



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

## Changing The Way You See The World

### April 2010



#### A Message from the President

Spring is right around the corner. Does anyone have spring flowers blooming in their yard yet? Mine are just peaking out of the ground as I am typing this.

I took the opportunity to attend part of the **Costa Rica Exchange workshop**, which is filled. For me, it was fun to see all the enthusiasm of the Ambassadors as they prepare for the Exchange. The information presented was very informative. It's always nice to meet the new travelers in the group and Ambassadors are a great bunch of people. They should all have a great time. When I left, the people in attendance were learning to dance the Salsa and then they were going to learn the Meringue. Even if you are not an Ambassador, by attending the workshops, you will gain a little cultural experience. I wish we were traveling with them.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Gary and I participated in the "**World Friendship Day**" potluck. We were hosted by Ginger and Don Gostomski. Ginger, of Welch decent, made her meat pasties. Nancy & Neil Denton brought Nancy's all American Apple Pie. We brought an Oriental Salad to top off the menu. We finished the evening by playing the game "Pitt". This is a game on the Economy. We called it the World Economy. The object was to corner the market on one of the commodities, like wheat, oats, oranges, etc. When you cornered the market, you rang the bell to close the market. We all went away winners that evening for renewing friendships.

I have had a few inquiries about **The Legacy Fund**. The Legacy Fund was created in 2005 to honor Friendship Force founder, Wayne Smith. It is the backbone that continues the growth of Friendship Force Internationally. This fund has been successful in launching 25 new clubs around the world, with the most recent in Italy, Switzerland, Turkey and Morocco along with initial development in Albania. The Legacy Fund has also had an impact on Friendship Force with new themed exchanges, educational, humanitarian and cultural fields. With your help, Friendship Force International can continue its vital work of promoting global understanding across the barriers that separate people. You may donate directly to the Legacy Fund which

is tax deductible as they are a 301(c) (3) non profit organization .

**I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting on Sunday April 25, 2010. At this meeting I will announce our Exchanges for 2011.** Don't miss the announcement or you will have to wait until the May newsletter to find out with which countries our Exchanges will be. I promise the business meeting and election will be as short as possible. It will save time for the program planned by Fannie and the Activities Committee.

Speaking of Exchanges, its time to **recruit Exchange Directors** for the new 2011 Exchanges. If you are interested in being an ED, please complete the application included with this newsletter immediately.

In Friendship,  
**MARY LINDQUIST, President**

#### WISCONSIN TO OKLAHOMA

**We have been invited by the FF of Oklahoma to visit June 16 to 24, 2010**

One of the highlights will be to attend the Red Earth Festival, a spectacular gathering and powwow of over 1,200 Native Americans from across our nation.



Plans are developing to expand our tour with stopovers in the Independence-Kansas City, MO area on our way south and in Branson, MO, and Springfield, IL, on the return. There are many historical sites as well as entertaining venues to choose from.

**Interviews will be held Thursday April, 22, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. at Sequoia Library, Midvale Blvd.**

For questions please contact:

**JANE KESSENICH, Oklahoma Exch. Director,  
608-836-8429, [jpkessenich@charter.net](mailto:jpkessenich@charter.net)**

## The Friendship Force of Wisconsin, Inc.

Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon  
Knights of Columbus Hall April 26, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin, Inc., was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Verona Road, April 26, 2009. Registration and a social hour began at 12:00 noon followed by a luncheon at 1:00 PM.

President Mary Ann Fahl, extended a warm welcome to members and guests. Mary Ann extended appreciation to all of those who helped in planning the annual meeting and luncheon.

The business meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. A group of 70 members read the invocation, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." New members and guests were introduced. Buffet luncheon catered by Edith's Catering consisted of roast pork/Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, spinach/strawberries and fruit and cake for dessert.

### Entertainment: Fannie Hicklin, Chairperson

Mad City Tanga Performance Group entertained us with their dancing.

### Annual Business Meeting: President's Report:

Mary Ann Fahl, President called the meeting to order and a quorum was formed along with the Acceptance of the Agenda. Minutes of the April 27, 2008 were reviewed and accepted. Motion was moved by Richard Shropshire.

