

The Friendship Force



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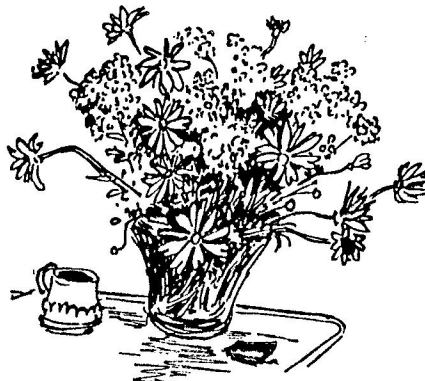
Rita Maher
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Doris E. Faas was born and raised on a farm in Iowa County, Iowa. She attended UNI and was an elementary teacher in Bennett, IA before teaching in Cedar Rapids. After 31 years of teaching she took early retirement in 1995 so she and her husband, Dick, a retired Science teacher, could have time to travel and visit their grand children.

Doris and Dick live on 20 acres of land south of Swisher, where they developed a wildlife habitat with native prairie grasses, trees and shrubs. Dick is a Master Gardener and Doris loves to pick the flowers that he grows. They are active members at Concordia Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.

They have two children who are both grown. Dave, lives in their home and works at Quaker Oats. He is an avid collector and his license plate and bottle collections are on display in their home. Their daughter, Dawn and her husband, Jac, live in Plano, Texas, as do their three grandchildren, Ashlyn, Logan and Eli.

Doris enjoys her family and friends. She also enjoys flowers, reading, cooking and playing cards--especially Bridge and 500. They both like to spend time out of doors to enjoy the beauty of nature at home and when they travel. Children play an important part in their lives and you may see them volunteering at a school or their church. They hosted for Friendship Force three different times but they are still waiting for their first trip as FF ambassadors.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is rapidly disappearing. We had an excellent time hosting the ten Ambassadors from Herne, Germany. It was interesting to have a family with three children plus five ladies of varying ages. Bernita Walker's plans kept them on the run.

We are so fortunate to have this be the Iowa Sesquicentennial year. There were and are so many special events and festivals to attend.

The Ambassadors enjoyed the scheduled activities: A Welcome Potluck, Hoover Fest at West Branch including a guided tour of the Presidential Library and fireworks choreographed to the Cedar Rapids Symphony, the University of Iowa Hospital tour, the Russian Dinosaur Exhibit, tour and lunch at Taylor Elementary School in C.R., Prairie walk and Iowa Picnic complete with homemade ice cream at Dick & Doris Faas's home near Swisher, the Dubuque River Museum, River Cruise and time at the Taste of Dubuque, concluding with the Farewell Dinner featuring Gayle Hartwig, an entertaining singer.

In addition to the scheduled activities some Ambassadors visited a farm to observe the large machinery, ride and steer the **BIG** tractor, attend a car show, bicycling, pizza party, swimming, shopping, seeing the fossil exhibit & film at Coralville Lake, Eagle Point Park at Dubuque to observe a boat locking through, the Tama Pow-Wow, and touring several homes and farms.

It was a pleasure to observe the delight in a ten year old's eyes as he climbed up into the tractor cab and an equally pleased look on his father's face when it was his turn to drive. Most of the group had not seen soy beans up close and had many questions about harvesting corn & beans, pollination and the drying process.

As the Ambassadors prepared to depart I asked what was the high light for them - Two replied **everything**, several especially enjoyed the Mississippi and Dubuque. The Taylor School was the favorite of the twelve year old (a surprise answer to her father). The prairie walk, hospital tour and the car show were others mentioned. Variety is the spice of life and travel. A Common comment was "There is so much space here!! Where are all the people???"

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the hosts, day hosts and all the committee persons who cooked, drove, worked and attended events. What one could not do alone, divided by the group, makes a successful exchange.

Now, we are looking forward to hosting Ambassadors from Sao Paulo, Brazil. It is exciting to anticipate their arrival and meet new friends.

