



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing the Way You See the World

February 2013



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February is shaping up to be a very busy month. Sandy Drew, ED for the Open World Exchange, has developed a very detailed program for our Ukrainian visitors. It includes meetings with several government entities and non-profit groups. Tours include the University and city attractions such as Monona Terrace and the Overture Center. Sandy has done an excellent job in setting up the exchange on a very short notice during a time in the year when many are traveling. Thank you everyone for working with Sandy to get this done.

We received an email from Dave Kalan, Milwaukee Friendship Force, exploring the possibility of another Theme Exchange for our area. The 2012 Food Exchange was such a great success that it might be nice to do it again in 2014. What we learned from that experience was to make some adjustments, such as more free time and the involvement of fewer clubs. Possible theme exchanges on the table are Frank Lloyd Wright or the arts in the Midwest.

Preliminary meetings for the incoming Turkish exchange and host selection has begun. Sounds like an exciting exchange with about 21 incoming ambassadors.

Friendship Force International has posted information on the Internet on the November 2013 conference in New Orleans. The conference fee is \$300.00 per person with room costs \$148.00 tax inclusive per night. It would be great if we could get a large group to go from the Friendship Force of Wisconsin. The hotel is on Bourbon Street and would give everyone an opportunity to enjoy the area.

In Friendship,

George Wysock, President



2013 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

February 1-9 - Open World Legislators Exchange from Ukraine*

February 10 - Valentine Luncheon, Westside Club*

February 27 - Turkey Exchange Interviews, Lakeview Library*

March 2 - Turkey Exchange Interviews, Pinney Library*

April 28 - Annual Meeting and 35th Anniversary Celebration, Coliseum Bar**

June 13-20 - Urla Turkey Inbound Exchange*

September 2013- Indonesia Outbound Exchange*

November 23-25 - World Conference, New Orleans*

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced later or previously announced



New Member

Ms. Adelaide Fiske
61 S. Fair oaks Avenue
Madison, WI 53714

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Open World Legislators Exchange from Ukraine February 1-9, 2013

Friendship Force Wisconsin is hosting a delegation of young elected and appointed officials from Ukraine. They represent various Ukrainian oblasts, which are the equivalent of states in the US. They are being sponsored by the Open World Program – a program created by Congress to bring young leaders from former Soviet countries to the US to learn about our institutions and system of government.

While in Madison, the eight Ukrainians will study accountable governance. They will have a packed agenda meeting with elected officials at all levels of government, university officials, the press and staff with key non-profit agencies. In response to their special interest requests, we have also arranged for them to visit business incubators, museums, and Dane County’s first manure digester as an example of bio-fuel and alternative energy.

Friendship Force members are hosting the delegates and their interpreters. If anyone wants more information, please contact either George Wysock (833-5826) or Sandy Drew (833-5811).

Sandy Drew, Exchange Director



Urla, Turkey Friendship Force Visit --June 13-20, 2013--Planning News

On January 9 a small group met to begin brainstorming ideas for activities for this exchange. Many of those present had been on an exchange to Turkey and are motivated to plan a fun-filled and meaningful week for the ambassadors.

Thank you to all who have already responded and expressed interest in planning, hosting, day hosting, dinner hosting etc. We invite more people to join us.

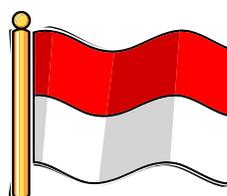
Interviews to host one or two ambassadors will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 6-8 PM at the Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Avenue, and Saturday, March 2, 9:30– 1:30 AM at Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road. If you are interested in

being a potential host for the Turkey exchange, please come on one of these dates. If you cannot make it for either of these dates, please call Mary Mastaglio (241-0212) or Betty Fuller (846-5533) to make other arrangements.

Jane Kessenich is coordinating dinners for the week of June 13-20. If you are willing to host a dinner for a small or large group, please contact her at 836-0324.

Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 AM at the Sequoia Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

Mary Mastaglio, Exchange Director



Outbound Exchange to Malang and Samarinda, Indonesia September 2013

Some Interesting Facts about Indonesia

- 17,508 islands comprise Indonesia with around 6,000 inhabited
- 4th most populated country in the world with an estimated population of 248,645,008 as of July 2012
- Largest Islamic Country with 87% being Muslims
- Supplies 75% of the world’s nutmeg
- Badminton is the country’s national sport

Malang is the second largest city in East Java. Samarinda is the capitol of the East Kalimantan province on the island of Borneo.