### Treasurer's Annual Report: Diana Long, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report reviewed and a motion was made by Jane Kessenich to adopt the final two paragraphs. The final two paragraphs of the audit report were read by Mary Ann Fahl, President and a complete review had been completed by our accountant, Austin Healy and everything was in excellent order. Diana adds the Friendship Force is in good shape and the extra monies invested in C D's.

Copy of Austin Healy's letter is appended.

### Wisconsin Public Auction, Ken Kosciak, Chairperson:

Ken Kosciak requested volunteers for the Wisconsin Public Auction, Sunday, May 31, 2009. He would like at least ten people. Sign Up sheets are here.

### Communications: Dave Dohler, Chairperson

Friendship Force has a new look. The new logo is multi-colored, energetic, dynamic and eye catching. Our Madison Board of Directors strongly urge everyone to join in the new look by ordering a new badge. For a limited time the Board will subsidize part of the cost, making it \$5.00 instead of the usual \$8.50. Caution --- if you have a pacemaker, please do not order the magnetic badge.

### Farmers Market on the Square: Bea Dewey, Chairperson

Bea needs volunteers for Saturdays at the North Hamilton site on the Square. She has open dates of July 4, August 15, 11, 29 and some in September and October. Sooner you call the better chance that you will get a date you want.

### Adopt A Highway: Don Gostomski, Chairperson

Don would like ten people to volunteer. Please call or leave your name now. Meet at 8:30 AM at the Park/Ride Highway 12, Parmenter Street, and Saturday, May 2, 2009.

### Mystery Trip: Gene Dewey, Chairperson

If interested, please sign up. The trip will be 5 days in September or October. Friendship Force will travel by train because we received a rebate from the Montana trip.

### Newsletter: Janet Lonergan, Chairperson

Thanks to Janet for putting so much time into our Newsletter.

### Regional Conference: Bernie Long, Chairperson

Bernie reported that the Conference April 16, 17, 18, 2009 had overall 115 people. Mary Lindquist did the Art work. Judy Endle was in charge of setting up hosting that twenty people provided. Seventy people were involved in potlucks. Bernie says, "We'll end up in black."

Mary Ann Fahl, President presented Bernie with a special pottery vase and artificial flowers as a "thank you" for the labor that started a year ago along with the help of Diana Long, Judy Endle, Jerry Fuller and Dave Dohler.

### Bylaws Review Committee: Margo McKnight, VP, Chairperson

Copies of the Bylaws and Proposed Changes were available for evaluation and had been published and distributed.

Motion to accept as posted was made by Gary Lindquist. Motion passed.

### Nominating Committee Report: Margo McKnight, VP, Chairperson

President: Mary Lindquist

Vice President: Margo McKnight

Secretary: Helen Ann Rugowski

Treasurer: Diana Long

Requests for nominations for all offices were made from the Committee Chair. Marjorie Westergard moved and then it was seconded that the Slate of Officers nominated be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast to elect the slate of Officers as presented. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Margaret Ann Miller, Secretary

### ANNUAL REPORT - 12/15/2009

	<u>12/15/2009</u>	<u>12/15/2008</u>
<b>OPERATING RESULTS</b>		
Revenues	\$16,229.02	\$15,877.54
CD Interest	\$195.85	\$150.83
Expenses	\$(14,469.57)	\$(14,138.27)
Exchange Loan	\$-	\$(2,000.00)
Net Gain (Loss)	\$1,955.30	\$(109.90)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Checking Accounts		
General Operating	\$5,891.90	\$4,132.45
Merchandise Account	\$329.87	\$433.51
Merchandise Cash	\$62.88	\$63.58
Exchange Accounts		
Associated Bank	\$100.00	\$100.00
US Bank	\$100.00	\$100.00
M&I Bank	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Checking &amp; Cash</b>	\$6,584.65	\$4,929.54
Summit CU - CD	\$4,274.93	\$4,175.86
Summit CU - CD	\$2,040.26	\$2,000.00
Summit CU - CD	\$3,056.43	\$3,000.00
Summit CU - Savings Acct	\$5.09	
<b>Total Cash &amp; Savings Accounts</b>	\$15,961.36	\$14,105.40
Merchandise Inventory	\$2,346.65	\$2,535.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$18,308.01	\$16,640.40
<b>COMMITTED FUNDS</b>		
Total Cash & Savings	\$15,961.36	
Special Activity Fund	\$(2,642.84)	\$2,232.10
<b>Available Operating Funds</b>	\$13,318.52	\$11,345.11