Please wear your name badge and carry a name card when we meet them and also on our excursions. A green shirt makes you easy to spot. Identifying ourselves is a help to us and to our guests.

If you have not signed up to be a day host, and wish to do so, **PLEASE** call Madeline Sullivan, or Margaret Stokley. Weekly hosts, please don't hesitate to call a day host whenever you need a break or to keep an appointment, etc. It also gives our guests an opportunity to meet more people and to have more friendly experiences.

All members are invited to participate in the trip to Clinton and the Farewell Party.

PLEASE COME!!

THE AMBASSADORS FROM BRAZIL ARE COMING

JOIN IN THE FUN MEET NEW FRIENDS

*** MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 30, 1996**

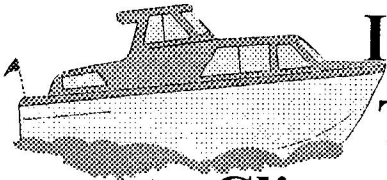
BOARD THE BUS IN CEDAR RAPIDS AT

7:15 AM. MEET AT TRI-STATE TOUR

BUILDING - 144 32ND ST. DRIVE, SE

MEET THE BUS AT THE HIGHLANDER

IN IOWA CITY AT 7:45 AM



Tour John Deere Museum, etc. Then on to Clinton and the Riverboat. Enjoy a 4 hour cruise with lunch and entertainment. Cost \$16.00.

Reservations due by Thursday September 26

Margaret Stokley - 12 Deerfield Common,

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

*** WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 1996**

Come to AMANA to the BARN RESTAURANT

at 6:30 PM. AMANA Style 2 meat dinner,

dessert, beverage, tip, tax - Cost \$17.00

CR CLOGGERS to entertain.

Reservations - Mary Stull by September 30

5819 Golden Court, NE

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402



*** MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!!**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR AMBASSADORS FROM BRAZIL

Thursday, September 26

Arrival at Cedar Rapids Airport.late afternoon/early evening .Time to be announced.

Friday, September 27

Ambassadors from Iowa City spend day in Cedar Rapids with Cedar Rapids hosts and ambassadors. Leave I.C. by 8:30 a.m and return to I.C. by 4:30 p.m.

Progressive Dinners in C.R. and I.C. begin at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

Free Day with Host family

Sunday, September 29

Free Day with Host family

Monday, September 30

Day Trip to John Deere and Clinton Riverboat. Bus will pick up C.R. group at 7:15 a.m. and I.C. group at 7:45 a.m. We will be on the Riverboat for four hours for a cruise, lunch and entertainment--also gambling if you wish. Cost \$16.00.We encourage members to attend.Reservations required-- see Reservation form attached.

Tuesday, October 1

Free Day with host Family

Wednesday, October 2

Ambassadors from C. R. spend Day in I.C. with I.C. hosts and Ambassadors. Leave C.R. by 8:30 a.m. and return to C.R. by 4:30 p.m.

Farewell Dinner at Barn Restaurant 6:30 p.m--.Amana, Iowa
Two meat Amana style dinner with dessert,beverage,tip,tax--\$17.00
The evening will include entertainment with the C.R. Cloggers and more.
Reservations required--see reservation form attached.

Thursday, October 3

Morning Departure--Cedar Rapids airport--time announced later

1996 Dates to Remember:

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| Thurs. Sept. 26 | The Brazilian ambassadors arrive |
| Mon. Sept. 30 | Join the tour to John Deere and cruise the Clinton River Boat |
| Wed. Oct. 2 | Farewell dinner at the Barn Restaurant, Amana |
| Mon. Oct. 14 | CR/IC FF board meeting 7-9 p.m. Nancy A. Miller Marion Public Library, 5th Ave & 10th St. by the square. |
| October 24-27 | Twentieth International FF Conference Montreal, Quebec |
| Sun. Nov. 3 | CR/IC FF Annual meeting. Social hour 5:30. Dinner 6:30 Highlander Inn, Iowa City Off I-80 |
| Mon. Dec. 2 | CR/IC FF Board meeting 7:00 p.m. Kenny Schmitz home, 147 Echo Lane NW Cedar Rapids |

