



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

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August 2011



Message from the President

Well my time is running down. Soon there will be a new board of directors to continue on with the Friendship Force of Wisconsin. The past couple of years have gone by very quickly for me. During this time there have been a few changes in the way exchanges are conducted. The most recent extreme exchange was one that was advertised in an email back in June. FFI is taking Friendship to the high seas...again! It's a cultural voyage around the world this fall. On August 26 the MV Explorer will begin its 110-day around-the-world voyage for university students and Lifelong Learners. Through a new partnership agreement with Semester at Sea, Friendship Force members are invited to join all or part of the voyage. Some of the cities being visited are Cape Town South Africa, Casablanca Morocco, Ghana, Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam, Hong Kong and Shanghai China, Kobe and Yokohama Japan, Puntarenas Costa Rica and Havana Cuba. I thought the exchange price was very reasonable for being gone for 110 days. It is a mere \$9,900.

There are also exchanges on a smaller scale. You can hike across the New Zealand Mountains or you can experience life in Morocco. If you want to visit the orient you can participate in: Three Weeks, Three Countries: Make Friends in Japan, Taiwan and Thailand. If you are into history and archaeology you can participate in: Experience History, Archaeology, Culture and World Religions in Israel. Each year FFI puts together a Mystery Exchange. This year's mystery exchange is to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro Brazil.

Also new this year is the exchange with a theme. Three Midwest clubs (Twin Cities, Dubuque & St. Louis) will host "Life on the Mississippi" this fall. We are working with Greater Milwaukee & Northern IL on one that will be for "Midwest Food Exchange". Kapiti Coast New Zealand has an exchange "Explore New Zealand in vintage style!" There are many more exciting exchanges you can participate in. Just visit the FFI website at www.friendshipforce.org for more details. There is an exchange waiting for you at the time you want to go. Keep looking you will find one that meets your needs.

**In Friendship,
Mary Lindquist, President**

Exchange to Moscow Russia

I would like to welcome **Sandi Wysock** as the new Exchange Director for an outbound exchange to Russia in or around September 2012. If you are interested in helping Sandi with this exchange, please give her a call. The exchange is a 2-week exchange with one week in Moscow and a second week with a brand new club in Russia. The club is being formed from people that have traveled to USA through the Open World Program. Lets give Sandi a warm welcome. I know she will do a fine job.

Mary Lindquist, President



2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

August 19 – Board Of Directors Meeting

August 26 –30, 2011 FFI Conference Germany **
Register on line now.

September 19 - 26, 2011 – Germany to Wisconsin *
See the Activities sign up

Sept. 27 – Oct. 15, 2011 – Wisconsin to Urla, Turkey *

October 22 or 29 – Adopt-A-highway **

October 31 – Fall Festival **

December 3, 2011 – Holiday Party **

June 2012 – Trujillo Peru to Wisconsin **

August 10 – 14, 2012, Food Exchange **

September 2012 – Wisconsin to Moscow *

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced

WISCONSIN TO MOSCOW 2012

Your only opportunity for an outbound international exchange with our club in 2012 will be the exchange going to Russia. Our ambassadors are to be hosted by Moscow and/or a newer club, which we assume to be in the Moscow area. The trip is tentatively planned for September of 2012. If you are interested in exploring Russia, now is the time to do it! I will be the Exchange Director.

A little about me: My husband and I joined the Friendship Force after we retired five years ago. Prior to retiring, I was the Operations Manager for a large department at American Family. I am a self-described organizational geek. Since joining the FFW we have day hosted for Australia and England, home hosted for Moscow, Russia and served as ambassadors to Great Falls, Montana and Costa Rica. In the past, I have led committees for my choir planning trips to St. Petersburg, Finland, Denmark and Sweden and to Romania, Hungary and the Czech Republic. I was also on the incoming Azerbaijan planning committee and am currently on Jerry Fuller's committee for Turkey. I will also be an ambassador for the trip to Turkey.

There was a sign up sheet at the picnic for those interested in helping with the planning committee and a separate signup sheet for anyone that is thinking about being an ambassador. If you are at all interested, I encourage you to add your name to the list so that we can keep you informed as the exchange develops. You do not have to be going on the exchange to serve on the committee or help with the interview process!!

SANDI WY SOCK, Exchange Director
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What a wonderful picnic we had!

About 85 friends and guests enjoyed great food, camaraderie, shopping, and the lack of a storm that was predicted to descend upon us. So much nicer than the storm that disrupted our picnic last year, remember??

A varied neat selection of items were brought for the silent auction. Most sold but if yours didn't please bring them to the auction that we will have at the Fall Festival. Keep your eye out for things no longer needed to bring along also. The holidays will be coming up so it will be a good time to share our over supply of decorations.

Thank you to the Activities Committee for helping to keep things running smoothly, and a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped pick up and leave the shelter nicely cleaned up. Next year seems far away, but we will all meet again same time, same place. See you then.

