



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

June 2012



## A Note from the President

Thank you very much for sending me to the April Midwest Region FF club presidents meeting in Ames, Iowa. The subject matter of the meeting included a continued discussion of Themed Exchanges. The Midwest has experienced a declining number of incoming ambassadors. The reasons given for the decrease were the economy, many of the travelers had been here before, difficulties with VISA approval, and opportunities to visit more non US clubs. The Themed Exchange seems to be the answer because it can attract international visitors with its focus on a particular activity or theme and provide clubs who do not receive an incoming assignment with opportunities to attract visitors to their area. Theme exchanges take more work and creativity. They can energize our clubs allow our members to see their own area in a different way and visit unfamiliar sites. To emphasize the Themed Exchange idea the host club developed two mini exchange tours. The first was on none other than agriculture, and the use of corn products, and the second was about Art in the Ames area. Both were very interesting.

A recommendation was made that we consider coordinating our requests for out-going exchanges with the other clubs in the region. The idea was that the members of all the clubs in the region would be able to travel with other Midwesterners, we would have access to more desirable exchanges, and be able to fill our outgoing exchanges.

The FFI is driving to add 45 new clubs to the Friendship Force throughout the world and increase the total number to 400 clubs. The exchanges for existing clubs will in many cases include a week long exchange to another existing club and partial week to a new club for mentoring purposes. We have this type of arrangement in the Moscow-Vyborg exchange.

More web-based training will be developed to support club leadership in the new and existing clubs. In addition to the themed exchange more cruise exchanges should spark interest in the club membership.

It was noted that the FFI and our club will be having its' 35 year anniversary. **How are we going to celebrate?**  
Yours in Friendship,

George Wysock, President

## Outreach Efforts

Mary Ann Fahl, Felicia Johnson and Margie Groom staffed a Friendship Force information table at the WEAC-Retired Conference on May 18. On June 5, Nancy and Richard Mueller and Gary Lindquist will present a program on New Zealand at REI West. Thank you to these members for spreading the word about the Friendship Force.

If you are a part of a group and would like to have a travel program or share the good news of the Friendship Force, contact Margie.

*Margie Groom, Chairperson Outreach*  
608-516-2289 [mgroom053@gmail.com](mailto:mgroom053@gmail.com).

## FFW on the Square Saturday Farmers' Market

Mary Ann is scheduling our members to help give the Friendship Force visibility to many people on the weekends of the summer. Call Mary Ann to take a turn manning the FFW table and hand out some of our brochures to interested parties. We have recruited some new members with this activity. Please call now to fill in some openings.

Mary Ann Fahl, Chairperson  
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Lise Skofronick, David Blado and Mary Ann Fahl dressed in cultural clothing for the Annual FFW Meeting April 22.

## Wisconsin to Moscow and Vyborg, Russian

September 4 through September 19th.

### Adventures of Food Exchange

#### Invites members to join us for our activities.

#### Please use the sign-up sheet included in this Newsletter.

The Friday night fish on August 10 will be our welcome for our ambassadors from Australia, Canada, Japan, eastern, southern and western United States. You can choose your fish that evening. We will be on the second floor; an elevator is available.

Saturday will involve quite a bit of walking if you take part in the Farmers' Market, Capitol tour and the Food Explorers, so wear comfortable shoes. Food Explorers involves walking from Monona Terrace to the Student Union. But it has several stops, two where we will sit. We will eat Wisconsin foods as well hear about the history and architecture of the areas. By the time we conclude we will have had enough food to consider it lunch. This will be held rain or shine.

The Native American dinner that evening might very well be an uncommon experience for many of us. The tour is to correspond to the Native American dinner.

Sunday the tour of the Arlington Research Farm will include riding on a hay wagon with bleacher seating so walking will be minimal. If we time it right, one part of the tour will include the milk parlor while in use.

Monday a tour of Second Harvest will be well worth your time if you are unfamiliar with its purpose (providing food to people in need in the southern half of Wisconsin) and its facilities. To see the food pantry at St. Stephens food pantry will be an extension of the function of Second Harvest.

The feature at the Great Dane in Fitchburg is the pairing of four beers with four cheeses. If you don't care for beer, you can substitute a glass of Wollersheim prairie fume wine. If you prefer only lunch, that is fine. Sign up for your preferences, including brats or meat loaf. These are prearranged choices.

The farewell dinner will be t evening at Christ Presbyterian Church. It will be a potluck of foods provided by our ambassadors as well as our members. When members who plan to attend sign up, they will be asked to bring a type food (salad, main dish etc.) The assignments will be based on where a person's name is in the alphabet so we can have a cross section of foods. I will contact you about the food type and number of servings. There will be entertainment also.

