



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

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April 2014



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Regional Conference is held every other year and is a wonderful opportunity to discuss new directions to keep our organization engaging and growing. There are 13 clubs in our region and all will be represented in Milwaukee for the May 1-4 meeting. Any club member is welcome to participate. It would be nice to have a good representation of Madison there. Your board has decided to reimburse two members 1/2 the cost of the \$175.00 registration fee. **Are you feeling lucky?!!** Simply register to attend and submit your name for the drawing to be held at the annual meeting on April 27. You need not be present at the drawing to win.

Last month I reported that we have a 2015 inbound assigned to us from Taiwan. This club is from Hsinchu and I'm awaiting their acceptance of a match. We did not have a 2015 International Outbound assigned but I am optimistic that opportunities will arise for our members to go on outbound exchanges. Of the 90 active US Clubs, 32 do not have Outbound Exchanges in 2015.

Spring is here, for real, and that means the bicycling season is also here. At the March board meeting there was a decision to participate in the Ride the Drive on Sunday, June 1, in Madison. This is a carefree, car-free activity open to walkers as well. Watch next month's newsletter for details as we hope to be there as a group.

More good news is that the Wessex Club of the UK will be visiting us September 18-25 following their week with Cedar Rapids FF Club. Gail Holmes has been chosen to be the ED for this exchange. Finally, I want to encourage each of you to help with our three inbound exchanges for 2104. If you already have, thank you!

In friendship,

Helen Ann Rugowski, President



2014 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monthly Board Meeting - Third Friday - 11:30 am
Everyone welcome - 615 E. Washington Ave., 2ndfl.

April 7--Crafter's Group Meeting*

April 9--Berlin Workshop, Madison Public Library*

April 19--Arts & Architecture Global Exchange and Utah Inbound Exchange Interviews, Sequoya Library*

April 23--Arts & Architecture Global Exchange and Utah Inbound Exchange Interviews, Pinney Library*

April 26--Adopt a Highway*

April 27--Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Coliseum Bar*

April 28--Poland Workshop, Site TBA*

May 1-3--Midwest Regional Conference Milwaukee*

May 15-June 1--Berlin/Poland Outbound Exchange ☺

June 1--Wisconsin Public Television Auction*

July 16-22--Utah Inbound Exchange*

July 17--Annual Summer Club Picnic ✍

August 23-28--Arts & Architecture Global Inbound Exchange*

September 18-25--Wessex Club, United Kingdom Inbound Exchange ✍

October 14-16--World Conference, New Zealand ☺

* Information in this newsletter
☺ Information previously announced
✍ Information to be announced later

New Member

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Berlin/Poland Outbound Exchange May 15-June 1, 2014 Workshop

All our club members are invited to attend the first workshop to help us prepare for our exchange to Berlin, Germany.

Date: Wednesday, April 9
Time: 7:00-7:45 PM
Place: Madison Central Library, Room 301, 3rd Floor
Speaker: John Davis, UW German Department
Topic: Berlin

Come and learn more about this great city's past and present. No reservations required.

Our second workshop for this exchange will be on Monday, April 28 when the topic will be Poland and are speakers will be Julita and Ryszard Zolnik. Information on time and place has not been chosen and will be announced via email when known.

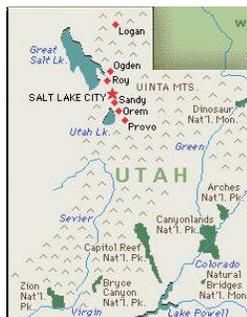
Other events with a Polish flavor to experience are:

- Annual Polish Heritage Club Spring Festival, Sunday, April 13, 10AM-3PM, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 4913 Schofield St, Monona. Features baked goods, music, jewelry, pottery, egg painting and more, free, ample parking and wheelchair accessible
- IDA-Polish film--spellbinding image of Poland in the '60s, April 6, 6:30PM and April 8, 4:30PM, Sundance Cinema
- "The Puzzle of the First Play on the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising" (Easter 1943), April 17, 4PM, UW-Madison 206 Ingraham hall

Lise Skofronick, 608-274-7732, lrparadis@yahoo.com
Stephanie Sorensen, 608-819-6646, stevils@charter.net
Co-exchange Directors

Utah Inbound Exchange July 16-22, 2014

Interview dates for hosting will piggyback on the Arts/Architecture Global Exchange dates. If you would like to host for the Utah inbound exchange, please attend either the one scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Boulevard, 9:30-11:30AM or Wednesday, April 23 at Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road, 7:00-8:30PM. The interviews will be conducted separately from the Arts/Architecture ones. If unable to make these date, please contact the host interviewer Gail Holmes, at 608-249-1846 or gholmes@wisc.edu.