Looking ahead to 1997

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| Sun. Mar. 9 | CR/IC FF Quarterly meeting. Place to be announced |
| April 1, | Outbound exchange to Tuxtla Gutierrez and San Cristobal, Chiapas, Mexico. (Exact date to be announced.) Ambassador goal 20 |
| Sept. 1, | Inbound exchange from Hampshire, England. Ambassador goal 22. |

Please take notice and respond:

Have your 1996 dues been paid? Remit to Anne Parton, 2006 Dunlap Ct. Ia. City

Consider being an officer or board member in 1997. Let Betty, Kenny or George know by Oct. 12 to be considered by the nominating committee.

Consider being the outgoing exchange director or assistant to Chiapas, Mexico. Please let Betty know by Oct. 12.

Consider being the incoming exchange director or assistant for the Hampshire, England. Please let Betty know by Oct. 12.

Consider being one of the committee chairs for 1997. Let us know by Oct 12.



This list of places to go is taken from the 1996 Sesquicentennial Calendar of Events in Iowa
SEPTEMBER

25-28
Military Road Stagecoach Mail Run
 Dubuque County to Johnson County
 319-462-4101
 Relive the mode of transportation and the method of mail delivery used 150 years ago — stagecoach. Educational seminars at elementary schools along the routes on highways 151 and 1.

26-30
Merle Hay Mall Fall Antique Show
 Des Moines
 515-277-8958

27
Friday Fest
 Burlington
 800-82-RIVER
 After-hours celebration includes live music as well as food and fun.

27-28
Kalona Fall Festival
 Kalona
 319-656-2519
 Homemade crafts, foods and displays at the Historical Village complex.

27-28
Pella Fall Festival
 Pella
 515-628-2409
 Fall flower show, quilt show, arts and crafts, fresh cider, flea market, colorful flower gardens, Dutch Masters art, and Dutch food.

27-29
Great American Arts and Crafts Show
 Cedar Rapids
 319-362-1729
 Five Seasons Center.

27-29
Heritagefest Weekend
 Burlington
 319-752-0015
 Tribute to Burlington's multi-ethnic heritage, including Port of Burlington Friday Fest, food, entertainment, displays and demonstrations.

27-29
Oktoberfest
 Marshalltown
 515-752-8030
 10K wellness race, main street parade, go-cart races and carnival rides.

28
Annual Pancake Day
 Centerville
 515-437-4102

28
Applefest
 Story City
 515-733-4214

28
Ghost Tales at Colonel Davenport House
 Quad Cities
 309-786-7336

28
Head of the Des Moines Regatta
 Des Moines
 515-221-9920

28
Keokuk County Craft Festival
 Sigourney
 515-622-3151

28
TLC's Book Gala
 Keosauqua
 319-293-3095
 Auction of books and items signed and donated by internationally known authors.

28-29
Antique Machinery Show
 Donnellson
 319-837-6689
 Gas engines, tractors, cars, sawmill, at Fort Madison, Farmington and Western Railroad.

28-29
Czipar's Annual Apple Festival Weekend
 Dubuque
 319-582-7476
 Apple samples, fresh-pressed apple cider, pumpkin painting, caramel apples, flea market, arts and crafts, door prizes.

28-29
Doors to the Past: Walking Tour of Historic Homes
 Des Moines
 515-281-5717

28-29
Dragon Boat Races
 Oelwein
 319-283-1105

28-29
Dyersville's 17th Annual Festival of the Arts
 Dyersville
 319-875-2311
 More than 200 quilts and 100 craft exhibits, dance and art demonstrations, entertainment and food.

28-29
Fort Atkinson Rendezvous
 Fort Atkinson
 319-725-4161
 Re-creation of 1840s Buckskinners Rendezvous at Fort Atkinson State Preserve. Craft demonstrations and sales, contests, period foods, frontier and period military demonstrations.

