



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing the Way You See the World  
July 2015



## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a wonderful week we just had with the Ambassadors from Arizona! Eight of their group hosted Madison last year so this was an exchange in the truest sense. Donna Hussin, ED, brought in several new venues with the Hinchley Dairy Farm Tour, Tully's Fish Fry, USDA Forest Products Tour, Walker House Lunch, and Fitz's for the Farewell Party. I've lived my entire life in Wisconsin and in Madison for the past 27 and every one of those places were new to me. Donna even managed to make the occasional rainfalls not hamper the good times we all enjoyed together. Thank you Donna for your efforts in making this week enjoyable and special. Thank you also to the home hosts, day hosts and dinner hosts for showing our guests our Midwestern hospitality.

The two new positions on the board have been filled. Gail Holmes is the Exchange Coordinator and will support and mentor our ED's. Maggie Dohm is the At-Large Member. A reminder to all our members that committee chairs are appointed by the president and then confirmed by the full board. With a new president coming in September, this is an opportune time for new folks to come forward with your interest in taking a leadership role in being a committee chair person.

The Guadeloupe exchange is coming up and there is still a need for various types of hosting. No French skills are needed as they want the opportunity to practice their English. The ED's have a week of fun activities planned and they need your participation to carry it off.

In friendship,

**Helen Ann Rugowski, President**

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## 2015 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

**July 24-31**—Guadeloupe Inbound Exchange\*

**July 30**—Annual Picnic\*

**August 29-31**—FFI World Conference, Vancouver

### 2016

**May 2016**—Cleveland County, UK Outbound Exchange\*

**July 2016**—Nashik Riverside Club India Inbound Exchange

**September 2016**—San Jose, Costa Rica Inbound Exchange

- \* Information in this newsletter
- ☉ Information previously announced (Month in Newsletter)
- ✍ Information to be announced later

## DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR 2016 EXCHANGE

We have an incoming exchange from Nashik Riverside, India in July 2016 (Exchange #12638). If you are interested in being the director for this exchange, please call George Wysock at 608-833-5326. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

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## International Outbound Exchange to UK in 2016



Our club has been matched with Cleveland County, UK for an outbound exchange to take place sometime in May 2016. Cleveland County is in the northwest part of England, a few hours south of Edinburgh, Scotland

We are currently working on contacting an appropriate person in England and considering add-on possibilities for this trip. Information about specific dates or options will not be available until we are able to establish parameters with the Cleveland County club.

If you think you may wish to participate in this exchange, please contact either of us via email. It is not too early to let us know of your interest.

### CoEDs

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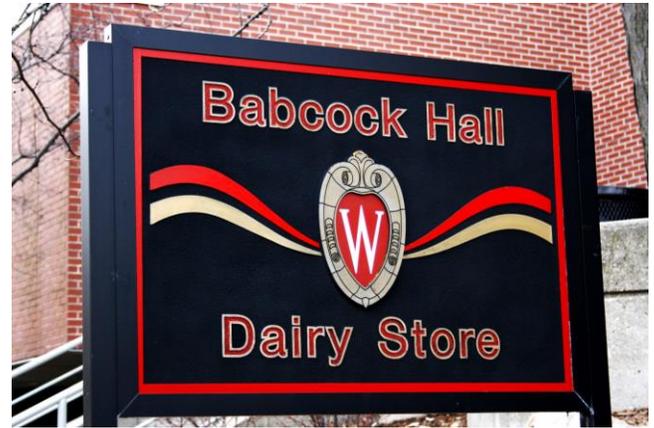
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### New Members

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## Guadeloupe Incoming Exchange July 24-31, 2015



We are still in need of **two** hosts and several day hosts for the Guadeloupe exchange. We hope that members will decide to join us in welcoming these enthusiastic English language learners. Whether it's the fish fry, the circus parade, the brewery tour, Opera in the Park, the bike ride or the cave visit that interest you, we hope you'll come along on some of the week's activities! The sign-up sheet for exchange activities was in the May newsletter. The sign-up sheet for the farewell dinner which is also our club picnic is in this newsletter and the June one. A good website to learn more about this Caribbean overseas department of France is [www.guadeloupe-island.com](http://www.guadeloupe-island.com)

Questions? Volunteering to be a host? Call or email me: [dmkind@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmkind@sbcglobal.net) 608-274-6754

**Maureen Kind, Exchange Director**

## In Loving Memory



Kenneth L Barr  
Death: May 19, 2015

Participated in Friendship Force for many years, and hosted many foreign exchange students.