Members who would like to day or dinner host can sign-up at the annual meeting and luncheon on April 27 or by either calling (608-845-3393) or emailing djhussin@yahoo.com.

The Planning committee has also finalized the activities and encourage you to mark your calendars now to join us. Information on costs will be in the May newsletter.

Wednesday, July 16: Ambassadors arrive in Madison by 3PM. Concert on the Square with catered box dinner

Thursday, July 17: Madison City Tour via motorcoach including Unitarian Meeting House tour; FFWI Annual Summer Picnic

Friday, July 18: "Free day" with host or day host; fish fry dinner at Avenue Bar

Saturday, July 19: Farmer's Market, observe Paddle & Portage, State Capitol tour, Monona Terrace tour, evening hosted dinners

Sunday, July 20: Morning open; Olbrich Gardens self-guide in the afternoon, sunset cruise on Madison lakes with catered sandwich box lunch at Schluter Beach on Lake Mendota

Monday, July 21: Morning open: Upper Dells 2-hour boat tour at 1PM and farewell dinner at Dorf Haus, Roxbury, featuring a Bavarian Smorgasbord and German music

Tuesday, July 22: Ambassadors depart

Donna Hussin, Exchange Director

Arts/Architecture Global Exchange Inbound August 23-28, 2014



Interview dates are scheduled for selecting hosts for this exchange. April 19, 9:30-11:00AM at Sequoya Library and April 23, 7:00-8:30PM at Pinney Library. The Utah Exchange is piggybacking on these dates with us and will conduct their interviews separate from ours.

If you have not previously indicated your interest in hosting and would like to, please contact Kay Babcock, 608-222-211, or Donna Calvert, 608-233-7536.

Donna Calvert, Exchange Director

Friendship Force of Wisconsin on Facebook



Our Facebook continues to expand. In addition to our own members, we now have friends from Russia, Turkey, the Ukraine and other clubs in the US. Our page provides updates on activities and photos of our incoming and outgoing exchanges. So join us!!! It is easy. You can do a search for Friendship Force of Wisconsin Facebook or go directly: www.facebook.com/friendshipforcewis.

Contacts: Sandi Wysock and Mary Babula

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following persons have graciously accepted the nominating committee's request for their service. The committee is pleased and grateful to present the following slate of officers for 2014. Election to be conducted April 27, 2014. The term of office begins at the September 19th Board Meeting.

President Helen Ann Rugowski
Vice President Mary Babula
Secretary Lois Schulz
Treasurer Judy Taylor

Article VI of the by-laws:

- Section 3 - Only members who are present may vote
- Section 4 - The chairperson shall receive further nominations from the floor with the written consent of the nominee

Respectively submitted: Mary Lindquist, Chairperson, Committee: Maggie Dohm & George Wysock

NOMINEES:

PRESIDENT: HELEN ANN ROGOWSKI

I have been a Member of Friendship Force since 2000. I'm currently your president; prior to that served terms of Vice President and secretary. Since joining I've been on exchanges to Scotland, South Korea, Peru (a mystery trip), Sherbrooke/Quebec, Costa Rica, Turkey (took my daughter along), Germany (a global bicycling exchange), Hiroshima, Japan in 2012 for the World Conference and most recently to New Orleans for the World. Domestic exchanges have been with Quad Cities, Birmingham, AL, Tucson and Phoenix. For me, the best part of all the exchanges, whether in or out, has been the home hosting.

I earned my master's degree in Social Work at UW Madison in 1971 and retired in 2008 after 20 years with UW Hospital and Clinics. My two children both live in Minnesota but remain loyal Packer and Badger fans like me. I grew up on a small farm in a three-generation household and have lived all my life in Wisconsin. My interests are many but particularly enjoy bicycling, volunteering, golf, games and especially bridge, music, theater and times with family and friends.

VICE PRESIDENT: MARY BABULA

I am currently your vice-president. I have lived in Wisconsin all my life and since 1968 have resided in Madison when I came here to attend the University of Wisconsin. I have worked in child care as a teacher, center administrator and since 1981 have been working at Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, a statewide membership association for people who work in early childhood care and education.

