



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

*April 2011*



## A Message from the President

Oh, the devastation from the Earthquake in Northern Japan. I can't even imagine the feelings and anxiety that the people of Japan are experiencing. It is so devastating that I can hardly watch the news. Last November, Gary, our niece Evy and myself, traveled to Tsu with the Friendship Force of Northern Georgia and also visited friends in Kobe Japan. I have written to our friends where we stayed and they are all fine. A little shocked because of what happened, but alive and well. Joan & Shrop Shropshire emailed the Yamagato club that visited us a few years ago and received a reassuring report from that area. All of their club members were ok. They all experienced the swaying of the buildings, which seemed like eternity. Takako Jingu, Shropshire's host called it the "Big Sway for a long time". They were without electricity for more than a day and now trying to get back to normal. When a world disaster takes place close to a city you have visited you feel more emotions because you really know people there. Our hearts go out to all the people of Japan for a quick turnaround in getting back to normal.

Have you checked out **our website** lately? Visit [www.ffwis.org](http://www.ffwis.org) and see what is new. Make it a favorite on your browser for easy access. Dave Dohler keeps the website updated with the current activities and exchanges for our club. It's a great place to locate the current newsletter that you have misplaced in that pile of papers. If there is anything you would like to see on the website, let us know and we will put it out there.

**I Can Make a Difference – Can You?** As members of the Friendship Force we serve our organization with our time and effort. It can be as small as participating in our local club activities or it can be as grand as serving on the board. There are many in between differences you can help with such as getting involved on a committee, helping to plan an exchange or being a host or ambassador for an exchange. Whatever contribution you make is making a difference. There are many opportunities for you to help Friendship Force make a difference. How would you like to get involved? Keep reading the newsletter for opportunities to **"Make a Difference."**

**It was March 1, 1977** when US President Jimmy Carter announced the **formation of the Friendship Force.** We

have come a long way since then. During 2011 we will have almost 5,000 citizen ambassadors traveling the globe, hosted by thousands more. Each new friendship will make a contribution to our goal of promoting international understanding across the barriers that separate people. None of this would be possible without your dedication and enthusiasm. I thank all of you for your support in our Friendship Force Club and I know you will support your club in the future.

The **Annual Meeting** is right around the corner. This is our annual business meeting. At this meeting we will review the bylaws, elect new officers and present awards. I will make the meeting as brief as possible. I feel it is also important to mingle and meet new people at these meetings. Donation of bars or cookies will be welcomed.

See you at the Annual Meeting  
In Friendship,  
**MARY LINDQUIST, President**

## Inbound Global Food Exchange 2012

The Food Exchange announced in the last Newsletter is taking more form. The Friendship Forces of Northern Illinois, Greater Milwaukee and Wisconsin will be hosting people from around the world in July/August, 2012.

We plan to host at a time when food is being harvested in our areas.

Five of our members have volunteered to be on the committee. However, it would be valuable to have other members help. The list of food ideas is boundless and I would appreciate people offering their suggestions.

I would like to have a meeting in May to develop ideas. This summer our three groups will meet to decide specifics ideas for each group.

If you have questions and/ or would like to help with this Exchange, please contact me at 233-7536 or [DOLLYCAL@aol.com](mailto:DOLLYCAL@aol.com).

**DONNA CALVERT, Exchange Director**



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### ANNUAL REPORT - 12/15/2010

	12/15/2010	12/15/2009
<b>OPERATING RESULTS</b>		
Revenues	\$ 10,349.44	\$ 16,229.02
CD Interest	\$ 195.97	\$ 195.85
Expenses	\$ (10,827.11)	\$ (14,469.57)
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (281.70)	\$ 1,955.30
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<u>Checking Accounts</u>		
General Operating	\$ 5,414.23	\$ 5,891.90
Merchandise Account	\$ 369.70	\$ 329.87
Merchandise Cash	\$ 112.35	\$ 62.88
<u>Exchange Accounts</u>		
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>	\$ 6,196.28	\$ 6,584.65
Summit CU - CD	\$ 4,404.11	\$ 4,274.93
Summit CU - CD	\$ 2,089.19	\$ 2,040.26
Summit CU - CD	\$ 3,122.29	\$ 3,056.43
Summit CU - Savings Acct	\$ 5.09	\$ 5.09
<b>Total Cash &amp; Savings Accounts</b>	\$ 15,816.96	\$ 15,961.36
Merchandise Inventory	\$ 2,937.11	\$ 2,346.65
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 18,754.07	\$ 18,308.01
<b>COMMITTED FUNDS</b>		
Total Cash & Savings	\$ 15,816.96	\$ 15,961.36
Special Activity Fund	\$ (2,523.05)	\$ (2,642.84)
<b>Available Operating Funds</b>	\$ 13,293.91	\$ 13,318.52

