



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing the Way You See the World

April 2013



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March seems to be coming in as a lion and going out as a lion. It's 10 degrees outside today and we can't catch a break in the snow--enough of my weather frustration and on to the Friendship Force news.

Last year we had a very successful exchange to Moscow and a new club in Vyborg Russia. We received a call from Atlanta asking us to host the new Vyborg club in their first outbound exchange. Our club has agreed. The exchange will probably include about 10 people. Final dates have not been determined.

We have a very busy summer scheduled with the incoming exchange from Urla, Turkey, outgoing exchange to Oregon and the Lower Columbia Washington FF, outgoing exchange to Indonesia, incoming global themed exchange, and an incoming exchange from Vyborg, Russia. I believe our dance card is full. We are very fortunate to already have had the Open World Exchange from the Ukraine plus two more foreign exchanges scheduled for this year. There are clubs in our region that will not have a foreign exchange in 2013. The Midwest area is called the fly over zone by FFI with people from other countries thinking only the coastal areas and perhaps Chicago as exciting places to visit. I hope everyone will be as generous with their time as they were during last year's extremely busy schedule. With everyone's help I am sure these projects will be successful.

It is the 35th anniversary of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin and I am told that we will have some special activities and dignitaries visiting during our business meeting on April 28 at the Coliseum Bar. I hope everyone puts the date on their calendar and I will look forward to seeing you there.

In Friendship,

George Wysock, President



2013 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

April 10 - FFW Crafting Sisters Group Information Meeting**

April 28 - Annual Meeting and 35th Anniversary Celebration, Coliseum Bar*

May 4 - Urla, Turkey Inbound Exchange Workshop, Sequoia Library*

May 11 - Adopt a Highway*

June 13-20 - Urla Turkey Inbound Exchange*

July 5-19 - Oregon/Washington Outbound Exchange*

September 2013- Indonesia Outbound Exchange*

September 2013 - Vyborg, Russia Inbound Exchange**

November 23-25 - World Conference, New Orleans**

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced later or previously announced



New Member

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Entertainment Book Coupon Request

Need Harley-Davidson coupons (E18 and E19) for the Urla ambassadors. If willing to contribute, please contact Mary Mastaglio (608-241-0212).



Urla, Turkey Friendship Force Urla, Turkey Inbound Exchange Workshop, May 4, 2013

Home hosts, day hosts, dinner hosts and others who will be involved with this exchange are welcome at this workshop. Customs and language will be covered so we can be appropriate hosts. We will also discuss logistics of the week and share ideas about welcoming hosts into your homes.

We will meet from 10:00 -12:00 noon in the large room at the Sequoia Branch of the Madison Public Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd. Please put this on your calendars, or if you can't be there on May 4 let us know as soon as possible.

Urla, Turkey Inbound Exchange Visit Itinerary June 13-20, 2013

Mark your calendars, if you are interested in joining us for any of these activities. More information on time and cost will follow in the May newsletter.

Thursday, June 13: Arrive in Chicago (5:10 PM); Lazar bus pick up at Dutch Mill Park and Ride for those meeting group

Friday June 14: Afternoon tours of Epic and Verona library (travel by cars); fish fry (Madison); polka dancing (New Glarus)

Saturday, June 15: Morning Farmer's Market, Capitol tour, other downtown highlights; dinners hosted by volunteers

Sunday, June 16: Father's Day brunch; late afternoon pontoon boat ride on Madison lakes with a picnic stop at a park on Lake Mendota

Monday, June 17: American Breeder's Service and Sanimax factory tours (travel by cars); lunch and afternoon tour of UW campus by bus; First Unitarian Church—Frank Lloyd Wright; dinner out.

Tuesday, June 18: Cedar Grove Cheese Factory tour (Plain), International Crane Foundation tour, Dells boat ride, (travel by car); dinners hosted by volunteers.

Note: If you are a member of the International Crane Foundation and are going with the group to ICF, Mary would like to know how many additional guests you may bring in for free.

Wednesday, June 19: Milwaukee highlights tour including Harley Davidson Museum (travel by bus); farewell potluck picnic at a Madison park.

Thursday, June 20: Ambassadors depart from Milwaukee (Flight 1:30PM) to fly to Memphis for the second of their exchanges.

Thank you all for your help and commitments to making this a great exchange. For more information or to volunteer to help drive or participate in an event, contact Mary Mastaglio at 608-241-0212 or email mbabula@sbcglobal.net.

Mary Mastaglio, Exchange Director

Oregon/Washington



Outbound Exchange, July 5-19, 2013

It is with great excitement that I'm able to announce that we have been invited by the Mid-Willamette Valley Club of Oregon to visit July 5-12 followed by the Lower Columbia Club of Washington exchange July 12-19, 2013.

