

The Friendship Force



Cedar Rapids-Iowa City
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We have experienced a harrowing summer with constant rain and flooding all around us. Early in July I received a fax from Yuko Hara in Koriyama, Japan who was one of the Koriyama, Japan ambassadors that visited our club last September. She said, "Are you ok? We are shocked by the flooding on the Mississippi." I was touched and comforted to know that someone half way around the world had heard of the problems in eastern Iowa and was thinking of us. Other families in our club have received similar messages of concern from people they have visited or hosted on Friendship Force exchanges. This shows the depth of friendship that can develop between host and guest during a week-long exchange and the value of continued relationship, by mail or phone or additional visits, after the exchange is over.

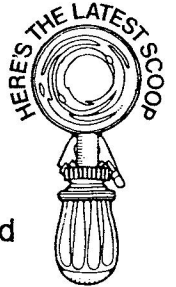

President

The Russians are not coming

We were disappointed to hear from Friendship Force, Atlanta, that the Russian exchange will not take place this year. We were looking forward to this hosting experience. Many thanks to Madeline Sullivan, the exchange director, for her persistence, patience, and good humor in working on this exchange. If you signed up to host, please try again next year when we host Hamburg, Germany, tentatively scheduled for late August.

Meeting and Ice Cream Social

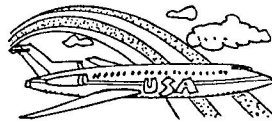
Our September meeting will be on Sunday, September 12 at 2 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1300 Melrose, Iowa City. We'll have a short business meeting for updates on next years' exchanges, sharing of experiences on the Brazilian trip, and then "make your own sundaes."



If you would like to show off your culinary skills by bringing a dozen cookies to the meeting, please call either Gerry Stoner in Iowa city at 351-9067 or Rita Maher in Cedar Rapids at 398-2189.

There will be a short board meeting before the general meeting at 1:00 pm. Board members please plan to come early for this brief update.

*Directions to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church from Cedar Rapids:
I-380 to Melrose Exit; East on Melrose to the church. It is on the left side of the street with a large parking lot in front of the building.*



To Rio and back

The Brazilian exchange was a resounding success with ambassadors seeing old friends and making new ones as well as experiencing the sights, traffic, wildlife and food of the country. At the September 12 meeting, we'll hear more about their experiences.

1994 Officers

The nominating committee will begin assembling a slate of officers for next year. If you are interested in serving the club in either an elected or appointed position, please contact Margaret Stokely, (354-3247), chair of the nominating committee or Mary Stull.

Looking ahead - annual meeting

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, November 7, at 5:30 pm at the Indian Creek Country Club in Marion. We'll begin with a social hour, enjoy dinner, and have a business meeting, and election of officers. Get this date on your calendars so you don't miss a delightful evening. Invite a friend to learn more about our club.

1994 Exchanges

Our club has accepted matching on the following exchanges for next year:

Kildare, Ireland (outgoing) tentative date, summer, 1994

Hamburg, Germany (incoming) - tentative date, late August, 1994

A outbound domestic exchange - tentative date, May, 1994

An incoming domestic exchange - tentative date, October, 1994

We are in the very preliminary planning stages for all of these exchanges so we'll have more details later in the year. This is the first time, Friendship Force, Atlanta, has offered an option for a domestic exchange - either to host or travel to another club in the United States so we will indeed be part of a "first" for the organization.

Remember, a domestic exchange will supplement, not replace, an international exchange. The location of our domestic exchange will be announced at the September meeting.

Exchange Directors - 1994 exchanges

Last year the board decided to take applications for the position of exchange director and select a qualified member to lead the incoming and outgoing exchanges. It is now time to select exchange directors for the 1994 exchanges - to Kildare, Ireland; from Hamburg, Germany; and the domestic exchange.

If you are interested in being an exchange director, please complete the form and bring to the September meeting or mail to Friendship Force, PO Box 81, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 by October 1. Exchange directors will be announced at the annual meeting, November 7. Attached is an exchange director application and a description of the responsibilities. If you would like a veterans view of the job, contact any of our past exchange directors including Marlene Milligan, Dolores Kaiden, Margaret Stokely, Carl Carson, or Mary Stull.

Other Friendship Force Activities

Following are other international activities available to Friendship Force members: For further information or a copy of the flier, contact Mary Stull, 393-6254 or pick up information at the September meeting.

International Conference, Acapulco, Mexico, October 14-17
Lincoln, Nebraska club has an exchange to Niigata and Oita, Japan, September 12
Leadership Training Workshops, September 9-10; and December 9-10 in Atlanta.
Dubuque club has an exchange to Kenya, October 20-November 5
Northern Illinois club has an exchange to Thailand, November 21 to December 7
Festival Cruise, December 3-11, departing from Cape Canaveral Florida

International Convention

Mary Stull and Shari Radcliff will be representing our club at the 17th annual Friendship Force International Conference in Acapulco in October. They are interested in hearing about questions, kudos, concerns, etc. that you have so they can accurately represent our club's views at the conference. Please feel free to call or write either of them before October 5.

Welcome to...

Gloria Supple, Cedar Rapids is a new member this summer. We're glad to have you with us.

Thanks to...

Marlene Milligan to her tireless efforts on the Brazilian exchange; to Gerry Stoner for beverages at the June picnic, and Madeline Sullivan for working on the Russian exchange. Your contributions are much appreciated.

Bridgebuilders

The changing face of our world has brought a new Friendship Force program called *Bridgebuilders*. It grew out of the desire of many ambassadors to offer a practical means of helping people in restructuring and development countries. The Friendship Force will continue to concentrate on our traditional friendship-building exchanges. This is an opportunity to go beyond shaking hands in friendship to linking hands in tangible ways to bring help and hope to our new friends. As part of this program, Newcastle, England Friendship Force volunteers traveled to Western Sahara to help with a refugee camp; nurses and healthcare professionals from all of the southeastern United States traveled to Moscow delivering medical supplies to host medical institutions; and Lancaster, PA volunteers are working with the independent Republic of Moldova. If you have a talent to share and an interest in this new venture fill out an information form and send to the Friendship Force, Atlanta. Contact Mary Stull (393-6254) Shari Radcliff, (338-8479) or pick up an information form at the September meeting.



Mark your calendars



1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12, 2 pm	Meeting & Ice Cream Social at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City
October 14-17	17th International Conference, Acapulco, Mexico
November 7, 5:30 pm	Annual meeting, Indian Creek Country Club, Cedar Rapids

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JULY 1 - JULY 16, 1993

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