I was active as a youth leader in the United Methodist Church which helped set me on the path to taking on leadership roles in my child care work as well. Over the years I have served on the board of directors and/or as an officer for Community Coordinated Child Care, Wisconsin Women's Network, Dane

County Association for the Education of Young Children, Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project, The Child Care Registry for Continuing Education, and the Wisconsin Early Learning Coalition, as well as providing leadership development and support through Wisconsin Early Childhood Association.

My interests outside of work include: camping, bicycling, canoeing, reading, knitting, birding, cross country skiing, games, traveling and socializing. I am also an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers football team and the UW Badgers women's basketball team

SECRETARY: LOIS SCHULZ

I have lived most of my life in Wisconsin, the last 45 years in the Madison area. Mother of four, I stayed home raising my family. I attended some classes at MATC. In 1979, I went to work in a brokerage firm, retiring in 2010 as a Registered Administrative Assistant with Royal Bank of Canada Wealth Management. I was also a secretary for a year at my church. I am recently widowed and have four children, four step children, 22 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, most of them living in Wisconsin.

Besides keeping busy with my family, I enjoy camping, sewing, reading, church activities, sports (especially hockey) and now traveling with Friendship Force!

TREASURER: JUDY TAYLOR

I have lived in Madison for 65 of my 75 years, attended East High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a bachelor's degree. For 26 years I worked at the university, mainly in public information, publications, and legislative relations. For 15 years I was treasurer of the Wisconsin Women's Network, a nonprofit coalition of organizations and individuals that promotes the welfare of women and girls.

I enjoy traveling, have been to every continent except Antarctica, and took two trips around the world in the 1990s. In 2009 I participated in the Wisconsin Friendship Force exchange to Azerbaijan, in 2010 I went to a global exchange in Perth, Australia, and in 2013 I was on the Wisconsin/Oregon-Washington exchange.

**International Visitor
Leadership Program
FFWI Host, Jane Kessenich**



Monday, March 24, 2014, Bob & Jeanne Tabachnick, Helen & Jim Lackore, Ed Wellin and I welcomed Ms. Isabel Gallegos Guerrero and Mr. Eugenio Guerrero Flores from Venezuela for supper at my home. Also joining us as interpreters were Elia and Kevin Colson, who had lived in Venezuela for several years. Kevin was working with the Land Tenure Center there.

The program's objectives was to provide the participants with a better understanding of democracy and the electoral process as defined and practiced in the United States, and of citizen participation in their own governance. The discussion was lively, diverse, challenging but all left accepting that we can have differing viewpoints and discuss them openly.

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2013 Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI



President, George Wysock, welcomed everyone present to the 35th anniversary celebration of the club.

The door prize drawing of a free membership was awarded to Bob Weber. Members joined in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth". Lunch was served.

Programs listing the meeting agenda and treasurer's report were at each table. The annual meeting of April 22, 2012 minutes had been published in the April 2013 newsletter.

Paul Buckalew came forward to honor past presidents with Certificates of Recognition:

Margo Lindl 1987-1989; **Bernie Long** 1991-1993; **Marvin Beatty** 1993-1995; **Dean Calkins** 1995-1997; **Lois Parsons** 2001-2003; **Donna Calvert** 2003-2005; **Bernie Long** 2005-2007; **Mary Ann Fahl** 2007-2009; **Mary Lindquist** 2009-2011.

Donna Calvert introduced speaker, Dave Kalan, who congratulated the club on its 35th anniversary and spoke about future goals of The Friendship Force.

BUSINESS MEETING: George Wysock called the business meeting to order at 2pm. A quorum of the membership was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Steve Babcock moved that secretary's report as published in the newsletter be approved. Motion seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Lou Martino moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as written. Motion seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEWSLETTER ADVISORY SURVEY: Vice President, Helen Ann Rugowski, reported that the largest club expenditure is the cost of printing and mailing the monthly newsletter which is also available on the website. She explained that the survey on the tables was intended to be advisory to the board to assist in determining whether the newsletter should be emailed or continue to be printed and mailed. She encouraged members to make their preference known by filling out the survey.

George introduced committee chairpersons and thanked them for their faithful service to the club:

Dave Dohler, Communications-- maintains our website, www.ff.wis.org, where you can find the current newsletter, activities and photos.

Donna Hussin, Newsletter Editor-- does a great job keeping us well informed.