You may remember that the Friendship Force of Mid-Willamette Valley visited us for a week in June 2012 along with the Friendship Force of Missouri, and I served as the Exchange Director at that time.

My efforts which began over six months ago have now come to fruition. Both the Oregon and Washington clubs had meetings recently and are planning many unique, educational, and fun activities for our participation and are looking forward to homestays for 20 of us from Wisconsin. This is a beautiful part of our country and comments about all we can see and do are so enthusiastic and energizing, not only by the hosts, but also by our own members who are eagerly anticipating this journey.

Because members started expressing their interest at the last several luncheons, about 17 of the spaces seem to be filled. If you'd like to travel along with the group, please let me know immediately so you can be included. We'd really like to have 20 club members participate. Please phone me at 249-1846 or email glholmes@wisc.edu.

Interviews will be scheduled later in April, and those who are participating will be notified of the dates, time and places.

Gail L. Holmes, Exchange Director

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN, INC. MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING April 22, 2012 Knights of Columbus Hall, Verona, WI

George Wysock, President of The Friendship Force of Wisconsin, welcomed everyone present. Members joined hands to sing 'Let There Be Peace On Earth' as a blessing then proceeded to the buffet line for lunch.

Programs had been placed on each table listing the Meeting Agenda and Treasurer's Report. Minutes of the previous annual meeting of May 1, 2011 had been published in the April, 2012 newsletter.

BUSINESS MEETING: George Wysock called the meeting to order at 1:15pm. A quorum of the membership was present. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Patrick Fleming moved that the secretary's report of the annual meeting May 1, 2011 be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gene Dewey moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Lindquist, presented the slate of officers for the 2012-2013 year. The slate remains the same as the currently serving officers:

- **President: George Wysock**
- **Vice president: Helen Ann Rugowski**
- **Secretary: Mary Lou Martino**
- **Treasurer: Margo McKnight**
A request was made for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Richard Shropshire moved that the nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Mary Ann Fahl moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT:** George introduced committee chairpersons and thanked them for their service:
Dave Dohler, Communications Chairperson, continues to actively maintain our website, www.ffwis.org. He welcomes your contributions. You can find the current newsletter, current activities and photos on the website.
Janet Lonergan, Newsletter Chairperson, continues to keep us informed with the monthly newsletter. She welcomes your contributions of new material. The newsletter is available by mail and on the website.

Mary Lindquist, Membership Chairperson, maintains the current directory, sends out renewals and welcome packets to prospective and new members.

Margie Groom, Outreach Chairperson seeks out opportunities for our ambassadors to offer presentations to area groups and organizations. **Mary Ann Fahl**, Farmer's Market Chairperson, maintains the list of volunteers at the Saturday Capitol Square markets from May to October. She thanked Bea Dewey for her years of dedicated service as chair of this committee. Mary Ann seeks volunteers and requested that they sign up after the meeting.

Don Gostomski, Highway Cleanup Chairperson, reminded members that this spring cleanup is in Middleton on May 5th. He gave details regarding the time, meeting place and requested that volunteers sign up after the meeting.

Reta Harring, WHA Auction Chairperson, made a signup sheet for this year's auction on June 3rd available for volunteers and announced that she will assist members to choose various assignments. **Fanny Hicklin**, Activities Chairperson, introduced members of her committee in order to thank them for their service to the club: Margo McKnight, Gary Lindquist, Paul Buckalew, Ginger Gostomski, Donna Calvert, Lois Statz, Maggie Dohm stood to be acknowledged. She meets regularly with this group to plan activities throughout the year. Fannie announced that the activity for this meeting is the silent auction and encouraged members to bid generously.

CURRENT OFFICERS and the Past President, Mary Lindquist, were acknowledged and thanked by President, George Wysock. **FORMER EXCHANGE DIRECTORS** were acknowledged, thanked for their hard work and dedication. Presented with certificates of appreciation were:

- Maggie Dohm - Northern Illinois '11 • Jerry Fuller – Urla Turkey '11 and • Richard Mueller – Germany '11

INTRODUCTION OF 2012 EDs

Gail Holmes, ED of the Domestic Inbound Willamette OR and St. Louis, MO exchange in June, reported on the planned itinerary for 28 incoming ambassadors. Copies of the detailed itinerary and activities signup sheets for members to participate along with ambassadors were available on the sign up table. Gail announced that hosting workshops will be held April 28th and June 2nd.

Sandi Wysock, ED for the International Outbound Moscow, Vyborg and St. Petersburg, Russia exchange in September, gave a planning and progress report. There are 19 ambassadors chosen so far. All are from our club except two from Lincoln, NB. She needs more committee

members and assistance with biographies and workshops. Signup sheets were available. A planning committee meeting is scheduled for May 9th at the Wysock home. **Patrick Fleming**, ED for the International Inbound from Trujillo, Peru in July reported that 16 ambassadors will be hosted by our club. The itinerary has been planned. Details were in the April newsletter. Patrick seeks assistance with host dinners. Signup sheet was available. His treasurer is Nancy Mueller.

