

The Friendship Force

of Wisconsin

AN ACTIVE YEAR BEGINS!

Your colleagues on the Board of Directors have prepared a variety of activities which we hope will draw your attention and your participation.

Note especially the late March presentations which continue our efforts at advertising who we are and what we do. The Sherbrooke Canada exchange will be the illustration presented to the audience. Members are welcome and are certainly encouraged to bring family and/or friends to see why we are enthusiastic about the Friendship Force. We will have membership information available.

Last summer many of you sat with our literature table on the square, advertising our existence and our activities. It was successful, resulting in quite a few new members. We ask only one Saturday of your time, in twosomes. The effort is very organized and is coordinated by Bea Dewey.

You will find more details about the activities listed below in this and in future Newsletters. We list them here to give you a "heads up" on what you can look forward to and can put into your personal calendars.

Saturday, Feb.14: Lunch at Noon @ Tully's II

Saturday, March 14: Lunch at Noon, Esquire Club

Tues. March 24: General Presentation, 7-8:30 PM
McFarland Public Library

Wed. March 25: General Presentation, 10-11:30 AM
Middleton Community Center

Tues. March 31: General Presentation, 12:30-1:30 PM
Madison Senior Center

Fri/Sat, April 17 and 18: FFI Midwest Regional Conference
Howard Johnson Hotel
Madison: East Washington Ave.

Sat., April 25 to approx. end of Sept: Farmers' Market table
Capitol Square, 8 AM to Noon

Sun. April 26: Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

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Hope to see you on Valentine's Day at Tully's II!

MARY ANN FAHL, President

Mundo Maya Mexico Exchange Cancelled

Our club has been notified by FFI that the Mundo Maya club has cancelled the exchange that had been planned for Wisconsin, Northeast Ohio and Ottawa, Canada in June. It was said that due to economic reasons there were not enough people that had interest in coming.

JERRY FULLER, Mexico Exchange Director
608-846-5533 bjfuller@merr.com

F.F. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 16, 17 & 18

Please mark your calendars for April 16, 17 & 18, 2009. The Conference will be held at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel on E. Washington Ave., Madison. We will offer one night of home hosting for Thursday night, April 16 - Conference is Fri. eve and all day Sat.

Judy Endle, one of our committee members, has offered to manage the home hosting part of the conference. This is only one night, but it gives an opportunity to get to know someone from our Region or from Great Lakes Region a bit better. The folks asking for home hosting will arrive on Thursday afternoon. They will be with you for dinner that evening, a good time to invite friends (either FF people or not) to join you for dinner and conversation.

On Friday morning you might continue the conversation or perhaps show your guests some interesting parts of Madison or vicinity. Be sure to have your guests arrive at the hotel in time for registration and check-in before dinner time on Friday evening.

VOLUNTEER TO HOME HOST OR ASK FOR INFORMATION FROM

JUDY ENDLE billend@charter.net or 238-4606
BERNIE LONG bdlong@tds.net or 849-559



**St. Patrick's Luncheon
Saturday, March 14, 2009
12:00 Noon**

Esquire Club
1025 North Sherman
Madison, WI

Menu Choices

Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw,
bread and beverage \$11.00

Southern Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables.
cole slaw, bread and beverage \$11.00

Vegetarian Plate, bread and beverage \$11.00

NAME: _____ Entree choice _____

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Send check (**payable to the Friendship Force of Wisconsin**) and reservation
to **REACH** Fannie Hicklin no later than **7 February 2009.**

Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

"Changing the way you see the World" Last Newsletter?

Is this your last newsletter? There are still friends around the world that are looking for other friends around the world. **Check your mailing label.** If it says **2009** you are ready for the exciting year ahead. But if it says **2008**, you have not renewed your membership and this will be your last newsletter. **December is when the dues were payable.** There are only a few of you that have not renewed your membership. The cost is only \$25 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership.

A membership in The Friendship Force of Wisconsin will take you to the world. You don't need to travel to be a member. Many of our members only participate in the activities here in Madison. Some of our members even participate in exchanges with other clubs in the United States traveling at times that fit their schedules or to participate in exchanges with countries of their choices. The world is open to you through your membership in The Friendship Force of Wisconsin. There are so many ways to experience world culture with your membership. Don't miss out on the opportunities.

To renew now, simply make your check payable to **The Friendship Force of Wisconsin** (\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family membership) then send the check to:
PO Box 56223
Madison WI 53705-9523

We look forward to having you help encourage "the way people see the world" through your membership in The Friendship Force of Wisconsin.

MARY LINDQUIST, Membership Chair
(608)233-9351 lindgar@charter.net

FFW-Baku Azerbaijan Interviews Completed

Interviews for the Exchange are completed and Ambassadors will be announced soon. My sincerest thanks to the committee members who conducted the interviews. Kay Babcock was the chairwoman who organized the interviews. Assisting her were Paul Buckalew, Laurine Carstens, Judy Endle, and Fay Schoenemann. Without their help, we wouldn't be past the first step. Also, credit be given to those who braved the cold, especially the first night!

DONNA CALVERT, Exchange Director
608-233-7536 DOLLYCAL@aol.com

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Lou Martino
Madison WI 53711

2864 Lakeside St
608-467-2966



2009 CLUB ACTIVITIES

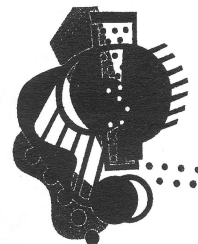
Monthly Board Meeting - Third Friday - 11:30 am
Everyone welcome - 615 E. Washington Ave., 2nd fl.

February 14 – Valentine Luncheon *
February 20 – Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline
March 14 – St Patrick's Luncheon *
FFW Presentations:
Tues. March 24 - McFarland Public Library 7-8:30 PM *
Wed. March 25 - Middleton Com. Center 10-11:30 AM *
Tues. March 31 - Madison Senior Center 12:30-1:30 PM

April 17-18 – Regional Conference Madison *
April 26 – Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon **
June – Mexico to Wisconsin - canceled *
July 18 – Annual Summer Picnic **
Aug 31 – Sept 15 – Wisconsin to Azerbaijan **

DID YOU KNOW ???

Take a look at what Bernie Long and his committee are planning on April 17 and 18 for the Friendship Force Midwest Regional Conference here in Madison. Wow!! It is terrific!!!



Let me recall for you that any time Madison Friendship Force plans an event, especially when it involves other Friendship Force Clubs, WE do an OUTSTANDING job!! People who have come still are exclaiming years later what a marvelous time they had here.

And for all you members, you too can have an outstanding time meeting Friendship Force members from other clubs, hearing what their clubs do that is different from us, making more good friends around the United States and also enjoy OUR Program for the couple of days. And it will be an honor to have George Brown our organization's President and CEO with us to excite us with all the great things FFI is doing in the World.

So see you there!!!!!!
MARGO LINDL, Historian

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February 2009
Valentine Lunch Feb. 14
Mexico Exchange canceled
Midwest Regional Conference

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Valentine Luncheon
Saturday, February 14, 2009
12:00 Noon



Tully's II 6401 Monona Drive Monona, WI

Menu Choices

Prime Rib Sandwich w/Onion Rings \$8.00
4-Piece Baked Chicken, Dressing, Gravy and Veggie \$9.20
Veggie Melt (broccoli, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, grilled on
Texas Toast, topped w/ Swiss & cheddar cheese and a pickle)
with chips \$6.80
with fries \$7.65

NAME: _____ Entree choice _____

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