



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

June 2010



## A Message from the President

Hello Fellow Members. I recently spent 3 days with my fellow FF Presidents from around our region. There were 13 of us. The clubs in our region are: Greater Milwaukee, Chicago, Northern IL, Dubuque, Central Iowa (Ames), Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Des Moines, Quad Cities, Lincoln, Eastern NE, Minnesota/Twin Cities, Missouri St. Louis and Wisconsin (Madison). It was great meeting the other FF Presidents. We all have the same concerns about keeping our clubs alive and strong. There were many ideas passed around on what works and what has not worked. I have set up a meeting to debrief on the discussions we had. Maybe we can implement some new ideas in our club. One of the topics was Theme Exchanges. We spent a day and a half on working through the logistics of a model. Please come join us to hear about the outcome of the Presidents' Meeting. The date is Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the evening. Give me a call if you are interested.

We have two incoming exchanges, one that is still a Mystery, and the other one is coming from Tucson AZ. If you are able to help out with either of these exchanges please do so. You will be richly rewarded with learning about another part of our own country. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

If you would like to visit a particular area of the world, check out the FFI Travel Catalog. There are a lot of Exchanges that would love to have you join them. If you don't automatically get the email updates to the catalog, simply visit [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org) and sign up. The link is on the first page, left hand side, under name badges, titled "**Find Out More**". Click on "'Click here to add your name'" to receive our monthly Catalog updates."

Lastly, enclosed in your newsletter is the new bi-fold flyer that Margie Groom, Mary Ann Fahl and Margo McKnight developed. Your assignment is to find someone interested in Friendship Force and give them the flyer. Invite them to the next FFW activity which is our annual picnic July 22. We welcome guests to all of our functions.

In Friendship,  
**Mary Lindquist – President**

## Presidents' Meeting Debriefing

Please join us if you would like to hear about the recent FF Presidents Meeting held May 20-22, 2010. There are many new fun avenues that we, as a club, can take to stay alive and bring in younger members to carry on the Friendship Force philosophy.

Where: The Lindquist's, 5809 Julia St, Madison WI

When: Wednesday, June 9th, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Please RSVP to Mary Lindquist,  
[marylindquist@charter.net](mailto:marylindquist@charter.net) or 608-233-9351

Friendship Force International has moved their offices. They are now located at:

127 Peachtree St NE

Atlanta GA 30303



## ADOPT A HIGHWAY SPRING REPORT

No excitement this time, no lost cars or money found (that I know of). However with the 11 bags of trash we collected, Rod found a 1/2 inch wrench and I picked up a small plastic flower bed, Rooster's empty old ripped cloth lunch box and a tennis ball.

The weather could have been nicer but also could have been a lot worse. We broke two records under my watch, the number of volunteers and finishing before 10 am.

The following brave souls showed up on that cold damp morning to help clean up: Neil & Nancy Denton, Rad & Sue Becker, Dick & Bea Hayden, Jerry Fuller, Dick Walker, Marian Ehrenberg and Ed Reid. Thank You all

**DON. GOSTOMSKI, Chairperson**



### 2010 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

June 9 – Baraboo Special Event cancelled \*\*

June 9 – Debriefing Presidents' Meeting \*

June 16 – 24, Wisconsin to Oklahoma \*

June 23 – 26, Incoming Mystery Trip \*

July 20 - 27, Tucson to Wisconsin \*

July 22 – Annual Picnic \*\*

October 16-19, 2010 FFI Conference \*\*

\* Information in this newsletter

\*\* Information to be announced or previously

### FF Azerbaijan to FF Wisconsin Dates Confirmed For 2011

**FFW members will welcome the Azerbaijan group July 16-23 2011.** Although it is over a year before their visit, I am looking for volunteers to help prepare. People to plan activities, interview, a treasurer etc. will be needed. Some members have already volunteered, but I am hoping many people can share their time and ideas. I can be **contacted either at 233-7536 or [DOLLYCAL@aol.com](mailto:DOLLYCAL@aol.com).**

**DONNA CALVERT, Exchange Director.**

## NEW MEMBERS

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## The Friendship Force of Wisconsin ANNUAL SUMMER ALL CLUB PICNIC

**Thursday, July 22, 2010 LAKEVIEW PARK  
MIDDLETON**

Allen Boulevard and Mendota Avenue  
Park reserved at 4:00 PM

**Dinner at 6:15 PM**

### Pig Roast



**Furnished: Meal of pork, barbecued chicken, baked beans Cole slaw, potato salad, dessert, lemonade and tableware**

**Cost per person: \$9.00**

**Non FF members cost: \$10.00**

(Children 5 and under – free)

**Games, with prizes, before and after dinner**

**NAME BADGES ARE A MUST! Look for new members or those you don't recognize and get acquainted. After all this is what Friendship Force is about.**

**Send this reservation form and payment by Thursday, July 15 so we can place the order.**

**Send to: Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue,  
Madison, WI 53705 Questions: 608-233-5748**

### ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC RESERVATION

Thursday, July 22, 2010

**Picnic Reservation**

**for** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Guests** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **@\$9.00 each = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non Members att.** \_\_\_\_\_ **@10.00 each = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DEADLINE: Thursday, JULY 15**

# Friendship Force of Wisconsin Hosting Friendship Force of Tucson Exchange Registration/sign-up for Activities

Special activities focusing on Frank Lloyd Wright in Wisconsin have been arranged for the incoming Tucson exchange. These events are available to other interested FFW members.

