



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

September 2010



A Message from the President

September is a great time of year for me. The weather is cooling off and the trees display all their color. We are lucky to live in Wisconsin with such pretty falls. I am sitting on our back deck today. The birds are visiting my pond complete with running water into the birdbath. I also have a waterfall that is made from a rain chain. The birds love stopping by to take a drink from that too. Today is the first time I have seen an oriole in our backyard. I knew they were around, but I never saw one. The different species seem to take their turn visiting the pond. You can relate the different species of birds to the different human species or cultural groups around the world. They are all a little different and it is interesting to learn all about their differences. Enjoy your back yards before the snow flies. You may learn something about nature too.

This week we have a new daughter. Her name is Christina. She is participating in a student exchange program. Christina will be here for the school season. It will be a nice change in our home from just Gary and I. She will bring us back to our younger days. We will learn all about Christina and she will learn all about us. We met her parents back in 1982 when we participated in our first exchange to Gelsenkirchen. My brother stayed with her father. We got to know Werner and his girlfriend Annette in only that short one week homestay. The following year, they came to Madison and stayed with us for a week. We just clicked and have been friends ever since. We went to Germany and witnessed their wedding. Over the years we have visited their entire family. They all know us and we know all of them. We try to visit their home every 4-5 years, usually for a special occasion. They have been Houseboating on the Mississippi River with us. We have toured Germany with them. It will be a very fine year for us.

When was the last time you checked out our own website – www.ffwis.org ? Well then it is time to see what is out there. The newsletter is put on the site as it is sent to the printer. You can read the newsletter at least a week before the hard copy arrives in your mailbox. This month we will send an email alert giving you a link to the newsletter. You may find this is a better way of receiving the newsletter. Let me know how you like reading it on line. ALSO the newsletter for August was misprinted. For the full copy you can visit the website and read the articles that were omitted. The articles are also reprinted in this newsletter.

Friendship Force International ONLINE Magazine. Here is a link to the first on-line FFI Magazine. <http://www.thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/site/featuredexchange/> Between 1983 and 2009, Friendship Force International (FFI) published a magazine by the name of Friendship. Thousands of members enjoyed receiving this colorful and informative publication about the global activities of the Friendship Force. FFI just began publication of the next generation of “Friendship” as an on-line magazine. The first issue is on the website with a

fascinating cover story about an exchange to Morocco. Reading the article and seeing the photos will make you want to join the next such exchange. However you will notice there is only a cover story. The rest of the magazine is being developed and will include timely articles on exchanges, clubs and other news of interest to all members. Best of all its free and available on the web. If you are signed up for email alerts from FFI, you will receive an email when the next Magazine is ready to view. FFI would love for you to submit stories of your FF travels. Let them know what you would like to see or if you have an article or idea to submit, please do so by sending it to editor@thefriendshipforce.org

To sign up for email alerts from FFI visit: www.thefriendshipforce.org . Click on the envelope with an @ sign and says “Sign up for email updates”. It’s on the column on the left hand side of the page almost all the way down the column. Give me a call if you need help getting signed up.

In Friendship,
Mary Lindquist – President
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The Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this new adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that, through my example to own fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the causes of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. **I can make a difference.**



2010- 2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

September 17 – FFW Board Meeting

October 16-19, 2010 FFI Conference **

October 31 – Fall Festival *

November 6 – Anniversary of FFGM *

December 4 – All Club Holiday Party **

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February 13, Valentine Party **

May 1 – Annual Meeting & Election of Officers **

July 16-23, 2011 - Azerbaijan to Wisconsin **

August – 2011 International Conference Germany *

September 19-26, 2011 – Germany to Wisconsin **

October 2011 – Wisconsin to Turkey *

• Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced or previously announced

Outreach Efforts

Our members are busy presenting three programs in the upcoming months. On September 26, Nancy Mueller, Lillian Genskow and Joanne Johnson will present a program on Costa Rica at Lake Edge Lutheran Church. On September 30, Bernie Long will present a Friendship Force program to the Waunakee Rotary Club and on October 6, Nancy Mueller and Helen Ann Rugowski will present a Costa Rican program at the REI. Thank you to all of these members for spreading the word about the Friendship Force. If you would like to attend any of the presentations, call Margie for more information.

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 GROOM, Chairperson

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Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee The Roaring 20's Party The correct date – November 6, 2010

Correction – I had two different dates in the newsletter for the Anniversary Party. Saturday, November 6th is the correct date for the Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee's (FFGM) 20th Anniversary Celebration.

FFGM was founded in 1990. Many of the founding members were members of our club. Mark your calendars and join us for a trip down memory lane and help FFGM celebrate their milestone. The Roaring 20's that is.

When – Saturday, November 6th, 2010

Where – The Italian Community Center

Time – 5:30 PM (Leave Madison around 4:00 PM by bus) More information next month.

What – The Roaring 20's – Attire is welcome but not mandatory.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2

Volunteers are needed to pick up trash along Hwy 12 from the Park and Ride lot at the end of Parmenter St. (Exit 249) to CTH "K" about one mile. Ten volunteers works out nice. Meet and start at the Park and Ride by 8:30 am. With ten of us we should be finished by 11:00 am depending on how much we have to pick up. This spring we were done before 10:00 am.

Please call me to volunteer or for any questions at **249-8250**. This will save me from making telephone calls asking for help.

Thank You,

DON GOSTOMSKI, Chairperson

Turkey in 2011

**Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey
Early October 2011**

Your one opportunity for an outbound international exchange next year will be to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey, in early October 2011.

At our Fall Festival in October, there will be a sign-up sheet whereby you can indicate your possible interest in this exchange.

Interviews will be somewhat later.