Diana C. Long  
Treasurer

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## 2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

April 15 – Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline

April 14 – 16, Midwest Regional Conference \*\*

May 1 – Annual Meeting & Election of Officers \*

May 7 – Turkey Workshop \*

May 14 – Adopt-A-Highway \*

June 5 – WHA-TV \*\*

June 16 – 24, Outbound Northern Illinois \*\*

July 28 – All Club Picnic \*\*

August 26 – 30, 2011 FFI Conference Germany \*\*  
Register on line now.

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

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

- Information in this newsletter

\*\* Information to be announced or previously announced

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The Spring Clean Up of Hwy 12 from the Parmenter Park and Ride Lot north to CTH K is scheduled for **SATURDAY, MAY 14.**

We meet at the Park and Ride Lot and begin clean up at 8:30 am. If we have 10 volunteers it should only take 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours. The last few times we were done before 10 am.

**Please call me at 249 8250 and volunteer and I will not have to ask for help.**

Thank You

**DON GOSTOMSKI, Chairperson**

## FRINDSHIP FORCE ON THE SQUARE

Hi Folks,

It's time to show our FF presence on the Square. I am recruiting volunteers to sit at a corner this season to pass out FF literature.

I plan to start May 14th going through Oct. 15th. I will take those two dates. Since I don't have the summer schedule from the Capitol yet there will be another article coming in a future newsletter as to what corner etc.

PLEASE think about helping out one Saturday morning (+) to do this and call me at (608) 255-0858.

THANK YOU

**BEA DEWEY, Chairperson**

## Turkey in 2011

### Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey

Turkey, known officially as the **Republic of Turkey** is called a *Eurasian* country, stretching across the Anatolian peninsula in western Asia to the Balkan region of southeastern Europe. It is a democratic, secular constitutional republic.

A Newsweek report on March 14 (after many reports of turmoil in some other Middle Eastern countries) stated, "Turkey will be a model for Arab nations lucky enough to democratize. Its foreign policy balances between the United States and the states of Islam. Turkey balances between an Islamic and a secular state. The country has internal stability and a promising economy."

Another recent report listed the official retirement ages of many developed countries. As you may know, the US retirement age for both men and women is now 66. Turkey topped the list with the youngest retirement ages of all countries compared, with men at 60 and women 58.

**The first workshop will be: Saturday May 7 9:30 am Anchor Bank 4702 East Towne Boulevard. Twenty-eight Ambassadors will go to experience the Middle East culture.**

If you are still thinking Turkey, but were too late to apply, call me now to get on the wait list.

**JERRY FULLER, Turkey Exchange Director**  
**608 846 5533 [bjfuller@centurytel.net](mailto:bjfuller@centurytel.net)**

### **DO YOU HAVE 2010 ON YOUR MAILING LABEL?**

**If so, this is your last newsletter if you have not yet sent your 2011 membership.**

Please use the statement that was mailed to you, or call Maggie Dohm 274-7866. Your prompt response would be appreciated. Thank you.

## **Wisconsin to Northern Illinois**

The Northern Illinois Friendship Force Club has invited us to spend a few days with them.

They said they had such a good time in Madison on their Mystery Trip; they wanted us to visit them. Chicago will not be included in this stay, but that is OK, we have all been to Chicago and it will be nice to visit another part of the state.

**The dates are June 20<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and as soon as an ED for Northern Illinois is picked we will start making plans for a fun filled few days. Please start thinking about these dates and reserve them.

More information will be forthcoming. I was told that they are anxious to have any of the hosts they had in Madison visit them, so please start making plans for that time.