**The deadline to sign up is June 27.** Please have your form and check into Janet Lonergan no later than **June 27**. We will be making the reservations at that time.

If you have questions, please contact Donna Calvert at 233-7536. I know this is planning well ahead of time but it is necessary. Some places require a count of people attending and a down payment ahead of time. I hope many of you can attend these two firsts for FFW, a Global Exchange and a shared exchange with the FF groups of Northern Illinois.

**Donna Calvert, Director**  
608-233-7536 [DOLLYCAL@aol.com](mailto:DOLLYCAL@aol.com)

For the past two weeks, I have been waiting for the Russian Victory Day celebrations to end so that we can continue our planning. The actual Victory Day is May 9th. It recognizes the surrender of Germany at the end of World War II also known as the Great Patriotic War in Russia. The festival is in commemoration of the estimated 25,000,000 friends, relatives, spouses, and children killed during the war. People attend parades, and watch fireworks. Red carnations are given to veterans and wreaths are laid on the gravesites. At home, families gather around the table to honor surviving witnesses and remember (and drink to) those who died.

Although the holiday is one day, the Russians often have several days off much as we would for a major holiday. So for most workers the holiday and related celebrations extend over much of a week and even into the following week. When I ask when I will receive information, I simply receive the response...it is Russian Holiday.

When you consider the impact of World War II on Russia, it is easy to see why this recognition is so important to Russians. It is estimated that the Soviets lost up to a 1,000,000 people in Moscow during the siege of Moscow but the losses were even more tragic in Leningrad, which is now St. Petersburg. Leningrad was virtually cut off by the German army. Over 872 days, the utilities, water, energy and food supplies were disrupted resulting in the deaths of up to 1,500,000 soldiers and civilians and the evacuation of 1,400,000 more women and children, many of whom died due to starvation and bombardment.

The loss of civilians exceeds those of other battles in Russia and the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is considered to be one of the most lethal sieges in history. In the winter of 1941-1942, the only food available was bread, which was 50-60% sawdust and distributed through ration cards. At times even this was not available. It was during the winter of 1941-42 that 700 to 1000 people were estimated to starve each day in St. Petersburg. 498,000 are buried in the Piskaryevskoye Memorial Cemetery in St. Petersburg, many in mass graves.

When we are in St. Petersburg, you will see the bullet marks on St. Isaacs. You will learn how they tried to "hide" the Hermitage and Winter Palace. Catherine's Palace and the beautiful Peterhof were both destroyed and re-built after the war.

So, I will wait patiently as they complete the celebrations and remembrances and hope that things return to "normal" this week before we begin our own Memorial Day.

**Sandi Wysock, Russian Exchange Director**  
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**Ambassadors from Trujillo Peru to Wisconsin  
July 9-15, 2012**

Arlita, the Exchange Director from Trujillo, Peru, informed me this week that twelve ambassadors were able to get their visas to visit us July 9-15th. The U.S is very strict with issuing visas since 9/11. Unfortunately they won't be flying into the Dance County Regional Airport until almost midnight on Monday, July 9th so we won't be able to have a welcoming party that day. After a good night's sleep they will be ready for a jam-packed week of fun activities. **We still need dinner hosts for one or two ambassadors and their host families. Call Patrick Fleming at 249-5992 if you are willing to host a dinner. All FF members are invited to join us for any or all of the activities for that week.**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Workshop for Host Families at the Pinney Branch Library on Cottage Grove Road, Madison at 5:00 p.m.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, Workshop for Host Families at the Alicia Aschman Library at 5:00 p.m.

**The Itinerary for the Ambassadors from Trujillo, Peru:**

Monday, July 9th: Host families pickup their Ambassador at the Dane County Regional Airport at 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10th: 9:00 a.m. Trip to Milwaukee with stops at Pabst Mansion Art Museum, Miller Park, etc. Lunch in the historic 3rd ward. Home hosted dinners in small groups.

Wednesday, July 11th: Free day with host families and day hosts to go shopping, etc. Concert on the Square at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 12th: 9:00 a.m. trip to Dubuque, IA and Mississippi River Museum, Diamond Joe's Casino, cable car ride, etc. Stops at Dickeyville Grotto and Mineral Point on the way down and back. Friendship Force of Wisconsin picnic at Lakeland Park, Middleton starting at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 13th: 9:00 a.m. Tour UW-Madison, tour the State Capital, walk down State St., lunch on Library Mall from vendors, desert at Babcock Hall, Allen Gardens, walk out to Picnic Point, tour Chazen Museum, R&R at Memorial Union Terrace, music at night at Capital Brewery. Traditional Friday Night Fish Fry at local restaurant.

