



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

August 2010



A Message from the President

First off I would like to **recognize Fannie Hicklin** for her induction into the Consortium of Doctors, LTD. The reason Fannie was not at our Annual Picnic was because she traveled to Savannah Georgia to be inducted to the Consortium of Doctors, LTD. The Consortium of Doctors, Ltd. are African American women who have completed doctorate degrees from nationally accredited institutions and have made contributions beyond the realm of the ordinary to enhance the lives of humankind. The main focus of the consortium is the plight of young African American youth and young adults who have qualified for the job market, and yet, are unemployed or underemployed. The consortium's annual supportive gathering inducts new members to acknowledge, appreciate, and share testimonies, presentations, and on-going successes of new inductees, and of Consortium members all over the United States. The next time you see Dr. Fannie Hicklin, congratulate her on her great accomplishment.

Fannie Hicklin also has all the connections. She put Gary Lindquist in touch with Robert Kurtenacker. **Robert Kurtenacker** had an amplifier and microphone that he was looking for a good place to bequeath these items. The club now has a compact, very good, amplifier and microphone for use at its functions. We the club, thank Robert for his generous donation and to Fannie Hicklin for making the connection. The microphone and amplifier will be put to good use in our club.

Good will gestures – A couple of our members made donations to Helen Ann Rugowski who is off volunteering at Meadows High School in Sivakasi, India. She is teaching spoken English. She will also volunteer in Madurai, India with the Evanston Lighthouse Rotary, at the same orphanage she was last year. The Rotary project has been organized and partially funded with some supplies by the Evanston Lighthouse Rotary. The donations from our club members will help defray Helen Ann's costs.

FFI's Worldwide On-Line Auction – This year FFI will sponsor a new, on-line auction in conjunction with the World Conference in Washington DC. This is a new way to raise funds for the Legacy Fund, which is used to expand Friendship Force. It should be fun for all the members. The board of FFI will volunteer their time to organize the auction and have generously put the first items up for

bidding. The last few hours of the auction will be the traditional Silent Auction format. All proceeds will go to the Legacy Fund, however clubs that donate items may request that up to 35% of the proceeds from these items can be retained by their club for local expansion projects. All donors of items for sale will be recognized at the World Conference. Some of the items offered will include home stays, use of vacation properties, tickets to events (Packer/Badger/Opera) and access to time-shares. These items might be of interest to people all over the world, or you could also be hosted at a dinner party by a local gourmet chef or host a pontoon ride around one of our lakes. Be imaginative. Do you have something you would like to offer? You can use the website itself at www.friendshipforceauction.org to offer an item or send an email to Andrew Stirling at jax@magma.ca. As soon as the Website is open for bidding, I will send you an email with a link for easy access.

In friendship,
Mary Lindquist, President

One last note, about the Annual Picnic

As I sit here and type this article, the thunder is still rumbling in the background. I would like to thank all of you who braved the rainy day and ventured to Lakeview Park for the Annual Picnic. For those of you who could not attend, it was a very exciting meeting with lots of rain, lightning and thunder, which also competed with all the noise we were making. The tornado sirens even participated in making the extra noise. The only time it was really quiet was when Reid Gilbert was giving his presentation. He is a renowned Mime and has written a couple of books. He also read from his book "Trickster Jack" about "Ol' Jack's Indoor-Outhouse". What a wonderful performance he had for us. It was also a pleasure to talk to some of the new members and the Ambassadors from Tucson. Since they don't get much rain in Tucson, our performance was the thunderstorm. The rain subsided when it was time to leave. It was truly a wonderful evening.

Mary Lindquist, President

Regional Exchanges for 2011 Scheduled as of July 16, 2010

For everyone that likes to plan ahead, here are the upcoming exchanges for our region. There are many opportunities to travel with the Friendship Force. If you would like to know more about one of the inbound or outbound exchange countries, you can join one of the exchanges listed below. Just because Madison does not have that exchange does not mean that you can't participate in another club's exchange. Let me know if you are interested in any of these exchanges (inbound or outbound).

