

# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

## Changing The Way You See The World

February 2010



### Message from the President

**February** - What a wonderful month. We celebrate Valentines Day by recognizing our loved ones for who they are and what they mean to us.

The news of late has been dedicated to the people in Haiti. Do any of you belong to a service group that is helping with disasters around the world? Do any of you belong to a service group that is dedicated to helping people in a specific region? If so, we would like to hear from you.

**A "Thank You" from FFI** (Friendship Force International). Annually we are required to renew our Club Charter with FFI to remain in good standing. We have received a Thank You letter from FFI because we promptly paid our affiliation fee and sent in the 2010 Club Charter Renewal form on time.

You, as members, are now free to travel about the world with the Friendship Force Organization. FFW has been assigned only one outbound exchange for 2010. This Exchange to Costa Rica is now full. There are many more exchanges in other countries to choose from within the parent organization. To find out what these Exchanges are, check out "**The World of Friends**" Catalog on the [Friendshipforce.org](http://Friendshipforce.org) website.

**The Survey** - The survey is complete and is included in this newsletter. I can't stress enough how important this survey is for the survival of our club. **This is your club** and we want to be sure you are happy with the way things are run and make changes if necessary to have things run smoothly. We would really like to hear from you. Please take a moment to think about why you are a member and what is important to you. There is a space at the bottom of the survey where you can add your comments. The board thanks you for taking the time to answer this simple survey. It means a lot to us.

Lastly, at the last board meeting we established a **Nominating Committee** to help select next year's executive board. (President, vice-president, secretary & treasurer) We are looking for people that would like to see that their club continues to grow and help maintain our presence here in Madison. It is only a 1 year term with only 1 option of re-election to that position. Take my word for

it, it goes very quickly. You are welcome to attend our board meetings to see if this is something that you can do to help our club. If you are interested call one of the phone numbers on the address page of this newsletter. The board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at the Chamber of Commerce on East Washington Ave. The meetings begin at 11:30 am and usually last about 1 1/2 hours. Please join us to see how easily your club is run.

**In Friendship,**  
**MARY LINDQUIST, President**

### AUREVOIR MONTREAL

To my great disappointment, I had to accept the decision reached by the Montreal's Force de l'Amitie (Friendship Force) Club that a cancellation was in order. The Exchange was scheduled for the first week of June 2010 with a continuation to Sacramento for a second week. Unfortunately most of their members who had wanted to come at first changed their mind and only 2 showed an interest in the end.

To all who so willingly offered to host, to help with activities, and encouraged me, I give my heartfelt thanks. I can only say "a la prochaine fois".

**LISE SKOFRONICK, Exchange Director**

### Wisconsin to Costa Rica

The workshop held on January 9 was great. Dolly Ledin of Oregon WI and her exchange student Luis Dario Villalobos Castro gave a power point program about Costa Rica.

**The next workshop is Saturday, March 13 at the Pinney Library at 9:15 AM.**

**JUDI BLODGETT, Costa Rica Exchange Director**  
**608-244-8897      [jablodgett@charter.net](mailto:jablodgett@charter.net)**

## "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 2010 you are ready for the exciting year ahead. But if it says 2009, you have not renewed your membership and this will be your last newsletter. **December is when the dues were payable.** There are a few of you who 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:

**Friendship Force of Wisconsin  
PO Box 56223  
Madison WI 53705-9523**

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

## Friendship Force Outreach

There are several Friendship Force presentations scheduled in the upcoming months: on Tuesday, February 9, 2 pm, at Oakwood West, Helen Ann Rugowski is doing a program on S. Korea, on Friday, March 5, 1 pm, Jim & Shirley Lake are doing a presentation at the Goodman Center on Peru, on Monday, March 8, 1 pm, Fay Schoenemann is doing a presentation on Peru at Capital Lakes Retirement Community and on Friday, March 12, 1 pm, Jim and Shirley Lake are repeating their Peru program at the Lussier Community Education Center.

If you are a member of a group or club and would like to schedule a presentation, contact

**Margie Groom, Outreach Coordinator at  
608-516-2289 or margiepg@charter.net**

## World Friendship Force Day Potlucks

**To join in the World Friendship Force Day Celebrations during March 12, 13 & 14, call Paul by February 14.**

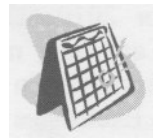
You have the opportunity to be a host or a guest. The host will arrange a pot-luck with the guests for the date chosen fitting the host's schedule. This may be Friday, March 12th, Saturday, March 13th or Sunday, March 14th.

To be a guest you will sign up indicating which date suits your schedule.

Call Paul Buckalew now and let him know whether you will be a host or a guest and which date you are available. When we have your names the planning begins.

**The deadline to be included is February 14, Valentine Day. Sign up NOW to participate in this event.**

**PAUL BUCKALEW - Activities Committee  
(608) 271 - 7626**



## 2010 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

February 14 - Valentine Luncheon \*  
March 13 - Workshop Wisconsin to Costa Rica \*  
March 12, 13, 14 - World FF Day Pot Lucks \*  
April 6 - 21, FFW to Costa Rica \*  
April 25 - Annual Business Meeting & Lunch \*\*  
May - Mystery Event \*\*  
June 17 - 23 FFW to Oklahoma \*  
July - Tucson to FFW \*\*  
July 22 - Annual Picnic \*\*  
October 16 - 19, 2010 FFI Conference \*

\* Information in this newsletter

\*\* Information to be announced or previously

## Friendship Force of Wisconsin-2010 Membership Survey

1) How many years have you been a member of this FF Club? 0-2\_\_\_; 3-10\_\_\_; 11-20\_\_\_; 21+\_\_\_

2) What, or who, motivated your joining this Club?

