes the FF mag...(Costs \$12 and a \$5 FF assessment). Note: If you haven't received a Friendship force Magazine Lately, your dues are not up to date. We don't pay FF fees until you pay. . Send your check to **Helen Ringgenberg**, club treasurer: 822 Juniper Drive, Iowa City, IA 52245.

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Board for 2000

President	Bernita Walker	Historian	Joanne Beasler
Vice President	Shirley Rosencrans	Membership	Betty Emrich Dolores Kaiden
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Directors at Large	Marian Wetjan Dolores Kaiden		
Past Exchange Director	Mary Stull		

Calendar of Events

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDER

August 30 Board meeting 7PM Hills Bank in North Liberty. Cookies & lemonade

Sept 17 **Quarterly Meeting:** 5PM St. Andrew Lutheran Church.
4420 Center Pt. Rd. NE Cedar Rapids.
Br. meeting to follow.

October 2-22 Outgoing exchange to Australia/ New Zealand. Ex. Dir. Janis Schmitz
319-396-4450

Nov 9-12 24th International Conference; Madison, Wisconsin. It will be held in the
spectacular lakeside Monona Terrace Convention Center, designed by Frank Lloyd
Wright (1938) built in 1997.

There will be a **formal celebration to honor Wayne Smith** who will retire as
President and install Chip Carter as his successor. **President Jimmy &
Roslyn Carter** will be the featured guest at the gala ~~Friday night~~ banquet.
Come meet visit them they are accessible to the public and are very personable.
Foreign dignitaries and friends from all the world will be there. Registration information
inclosed. Sept. 5th deadline.

Nov 19 Annual Meeting and election of officers. Muddy Waters in downtown Cedar
Rapids. Dinner will be served with a view of the Cedar River
Nancy and Steve Miller Chairpersons

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2803 Camelot Ave. NW
Cedar Rapids, Ia 52405-2065

Frank & Mary Stull
5819 Golden Court NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-1310

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