Mary Lindquist, Membership and Recruitment-- maintains the current directory, sends out renewals and welcome packets to prospective and new members.

Margie Groom, Outreach-- Margie has resigned. New volunteers are invited to apply for this position.

Mary Ann Fahl, Farmer's Market-- Mary Ann will bring supplies to the market every Saturday. She rallied volunteers to sign up for the May through October openings.

Don Gostomski, Hwy Cleanup-- Members were encouraged to sign up for the May 11th cleanup.

Reta Harring, WHA Auction-- made signup sheets available for the June 2nd 3:15 to 7PM time slot.

Fannie Hicklin, Activities-- introduced and thanked her committee members: Paul Buckalew, Donna Calvert, Gary Lindquist, Maggie Dohm, Lois Statz, Ginger Gostomski.

President George Wysock thanked the 2013 Officers: Helen Ann Rugowski, Vice President; Mary Lou Martino, Secretary; Margo McKnight, Treasurer; Mary Lindquist, Past President.

Mary Lindquist, Nominating Committee Chairperson, introduced the new slate of officers: Helen Ann Rugowski, President; Mary Bubula, Vice President; Jan Weber, Secretary; Margo McKnight, Treasurer. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Dick Walker moved that nominations be closed. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Steve Babcock moved that the proposed slate of officers be approved. Motion seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Awards were presented to 2012 Exchange Directors:

Patrick Fleming-Peru; **Gail Holmes**-Willamette Valley Oregon and St. Louis; **Donna Calvert**-International Food Global Exchange; **Sandi Wysock**-Russia; **Sandy Drew**-Open World Ukraine legislators.

2013 Exchange Directors: Mary Mastaglio and Mary Babula will be welcoming inbound Urla, Turkey ambassadors June 13-20. Signup sheets for activities and potlucks were made available.

Sandi Wysock will host a committee meeting for the incoming Vyborg exchange at her house May 8. Signup sheets for committee volunteers were available.

Ariel Ford and Fannie Hicklin are outbound EDs for the Samarlinda and Malang, Indonesia exchange August 31 to Sept. 13th. A visit to Bali follows the exchange.

Gail Holmes, ED for outbound exchange to Oregon and Washington July 5-19 announced that openings are still available to club members until May 11. Remaining available slots will then be opened to other clubs.

2014 Exchanges: Outbound-Berlin/Vilnius Lithuania; Inbound from Brazil; Outbound-Phoenix /Tucson Arizona; Incoming Global Art and Architecture with Northern IL and Greater Milwaukee.

Marv Beatty moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Martino, Secretary

**The Friendship Force of WI
Treasurer's Annual Report
Summary of Activities for 2013**

OPERATING RESULTS

Revenues	\$ 12,943.21
CD Interest	\$ 39.70
Expenses	<u>\$(12,014.25)</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ <u>968.66</u>

ASSETS

Balance on Hand in Checking Account as of 12/31/2013		<u>\$6,252.41</u>
<u>Total CD CERTIFICATE BALANCE</u>	\$7,748.75	
Summit Credit Union CD	\$4,528.86	
Summit Credit Union CD	\$3,219.89	
<u>Total Savings Account</u>	\$ 5.09	
<u>Total Exchange Accounts</u>	\$ 560.00	
Balance in Anchor Bank	\$ 110.00	
Balance in US Bank	\$ 100.00	
Balance in Associated Bank	\$ 250.00	
Balance in M&I Bank	\$ 100.00	
<u>Total Committed Funds</u>	\$ 8,313.84	<u>\$8,313.84</u>
<u>TOTAL CLUB VALUE</u>		<u>\$14,566.25</u>

Margaret McKnight
Treasurer

Outreach

Looking for Potential New Members

Do you have friends or family that are interested in Friendship Force but would like to learn more before joining? If so, we plan to hold an informational meeting/orientation in the near future. If you can provide us with contact information (name, address, telephone number and email address) we will make sure that they receive an invitation. Contact Sandi Wysock, 608-833-5326 or sandrawysock@msn.com or Mary Babula, mcbabula@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Community Events

Ride the Drive-Downtown: Mark your calendar for June 1. Each year Madison closes some of their streets turning Madison's signature streets into a public promenade that is open to cyclists, walkers, rollerbladers, and those out to share in the experience and fun atmosphere. These popular events bring 20,000 people out to ride, walk and skate on the route, enjoy live music and enjoy the sites. The first one for 2014 is the John Nolan/Downtown Ride. We plan to Ride the Drive as a group as a means of advertising Friendship Force. We will provide a meeting place and time on our Facebook Page and in the next newsletter. So join us for the fun!