**For questions, contact Exchange Director, Nancy Mueller, E.D., at 608-838-3575 or RNMUELLER@yahoo.com.**

### Wednesday July 21

Tour Hillside Studio and Theater, Lunch at Riverview Terrace Café, and House Tour at Taliesin in Spring Green (Special Group Rate; first preference to hosts – 8 spaces available) \$61 x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Concert on the Square: Space will be saved for ambassadors and hosts. Other FFW members are invited. Would you like to join us? Attending = \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday July 22

Join with Milwaukee and Birmingham Friendship Force Clubs \$14 x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to tour Monona Terrace and Wisconsin State Capitol and lunch together

2:30 – 3:30 Tour Overture Center \$ 4 x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friendship Force Annual Picnic -- see information/sign-up else where in newsletter

### Friday July 23

1:30 – 3:00 – Tour of First Unitarian Society Meeting House (includes Frank Lloyd Wright \$ 5 x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
designed building and awarding winning, environmentally friendly “green” addition)

### Saturday July 24

Bus tour of local communities ending with the farewell dinner at a country home \$50 x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
in Barneveld. Day includes: tour Stoughton Opera House, tour Three Gaits Therapeutic  
Horsemanship Center, lunch at DeBroux’s Diner, “retail therapy at chocolate shop”, tour of  
historic train depot in Ridgeway. Leave Madison at 8:30a and return back to Madison by 9:00p.  
(First preference to hosts - 25 spaces available)

#### OR

I’ll drive on my own and attend the farewell dinner at a country home in Barneveld \$15 x ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Judi Blodgett  
2821 Sommers Ave #1, Madison WI 53704**

**244-8897 jablogett@charter.net  
by Wednesday, JULY 7, 2010**

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### A Day In Oshkosh at AirVenture

Sunday, July 25 is the day before AirVenture (known as EAA or Experimental Aircraft Association) begins. The museum and grounds are open. Dave Vermillion, a former ultralight and air force pilot, past volunteer for the fly-in, EAA member, and FFWI member, has agreed to be a tour guide for the day.

Highlights will be to walk the flight line, take a docent-led museum tour, and see the mass arrival of 30 Piper Comanches at 11:30 a.m. Entrance fee is \$8.75 for adults, \$7.75 for seniors for groups of 10 or more. Lunch is on your own.

We will carpool from Madison. Estimated time of departure is 9 a.m., returning by 6 p.m. Participants must be able to walk 2 miles since the tram begins running the next day.

**If interested in participating, contact Nancy Mueller, 608-838-3575 or RNMUELLER@yahoo.com by June 25.**

**June 2010**  
**Mystery Exchange Activities**  
**Presidents' Debriefing**  
**Arizona to Wisconsin signups**

President: Mary Lindquist 233-9351  
Vice Pres: Margo McKnight 345-6827  
Secretary: Helen Rugowski 238-9731  
Treasurer: Diana Long 849-5592  
Newsletter: Janet Lonergan 592-3336

## **Group Activities for the Incoming Mystery Trip, June 23-26**

All members are welcome to participate in the following group activities for the exchange. All are free except for the lunch and farewell lunch, which will be your responsibility.

### **Wednesday, June 23:**

**11:30 am: Welcome Potluck Lunch at Vilas Park Shelter—bring a salad to share**

**1:00 pm: Walk through the Allen Centennial Gardens at UW**

**1:30 pm: Walking tour of west UW campus with stop at Babcock Dairy Store (ice cream at your cost)**

**3:45 pm: Guided tour of WI State Capitol**

### **Thursday, June 24:**

**12:00 noon: Lunch at Lake Vista Café atop Monona Terrace**

**2:00 pm: Guided tour of EPIC (electronic medical records company)**

**7:00 pm: Capital City Band Concert, Rennebohm Park (bring your chair(s))**

**Saturday, June 26: Farewell Lunch -11:30 am Bunky's Café cost: \$23.60 tip included  
2425 Attwood Ave, Lower level Contact Gene by June 15**

**If you wish to participate in any of the above events, please contact  
Exchange Director, Gene Dewey, 255-0858 or [gldewey@wisc.edu](mailto:gldewey@wisc.edu)**