**MAGGIE DOHM, Exchange Director**  
**608-274-7886 [mardo9@att.net](mailto:mardo9@att.net)**

### **WISCONSIN FRIENDSHIP FORCE** **ON WHA – TV**

**JUNE 5, 2011**

The details of our assignment will be in the next newsletter. Chairperson Reta Herring is currently traveling but please save the date.

This is a popular activity and is a chance to make the Friendship Force visible in the Madison and surrounding area.

### **Germany to Wisconsin**

We will soon hear about the plans and interviews for the incoming exchange from Norderstedt Germany September 19 – 26 from Exchange Director Richard Mueller

## **The Friendship Force of Wisconsin, Inc. Bylaws to Become Effective May 1, 2011**

Your Bylaws committee is presenting their recommendation for changes to The Club Bylaws to secure the approval of membership. A summary of major changes are as follows:

### **Article II Purposes**

A. To provide leadership and support of home stays  
and understanding by creating an

environment of leadership and support of home stays and

A. To promote World Peace

and the cultural exchange programs.

the cultural exchange programs;

B. To provide continuity of the activities of The Club  
Through educational and cultural means;

B. To enhance Friendship Force activities through  
addressing humanitarian needs;

Statement added to last paragraph:

This club will comply with the policies and procedures of  
Friendship Force International.

### **Article III Members**

Statement added to **Section 1**

Individuals must be members of The Friendship Force for  
participation in an exchange. A family membership is  
considered as individuals residing in the same household  
or children under the age of 26 regardless of residence.

### **Article IV Board of Directors**

Statements added to **Section 3.**

B. Reciprocal Exchange. If a Director who has already served  
on the Board for a term of three years for a original  
exchange, the term for the reciprocal exchange shall be one  
year, with termination to correspond with end of term for  
elected officers.

C. Domestic Exchange Director. Term of office shall be two  
years from year of appointment as Director, with termination  
in second year to correspond with end of term for the  
elected officers

#### **Section 4.**

E. To authorize expenditures in excess of \$500.

F. To authorize the Treasurer to pay any routine costs  
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Statement added:

To elect an internal audit committee.

### **Article V Officers**

#### **Section 2.**

G. Verify the annual audit of financial records.

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responsible for the development of an internal audit  
committee. This committee shall consist of three (3)  
members. The President shall appoint the chairperson  
and two members shall be nominated and confirmed by  
the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 3.**

Statement added:

#### **Section 5.**

G. Prepare the books for audit prior to the annual  
meeting of The Club.

C. Shall be the keeper of The New Robert's Rules of Order

G. Prepare the books for an internal auditing committee  
appointed by the President, prior to each annual meeting  
of The Club. An external audit shall be conducted when-  
ever deemed appropriate.

H. Authorized to pay any routine costs or expenditures not  
To exceed \$200.

- I. Annually file State of Wisconsin Tax Certificate of Exempt Status and Nonstock Corp. Annual Report.

## **Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers and Exchange Directors**

### **Section 4.**

The Board of Directors shall develop a Selection Committee for Exchange Directors. The Selection Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors from The Club membership; at least one (1) of whom shall be a

member of the Board. The President shall preside.

## **Article VII Committees**

### **Section 1**

Standing Committees. Each Standing Committee Chairperson shall be a voting member of the board. Additional Standing Committees may be created by a majority vote of the member of the Board. (See Board of Directors' Manual for individual responsibilities.)

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|-------------------|--|
| A. Activities     | A. Membership  |
| B. Communications | B. Exchange Director Selection Committee               |
| C. Historian      | C. Publicity   |
| D. Membership     | D. Newsletter  |
| E. Merchandise    | E. Electronic Communications - Website, Facebook, etc. |
| F. Newsletter     | F. Activities  |
| G. Outreach       | G. Outreach/Speakers Bureau and                        |
|                   | H. Merchandise.  |

Each Standing Committee Chairperson is responsible for appointing members to their committee and giving this list to Secretary, informing the Board of the status of activities.

### **Section 4**

The President or the Board of Directors may appoint Ad Hoc Committees. Ad Hoc Committees report to the board after each activity and are automatically dismissed after completing their project.

## **Article IX Finances**

The Calendar year shall be January 1 - December 31.

