

# The Friendship Force



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## NEWSLETTER September 1995

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Thirty-five Friendship Force members enjoyed the fellowship, fun and fabulous food at the Potluck Picnic, arranged by Betty and Doug Emrich at the Cedar Valley Park on August 6th.*

*We were pleasantly surprised to have Past President, Shari and Ralph Radcliff of Phoenix joined us for this meeting. We do appreciate their taking an afternoon from their short time in the Iowa City area to join Margaret Stokely and surprise those attending.*

*John Klages and his friend Dagmar of Flensburg, Germany were our guests. Jon is the son of the family who hosted the Milligans on the first Outgoing Exchange to Germany in 1987.*

*The Faith Folk Singers, recommended by Lynn and Keith Black, entertained the club by singing a variety of popular songs as they played various instruments. This is a very talented group of four men who enjoy singing and sharing their faith.*

*Betty Emrich donated some door prizes and a Friendship Force T Shirt that was auctioned to the highest bidder. Carl Carson volunteered (after gentle persuasion by arm twisting) to use his auctioneer talents to raise \$25 for the club. Good Job - Carl and thanks Betty for the donation and idea.*

*For those of you who were not directly involved with the Incoming Exchange from Norderstadt, Germany it was cancelled for lack of ambassadors. Many thanks to Betty Emrich and Bernetta Walker who had devoted considerable time in making tentative plans for activities and hosting. Betty encouraged those involved with the Norderstadt Exchange to become involved with the exchange from the Ukraine coming a few weeks later.*

*The ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 5, 1995, (see notice on the first sheet). A five member nominating committee has been appointed and the slate of officers will be announced by the committee at the meeting as set by the club By-laws.*

*I hope each and everyone of you plan to attend (bring a friend) to keep the club strong and vibrant.*

*Yours In Friendship, George Milligan*

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**Sunday, October 1**  
**4:00 - 6:00**  
**Hills State Bank - North Liberty**

A Friendship Force group from Kiev, Ukraine, is coming to Cedar Rapids - Iowa City November 2 - 9. This is the group that Janis and Ken Schmitz visited in July. They will show slides and talk about their experiences in the Ukraine.

This will be a great opportunity to prepare for the incoming exchange. Join us for a good time and refreshments provided by Board Members.

***"PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO THIS MEETING"***

**Sunday, November 5**  
**6:00 - 9:00**

**Indian Creek Country Club**  
**2401 Indian Creek Road**  
**Marion, Iowa**

**Annual Meeting and Banquet...**Put this date on your calendar.

We hope to combine this with our Ukrainian Exchange. This is a great chance to be part of the celebration of our visitors. Should there be any change of dates or plans for the exchange the annual meeting with dinner and entertainment or speaker will still be held.

More details later on how to make your reservations!

**UKRAINE INCOMING EXCHANGE - November 2 to 9, 1995**

*A meeting to recruit host families and committee assistance has been set for October 1, at Hills Bank on Highway 965 in North Liberty.*

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*Janis and Ken Schmitz, Exchange Directors will show slides on their fascinating experience in the Ukraine this past July. If you can't make it to the meeting and want to be a host or involved with this exchange, call Janis or Ken at 396-4450. They are expecting 14 people from Kiev and have not heard from Lugansk to date.*

**1996 EXCHANGES (TENTATIVE)**

*Incoming - June, Kumasi, Ghana  
                  August, Herne, Germany  
Outgoing - July Yogyakarta & Bali, Indonesia*

*Our club has agreed but Atlanta has not been informed that the other clubs have agreed.*

**NEWS FROM MEMBERS**

*Betty Emrich, Vice President, and Bernetta Walker are planning to attend the International Conference in Atlanta, (at no cost to the club) to receive additional training and exchange ideas/information with other clubs.*

*Hally Adams and Madeline Sullivan joined with the Northern Illinois Club exchange to Limburg, Belgium. They renewed friendships with people our club had hosted and made many new friends. They received many inquiries from previous ambassadors and host families regarding their friends from the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Area. The second week they traveled through the Chunnel and toured Wales.*

*Ed Barker has not heard anything more from Atlanta on the Desert Peace Exchange to Iraq. To keep from getting bored Ed is now traveling in Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Maybe we can impose on him to share his experiences with us at a General Meeting.*

**DON'T FORGET OCTOBER 1 - GENERAL MEETING AND NOVEMBER 5 - ANNUAL MEETING. SEE YOU THERE.**