Mary Lindquist, President

- **International Conference**
 - **2011 Conference** – Hamburg Germany – Probably in August.
- **Regional Conference** – April – City to be determined
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- **Regional Presidents Meeting** – 2012
 - Ames Iowa

- Exchanges for **Wisconsin – Madison** –
 - 2011 Outbound to Uria of Greater Izmir, Turkey
 - 2011 Inbound from Baku, Azerbaijan
 - 2011 Inbound from Norderstedt Germany via Long Island NY
- Exchanges for **Dubuque** –
 - 2011 Inbound from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - 2011 Inbound German Language Exchange – request by the Germany's because of the last one they hosted was very successful
 - 2011 Outbound – No formal outbound received. They were contacted by FFI to be part of a new development with participants from Open World that would like to start a new club.
- Exchanges for **Quad Cities**
 - 2011 Inbound from Ukraine in March
 - 2011 Outbound to Munda Maya, Mexico in July
- Exchanges for **Greater Des Moines**
 - 2011 Inbound from Azerbaijan – June
 - 2011 Outbound to Braunschweig-Peine & Hern Germany – September (co-exchange with Central IA – Ames)
- Exchanges for **Minnesota – Twin Cities**
 - 2011 – November outbound to South Taranaki & Kapiti Coast New Zealand
- Exchanges for **Greater Milwaukee** –
 - 2011 Grandparents/Grandchildren Eco-Exchange August (ages 12-16) – home stay in Milwaukee. Maybe a short cottage stay, Home stay in Kern County California and Disneyland.
 - 2011 outbound to Azrou Morocco – September \
- Exchanges from **Lincoln, Nebraska**
 - 2011 going to Lethbridge Canada in July
 - 2011 Inbound from Wessex IOK in September.
 - 2011 Planning on an exchange with Northern Colorado in Sept/Oct
 - March 2011 “The good Life Tour” – 3rd week in March 2011 – Sand hill cranes again. Magic Friendship Bus.
- Exchanges for **Eastern Nebraska**
 - 2011 Outbound to Nor Peru, Peru – February
 - 2011 Inbound from Baku Azerbaijan – June
- Exchanges for **Central Iowa** –
 - 2011 Outbound Braunschweig-Peine and Herne Germany – September

Tucson to Madison – July 20-27, 2010

As the Welsh song says “We’ll Keep A Welcome in the Hillside” of Wisconsin and hope the Tucson ambassadors return. They were: Rexene Andrie, Ruth Burgener, Barbara Banks – Exchange Director, Reid Gilbert, Fran and Gordon Brown, Evelyn and Gordon Carscadden, Harriet and John Cole. Joanne and James Fairweather, Carolee and Edwin Lawrence, Honey Mason, David and Irene Sattinger, Jerome and Geraldine Tamm.

We had a very successful exchange because so many members were involved. Hosts were: John and Kathleen Correll (new members), Marian Ehrenberg (first time host), Mary Ann Fahl (shortest home hosting on record of less than 24 hours due to family emergency in Arizona), Janet Harvey (Stoughton narrator), Tom Herman (ice cream scooper and driver escort) and Patty Kexel (dinner host coordinator), Joanne Johnson (renewed member), Jane Kessenich (booklet coordinator), Kay Kinney (host extraordinaire – 5 ambassadors under one roof for one night), Margo McKnight (photo exchange), Nancy (Exchange Director) and Richard Mueller (flower provider), George and Marlene Richard (first time hosts). Paul Buckalew also hosted one of our new members, Dave Vermillion, who traveled 5 hours from Ellison Bay to participate in the program. Dinner hosts included Loree and Wynn Davies, Virginia Zwick, Laurel and Don Huibregtse, Pat Holt, Ruth and Jim Knutson, Jane and David Dohler, Alan and Joann Zelm. Day hosts included Gail Holmes, Don and Ginger Gostomski, Judith Taylor. Lise Skofronick was the Assistant Exchange Director and Judi Blodgett was treasurer. Other volunteers included Elnora Johnson, Margie Groom, Kay Babcock, Betty Schmidt, Mary Lindquist, Joan Strahota, Sandi Wysock.