Donna Calvert, ED for the first Global Inbound Exchange is sharing ED duties with Northern IL and Milwaukee clubs. 21 ambassadors from Japan, Australia, Canada and the US will be hosted. Donna shared the itinerary for the Fun Adventures With Food exchange. Kay Babcock is her host workshop coordinator and treasurer for the exchange is Janet Lonergan. Hosting interviews are April 28th and 30th

OLD BUSINESS:

Janet Lonergan announced that refund checks for ambassadors who had travelled to Turkey were available from her.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Outbound International will be to Monago Indonesia which is on the coast and equator. Exchange director is needed.
- Inbound International will be from Urla, Turkey. They liked our visit so much that they have requested a return exchange. Exchange director is needed.
- Dates of both exchanges are undecided.

Gail Holmes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried by voice vote at 1:50pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Mary Lou Martino,
Secretary**

The Friendship Force of WI Treasurer's Annual Report Summary of Activities for 2012

OPERATING RESULTS

Revenues	\$ 13,745.02
CD Interest	\$ 88.48
Expenses	<u>\$(13,272.91)</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	<u>\$ 560.59</u>

ASSETS

Balance on Hand in Checking Account as of 12/31/2012 \$5,323.45

Total CD CERTIFICATE BALANCE

Summit Credit Union CD	\$4,501.74	\$9,839.15
Summit Credit Union CD	\$2,130.10	
Summit Credit Union CD	\$3,207.31	

Total Savings Account \$ 5.09

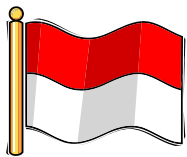
Total Exchange Accounts

Balance in Anchor Bank	\$ 110.00	\$ 410.00
Balance in US Bank	\$ 100.00	
Balance in Associated Bank	\$ 100.00	
Balance in M&I Bank	\$ 100.00	

Total Committed Funds \$10,254.24 \$10,254.24

TOTAL CLUB VALUE \$15,577.69

**Margaret McKnight
Treasurer**



Outbound Exchange to Malang and Samarinda, Indonesia September 2013

Dates are still to be determined. The first week of the exchange will be a visit to the Melang Club who can accommodate 10-20 people. We are still waiting for information on the Samarinda Club. Land costs only now estimated at around \$1800. We are recruiting people from other clubs to join us. For that reason ambassadors are on their own to make travel arrangements, but there will be a central meeting place upon arrival in Indonesia.

Co-exchange directors are Fannie Hicklin (608-233-5748) and Ariel Ford (608-334-9032). Please feel free to contact either of them.

Club Pins Ordered

We have now placed an order for a thousand of our newly-created Friendship Force of Wisconsin club pins. The chosen design was described in last month's newsletter. After we receive the shipping charges, the cost will be determined by the Board of Directors. We anticipate it will be about \$2.00 to \$2.50. Hopefully, the pins will arrive before the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, April 28, and you will be able to purchase your own pin at that time. I appreciate the Board allowing me to pursue the creation of a pin for our club and for their support during the design stages. Anticipation is so exciting!



Gail Holmes

Adopt - A - Highway

The date for Spring Clean-up of Hwy 12 is May 11. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at Hwy. 12, Exit 249. We will get organized and start at 8:30 am and work our way north to CTH K.

Ten volunteers are ideal. With enough help we can cover about a one mile section in 1½ to 2 hours. We need you.

If you are willing and able to HELP, I would appreciate it if you would please call me before Friday, May 3. I would prefer not to make a lot of phone calls.

Thank You.

Don Gostonski, Chairperson
608-249-8250



In Loving Memory



Donald L. Holmes
Death date: March 7, 2013

Wife, Gail, ED 2012/2013 for the Oregon/Washington Inbound and Outbound Exchanges. Also responsible for our now having a club pin.

Full obituary at <http://www.gundersonfh.com/>

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
35th Anniversary/Annual Meeting Luncheon
Sunday, April 28, 2013

The Coliseum Bar and Banquet **12:00 PM Social Hour**
232 East Olin Avenue **12:30 PM Seated Luncheon**
Madison, WI **Cost: \$16.00**



1:30PM Program--Presentation to past presidents (non-registered members welcome for program only)
Bring a Friend!

Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Friday, April 19, 2013.

-----cut and return with payment 

Choice of entre: _____ Beef Burgundy Tips _____ Pork Roast

_____ # attending x \$16 = \$ _____

_____ I need a ride _____ I can provide a ride

Names: _____

Make check payable to: The Friendship Force
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