Diana C. Long, Treasurer

## Calling for ED's

It's time to begin recruiting Exchange Director's (ED's) for the 2011 exchange year. If you are interested in being an ED, please complete the ED application found in this newsletter and send it in before May 1, 2010. If you are nervous about becoming an ED, we have several individuals that would love to be a mentor and help you through the process. It's a very rewarding process.

## FFW at FARMERS MARKET ON THE SQUARE

Here is your chance to greet and meet new people at the Farmers' Market each Saturday on the Capitol Square. We are signed up to staff a card table (no larger than 3'x3') each Saturday at a space yet to be determined on the Capitol Square between the hours of 7 am to 2 pm. We need volunteers from the middle of May through October 23<sup>rd</sup> (except July 10th).

There will be a chance to choose **your** date at the Annual Meeting if you can help to promote our presence. For more info, PLEASE phone Bea at 255-0858 or email Bea at [gldewey@wisc.edu](mailto:gldewey@wisc.edu) ASAP. The sooner you call, the better chance that you will get the date you are available. THANK YOU!!!

BEA DEWEY, Chairperson

## Adopt a Highway

On May 8 volunteers are needed to help clean up our section of Hwy. 12 from the "Park and Ride Lot", (exit 249, Parmenter St.) to CTY"K". Meet and start at 8:30 am. from the P&R Lot Middleton...

With ten of us we should be done by around 11 am depending on the amount of trash and goodies we find. Money was found the last two outings. Who knows what lies ahead.

Please call DON GOSTOMSKI at 249-8250 to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thanks.  
(Save Don time and call him).



## 2010 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

April 6 – 21, FFW to Costa Rica \*

April 22 – Interviews Wisconsin to Oklahoma \*

April 25 – Annual Business Meeting & Lunch \*

May 8 – Adopt A Highway \*

June 9 – Baraboo Special Event \*

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

## Great Friends! Great Food! Great Time!

The March World Friendship Force Potluck Dinners were celebrated during three days in March. Susan and Rad Becker hosted on Friday, March 12th Helen Rugowski followed on Saturday night. Florence Folbrecht's guests enjoyed the Irish theme with a meal of corn beef and cabbage. Sunday night belonged to Ginger and Don Gostomski and their guests. Paul Buckalew also tied things together with new and old members of the Friendship Force on Sunday night. The most rewarding comment from these potlucks was that the hosts and guests mentioned was the fellowship of friendship during the evening. As our title says,

Great Friends! Great Food! Great Time.

A special thanks to Fannie Hicklin, Activities Chairperson and the hosts who made this possible for us. If you have the chance ask those who attended the potlucks about this experience. It might put a smile on your face.

PAUL BUCKALEW, Activities Committee



## Something New!

### **A DAY IN BARABOO**

**9 June 2010**

**Cost: \$35 per person**

**Motor Coach Transportation  
Tour of the Badger Ordnance Works  
Visit to Al Ringling Theatre  
Lunch at the Garden Party Restaurant  
Tour and Performance at Circus World  
Museum**

Limited walking necessary; walkers and wheelchairs can be accommodated.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: 29 April 2010**

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#### **Reservation Form**

**A DAY IN BARABOO  
Wednesday, 9 June 2010**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: 29 April 2010**

Send reservation form and a check payable to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin **to reach,** Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705,

**not later than Thursday 29 April 2010,**  
\$35 per person.

Name(s)

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## **Tucson Friendship Force to Madison July 20-27 - the Wright Connection**

I just toured Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona. The tour guide highlighted how Frank Lloyd Wright sited the building into the stunning desert environment and even altered his plans when other structures like utility poles were put in place. The common designs were triangles and "dental work", rectangular teeth with gaps between. When the FF Tucson members visit Wisconsin, they will be able to compare the vistas and designs of other Wright architecture around Madison.