Co-exchange directors are Ariel Ford (608-233-5748) and Ariel Ford (608-334-9032). Please feel free to contact either of them if you have questions or are interested in volunteering for the planning committee.





10 reasons why you might consider participating:

- #10 Proximity-- New Orleans is only 1,040 miles from Madison. To get to the 2012 Conference in Hiroshima, I traveled 140 miles by bus, 6,969 miles by plane, and 420 miles by train.
- #9 Average temperature in November is 71 degrees; Madison...44.
- #8 Other happenings--The Fringe Festival is November 20-24.
- #7 Gumbo, jambalaya, crawfish, étouffée, po-boys, muffettas, and beignets. Eat food with names you can't pronounce.
- #6 Discover Cajun dancing. Don & Ginger... how do you do that?
- #5 Music--Dixieland, Jazz, Cajun, and Zydeco.
- #4 Conference hotel within walking distance of the French Quarter.. and more.
- #3 Possibility for post-conference home stay before returning to Madison...where it is 44 degrees.... and dropping.
- #2 You will learn you can do things with your club that you never realized you could do.
and the best reason of all:
- #1 You'll see lots of your friends there!

Conference website:
<http://www.eventbee.com/v/ffiworldconference2013>

Helen Ann Rugowski, Vice-president

Midwest Exchange Opportunities 2013

Can't join your home club's exchange? Want to enjoy more weeks of international friendship? Here are some great exchanges from our sister Midwestern FF clubs that you can join.

- Chicago to Brazil, April 17-May 1; ED-Kathy Coyer (Kcoyer@att.net)
- Milwaukee to Ireland, May 13-27; ED-Doris Mueller (calldm@sbcglobal.net) and Donna Baldwin-Hunt (djhaut2006@sbcglobal.net)

- Global exchange to 2 new clubs in the far east of Russia, May 23-June 9; ED-Pat & David Meyer (davidcmeyer@sbcglobal.net)
- Lincoln to Romania, June 10-20; ED-Julie Albrecht (jalbrecht1@unl.edu)
- Central Iowa (Ames) to New Zealand, Sept/Oct
- Northern Illinois to Winnipeg & Ottawa, Sept 18-30; ED-Marcia Weissman (Marcia.weissman@yahoo.com)
- Greater Omaha and Greater Des Moines to Japan, October; ED-Joy Schaal (jhugs@cox.net)
- Milwaukee to Thailand, Jan/Feb 2014; ED-Mary Hauser (mhauser@nl.edu)

When contacting EDs for further information, be sure to identify yourself as a member of your home club.



A Note from your Vice-President--Helen Ann Rugowski Re Your Newsletter

At our January meeting the Board began a discussion of continuing to mail the monthly newsletter. Many other clubs and organizations have changed to internet newsletters and we welcome your input on this matter. We currently print 203 each month for roughly 130 member households, the remainder sent to various organizations. The minimum number to meet criteria for bulk mailing is 200. Dave Dohler sends an email message to all members and organizations for whom we have an email address when it is posted on the Internet. In 2012, the cost to our club was \$1,187.50 for printing, \$190.00 for the bulk mail account and \$300.00 for the bulk mail permit for a total charge of \$1,677.50. In 2011 the total charge was \$1,684.08 so we can assume 2013 cost will be similar. It is important that we maintain regular communication with our membership in a format acceptable to everyone. Before considering any change, it would help to hear from our membership, particularly those whose only means of receiving the newsletter is the US Mail, and those who have come to depend on receiving the printed copy and want it continued. The board has an obligation to use our money wisely and it would help to know how many would be satisfied with relying on the internet copy alone. Please respond to me at 238-9731 or email to haharrin@hotmail.com

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February 2013
Valentine Luncheon Reservations
Turkey Interview Dates
2013 World Conference-New Orleans Information

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
Valentine Luncheon
Sunday, February 10, 2013

Westside Club-Madison Room 12:00 PM
437 S. Junction Road Cost: \$18.00
Madison, WI



Entertainment by Diane Robinson, popular local performer
Bring a Friend!

Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Friday, February 1, 2013.

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_____ # 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