One highlight was bringing 4 clubs and 80 Friendship Force members together to tour the Monona Terrace, State Capitol and have lunch. We believe this is a record -- four clubs touring together -- Birmingham Alabama on an incoming exchange to Milwaukee and the Tucson and Madison clubs.

There was an emphasis on Frank Lloyd Wright for the activities. The week included a welcome gathering at the Dane County Airport; a full day in Spring Green with a Hillside tour, lunch and House tour followed by Concert on the Square; touring downtown Madison followed by a tour of the First Unitarian Society (amid tornado sirens), and the club picnic (complete with rain storm and lightning); tours of Sigma Phi Frat House and the E.A. Gilmore House not usually open to the public; and small group dinners. The finale was an all day bus tour ending with the farewell at Mohs’ Farm in Barneveld. The day included the Stoughton Opera House, Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship

Center, DeBroux’s diner for lunch, ice cream social and hat party at Patty and Tom’s, a horse training demonstration by Kay Kinney, stop at Candina Chocolates, tour of the historic train depot in Ridgeway with Palmer Haines (Friendship Force member in the 1980s). The Ethnic Connection, Ruth Calden, Doleta Chapru, Loree Davies, Wynn Davies, and Dan Proud, provided Welsh music.

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped with the Exchange.

Nancy Mueller, Exchange Director

Mystery Trip From the Northern Illinois Club

On Wednesday, June 23rd, the mystery of the incoming exchange was solved with the arrival of fourteen ambassadors at the Vilas Park Shelter from the area north of Chicago. Our guests included Tom & Sally Coyle, Dean Di Briton, Brian & Joan Harrington, Amy Lee, Alan & Marilyn Melkerson, David & Pat Meyer, George & Judith Nahill, Joyce Schmitz, and Marsha Temple. Hosts were Jerry & Betty Fuller, Bea & Gene Dewey, Neil & Nancy Denton, Richard & Nancy Mueller, Bernie & Diana Long, Richard & Bea Hayden, Gary & Mary Lindquist, Margo McKnight, Shirley Swenson, and Lisa Simon, and Jan Gruetzmacher. Rad & Susan Becker were day hosts. The Longs and Nancy Mueller provided valuable assistance in planning our schedule.

The ambassadors and hosts enjoyed Allen Centennial Garden, UW Porter Boathouse (home of the UW Crew Teams), a walking tour of a portion of west campus, the State Capitol, Overture Center, Monona Terrace, EPIC Health Systems, Capital City Band Concert, Cedar Grove Cheese in Plain, and the Hillside Tour at Taliesin.

Delicious food was found at a welcome potluck of summer salads, Lake Vista Café atop Monona Terrace, Riverview Terrace Café (in the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, small potlucks, a dinner hosted by Gloria Stange, and the farewell lunch at Bunky’s Café.

All reports from hosts and ambassadors indicate that everyone had an excellent time. I thank all who helped to make this such a successful exchange.

Gene Dewey, Exchange Director

WISCONSIN TO OKLAHOMA CITY

On June 16th Mary Ann Fahl, Maggie Dohm, Marian Ehrenberg, Janet Harvey, Katherine Masden, Gail Holms and Jane Kessenich, (ED) set out for Independence, Missouri by automobile. We toured Harry S. Truman's home had a lovely dinner at the Smokehouse BBQ, during a horrific thunder storm and as we left the restaurant were treated to a magnificent double rainbow.

The next morning we set out for Oklahoma City. Our hosts met us at the tourism center along the interstate and we followed them to a lovely picnic in Kite Park with music by a community band and a box supper. One of the members of the band was a former member of the UW marching band and treated us to his impromptu playing of "On Wisconsin". We were joined by FF members Sheryl Lee from Lakeville, MN and Sharon Buczak from Littleton, CO. We then went home with our hosts.

Friday morning we caravanned to Weatherford, OK and visited and toured the Heartland of America Museum. A gentleman spoke to us about wind farms and then we drove on and toured the actual "wind farm". That wind sure does "come sweepin' (roaring) down the plain". Lunch was at Lucille's Road House on Route 66. On to Tom Stafford's Air & Space Museum for a most informative tour.

