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**CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY
FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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August 2026

Calendar of Events

August Visitors from Ghana 9-16

August 12 SHIRLEY'S IOWA ADVENTURE

August 15 General Meeting
Anamosa Community Center 4-7PM

Aug 24- Sept 9 Outgoing Journey to Peru

September LEO TBD
September Club Zoom Trivia
18

May 2027 Inbound Journey from
NEW HAMPSHIRE SEA-
COAST

June 2027 Outbound Journey to
SPOKANE

AUG/SEPT Outbound Journey to
2027 GEORGIA/AZERBAIJAN

2027 Possible Open World

Heat and more heat,
known as the Dog Days of
Summer. According to The

President's Message

Old Farmer's Almanac, the Dog Days span July 3 to August 11—40 days following the summer solstice. These are traditionally the hottest and most humid weeks of the year. And we can certainly agree with that this year. And for Friendship Force, our August is going to be very active. We have Aug 12th for a day in Dyersville, Aug 15th for a general meeting with our guests from Ghana, Isaac & Shirley presenting for us then at the end of Aug, several of us are going to Peru for a journey. I hope to see you at the events.

Stephanie

2026 CR/IC Club President

General Meeting August 15 4-7 PM

There will be a General Meeting of the CR/IC FF Club on **August 15 at 4:30 PM**. It will be held at the **Anamosa Community Center**. It will be a potluck supper and there will be a presentation by our two guests from Ghana. They are a father and daughter, Issac and Shirley who will be spending a week with our club. **Look for the Signup Genius for this event.**



Zoom Trivia July 31

The next Club Zoom trivia will be **August 18th at 7PM**. As usual an email with the Zoom link will be sent. Come join the fun. It is always a learning experience. Looking forward to seeing you.



Open World Possibility in 2027

Some members of our club are working on Open World applications for 2027. It has been a few years since the last one and we hope we can make it happen. These are great opportunities to make new friends and show them how things work in America on a personal basis. Many club members still have connections with participants from prior Open Worlds which has resulted in us visiting their countries.

CR/IC FF CLUB DYERSVILLE DAY TOUR

The tour of **Farm Tek** will start at **10:00am - 11:00am. FREE.** The business is located just off Hwy 20 East. *Take Exit #292.* After crossing over Hwy 20, take the first right. Follow road to front of building.



Also, you might want to take a cooler as there may be



fresh vegetables for sale.

We will do the guided tour of the Basilica **11:30am - 12:30pm.** Remember to bring **\$5.00 cash** for the tour for each person.



Lunch will follow at the Textile Brewing Company **1:00pm - 2:30pm.** They have a limited menu, but good food. And of course, a good selection of beer, wine and soda. Nice atmosphere and history. Esther and I checked it out a couple of weeks ago.



After lunch, there will be a tour of the **National Farm Toy Museum** 3:00pm - 4:00pm. **Cost \$5.00** per person.



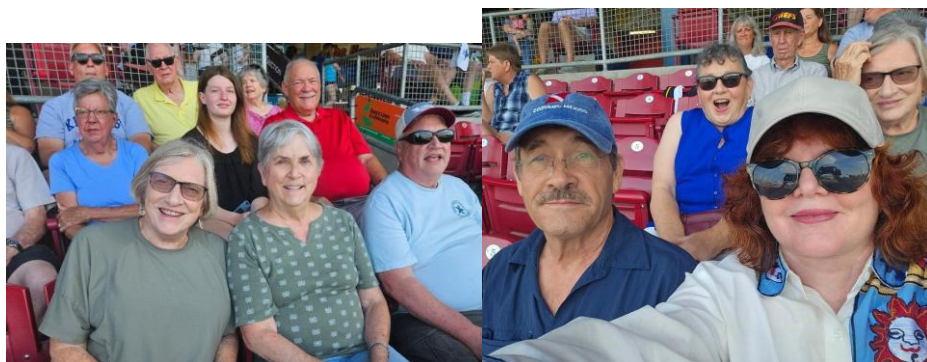
Before leaving Dyersville, you can enjoy an ice cream treat either at Dairy Queen or McDonald's just across from the museum.

If you have not signed up for the day trip, *please get your name on the Sign Up Genius as I need to give the different businesses a count.* We look forward to spending a day learning and getting to know our club members.

Thanks, Shirley Rosencrans

Crazy for Quilting Journey July 12-18

The CR/IC FF Club hosted Friendship Force members Jean McCarthy from Orlando, Florida, Pam Brockfield from Cincinnati Ohio, and Laraine Hicks from Carlisle Pennsylvania for a quilting journey. Patty Potter was the Host coordinator for this unique journey. Unlike most journeys, this one had Patti driving our guests all over Eastern Iowa and parts of Missouri. They visited over 20 shops to look at and purchase quilting fabric and patterns. Connie Williams, Judy Frascht-Miner and Mary Ann Nelson joined in on the fun on the overnight to Hamilton, Missouri. Patti hosted a welcome at her home on Sunday before they started their quest. We incorporated a LEO and Farewell at Daisy's Garage in Marion and also an outing to the CR Kernels Baseball game. Thanks to Sandra Meyer for arranging the ball game. We were able to work in a trip to Grant Wood's Studio in their busy schedule.



Journey Calander by Gretchen Dixon

To get involved contact Gretchen Dixon gretchen1218@gmail.com 319-491-6123

AUGUST 2026 - Ghana, Africa Special inbound individual journey. Issac and Shirley (his 13 year old daughter) will be visiting for a week. Patty Potter will be Home Hosting. She will need help with Day Hosting and Dinner Hosting especially if you have children or grandchildren around the age of 13. Contact Patty if interested. pattyspotter1001@gmail.com 319-551-5179

Issac and Shirley will speak at our General meeting/ Farewell POT LUCK
August 15th at the Lawrence Community Center in Anamosa 4:30-6:30 pm. Bring a main dish, main dish salad or a side dish and desert. (indicate what you plan to bring) a sign up genius has been sent out.

AUGUST 12 2026 - SHIRLEY'S DYERSVILLE IOWA ADVENTURE - *See article*

AUG 24 - SEPT 9, 2026 - OUTBOUND to LIMA PERU #26068 Christine Allen is the Ambassador Coordinator. Two add-ons are a boat trip down the amazon and a trip to Cusco. Any questions contact Christine callenivy@gmail.com. 319-330-3536.

May 2027 - INBOUND from NEW HAMPSHIRE SEACOAST #27312 Christine Allen Host Coordinator Initial Contacts have been made and more specific info will be coming. If you are interested in this journey contact Christine callenivy@gmail.com. 319-330-3536

June 2027 - OUTBOUND to SPOKANE #27305 Marilyn Benge is the Ambassador Coordinator. Initial Contacts have been made and more specific info will be coming. If you are interested in this journey contact Marilyn lbenge@southslope.net 319-540-2114

AUG/SEPT 2027 - OUTBOUND TO GEORGIA/AZERBAIJAN - Mary Ann and Larry Nelson are the Ambassador Coordinators. Initial Contacts have been made and more specific info will be coming. If you are interested in this journey contact the Nelsons. mrsmanelson@gmail.com 319-899-2681 or mrlwnelson@gmail.com 319-362-8078

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