



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

July 2010



A Message from the President

By the time you read this newsletter the Mystery Inbound Exchange will be over. The Ambassadors were from the Northern Illinois club. Gene Dewey and his committees did a wonderful job setting up new ideas for activities. I am sure that many friendships were renewed and there were many new friendships made. I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time. Look for Gene Dewey's article in the August Newsletter.

On June 9th, I invited everyone to a "Presidents Debriefing" meeting to discuss the latest from FFI. The meeting was well attended. The outcome from this meeting is a session where people will come together to discuss our future, or should I say "A Future Inbound Theme". We are looking for fresh ideas for several themes to entice Friendship Force members from around the world to come here to visit us in Madison. Would you like to help keep your club ALIVE and vibrant? See the 'Help Friendship Force of Wisconsin Design a New Way to Travel' article in this newsletter if you would like to help with FFW's future.

Do you remember why you became a FFW member? I asked this question at the Presidents' Debriefing meeting. We heard many answers. The most common answer was that they were **asked** to help out by hosting for an Exchange or a friend **asked** them if they would travel with them on an outbound Exchange. The experience was such a great experience. The simple activity of inviting total strangers in your home and in just one week you walk away with a friendship for life. These members still have that warm feeling today which is why they are still members of our club today.

Four of our regional clubs, Quad Cities, St Louis, Dubuque and Twin Cities, have been chosen for a pilot inbound exchange. They worked together to prepare a package that would prove attractive to ambassadors around the world.

The theme chosen is "Life on the Mississippi". Some of the activities include boating on the rivers crystalline headwaters, hiking high bluffs where eagles soar over the great river's valley and watching the waterfowl migration on the muddy flow where the Missouri & Illinois join the Mississippi. There are many other activities that were worked out between the four clubs. Keep checking the Friendship Force International (FFI) website for upcoming International Exchanges. You never know what type of Exchange will be out there.

In Friendship and see you at the Summer Picnic or one of the activities with the Tucson Exchange.

Mary Lindquist – President

NEW MEMBERS

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LET US BE SURE TO WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL PICNIC.

SHE WILL BE MISSED:

Helen Mollere recently passed away. Helen and her husband were very active for many years in FFW.

Friendship Force of Wisconsin Hosting Friendship Force of Tucson Exchange Registration/sign-up for Activities

These events are available to all FFW members. For questions, contact Nancy Mueller, E.D., at 608-838-3575 or RNMUELLER@yahoo.com.

Wednesday July 21

6:00 Gather for 7:00 Concert on the Square. Guest Artists: Yesterday, Beatles Tribute Band.. Come Together with friends and family as the "Fab Four" visit the Capitol Square. Listen to *I Wanna Hold Your Hand* and *Yesterday* and other Beatles' hits. We will save space near the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. and Main Streets. Stand with your back to Starbucks and look for the Friendship Force Banner. Bring your own blanket or chair and your own meal.

Thursday July 22

During the same time that FF Tucson will visit FF Madison, FF Birmingham will visit FF Milwaukee. It's a unique opportunity to meet members of other clubs. Joining us for a tour of Monona Terrace and the Wisconsin State Capitol or enjoy lunch together at the Madison Senior Center, 2nd floor, 330 W. Mifflin.

9:15 Meet at Monona Terrace for tour, then State Capitol tour \$4 x () = \$ _____

12:45 Meet at Madison Senior Center for catered lunch \$10 x () = \$ _____

Thursday July 22 Note: Date and time change

3:00-4:00 Tour of First Unitarian Society Meeting House \$5 x () = \$ _____
(includes Frank Lloyd Wright designed building and awarding winning, environmentally friendly "green" addition)

Monday July 26 NOTE DATE CORRECTION

To complete a day of touring, Tom and Nancy Mohs, friends of Barbara Banks, FF Tucson E.D, have graciously offered their country home's renovated barn for the farewell party. Located in rural Barneveld, you can sit and enjoy the landscape, hike the hillside or walk the prairie before dinner. Perhaps Frank Lloyd Wright walked here.

