

CR/IC Friendship Force UPDATE

September 05, 2000

A Word from the President

I received a letter from Atlanta that our **outgoing exchange to Ankara Turkey has been confirmed**. Wonderful news! It should be a wonderful experience because we enjoyed them very much when they were here in Iowa. The next step is to get an exchange director. Be thinking about this and bring your ideas to our next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Sept. 17th Quarterly Meeting at St. Andrew's 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

August 30th Board meeting notes

1. Remind members to use the IRIS credit they have earned towards Friendship Force related travel.
2. Shirley Rosencrans will chair the Nomination Committee. **Say yes**, when she calls and asks you to fill a position. It's because she thinks you will work well with her on the team.
3. These CR/IC club members are planning to go to the International Conference in Madison, Wisc.. Nov. 9 - 12. Wish them well.

Bernita Walker
Betty Emrich
Joanne Smith
Shirley Messer

Shirley Rosencrans
Gerry Stoner
Marge Ferris
Dolores Kaiden

Steve & Nancy Miller
Tom & Mary Ann Harding
Ken & Janis Schimtz
Bill & Margaret Diedrichsen

Helen Ringgenberg?

4. Other FF travelers that we know of are Dick & Veryl Hansen who will be going to Seoul Korea & Beijing China.
5. The Iowa History Center in Cedar Rapids has Iowa items for sale.

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.

Cherkasy, Ukraine Visitors from IRIS

We will have 5 people here for the month of October. Vic Klopfenstien and Jim Nieman are looking for business internships for them to work and then Colleen Nieman will find a home for them. If you host one for a month you will earn \$100 travel credit.

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.

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Calendar of Events

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDER

Sept 17 **Quarterly/ Potluck Meeting:** 5PM St. Andrew Lutheran Church.
4420 Center Pt. Rd. NE Cedar Rapids.
Potluck with Hally Adams to show us slides on her Amazon trip
Short 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 &
Rosalynn 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.

Nov 19 Annual Meeting and election of officers. Muddy Waters in downtown Cedar
Rapids. Your choice a Pasta Primavera, Top sirloin or Salmon steak dinner will
be served with a view of the Cedar River following a 5:30 - 6PM cocktail party.
The cost will be \$15 per person.
Nancy and Steve Miller Chairpersons



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