



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

January 2010



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just when you have things figured out, everything changes. That is what makes life interesting. If everything stayed the same, life would be boring. Do you remember when you joined Friendship Force? I do. When Friendship Force of Wisconsin (FFW) announced that they were going to Germany, I wanted to go too. My husband was stationed in Germany for 3 years. He loved it. I wanted to learn more about Germany and why he liked it there so much.

Back in the beginning of Friendship Force an Exchange had around 500 participants. There were 250 Ambassadors from the US that traveled to another country for a new cultural experience, while at the same time another 250 Ambassadors from that country came to our club. As time passed, the exchanges became smaller to around 20 - 30 Ambassadors. Today they have new programs called Global Exchanges.

A **Global Exchange** is an exchange where anyone in the world may participate. An example is the Great Lakes Eco-Exchange which was hosted by FF of Greater Milwaukee (FFGM). Participants began their exchange with a home hosting by the Chicago club and then moved on to the Milwaukee club with different eco-related themes each day. The exchange finished by staying in cabins along Lake Michigan that were owned by various members of FFGM.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to develop a theme and host a **Global Exchange here in Madison**? I would love to hear your ideas for a Global Exchange. Let's come up with something to showcase our beautiful city and state. We could also combine the exchange with other clubs in our area. If you would like to help regenerate our club, come forward and help us to "Attract International Exchanges". Give me a call with all your ideas. There are no bad ideas. Bad ideas are regenerated into good ideas.

There are many doors to be opened in the World of Friendship. Are you looking to travel and FFW is not going where you want to go? There is a "**World of Friends Catalog**" on the friendshipforce.org web site that gives detailed descriptions of an exchange. This catalog, along with the International website, replaces the Friendship

Force E-Flyer. This online catalog shows many of the exchanges that are available in which to participate. If you have a specific country that you would like to visit; you can also look on the friendshipforce.org website under Exchanges. Select the country of interest. If there is an exchange originating in the USA, and they are not full, simply contact the Exchange Director and list myself as the president of our club and also a reference.

What country would you like to learn more about? Where do you want to travel?

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.

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In Friendship

Mary Lindquist - President

World Friendship Force Day Potlucks

Join in the World Friendship Force Day Celebrations during March 12, 13 & 14, 2010.

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.

Sign up NOW to participate in this event.

Paul Buckalew - Activities Committee
(608) 271 - 7626

Holiday Luncheon 2009

The FFW Holiday Luncheon 2009 was at the Edgewater Hotel, Madison, on Saturday, 5 December. Attending were 51 members and guests including two members new since the 2009 Fall Festival: Patrick Fleming and Christine Kithingi. Legendary Friendship Force lively fellowship prevailed; the meal was bountiful and tasty. Margo Lindl and Lise Skofronick received prizes for being the Early Bird reservationists. Prizes of the table centerpieces were awarded at each table to the person whose birthday was nearest to 25 December.

Bristol England with FFGDM

Have you wanted to travel to Bristol, England and the timing was just not right. Well maybe you could join Friendship Force of Greater Des Moines (FFGDM). They are going in April 2010 and the sites include; the Cathedral, a 4th century Roman villa, university botanical gardens, Clifton Suspension Bridge and SS Great Britain, and much more! They have room for you.

Contact Faith Huitt, ED if you are interested. Her number is 515-276-1443

NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Ruth Knutson have moved to:
211 Owen Road # 400, Monona, Wis. 53716
New phone: 608-284-7350

Formerly: 430 Clearbrooke Ter. Cottage Grove

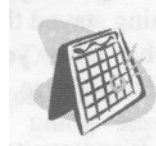
In Memoriam

Harold Gall, who passed away this past fall, was a FFW member for many years. He will be greatly missed.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OUTREACH

At 1:00 p.m. January 19, 2010, at the Middleton Senior Center and 1:00 p.m. January 26, 2010 at the Madison Senior Center Jane Kessenich will share pictures and tell of the Friendship Force of WI visit to Azerbaijan.

You are welcome to attend.



2010 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

January 9 - Workshop Wisconsin to Costa Rica *

January 19 - FFW Outreach *

January 26 - FFW Outreach *

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 2 - 9, Exchange from Montreal Canada **

July - Tucson to FFW **

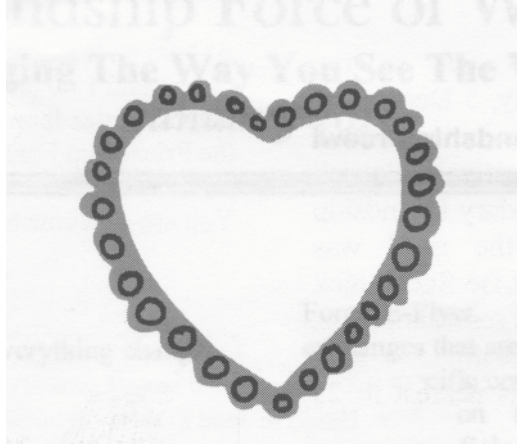
July 22 - Annual Picnic **

FFW to Oklahoma **

October 16 -19, 2010 FFI Conference **

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced or previously



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.

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January 2010
Costa Rica Workshops
Valentine Luncheon Reservation
Pot Luck Sign Up

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Wisconsin to Costa Rica

**Plans are now complete for the Costa Rica Exchange taking place
April 6 through April 21, 2010.**

**Workshops are being held on Saturday, January 9 at 9:00AM
and
Saturday, March 13**

**at the Pinney Library located in the
Shopping Center at Cottage Grove Road and Monona Drive.
All members are welcome to join us for the workshops.**

We are still taking a waiting list so please let me know if you are interested in being on the waiting list.

**Judi Blodgett, Costa Rica Exchange Director
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