International/cultural events in and about Madison: We are reaching out to international groups within our community as well. Look for information about their events in our newsletters and on our Facebook page.

Upcoming events presented by **CREECA, Center for Russia, East Europe & Central Asia** include:

- April 3--Lecture, "Building Plant Bodies, People, Trees and Grafting in Krygystans Walnut-Fruit Forests," 4PM, 206 Ingraham Hall
- April 6--UW Russian Folk Orchestra Annual Spring Gala Concert, 2PM, Mills Hall, Humanities Bldg.
- April 10--Lecture, "Human Rights in Russia: Challenges of 2014," 4PM, 206 Ingraham Hall
- April 17--Lecture, "The Puzzle of the First Play on the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," 4PM 206 Ingraham Hall
- April 25--Lecture, "Strategic Litigation: Bringing the European Convention for Human Rights to Russia," 4PM 206 Ingraham Hall

Wisconsin International Outreach Consortium (WIOC) and the Urban League of Madison is sponsoring a *South Madison International Community Night*, April 17, 6PM, Fountain of Life Covenant Church, 633 W Badger Rd, Madison. FREE and open to the public featuring African drumming, traditional Hmong dancing, Mexican folklore dancing, and classical Indian dancing. Refreshments with an international flair will be provided.

Crafter's Group



Rescheduled for April 7, 1:30PM at the home of Donna Hussin, 406 Lucille St, Verona, WI 608-3393 or djhussin@yahoo.com. The theme is sewing crafts for this gathering. Projects to be offered include No-slip Hanger Covers, Potato Baking Bags, and Microwave Bowl Potholders. If you crochet or knit, the projects include ribbon necklaces and dish cloths. You are welcome to bring and work on your own craft as well. If you have not already called or emailed the hostess, **please let her know if you plan to attend and your interest in order to provide you with a list of materials, as well as, if you have a portable machine.** Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of crafting.

FFWI Club Pins and Luggage Tags

At the April 27 luncheon and annual meeting, Gail Holmes will have available for purchase our new Wisconsin club pins (\$2.00) and the green Friendship Force luggage tags (\$1.00).

Adopt - A - Highway

The date for Spring Clean-up of Hwy 12 is April 26. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at Hwy. 12, Exit 249. We will get organized and start at 8: 30 am and work our way north to CTH K.

Ten volunteers are ideal. With enough help we can cover about a one mile section in 1½ to 2 hours. We need you.

If you are willing and able to HELP, I would appreciate it if you would please call me before Friday, April 18. I would prefer not to make a lot of phone calls.

Thank You.

Don Gostomski, Chairperson
608-249-8250



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin Board of Directors wants to encourage our club members to attend this conference, so we are offering this special opportunity. If you attend this conference, your name will be entered in a drawing where two names will be selected to be reimbursed for one half of the registration fee of \$175, after the conference is over and a written report is provided to the Board.

Check out the information on our website for the conference schedule, registration form and hotel information. Then register, attend, learn, enjoy, and perhaps receive a refund of \$87.50 if your name is drawn as a prize winner after the conference!

The deadline for registering for the conference is April 10th—so make your decision and register today!

Friendship Force of Wisconsin website: <http://www.ffwis.org>.



2014 marks the 37th anniversary of the Friendship Force. Visit the conference website at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/friendship-force-world-conference-2014/event-summary>

Registration is now open.



Midwest Regional Friendship Force Conference
“Mapping Our Future: A Journey for Millennials to Founders”
May 1-3, 2014

A Special Offer—Check It Out

Check out the Friendship Force of Wisconsin website for information on the upcoming Midwest Regional Friendship Force Conference. This is an opportunity to meet members of the Friendship Force from clubs around the Midwest, learn what other clubs are doing, and to explore some of the places and events that make Milwaukee special.

Email Address Change

Mary Babula has a new email address.

mcbabula@hotmail.com

Please update your directory and email contact list.

WHA - TV
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AUCTION

Sunday, June 1, 2014
3:15-7:30 PM

This is a great opportunity to help Wisconsin Public Television, get some publicity for the Friendship Force, and have fun with others in our group.