How about hosting or helping with this exchange. The Tucson group will attend the annual club picnic on July 22 and the Concert on the Square on July 21. Twenty ambassadors are expected.

**Interviews will be in early June.** There are many opportunities to be involved.

**NANCY MUELLER, Tucson Exchange Director**  
**[RNMUELLER@yahoo.com](mailto:RNMUELLER@yahoo.com)**

### **Farewell to Costa Rica Ambassadors**

On April 6 the ambassadors will board a bus to Chicago at 7:15 am, the first leg of their journey to Costa Rica.

To wish them farewell one would need to be at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride about 6:30 am. They are well prepared to enjoy their adventure. Anyone brave enough to wave them off?

**JUDI BLODGETT, Costa Rica Exchange Director**  
608.244.8897 **[Jablodgett@charter.net](mailto:Jablodgett@charter.net)**

### **New Web Site**

**Remember to try out our new site. Dave Dohler has been working to include all our Wisconsin information as well as pictures of current activities at [www.ffwis.org](http://www.ffwis.org).**

### **IN MEMORIMUM**

A long time member of the Friendship Force, Lee Holt, passed away recently. He and Pat had moved to Atlanta two or three months ago to be near family. There will be a memorial service in Madison in the future. Cards could be sent to their home here to be forwarded. The Middleton address is: 1718 Aurora St Middleton, WI

## An Incoming Mystery Trip

Our club has received a request to host an incoming Mystery Trip, and I have agreed to be the Exchange Director for it. Since it is a mystery trip the location of the club will remain unknown until we get to meet our guests.

**The dates are Wednesday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 26th.** Present plans are for our guests to arrive about noon on Wednesday and to depart after lunch on Saturday.

Here is a good opportunity for new members or others who have not hosted to try out hosting for a shorter period of time than a regular exchange. Of course, I will welcome anyone who wants to host. We have told the club that we can host as many as want to come, so please don't hesitate to let me know that you want to host.

I also need a few people who are willing to help plan a few group activities which we will have.

**Please call me at 255-0858 or email me at [gldewey@wisc.edu](mailto:gldewey@wisc.edu).** Thanks in advance for your willingness to make this a great exchange for our guests and us!

**GENE DEWEY, Exchange Director**\_\_\_\_\_

## The Friendship Force of Wisconsin Application for Exchange Director

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If employed, where? \_\_\_\_\_ Retired from where?: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of work do you or did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

What has been your Friendship Force involvement? \_\_\_\_\_

As an Ambassador: \_\_\_\_\_ As a Host: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to lead an exchange? \_\_\_\_\_

What skills/talents do you feel you could bring to a Friendship Force Directorship? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you recruit ambassadors or hosts for exchange? \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, please use an additional sheet of paper.

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Return by May 1, 2010

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**April 2010**  
**Oklahoma Exchange**  
**Annual Meeting Luncheon Reservation**  
**Exchange Director Application**  
**Day in Baraboo**

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

## **FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN**

**Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Luncheon, and program**  
**Sunday, April 25, 2010 Time 12:15**



**Knights of Columbus Clubhouse 5256 Verona Rd. Madison Cost \$15.00**

**Edith's Catering:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, Cole slaw,  
pineapple/mandarin salad, mock crab salad, cauliflower/bacon salad.

**A donation of cookies or bars would be appreciated.**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 19, 2010**

**Reservations for lunch can not be accepted after April 19, but after April 19 will still be welcome to attend the meeting.**

**Enclose a check payable to the Friendship Force of WI**

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

**Reservation Deadline April 19**

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**Names ATTENDING:**

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**\$15:00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ #attending x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

If you do not wish to cut your newsletter, please copy this information to another sheet of paper and include with your check.