## **Article XII Dissolution**

In the event that for any reason upon the dissolution of The Club the Board of Directors shall fail to act in the manner herein provided within a reasonable time, the assts shall be distributed in accordance with the law governing the distribution of assets of nonprofit organizations in the jurisdiction in which The Club is located. Circuit judge in Dane County, State of Wisconsin.

Signed: May 1, 2011.

Committee Members: Margo McKnight \_\_\_\_\_

Helen Ann Rugowski \_\_\_\_\_

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# **FF Midwest Regional Conference - April 14-16**

## **Optional Pre-Conference Experience aboard the Magic Friendship Bus, April 12-14**

Join your fellow members of the other mid-western Friendship Force clubs for varied social activities, promotional strategies, hot topics, social media and much more. If you care to start early on April 12 for the pre-conference event, prepare to enjoy:

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|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Pre-Historic Times: Ashfall Fossil Beds | <input type="radio"/> The Abundant Water Resources |
| <input type="radio"/> Modern day feed lot                     | <input type="radio"/> A Birder's Paradise          |

**Complete details: <http://www.friendshipforcelincn.org/>. Signup deadline is April 1, 2011**

Conference Fees: \$236 X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Conference Exchange: \$280 X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

Single Supplement cost for Burwell Hotel Room \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to **Lincoln Friendship Force** and mailed **no later than March 25, 2011.**

Send to: Bob Wagner, PO Box 22702, Lincoln, NE 68542 SEE COMPLETE REGISTRATION LAST NEWSLETTER.

## **The Friendship Force of Wisconsin Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon Knights of Columbus Hall—April 25, 2010**

The Annual meeting of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Verona Road, Madison on April 25, 2010.

President Mary Lindquist extended a warm welcome to members and guests. Mary reminded everyone that our members are eligible to participate in **any** FF exchange and had listed the exchanges of the various Midwest Region clubs in the Annual Meeting Program. The FFI Catalog, on the website [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org) contains a complete listing of all exchanges as well as themed exchanges and global exchanges. Edith's Catering provided the buffet lunch with the desserts donated by club members.

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

Mary Lindquist, President called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm. Minutes of the April 26, 2009 were amended to add Kay Kinney's name to the volunteers who worked on the regional Conference in Spring 2009. The Minutes, as amended, and Treasurer's report were accepted by motion.

Among the Club accomplishments for the past year:

- Our new, and easier to navigate, website is up and running at [www.ffwis.org](http://www.ffwis.org) Kudos to Dave Dohler for this creation.
- The assigned exchange to Azerbaijan, the mystery trip to St. Louis and hosting the Moscow club were successfully completed
- Activities included the Valentine, St. Patrick Day and Holiday luncheons, tour of Epic Headquarters, Annual Picnic at Lake View Park in Middleton, Fall Festival and silent auction, and the celebration of World Friendship Day with potluck dinners in member homes. The Activities Committee shines!
- Annual Meeting 4/29/09 included the Mad City Tanga Performance Group
- Hosted the successful Midwest Regional Conference in April 2009
- Current membership is 203 with 67 family and 69 individual members
- Continue to have information table on the square for Farmer Markets
- Continue to have Outreach presentations in the community
- Introduced the new logo and subsidized new badges for members
- New board members since 9/09 are Mary Lindquist, President; Helen Ann Rugowski, Secretary; and Margie Groom, Outreach Chairperson
- Recognition for leaving the board, Mary Ann Fahl, Past President, Margaret Ann Miller, past Secretary and Judy Endle, ED for inbound Australia.
- Continue to participate in WHA fund raising telethon
- Continue to participate in Adopt a highway
- Introduce 4 new exchange directors for 2010: Lise Skofronick, IB Montreal (they cancelled on us however); Jane Kessenich, Domestic OB to Tulsa, OK; Nancy Mueller, Domestic IB from Tuscon, AZ; Gene Dewey, IB Mystery

### Something New!—A Day in Baraboo

On June 9, an opportunity to spend a full day in the Baraboo area for only \$35. per person. The cost includes motor coach transportation, tour of the Badger Ordinance Works, a visit to Al Ringling Theatre, lunch at the Garden Party Restaurant and tour and performance at Circus World Museum. Fannie Hicklin must receive reservations no later than April 29 to be included.