Saturday we learned about telephone history and toured "OKC's Telephone Museum" Every size and shape of telephone from the very beginning was there. Several of the hosts had worked for the Telephone Company in OKC. Did you know that the original "Shakey's Pizza" houses were required to have a resident banjo player? We ate lunch at the resident Shakey's and were treated to a thrilling performance by the resident banjo player and we sang along with many of the old songs.

Off to the Cox Convention Center for the "Red Earth Festival". The OKC FF Club had signed up to be volunteers from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We acted as runners for the exhibitors and served Coke beverages to the exhibitors. After we all had walked to surrounding restaurants for supper with our hosts, we gathered for the Red Earth Festival Grand Entry. It was very colorful and moving. Sunday morning was open until we joined for lunch and tour of "Village ON The Park" retirement home adjacent to the ED's home. The afternoon was free. Some of the Ambassadors and their hosts visited the Murrah Memorial Site

Monday we gathered at the State Capitol and were greeted by and photographed with the Lieutenant Governor who is running for Governor, and then toured the capitol building. Then we drove to the World of Wings and learned about 'racing pidgins' and the grand prize for the winning pigeon. We then dined on Persimmon Hill and toured the Cowboy Museum.

Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. we circled the cars, said Good-bye to our hosts and Sheryl and Sharon and headed for Branson, MO. We attended the out door performance of "Sheppard of the Hills", the reenactment of a true story the events of which happened in the Missouri Ozarks.

Wednesday morning we headed to Springfield, MO. We arrived at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site Visitor's Center at 4:30 p.m. just as the last free tickets for the day were given out for the tour of Lincoln's home, but the woman made an executive decision to add another tour at 4:40 when she was told we were a group of seven people. While we waited, we were entertained with a wonderful performance of old time southern songs by eight young adult singers named The Troubadours.

Our supper was ice cream at a Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlor. Then we drove to Washington Park Botanical Garden with the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, in time for the 7:00 p.m. concert by Carillonneur Karel Keldermans. The 67 imported bells are located in a 12-story tower with three observation decks. It was a balm to our senses of sight, smell and hearing to relax in the peaceful garden setting. We checked in at the hotel and were given a great sight, sound and water event from our hotel room windows thanks to Mother/Father Nature. Thursday morning we traveled back to Madison via Rockford arriving home late afternoon.

Thank you to all who helped with the exchange.

Jane Kessenich, Exchange Director

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—The Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee The Roaring 20's

FFGM will celebrate their 20th Anniversary on Saturday November 6th, 2010. Many of the members from the FFGM club originated from our club. When there were enough members in the Milwaukee area to support a club, they spun off from us.

We have been invited to join them for their Anniversary Gala Party with the theme of “The Roaring 20”s. We would like you to join us for this special occasion. For easy transportation we will hire a bus. That way we can all enjoy ourselves without having to worry about the weather and driving to and from Milwaukee.

When – Saturday, November 20, 2010

Where – The Italian Community Center

Time – 5:30 PM (Lv Madison at about 4:00-4:15 p.m.)

What – “Twenties” attire is recommended.

- ✿Join friends, flappers and friends for a an evening of frivolous fun
- ✿Dine and dance in the ambiance of the “Roaring 20’s theme
- ✿Be a “Sheik” or a “Sheba” in your “swanky” attire
- ✿Plan on surprises because this event is no “hokum”
- ✿Take a stroll into the past with some “spiffy” 20’s memorabilia
- ✿Our “hotsy-totsy” hosts guarantee to entertain you
- ✿Join the others “swells” to try your luck at gaming
- ✿Be prepared for some mischievous undercover activities.

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2010- 2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monthly Board Meeting - Third Friday - 11:30 am
Everyone welcome - 615 E. Washington Ave., 2nd fl.
July 16 - Board Meeting

August 20 – FFW Board Meeting

October 16-19, 2010 FFI Conference **

October 31 – Fall Festival **

November 6 – Anniversary of FFGM *

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

August – 2011 International Conference Germany **

September 2011 – Germany to Wisconsin **

October 2011 – Wisconsin to Turkey **

• Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced or previously announced

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.**

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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 Sept 17th.

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