28-29
German Fest Celebration
 Guttenberg
 319-252-2323

28-29
Hawk Watch
 Allamakee County
 Effigy Mounds National Monument.

28-29
Lee County Historical Society Antique Show
 Keokuk
 319-524-5055 or
 800-383-1219

28-29
Log Cabin Days
 Indianola
 515-964-4391
 Parade honoring local royalty and a selected community in Warren County. Demonstrations, entertainment, quilt drawing and home-cooked food.

28-29
Old-Fashioned Museum Party
 Davenport
 319-324-1933
 Putnam Museum.

29
Cider Day
 Hopkinton
 319-926-2639
 Crafts, harvest activities, apple-related events and food.

28-Oct. 31
Carroll's Pumpkin Farm
 Grinnell
 515-236-7043
 Slide in the straw barn, see animals, pick your own pumpkin. Weekend events include hay rides, live musical entertainment.

29
Hartman Homecoming 20th Anniversary
 Cedar Falls
 319-277-2187
 Speakers from Hartman's past, tours of the area and a historical photo display.

29
Jefferson Street Jazz Fest at the Port
 Burlington
 319-752-6811

29
1996 Historic Home Tour
 Ames
 515-233-2415

29
Organ Recital at Union Sunday School
 Clermont
 319-423-7255
 Celebrating the 100th birthday of the historic Kimball organ (largest organ of its kind in the USA) given to the Union Sunday School by Gov. William Larrabee in 1896.

30
Voyager
 Independence
 319-334-7181

30-Oct. 6
Photography Show
 Ames
 515-232-3679

October

1
Celebration Relay Race
 Iowa City to Des Moines
 319-363-6005

1-2
Celebrate Our Heritage: 150 Years of Culture in Polk County
 Des Moines
 515-965-9606
 Highlights the culturally diverse Polk County communities and celebrates the preservation of historic sites and events.

RESERVATION FORM --BRAZIL EXCHANGE

All Friendship Force Members are invited to attend two special events during the week our guests are visiting the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Club.

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Monday, September 30

Day Trip --John Deere and Clinton Riverboat. Open to all Members
Bus will pick up C.R. group at 7:15 a.m. at 144 32nd St. Drive S.E.
(Tri State Tours Building) and will pick up the Iowa City group at 7:45
a.m. at the Highlander. The boat trip will last 4 hours and include a
cruise, lunch, entertainment and gambling if you wish. Cost to members
will be \$16.00 We need 35 reservations to get this low price so we hope
at least 13 members will join the group of 22 Brazil Ambassadors. This is
a required activity for Ambassadors.

Send reservations to: Margaret Stokely by Thurs. Sept.26.
12 Deerfield Common
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Number attending (excluding Ambassadors) _____
Names: _____
Amount enclosed: _____

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Wednesday, October 2--Farewell Dinner 6:30 p.m.--Amana, Iowa
Barn Restaurant--two meat Amana style dinner including dessert,
beverage,tax,tip AND entertainment--C.R. Cloggers
Cost \$17.00

Send Reservations to: Mary Stull by Mon. Sept. 30
5819 Golden Court N.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Number attending (excluding Ambassadors) _____
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Bits and Pieces

Nancy Miller has given her heart and soul to the Marion Public Library ---- also the bulk of her inheritance from her parents. The new library has been named in her honor--- the Nancy A. Miller Marion Public Library. Her \$650,000 gift sparked the enthusiasm that led to building a 24,500 square foot, \$4.3 million library. We admire your generosity, Nancy, and your continued dedication.

Marcella Soper and Bernita Walker received sad news from their FF host family in Zutphen, Holland. Ben Icke lost his life while hiking in the Pyrenees mountains in southern France. Nanny, his wife, said their former FF host family in France was extremely helpful in making arrangements for them to return home.

FF members traveling to Montreal, be aware that nonresidents of Canada can claim reimbursement for General Sales Tax on accommodations and goods taken out of the country. Look for the "Tax Refund for Visitors" at your port of entry.

FF travelers to Montreal should consider travel insurance which is strongly recommended by Atlanta.



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