Northern Illinois Exchange

On June 21st 16 members of the FFW left for Waukegan Illinois. To begin our Exchange we met at Ludwina Homer's for lunch and to meet our hosts. Ludwina, the ED, planned a tour of the Historical society, the historic Lilac house, and the Genesee theater. It was built in 1927 and has been refurbished and enlarged. The original marquee was found and reinstalled. It is a lovely entertainment center now. After the tour we went across the street to have a group picture taken in front of Jack Benny's memorial statue. He was from Waukegan and performed in the Genesee.

Later that night Mother Nature favored us with one of her tantrums. The next morning we found out the extent of her fun. Trees and power lines were down, traffic lights were out, and many streets were closed. Just imagine the traffic snarls with people trying to get to work. We found that 300,000 were left without power. We did get to the Botanical Gardens 1-1/2 hours late so it was decided to have lunch first but the power was out there too so the kitchen was closed. Ludwina performed some magic and found a place that could accommodate all of us that was close by. That evening several members hosted dinner parties for us.

Thursday morning we went to Techney to visit a historic monastery, which was beautiful. It is used as a conference and retreat center now but originally housed 350 monks and students. Much of the decorative work on the interior was done by the inhabitants of the house. We had lunch there then went on to visit the magnificent Baha'i temple along with a history of their faith. That evening my hosts opened their home to entertain visiting clubs and their hosts. The Chicago club was hosting a club from Stratford & St. Mary's, Canada, the Madison club with their hosts made up four clubs having fun together. That night the weather did co-operate.

Our short visit ended with a farewell lunch at Salutos in Gurnee. Our hosts have some great talent among them, welcoming and goodbye songs were sung for us. Of course many hugs and promises to see each other again were heard. Sixteen of us went on our way with many happy memories agreeing that we had a wonderful time. Our Exchange included Rita Bloomfield, Gene Dewey, Judy Endle, Mary Ann Fahl, Florence Folbrecht, Betty and Jerry Fuller, Jan Gruetzmacher, Jane Kessenich, Mary and Gary Lindquist, Margo McKnight, Otty and Larry Schaefer, Lisa Simon, and Maggie Dohm ED. We were happy to have the Schaefer's and Rita along on their very first Exchanges.

MAGGIE DOHM, Exchange Director

NEW MEMBER

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Norderstedt, Germany September 19 – 26, 2011

		# Attending	x Cost=	Total
Monday Sept. 19	Arrival at Dutch Mill; Afternoon Tail Gate Party at Nancy and Richard Mueller's home 3668 Rivercrest Road in McFarland Open to all members to meet the Germans Bring a dish to pass + your own drinks RSVP 838-3575	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>		
Tuesday Sept. 20	Capitol Tour (9:00 A.M.) Day on Campus including inside Camp Randall Lunch on the Union Terrace (On your own nickel)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>		
Wednesday Sept. 21	Milwaukee Art Museum Lunch in the Third Ward (On your own nickel)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$10.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
8:00 A.M. Departure Dutch Mill	Harley Davidson Museum OR Pabst Mansion	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$12.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
		<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	Or	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
		<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$8.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
Thursday Sept. 22	Dairy Farm and Horse Demo in the morning Lunch at Michael's on Monona Dr. (On your own nickel) Olbrich Gardens and Monona Convention Center	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>		
Friday Sept. 23	Dubuque Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium Lunch in Dubuque 8:00 A.M. Dickeyville Grotto, Potosi Brewery & Beer Museum Departure Friday Fish Fry Potosi Beer Garden	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$13.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
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**August 2011
Schedule for German Exchange
2011 -2012 Calendar**

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Come Meet the Germans

We will be hosting nine members of the Norderstedt, Germany club from Monday, September 19th until Monday September 26th. We have tried to include many opportunities for our club members to meet and enjoy our German guests. Included on the sign-up sheet are the major activities of the week, some of which are new locations for our club to go. Join us for as many activities as you would like.

One thing that would help us lower the costs for our German guests and ourselves are Bucky Book coupons # 203A and 203B to the Milwaukee Art Museum. If we get enough coupons, refunds will be arranged.

Make checks payable to 'The Friendship Force of Wisconsin'.

Send the check and sign-up sheet to:

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Turkey Sept. 27 – Oct. 15, 2011

Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey

We finalized plans for our club gift to the Urla Club. It will be a variety of books for age levels primary through high school, that we will bring to the Urla club for their gift to the Urla Public Library. Credit for this worthy gift idea goes to Virginia Zwickey who has been to Turkey a number of times and had noted a lack of English language books in the libraries, although English is taught in all the schools. Then, through a connection that Mary Mastaglio has with a school book wholesaler, we have been able to purchase a number of worthy books at a favorable discount. All Ambassadors will be taking one or more books. They will all be identified as donated by the Urla Friendship Force Club.

The second workshop was held on July 16, with a number of details covered to help insure a pleasant experience, both for our Ambassadors as well as their Hosts. The Turkish – American Cultural Center of Madison invited our group to a picnic at Mendota Park on July 24 and nine of us participated. We had an opportunity to sample some Turkish food, meet some Turkish people and even try a few Turkish words.

Next, the Turkish – American Cultural Center has also invited all Ambassadors to a Ramadan Iftar Fast – Breaking dinner on August 19. More information will be coming.

If you are still thinking Turkey, but were too late to apply, call me now to get on the wait list.

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