Saturday, July 14th: Free day with host families and day hosts. Farmers Market at 8:00 a.m. Farewell dinner at Gary and Mary Lindquist's home. A UW/Packer Tailgate Party grilled brats, and traditional tailgate fare potluck.

Sunday, July 15th: Good Bye brunch at Patrick Fleming's and Kaye Beyer home at 10:00 a.m. Ambassadors fly out of the Dane County Regional Airport at 3:30 p.m. to O'Hare Airport

The deadline for the trip to Dubuque and Milwaukee is July 6<sup>th</sup>. Details available in the next newsletter.

**Patrick Fleming, Peru Exchange Director  
608-249-5992 pffleming@edgewood.edu**

**Willamette Oregon and St. Louis to Wisconsin**

Remember the June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for your reservations to accompany the Hosts and Ambassadors on their activities June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>. The trips to Dubuque and the Dells are by bus so join the activity and get acquainted with our ambassadors.

Gail Holmes. Oregon & St. Louis Exchange Director  
608-249-1846 glholmes@wisc.edu

**2012 CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

June 2 – Oregon & St Louis Workshop \*

June 3 – WHA - TV \*

June 4 – Peru Workshop \*

June 7 – Peru Workshop \*

June 14 – 20, Oregon & St Louis to Wisconsin \*

June 23 – Russia Workshop \*\*

July 9 - 15 – Trujillo Peru to Wisconsin \*

July 12 – Annual FFW Picnic \*

August 10 – 14, Global Food Exchange \*

August 25 – Russia Workshop \*\*

September 4-19, 2012 – Wisconsin to Moscow/Vyborg \*

October 28 – Annual Fall Festival \*\*

Oct 31 – Nov 2, Hiroshima Japan FFI Conference  
Check the web site

March 2013 – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration \*\*

\* Information in this newsletter  
\*\* Information to be announced later or previously announced

**FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION**

**Members are asked to bring items  
For our Silent Auction**

## Fun Adventures With Food Exchange

August 10 – 14, 2012

Join the Ambassadors and Hosts for these Activities as well as the Welcome and Farewell Gatherings

Date	Activity	Price/person	# persons	Total Cost
Friday, August 10	6:00 pm - Friday Night Fish Fry, Coliseum Bar Choice of Cod, Blackened Tuna, or traditional Fish fry dinners 232 East Olin Avenue	\$12.95		\$
Saturday, August 11	Food Explorers – Three hour tour with guide	43.00		\$
	4:00 – 7:00 State Historical Society, Tour of Native American Galleries, Catered Native American Buffet Dinner	30.00		\$
Sunday, August 12	1:00 – 3:30 UW Arlington Research Farm, Deforest N695 Hopkins Road, Arlington, WI	1.00		\$
	4:30 – 6:00 Ambassadors Only - Whole Foods Cooking Class			
Monday, August 13	10:30 am – St. Stephen’s Church Food Pantry		Bring non-perishable food donation	
	11:30 am – Great Dane – Beer/Cheese Pairing 2980 Cahill Main, Fitchburg	15.35		\$
	Lunch choices: Brat, Mash, Kraut	10.95		\$
	Meat loaf lunch	12.95		\$
	5:30 – 9:00 International Dinner, Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 East Gorham Street	yes/no		
<u>Above prices include gratuity</u>			<u>Total Due:</u>	<u>\$</u>

**Payment due by: June 27, 2012**

Reservations for: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Janet Lonergan, 402 Prairie Stone Drive, Lodi, WI 53555

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June 2012  
Global Food Exchange Activities  
Peru Activities  
Annual FFW Picnic Deadline



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

**Thursday, July 12, 2012**

**LAKEVIEW PARK SHELTER, MIDDLETON**

Allen Boulevard and Mendota Avenue

Park reserved at 4:00 PM

**Dinner at 6:00 PM**

## Pig Roast

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

**Cost per person: \$11.00\***

(Children 5 and under – free)

5:00 pm Members are asked to bring items for Silent Auction

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Entertainment: Art Shegonee, Native American Dancer

**NAME BADGES ARE A MUST! Guests: Friendship Force Ambassadors from Peru**

**Send this reservation form and payment no later than TUESDAY, JULY 3.**

Send to: Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

Questions: 608-233-5748

**ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC RESERVATION**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2012**

Picnic Reservation  
for \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: The Friendship Force DEADLINE JULY 3