



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

February 2012



A Note from the President

It has been an eventful January. Sandi and I lucked out and managed to fly down to the Caribbean for a two-week cruise just before the first snow storm. Our only problem was that we both managed to contract colds in the last few days of the trip. Our travel companions however were not so lucky. The heat in their house went out causing the pipes to freeze. They came home to a house full of water. We really felt sorry for them.

I would like to thank Helen Ann Rugowski for presiding over the January board meeting. The Friendship Force of Wisconsin will have a very busy summer, which will include an incoming exchange from **Oregon in June**, an incoming exchange from **Trujillo, Peru in July**, and an incoming **Global food exchange in August**. With all these exchanges we will need all the help we can get in hosting, day hosting, and serving on committees to make these exchanges successful. I would like to request that everyone in the club be as generous with their time as possible when the ED's call for help. The selection committee is currently interviewing potential ambassadors for the **September Russian Exchange**.

The 2013 request we made to FFI were for exchanges to Argentina, Cyprus, and Sweden. FFI could not meet these requests. Instead they have offered us Vilnius, Lithuania or Manado, Indonesia. Either one would probably be a good exchange. I will try to get a feeling for which the membership would prefer during the Valentine Day party on February 12. I have been told that Manado is on the coast and professes to have a great reef with many fish. This may make an excellent winter trip. Vilnius is going to be old-world Europe.

Yours in Friendship,
George Wysock, President

Friendship Force of Wisconsin First Global Exchange

Our FFW is involved in some firsts this year, August 10-14 to be exact.

1. We will be welcoming a group of ambassadors from around the world, not from one FF group.
2. We will be coordinating our Exchange with two other FF Clubs, Northern Illinois and Greater Milwaukee.
3. We will using a theme, FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS – EXCHANGE RECIPES AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE AMERICAN MIDWEST.

If you would like to be involved with this special occasion, interviews for hosting will be held towards the end of April. Watch the FFW Newsletter for the dates, times, and places.

Also if you could volunteer to host for a breakfast or one lunch in order share an ethnic meal, it would be helpful and appreciated. The ambassadors will be with us for three days so we are very limited as to what all we can share about our Midwest heritage. Obviously a meal shared together is one of the best ways to share our cultures and ourselves with people from around our world.

If you would like to help, please contact me.
Donna Calvert, Wisconsin Exchange Director
233-7536 or DOLLYCAL@aol.com



2012 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

February 12 – Valentine Party *

February 17 – Board meeting, Newsletter Deadline

March 10 – St. Patrick Luncheon **

April 22– Annual Business Meeting **

May 26 – Russia Workshop **

June 23 – Russia Workshop **

July 9 - 15 – Trujillo Peru to Wisconsin *

July - Annual FFW Picnic **

August 10 – 14, 2012, Global Food Exchange *

August 25 – Russia Workshop **

September 2012 – Wisconsin to Moscow *

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced

Outreach Efforts

Mary Ann Fahl will be presenting a Friendship Force program at Bethany United at 6 PM on January 21. She will be speaking about FF in general.

Donna Calvert will speak at the Verona Library about Azerbaijan on February 8th at 8 pm.

If you are a part of a group and would like to have a travel program or share a Friendship Force experience contact Margie.

Margie Groom, Chairperson
608-56-2289 mgroom053@gmail.com

Nominating Committee

This is the time of the year when our nominating committee is recruiting persons to fill the officer positions of our club. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact one of the current officers listed on the address page of this newsletter.

Friendship Force Pledge

As a member of Friendship Force, I recognize that I can make a difference. I recognize that I have a mission and that mission is to be a friend to the people of the world. As I embark upon this adventure, I know that others will be watching me. I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and the people of other nations, the cause of friendship, love and peace can be furthered. I can make a difference.

Valentine Party

*If you hurry, you can still make
a reservation for the
fun social event.*

*Come and share a good time with
your fellow members and bring a
guest.*

FOUR (4) INBOUND GROUPS COMING THIS SUMMER!

Mid Willamette Valley Club, Columbia Cascade Club, Trujillo Peru, and Global visitors

Our club will be hosting about 20 Ambassadors from Mid Willamette Valley Club in Oregon and Columbia Cascade Club near Portland from June 14-20. Also joining us at that time will be the St. Louis, Missouri Club, where we went on a Mystery Trip in 2009. At this point, we don't know the number of Ambassadors from St. Louis. Gail Holmes is the ED for these three clubs.

From July 9-15, Ambassadors will be coming from Trujillo, Peru. This also could promise to be a large group. We're hoping to hear soon how many will be coming. Patrick Fleming is the Peru ED.

From August 10-14, the Global Exchange, Flavors of the Midwest will welcome members from around the world and the U.S. Donna Calvert is the Wisconsin Global ED, and she will be scheduling interview dates at a time closer to the exchange.

All of us will be looking to have a significant number of our club's membership help by home hosting and day hosting these many Ambassadors. Gail and Pat are also seeking volunteers to serve on committees to plan exciting and relevant agendas for these visits.

At the February 12 Valentine Luncheon, we will have sign-up sheets for you to express your interest. We are hoping that many of you will share your knowledge and expertise to make these exchanges memorable and welcoming for our guest clubs. Interview dates will be scheduled in late March. We really look forward to having you contact us at:

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Reservation for Valentine Party

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VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Sunday, 12 February 2012

12:00 Noon

West Side Club

437 County Road M

Madison, WI 53719

Cost: \$16.00 per person

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 February 2010

Name (s) _____



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

Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705