



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

September 2011



Message from the President

This is my last writing as president. It has been a **wonderful two years as president**. I could not have been the president without the great board of directors. They kept me in line when I would get off track. I would like to thank the board members that served with me. They are Vice President George Wysock who filled in for me several times at either the board meetings or the activities. Our Secretary, Helen Ann Rugowski, did a great job on documenting our board meetings. Our Treasurer, Diana Long, always made sure there was enough money in the account when we needed it. I can't forget the Exchange Directors, Gene Dewey for the inbound Mystery Exchange from Northern IL, Nancy Mueller for the inbound from Tucson AZ, Jane Kessenich for the outbound to Oklahoma City OK, Judi Blodgett for the outbound to Costa Rica, Donna Culvert for working so hard on the inbound from Azerbaijan to have it cancelled by them, Richard Mueller for his upcoming inbound from Germany and Jerry Fuller for his upcoming outbound to Turkey. We also have the committee chairs that really make this club hum. Without them, where would the activities come from without Fannie Hicklin's time and effort? Maggie Dohm did a great job sending information to prospective members and mailing out the renewals. Dave Dohler kept our website updated with what ever we sent his way. He also sent out the link to the current newsletter so you could read it long before the hard copy showed up in your mailbox. Margie Groom coordinated many speaking engagements in different communities with many speakers. Janet Lonergan has always done a great job on the newsletter and coordinated the information sent to her for the newsletter. Then we have the community activities like volunteering at WHA coordinated by Reta Haring, Don Gostomski coordinating the Highway 12 Cleanup between Middleton and Aston and Bea Dewey for coordinating the table at the Farmers Market on Saturdays. All of these activities give us presence in the Madison community. I won't forget the hard work of Rad & Susan Becker by providing the store at the workshops and even at other events. Also Margo Lindl for her many years bringing us information directly from the FFI Board and for keeping all of our records in a safe place for many years. The Store and the Historian were two committees that were disbanded during the past year. I would like to

thank all the above people for supporting Friendship Force and making my job so easy.

I would like to **welcome the new Board of Directors**: George Wysock as President, Helen Ann Rugowski as Vice-President, and Mary Lou Martino as Secretary and Margo McKnight as Treasurer. Of course I will still be on the board as Past President. They are scheduled to be installed at the next board meeting.

On a lighter note, you have a **museum in your home**. Did you know that? The museum might not be very big, but it consists of the souvenirs that you have bought along the way. Each of these souvenirs tells a story for you. Every time I dust our souvenir shelf, I think of the wonderful trips we have taken and the guests we have hosted. Some of your museum pieces may be photographs, which also bring back great stories to tell. What is your story to tell?

**In Friendship,
Mary Lindquist - President**

Adopt - A - Highway

The date is October 22. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at Hwy. 12 and Parmenter Street. We will get organized and start at 8:30 am.

Please volunteer now and I would appreciate it if you would call me before September 27 or after October 15.

Thank You.

Don Gostomski, Chairperson
608-249-8250

2012 WISCONSIN EXCHANGE TO RUSSIA

Information about the upcoming exchange to Russia is becoming more available. We will be home hosted for two weeks: one in Moscow and one in a newly minted club in Vyborg.

Vyborg is a city 38 kilometers from the Finnish border and about 130 kilometers north of St. Petersburg. The city was part of medieval Sweden, has been part of Finland and was most recently ceded to Russia in 1944. Our visit there should be fascinating.

Since we are going through St. Petersburg we will spend some time touring there probably between the home stays. So if you are interested in visiting Vyborg and would like to see both Moscow and St. Petersburg this is your opportunity!!!

Tentative plans are to conduct interviews and take applications in February. The exchange is planned for September 2012 but exact dates will have to be worked out with both of the Russian clubs.

If you are willing to serve on a committee and would like to be added to the list of those interested in the exchange, let me know!

SANDI WY SOCK, Russia Exchange Director
608-833-5326 sandrawysock@msn.com

REMEMBER EDELWEISS ? Sung by Marshall Strauss?

Edelweiss, Edelweiss, every morning you greet me

Small and white, clean and bright,

You look happy to meet me!

Blossom of snow, may you bloom and grow,

Bloom and grow forever!

Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Bless my homeland Forever!



2011-2012 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

September 16 – Board Meeting

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

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

October 22 – Adopt-A-highway *

October 30 – 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

Come Meet the Germans

The Germans will arrive on the afternoon of Monday, September 19th for a tailgate party at the Muellers'. All members are invited to meet our friends from Norderstedt. Arrival time is still up in the air, but all interested members will be notified of the exact time as soon as they inform our E.D.

Many thanks to all the members who sent discount coupons for the Milwaukee Art Museum. We have all we need to help cut the costs for the Germans and any of our members who want to go along.

Reta Haring has discovered discount coupons for the Harley Davidson museum in the Entertainment Book (E30 & E31). If you could send them to Richard Mueller, they would be appreciated very much.

Join us for some old fashioned gemütlichkeit.

Send the check and the following sign-up sheet to:

Richard Mueller 3668 Rivercrest Road
McFarland WI 53558 608-838-3575
RNMUELLER@yahoo.com

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	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$10.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
8:00 A.M.	Lunch in the Third Ward (On your own nickel)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>		
Departure	Harley Davidson Museum	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$12.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
Dutch Mill	OR		Or	
	Pabst Mansion	<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"/>		
		<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$3.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
Friday Sept. 23	Dubuque Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$13.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
8:00 A.M.	Lunch in Dubuque	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$8.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
Departure	Dickeyville Grotto, Potosi Brewery & Beer Museum	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$7.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
	Friday Fish Fry Potosi Beer Garden	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	\$13.00	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
Mail check payable to Friendship Force to: Richard Mueller, 3668 Rivercrest Road, McFarland WI 53558				<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
				Total <input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>

Wisconsin to Turkey: September 27 – October 15, 2011

Come to wave goodbye to our departing ambassadors as they leave for Turkey from the Dutch Mill Park and Ride on September 27. Their departure time is 4:45 pm. They are to assemble by 4:15 pm. Maggie Dohm is the arrival and departure chairperson, 608-274-7886 – call her for updates. Return information will be in the next newsletter.

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September 2011
Fall Festival Reservations
Sign Up for German Exchange
Activities

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 30, 2011

Knights of Columbus Hall 12:30 PM Costume Parade
5256 Verona Road, Madison 12:45 PM Meal Service
Cost: \$17.00



Fun costumes of the season are desired and will be judged!
Cookies or bars are most welcome.

Catered by Edith's: Apple glazed pork loin, scalloped potatoes, green beans Almondiene, sweet potatoes, pea salad, mock crab salad, spinach/strawberry salad, toffee apple salad.

Please: Your reservation and payment are due by October 24.

Make check payable to: The Friendship Force.

Mail to: Fannie Hicklin 3814 University Avenue Madison WI 53705 Questions? 608-233-5748

Names: _____

Number attending _____ @\$17.00 = \$