

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

February 2011



A Message from the President

It's almost Valentines Day. Have you signed up to join us for the **Valentines Day Luncheon**? Remember; invite a friend, someone that might like to see first hand what FFW is all about. This is a good time to meet other FFW members. The cost is only \$15 per person. It's a very reasonable price for a wonderful meal and entertainment.

Here is something you don't see every day. There is a great quote that says, "Every 'no' gets you closer to a 'yes'." I read an article that suggested a great training manual to prepare you for the 'no's' you are sure to meet on your way to success is: **Green Eggs and Ham, by Dr. Suess.** How many times have you read this story to your children and grandchildren? First of all, "Sam I Am" is not the slightest bit phased by the constant series of no's he received. He simply offers the same item in a different package: with a boat, with a goat, with a box, with a fox, etc. A top salesperson never hears no. They listen to the tone of voice and they notice the mannerism. Then they make a different presentation with the same item. Equally interesting is the second character in the book, "Who" represents the customer. He is determined not to taste the green eggs and ham. He consistently says no, even though he has never tasted them before. He is determined not to have a new experience. Sam I Am wins the sale because of his persistence: The customer finally decides to test the product just to get rid of the salesperson. In the end, they both win. Sam I Am gets the sale and the customer loves the product – a double example of not getting stuck on no. The way to yes is to be open-minded, because it leaves room for yes to enter.

Now you must be wondering how this fits in with Friendship Force. Friendship Force people are open minded and welcome new experiences whenever we participate in an exchange. The no's we get are the ones from people that say, "How can you do that?" If we present our experiences in different packages, we

will be sure to attract a new member or two along the way. Keep talking up your experiences with your friends and the people you meet along the way. Some day they might hear something they like and take a peak at what Friendship Force is all about. **Be sure to share this newsletter with your family, friends and neighbors.** Maybe someday they will become a member and enjoy all the experiences that bring us together in Friendship Force.

One last item. We, here at FFW, are very flexible. Donna Calvert was contacted by the **Azerbaijan Club** to see if they could come in March instead of July. They said July was just too challenging to get 3 weeks off from work for most them. Let's help out Donna with making quick turn around plans and give them a great welcome in March.

See you at the Valentines Day Luncheon.

In Friendship,

Mary Lindquist, President





2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

February 13 - Valentine Party *

February 18 – Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline

February 19 – Interviews Azerbaijan *

March 5 – 12 Azerbaijan to Wisconsin *

April 3 – World Festival Celebration **

April 14 – 16, Midwest Regional Conference **

May 1 – Annual Meeting & Election of Officers **

July – 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

Turkey in 2011

Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey
September 27 – October 15, 2011

Interviews have been completed for the Uria, Turkey Exchange. We have a great group of Ambassadors ready to experience the culture of the Middle East, many for the first time.

We are almost to the maximum that our host families can accommodate, but right now we could take one more person. So if you've been thinking about it, but couldn't quite decide, this might be your last opportunity to join what could be one of our best exchanges ever. Our departure date will be either Sept. 27 or 28.

JERRY FULLER, Turkey Exchange Director
 608 846 5533 bjfuller@centurytel.net

BEST LAID PLANS CHANGED PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

The FF group from Azerbaijan has requested we change their dates to visit us to March 5-12, 2011.

The interviews for hosting will now be Saturday, February 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Pinney Library on Cottage Grove Road.

If you would like to day host, please call one of us. Possibly we might be asking if people could help take some of their group to Milwaukee. At this time, no more than 10 are expected so renting a bus to go there seems impractical. Are you wondering if they realize March in Wisconsin can be unpleasantly cold etc.? Their president does because she has been here in March. I just checked their temperatures in Baku during March; they range from 39.6 degrees to 49.6 degrees. Probably we have extra scarves and mittens we can loan them. I sincerely believe our group will give them the warmth that will make them comfortable.

If you have concerns, call Kay Babcock, who is in charge of the interviews, at 222-2111 or me.

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

Calling All Missing Vests

FFW is short a few FF vests. Please check your closets and see if you may have one of them. If so, Please return it to Maggie Dohm.

They may be needed for the next exchanges.

MAGGIE DOHM, Chairperson 608-274-7886

FFI Conference

The International Conference for 2011 will be in Hamburg, Germany August 26 – 30. Registration is now available on line at www.thefriendshiporce.org. Consider joining others to share ideas and experiences with international friends.

ATTENTION! APPLICANTS ARE WANTED FOR EXCHANGE DIRECTOR/BOARD MEMBERS for the 2012 Exchanges soon to be announced. A Board appointed committee will soon be selecting individuals to serve as Exchange Directors for the 2012 exchanges who will also serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. This is an exciting way to be involved in the goals of The Wisconsin Friendship Force. To be considered by the committee, please **complete the application and return to President Mary Lindquist by March 1, 2011. An information and interview meeting will be scheduled to answer any questions about the responsibilities of being an exchange director. Questions? Call Mary by March 1, 2011.**

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN

APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE DIRECTOR

Name _____ Day Phone _____

Address _____ Evening Phone _____

If employed, where? _____ Retired? _____

Kind of work you do or did? _____

What has been your Friendship Force involvement? _____

As an ambassador _____ As a host _____

Committee work: _____

Community involvement/work? _____

What skills/talents do you feel you could bring to a Friendship Force Directorship? _____

How would you recruit ambassadors or hosts for an exchange? _____

Return to: The Friendship Force of Wisconsin,
Mary Lindquist, President

5809 Julia Street, Madison, WI 53705
Questions? Call 608- 233- 9351

MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

April 14 – 16

**Carol Joy Holling Conference Center
Midway Between Omaha and Lincoln Nebraska**

Conference cost of \$250 includes lodging, all meals, refreshment breaks and materials.
The pre-conference themed exchange, “Taming the Wild West” is April 12 – 14 at a cost of \$280 per person.

Register by March 25

Contact Bob Wagner, P.O. Box 22702, Lincoln, NE 68542

Questions: Lee Rockwell at lrockwell@windstream.ne

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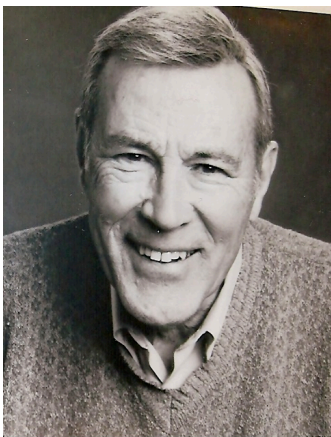
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February 2011
Valentine Party February 13 Reservation
Interviews for Azerbaijan to Wisconsin

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Valentine Entertainment at its Best

The February Friendship Force Luncheon is at the Westside Club, 427 County Road M, Madison, February 13 at 12 Noon. It will put you in the "loving mood". Songs by David Baltes and Margaret Lambert will have you humming along to the golden oldies. Send in your reservation to not only have an excellent luncheon with friends, but also the added enjoyment of putting a little love in your heart as David and Margaret serenade you with love songs on this pre-Valentine Day. **Cost: \$15.00 Deadline PLEASE February 5, 2011**



Send Reservation to: Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue. Madison, WI 53705 by Feb. 5. 2011

Names: _____ No. _____ @ \$15.00 _____