JERRY FULLER, Exchange Director

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Incoming Exchange from Norderstedt, Germany

In May of 2007 our club spent a wonderful week in Norderstedt, Germany just north of Hamburg. We stayed with gracious, helpful people, visited many interesting places, and learned many things.

Now we have the chance to reciprocate. **The Friendship Force of Norderstedt is coming to the USA next year and will be in Madison around September 19-26, 2011.**

While all the Germans speak English, if you can answer, "Ja" to this question, "Sprechen Sie Deutsch?" you have an important skill that Richard could use. (Payment is in brats and barley pops.) We always look forward to the incoming exchanges, and this one will be fascinating for all participants.

I know that a year in advance is way too far to commit, but I would appreciate finding out who might be interested.

If you are interested in helping out on a planning committee, perhaps hosting, day hosting, or dinner hosting with our old and new German friends, please let know,

RICHARD MUELLER, Exchange Director
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SHE WILL BE MISSED

Phyllis Metcalf was a long time member of The Wisconsin Friendship Force, serving as the exchange director for South Africa in 1996. Phyllis and her husband LeRoy participated in several exchanges and served on many committees. She recently passed away and we offer our condolences to LeRoy and her family.

**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 31, 2010 Knights of Columbus Hall
5256 Verona Road, Madison
12:00 Noon Social hour 12:45 PM Meal Service
Cost: \$15.00
Your reservation and payment are due by October 25.**

**Make check payable to: The Friendship Force.
Mail to: Fannie Hicklin 3814 University Avenue
Madison WI 53705 Questions? 608-233-5748**

Names: _____

Number _____ @\$15.00 = \$ _____

**Update on New Way to Travel –
Friendship Force Global Exchange**

Plans for six global exchanges were developed by creative and knowledgeable FF members and then were discussed at the August FFW Board Meeting. The themes were: Arts – 2 weeks - scheduled around July Art Fair on Square; Co-host with Milwaukee, Beer, Wine, Cheese – 1 week, Frank Lloyd Wright – 1 week, Gardens – 1 week – Summer, Quilting - 1 week - scheduled around Quilt Expo September, Waterways – 1 week Mid-May – Mid-September. Due mostly to our exchange schedule for 2010 and concern about double booking our home hosts, the themes of art, beer/wine/cheese and Wright were selected to move forward.

The next critical need is an exchange director -contact Nancy Mueller or Mary Lindquist if you are interested. Three current board members are willing to work on the planning committee and tentative plans are available so the leader has a head start.

The sound level at the brainstorming session on August 2, 2010 was high due to the enthusiasm of the idea generators: Kay Babcock, Sylvia Lowell, John Olson, Joan Calkins, Tom Miller, Jane Scharer, Lise Skofronick, Mary Ann Fahl, Rosann Sherrill, Nancy Dorl, Paul Buckalew, Marian Ehrenberg, Dave Vermillion, Richard Mueller, Margo McKnight, George Wysock, Jane Kessenich. Suggestions submitted before the planning session came from Gene Dewey, Pat Holt, Margy Walker, Donna Calvert, and Dick Walker. Mary Lindquist brought her computer to help with research. Special thanks to Janet Harvey who prepared a roast turkey, garden fresh vegetables, and two types of desserts for the hungry crowd.

NANCY MUELLER, Session coordinator

Recruitment Time

Would you like to be an Exchange Director (ED) for 2012? Yes, 2012. We are looking at a couple of interesting exchanges and would like to have an ED in place and ready to begin planning the exchange. The specialty exchange could be one of the following: "The Arts – There is Art in Everything", "Beer, Wine, Cheese & Chocolate" and Frank Lloyd Wright. The intention is to finalize the agenda and move forward with the Specialized Exchange. We will also have an Inbound and Outbound Exchange assigned to us by FFI. That will be announced sometime at the beginning of 2011.

Does one of these Exchanges intrigue you? Do you like to work in a committee? Do you like organizing and planning? Then you are ready to be an ED. If you feel you would like to be an ED but feel you are not qualified, I have several experienced individuals that would love to mentor you. You will begin with a personalized "ED Get Acquainted" session explaining in detail the process. We will review all the many resources for you to draw from. **Come forward and give back to the organization that you love to participate in.**

Please contact me before October 1, 2011
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September 2010
Celebrate FFGM Anniversary
Costa Rica Get-together
Fall Festival Reservation

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An invitation to FF members.....especially those who travelled to Costa Rica:

I have received word that my Costa Rican hostess, Lillian Chan, and Lil Genskow's hostess, Gloria Sandoval, will be coming to Madison to visit in September. I would like to invite anyone who is interested in greeting them to my home for a leisurely Sunday afternoon on Lake Waubesa on September 19th at 2pm. I will provide snacks and lemonade. Bring-along snacks and beverages are welcome to add to the mix.

Directions: I live at 2864 Lakeside Street, Madison, 53711 which is next to Goodland County Park.

Take the Southtown exit off the beltline and go south past Walmart. Turn left at the first road after the round about which is Moorland Rd. You will pass Lake Farm Park and the Lussier Family Nature Center. (The road changes its name to Lake Farm Rd and then again to Goodland Park Rd but it is all the same road.) Go past the park through the picturesque countryside a few miles until you come to a stop sign. Go straight through. My house is the 3rd house on the right on Lakeside St. and is the only white house on that little circle street. Parking is extremely limited to my driveway (room for 3 cars) and lawn (2 cars) so please consider car-pooling or park at Goodland Park boat launch and walk over. Those who come by boat can tie up at my pier, which is the third one south of the boat launch. I have a kayak and a canoe for those who want to venture out onto the lake. Bring your fishing poles????

Please RSVP 608 467-2966 to Mary Lou Martino by September 17th.

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