We need 15 volunteers for helping June 1 from 3:15-7:30. This includes a free dinner and an invite to the Wisconsin Public Television Volunteer Picnic on June 20 where we have another opportunity to publicize the Friendship Force.

I will be at the April 27 Annual Meeting with a sign-up sheet, but if you want to sign up sooner to be sure that you are included you can call me at 241-2248 or email me retaharring@yahoo.com. There are several ways to help at the Auction: phone bank, serving food, confirmation of winners, helping with the sets, etc. Put Sunday, June 1, on your calendar now so you will be available to help get the word out about the Friendship Force at the Auction.

Free Parking is always available on Sundays in the Grainger Hall Lot across the street from Vilas Hall.

Reta Harring, Chairperson

Outbound Exchange Opportunity to Norderstedt, Germany for June, 2014

The Friendship Force of Norderstedt will be celebrating 30 Years as a chartered Friendship Force club in June of this year. They had planned to host a delegation of Ambassadors to celebrate this anniversary with them and unfortunately the club that was to visit them has had to cancel. Therefore, they would like to invite you to be a part of their celebration by going on a Friendship Force exchange to Norderstedt, Germany. The dates of the exchange are June 18-24 with the Anniversary party taking place on Saturday, June 21. What a celebration of friendship this will be!



The cost of the exchange will be \$300 which includes the FFI Ambassador Fee and the host fees, including the Anniversary celebration dinner. This amount does not

include international airfare. Contact Allison Lindsey, FFI, at alindsey@thefriendshipforce.org or call 404-965-4342 with questions or to apply.

FFWI hosted the Norderstedt club in 2007 and we did an outbound exchange with the club in 2011. Both times Richard Mueller was the Exchange Director.



**Outbound Exchange to Iceland
July 16-29, 2014**

Join FF Oregon's Mid Willamette Valley for a Discovery program in Iceland. The group will travel by motor coach around Iceland's "Ring Road" with a professional guide and driver and stay in hotels in small towns. We will learn about the Viking and Celtic pioneers who first came to Iceland. Enjoy spectacular and geologically active scenery as well as bird, seal, and whale watching. There will be opportunities to sample ethnic foods, see local handicrafts, enjoy short hikes and observe life on Icelandic farms and in fishing villages.

In the city of Akureyri, referred to as the capitol of the North, we hope to meet with locals to discuss establishing a Friendship Force presence in Iceland.

Estimated price: \$3895 USD based on double occupancy. Includes FFI fees, hotels, ground transportation, guide services, fees and tips, most meals and museum and exhibit fees.

Contact information for spaces available: Kathy Butler, 541-926-9897 or Shirley Karstens, 541-967-8309

**Domestic Exchange to Western North Carolina—
Asheville, Hendersonville, Brevard, USA
October 9-16, 2014**

Theme: Micro-Brews and Mountain Foliage



Friendship Force of Western North Carolina invites you to celebrate Oktoberfest in Asheville, sample craft beer at the many micro-breweries in the region, hike to Chimney Rock, take a pontoon boat tour of Lake Lure, visit Brevard and see the spectacular waterfalls in the DuPont Forest, site of the filming of the motion picture, *The Hunger Games*, visit historic Hendersonville and visit the world famous Biltmore Estates. Enjoy the warm hospitality of North Carolinians during fall foliage season in the breath-taking Blue Ridge Mountains.

Estimated price: \$525 includes FFI and host fees. Ambassadors will be responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Contact information for spaces available: Joe Robustelli and Becky Reid, 828-808-7051

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Adopt a Highway
WHA WPT Auction
Midwest Regional Conference, May 2014
FF World Conference, October 2014

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Treasurer: Margo McKnight 345-6827
Newsletter: Donna Hussin 845-3393

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin *Annual Meeting Luncheon* Sunday, April 27, 2014



The Coliseum Bar and Banquet 12:00 PM Social Hour
232 East Olin Avenue 12:30 PM Seated Luncheon
Madison, WI Cost: \$18.00

Non-registered members welcome for business meeting only at 1:15PM

*Donation of bars and cookies is greatly appreciated.
Bring a Friend!*

Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Friday, April 18, 2014.

-----cut and return with payment



Choice of entre: _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Cod Almandine _____ Prime Rib

_____ # attending x \$18 = \$ _____

_____ I need a ride _____ I can provide a ride

Names: _____

Make check payable to: The Friendship Force
Mail to: Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison WI 53705 Questions? 608-233-5748