3) How many Outbound Exchanges have you been on? \_\_\_\_\_

4) How many times have you hosted Ambassadors in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

5) During the past 2 years, check each of the following activities in which you participated:

Mystery trip \_\_\_

Holiday Party \_\_\_

Fall Festival \_\_\_

Valentine luncheon \_\_\_

St. Patrick's luncheon \_\_\_

Annual Summer Picnic \_\_\_

FF on the Square \_\_\_

WHA-TV Campaign \_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_

Adopt a Highway \_\_\_

Home Host \_\_\_

Day Host \_\_\_

Silent auction donor \_\_\_

Potluck Host \_\_\_

Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

Exchange Director (specify destination) \_\_\_\_\_

Ambassador (specify destination) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Committees: Activities\_\_\_\_\_ Communication\_\_\_\_\_ Membership\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Historian \_\_\_\_\_ Store \_\_\_\_\_

Other contribution \_\_\_\_\_

6) Have you been satisfied with the activities of the Club?

Selection of board officers:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Selection of exchange directors:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Access to club documents, i.e. bylaws, policies, minutes, and financial reports:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please comment on any concerns or questions about the Board and its leadership.

7) Would you like to be an Ambassador? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Home Host? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Exchange Director? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ or Board Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

8) Give your suggestions for programs and activities relevant to the Club's mission: "To create an environment where friendships can be established across international borders."

Please return this form by February 14, 2010 to:

**Friendship Force of Wisconsin, Inc. Survey**

**PO Box 56223**

**Madison, WI 53705-9523**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

## Wisconsin to Oklahoma

The Friendship Force of Oklahoma has invited Friendship Force of Wisconsin to visit them from **June 17 - 23, 2010** and our Board accepted the invitation. The invitation has included this information. "This is the PREMIUM time because of the Red Earth Festival when 1,200 Native Americans in full costume come and dance and show their artistic wares (jewelry, paintings, crafts, etc. The festival is known world-wide, and every club we've "treated" to this event has been really happy at the opportunity!"

The distance to OK City is 828 miles with driving time 12 hours 35 min.

### I am looking for input:

I am interested in the Exchange ☐ Yes ☐ No  
I would plan to drive ☐ Yes ☐ No  
I would be interested in traveling by bus ☐ Yes ☐ No  
I would be interested in a stop-over visit with another club ☐ Yes ☐ No  
What club would you like to stay-over with?

Would you like to stay over in another city, going or returning, and staying at a motel? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Kansas City, MO ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Branson, MO ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Other suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

**JANE KESSENICH, Oklahoma Exchange**  
**Director 608-836-8429 jpkessenich@charter.net**

## Discover Southern Italy

I am a member of FF Lincoln Nebraska and exchange director for this International Exchange. There are still some openings for this exchange.

Discover Southern Italy is a Friendship Force International exchange to southern Italy. The dates for this exchange are May 18-29, 2010. Individuals will secure their own air transportation to Rome, which will permit flexibility for those who wish to spend more time in Rome. During the exchange we will travel by chartered motor coach.

Please go to <http://www.datapdq.com> for more information and the itinerary. The FFI application form can be printed from the above web site. The cost of the exchange is \$1892. International airfare is not included. I am still accepting applications, since I have a few openings.

**Richard Spencer, Exchange Director**  
**402-488-6930 [richspe@goitaly.net](mailto:richspe@goitaly.net)**

## Friendship Force World Conference

Washington, D.C.  
October 16 - 18, 2010

Welcome to the Nation's Capital! Friendship Force members from around the world are invited to register now for the 2010 World Conference in beautiful Washington, D. C. Saturday, October 16, - Monday, October 18 with all conference events taking place at the Renaissance Hotel. Come join us!

### Conference Highlights include:

**Building the Friendship Force of the Future.**  
**The Friendship Force as Citizen Diplomacy.**  
**Networking -with Friendship Force Leaders from Six Continents.**  
**Entertainment - Sunday's Gala Banquet.**  
**Explore Washington, D.D.**  
**Post Conference Homestay.**

### Some basic information:

**Conference Fee is \$280.**  
**Renaissance Hotel - Special Rate of \$199 per room, per night. (1/2 room for 2, 3 nights) = \$345.**  
**An optional four-night post-conference homestay in the region for an additional \$100.**

**Read about the conference and reserve your space at the Friendship Force 2010 World Conference now at**

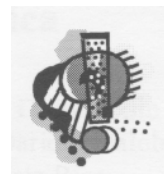
**[www.regonline.com/2010](http://www.regonline.com/2010) world conference.**

**If you are interested in attending and would like additional information from the board of directors, please contact our President Mary Lindquist (608) 233-9351 or Margo McKnight (608) 345-6827**

## DID YOU KNOW ????

Fill out the enclosed Survey and make arrangements to attend the Club's Valentine Party. Both are due on February 14th.

**Margo Lindl, Historian**

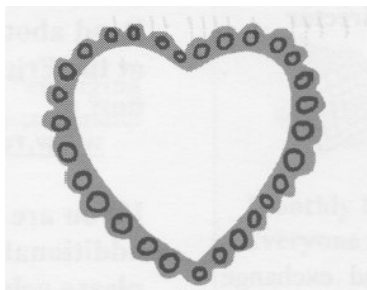


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February 2010  
Oklahoma Exchange  
Valentine Luncheon Reservation  
Pot Luck Sign Up

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## VALENTINE LUNCHEON

**Sunday, 14 February 2010**

**12:00 Noon**

**West Side Club 437 County Road M Madison, WI 53719**

**Cost: \$14.00 per person**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: Saturday, 6 February 2010**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Send check (payable to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin) and reservation form  
**to reach** Fannie Hicklin **no later** than **Saturday, 6 February 2010.**

Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705