Full Obituary:  
WSJ May 23, 2015 or  
[www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com)

## Arizona Inbound Exchange- June 18-25, 2015



On June 25, we said good-bye to 11 ambassadors from Phoenix, AZ, who had arrived by Badger motor coach from Milwaukee on June 18. They came to build new relationships, to experience the Midwestern culture and visit major attractions in and around Madison.

Their whirlwind week began with a welcome picnic at the Hinchley Dairy Farm, Cambridge, WI, followed by a two-hour tour of the farm. The farm tour included the opportunity to try their hand at milking a cow and riding on a hay wagon out into the fields to learn about the food fed to the animals. The drive out to Cambridge also provided them with the chance to enjoy our beautiful green countryside. The traditional trip to the Farmer's Market and Capitol Tour took place on Saturday morning and they had free time the rest of the day and Sunday to take in other sights and sounds of Madison. The remainder of their time was spent enjoying a boat ride on the Upper Dells, visiting International Crane Foundation, Circus World, USDA Forest Products Lab, Wollersheim Winery, Mineral Point and concluding with Old World Wisconsin where they met their Milwaukee hosts.

In their evaluations they described their time with us as a superb experience, fun, educational, wonderful food, and good conversation. They also said, "Madison and the area are fabulous."

I wish to extend a thank you to all hosts, day hosts, dinner hosts, and members you joined in the daily activities. You participated in the true spirit of friendship to help make their time with us special.

**Donna Hussin, Exchange Director**

## NEW Club Exchange Policies Effective 5/15/2015

### Incoming Ed Reimbursement

- Preliminary budget should be based on a minimum of 10 ambassadors. You may have more ambassadors.
- Once the budget is established, a 10% surcharge shall be charged to each participating incoming ambassador.
- The 10% surcharge collected shall be used for the following items:
  - Reimbursing the ED for his/her out-of-pocket expenses to participate in planned exchange activities as charged to the inbound ambassador.
  - Excess funds beyond compensating the ED for his/her expenses are addressed in the Excess Funds Policy.

### Excess Funds

- All excess funds from the exchange are considered as one amount.
- Excess funds to be disbursed as follows:
  - If the individual amount is greater than \$20 per ambassador, return to ambassador the amount in multiples of \$5. (Example: \$20, \$25, \$45)
  - Any excess amount greater than \$20 but not equal to a multiple of \$5 will be deposited into the club's general fund. (Example: Excess funds of \$22.50 per ambassador - \$2.50 to the club; \$48.50 - \$3.50 to the club.)
  - If excess funds are less than \$20 per ambassador, the money will be deposited into the club's general fund.

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**July 2015**  
New Club Exchange Policies  
Annual Summer Club Picnic Reservation Form

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**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin**  
*Annual Summer Club Picnic*  
*Pig Roast*  
Thursday, July 30, 2015

*Guests from Guadeloupe*



**Marshall Park (Along Lake Mendota)      Park reserved at 4:30 PM**  
**2120 Allen Boulevard, Madison              Dinner at 5:30 PM**

**Cost: \$15- (Includes meal of pork, barbecued chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, cole slaw, potato salad, dessert, lemonade and tableware)**

***Bring a friend!***

**Your reservation and payment are due no later than Thursday, July 23.**

-----cut and return with payment 

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a ride                      \_\_\_\_\_ I can provide a ride

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: The Friendship Force**  
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