

CEDAR RAPIDS—IOWA CITY

FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome September,

Labor Day is the leading event for September. It began in 1894 after a major railway strike when President Grover Cleveland made it a national holiday on June 28. Oregon was the first state to pass a law recognizing it in 1887. It is the unofficial end to summer, although as we all know the weather doesn't necessarily follow the suggestion. Do you remember when you couldn't wear white after Labor Day? If you are interested, Haledon New Jersey has an American Labor Museum. Enjoy Labor Day weekend and the end of the summer weather as some of us will enjoy it from Peru.

Stephanie Schulte

2026 Club President

CALANDER OF EVENTS

Sept 16	LEO at West End Diner in Marion
Sept 18	Zoom Trivia
May 2027	Inbound Journey from NEW HAMPSHIRE SEACOAST
June 2027	Outbound Journey to SPOKANE
Sept/Aug 2027	Outbound Journey to GEORGIA/AZERBAIJAN
2026	Possible Open World
2027	Possible Outbound Journey to Ghana

LEO AT WEST SIDE DINER

There will be a LEO of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force Club on **Wednesday September 16th at 10:00 AM** at the **West Side Diner**, 809 6th Ave, Marion, IA. **A Signup Genius has been sent.** Please respond by September 9th so we have a count to give the restaurant.



ZOOM TRIVIA NIGHT

The next Trivia Night will be **September 18 at 7:00 PM**. Look for the email invitation to participate. If you have never joined us, give it a try. It is a fun time with friends, and you might just learn something.



JOURNEY TO PERU

Several members of our club are currently on a Journey to Peru.

Look for a full article about the trip in the October



Newsletter.

Journey from Ghana Day Trip to Dyersville

The CR/IC FF Club was host to Issac and Shirley for the FF Club in Ghana West Africa. Patty Potter served as host and primary driver for them during their stay. During their time with us Shirley Rosencranz organized a club day trip to Dyersville. There was also a general meeting in Anamosa where Issac spoke to our club about the many wonderful things to see in Ghana and invited our club to come in 2028. It was a great week and here are some pictures of the many things we were able to share with Issac and Shirley.



St Judes sweet corn Festival



Farmtek tour in Dyersville



Dyersville Basilic
Tour



Iowa
City
With
Cristine
Allen



Farwell potluck and General Meeting



Patty Issac and Shirley

Journey Calander by Gretchen Dixon

To get involved contact Gretchen Dixon
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Going on NOW -- 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 imbenge@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

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