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

Bea needs volunteers for Saturdays on the Square. Sign up sheets are here or you can call her. Dates run from the middle of May through October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Wisconsin Public Auction: Ken Koscik, Chairperson

Next auction dates are Memorial weekend. Usual number of volunteers needed is 10.

### Adopt A Highway: Don Gostomski, Chairperson

Don needs 10 volunteers and has a sign up sheet here. The date is May 8. Meet and start at 8:30 am from the Park and Ride Lot in Middleton

#### Recognition for Exchange Directors were noted for:

- Lise Skofronick—OB to Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, 2008
- Jane Kessenich—IB from Oklahoma City, OK, 2008
- Mary Lindquist—OB to Great Falls/Helena Montana, 2008
- Don Gostomski—IB from Derbyshire/Manchester England, 2008
- Donna Calvert—OB to Baku, Azerbaijan, 2009
- Gene Dewey—OB Mystery Trip to St. Louis, MO, 2009
- Mary Lindquist—IB from Moscow, Russia, 2009

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

President: Mary Lindquist

Vice President: George Wysock

Secretary: Helen Ann Rugowski

Treasurer: Diana Long

Requests for nominations for all offices were made from the Committee Chair. Steve Babcock moved and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> that the slate of Officers nominated be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast to elect the officers as presented. Motion passed.

#### Announcing the 2011 Exchanges

- Baku, Azerbaijan to Madison, July 16-23, 2011. Donna Calvert named ED.
- Norderstedt, Germany to Madison, sometime between July 4<sup>th</sup>—August 13<sup>th</sup>. Richard Mueller named ED.
- Outbound international exchange to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey. Most likely date in October 2011. They can host 18-20 ambassadors. An ED is needed for this exchange.
- There will be a training workshop for exchange directors on May 18 for anyone interested in becoming an ED. The ED Manual will be reviewed. This is an opportunity to learn more about an ED does. Contact Mary Lindquist if interested.

#### 2010 Past Exchange Highlights

Judi Blodgett, ED for the Costa Rica exchange April 6-21, offered some of the highlights from this recent exchange. 23 ambassadors participated in the exchange.

#### Upcoming 2010 Exchange Updates

- 1) OB to Oklahoma City, OK, June 16-24. Jane Kessenich ED. There are 12 ambassadors signed up. Due to the number, transport will be by carpooling rather than a charter bus. Members will be attending the Red Earth Festival, a mega celebration for Native Americans, during this exchange. The group will have its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on May 10 from 6-8 pm at the Sequoia Library.
- 2) IB from Tucson, AZ, July 20-27. Nancy Mueller, ED. There are 21 ambassadors expected. There will be a special focus on Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. Plans include a meeting of 4 clubs, as Milwaukee, hosting Birmingham, AL, will come to Madison for a day of activities. Ambassadors will be treated to tours of the Monona Terrace and State Capitol, a Concert on the Square and the Club Annual Picnic.
- 3) IB Mystery trip, June 23-26. Gene Dewey, ED. Assisting Gene are Nancy Mueller and Bernie & Diana Long. Dates for this exchange are from lunch on June 23 through lunch on June 26. Thus far there are 12 ambassadors with 6 more possible. Hosts are needed. This is an excellent way to try out home hosting as only 3 nights are involved

#### A Special Guest: Kurt Wesbrook

Kurt was a member of the Clubs first exchange to Zurich, Switzerland back in 1977. Kurt had put together a short video from this first exchange and shared a few memories with us. Thanks to Jerry Fuller for informing us of this special treat.

The lucky door prize winners were Betty Schmidt, Jan Gruetzmacher and Lois Hindhede. After the group sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Helen Ann Rugowski, Secretary

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**Turkey Interviews**  
**Adopt-A-Highway**  
**Bylaw Revisions**

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## **FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN**

### **ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, May 1, 2011 Time 12:00**



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

**Mazo Deli: Lasagna, Veggie Lasagna, green beans, salad, fruit salad, bread sticks, coffee**  
**Donations of bars or cookies will be welcomed!**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 25, 2011**

**Reservations for lunch can not be accepted after April 25, but after April 25 persons**  
**will still be welcome to attend the meeting. REMEMBER YOUR NAME BADGES**

**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 25**

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**NAMES ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Note if you have any dietary restrictions -----**

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