Bus tour of local communities ending with the farewell dinner \$50 x () = \$ _____
at a country home in Barneveld. Day includes: tour Stoughton Opera House,
tour Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship Center, lunch at DeBroux's Diner ,
"retail therapy at chocolate shop", tour of historic train depot in Ridgeway.
Leave Madison at 8:30a and return back to Madison by 9:00p.
(First preference to hosts - 25 spaces available)

OR

I'll drive on my own and attend the 6 p.m. farewell dinner at a \$15 x () = \$ _____
country home in Barneveld. Details/directions will be sent to you.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Mail to: Judi Blodgett
2821 Sommers Ave #1, Madison WI 53704

244-8897 jablodgett@charter.net
by JULY 7, 2010

Help Friendship Force of Wisconsin Design a New Way to Travel

Our Club has been invited by Friendship Force International to develop new ways to promote Global Exchanges using specific themes. The FFW Board wants to send 1-2 theme-based programs to FFI yet this fall. These themes include: Wisconsin Waterways, AirVenture (EAA), Quilting/Fabric Stitchery (based around Quilt Expo), Frank Lloyd Wright in Wisconsin, Wisconsin Gardens, Art including glass, and Wisconsin beer, wine and cheese

If you have a specific knowledge about one of these themes, consider volunteering. You would attend a brainstorming session on two possible dates: Saturday July 30th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM or Monday August 2nd from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. A light meal will be furnished. At the end of the 4-hour planning session, each team of 4-5 will have crafted a 5-7 day schedule that will be reviewed by the FFW Board. Several of these themes will be sent to FFI for approval to be offered as international exchanges in 2012.

By being involved you will help our club attract new members, entice ambassadors to travel to Wisconsin, keep our local club vibrant and learn more about our local attractions.

Please give serious consideration to this new creative idea. Contact Nancy Mueller at 608-838-3575 or by email RNMUELLER@yahoo.com to volunteer or give ideas.



2010 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monthly Board Meeting - Third Friday - 11:30 am
Everyone welcome - 615 E. Washington Ave., 2nd fl.
July 16 - Board Meeting

July 20 - 27, Tucson to Wisconsin *

July 22 – Annual Picnic *

October 16-19, 2010 FFI Conference **

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced or previously

Upcoming Exchange Opportunities Through Friendship Force International

Are you in need of a FF Exchange Experience? Here are a couple of upcoming exchanges that are ready and waiting for you to apply:

September 7-21, 2010 – The FF of Oklahoma is being hosted by **Varel, Germany and Zutphen Netherlands**. The cost is estimated at \$1600 which included airfare, train fare and 2 weeks home hosting. There is an optional day of tours in Amsterdam before or after the home stays. Contact Joyce Rulon at 405-733-1191 or joyspath@cox.net

November 30 – December 10, 2010 – The FF of **Bogota Columbia** invites you to join them as an ambassador for the Global Exchange. Capital of Columbia is a modern city with the Gold Museum, The Salt Cathedral and Monserrate Hill and is the charm of Latin people. You can have as many cups of coffee as you wish and visit the land of the first producer of emeralds. Visiting **Cartagena** is also part of the program which is a must visit place. Contact Beverly Lytle at 515-222-1504 if you are interested.

Hosting Needed: Please contact Dr. Patrick Fleming at Edgewood College at 608 663 3319 or pfleming@edgewood.edu if you or anyone you know could host an exchange student this term. She is 17, an accomplished student, from the Netherlands and speaks fluent English.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

I was an ambassador to Azerbaijan. Several of my tripmates expressed interest in and are supporting projects of an organization I assist. They thought it may be of interest to the FF membership. It is the Liberian Assistance Program (LAP). We are pursuing education projects in Liberia, West Africa, one of which is building an elementary school. Information and photos are on our website, www.liberianassistanceprogram.org.

We are a 501(c)(3) incorporated in Wisconsin.

JANE SCHARER, Vice Chair
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Annual Picnic Reservation Deadline July 15

Presidents' Debriefing

Arizona to Wisconsin signups

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
ANNUAL SUMMER ALL CLUB PICNIC
Thursday, July 22, 2010 LAKEVIEW PARK MIDDLETON

Allen Boulevard and Mendota Avenue
Park reserved at 4:00 PM

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Pig Roast



**Furnished: Meal of pork, barbecued
chicken, baked beans Cole slaw, potato salad, dessert,
lemonade and tableware**

Cost per person: \$9.00
Non FF members cost: \$10.00
(Children 5 and under – free)

DEADLINE: Thursday, JULY 15

NAME BADGES ARE A MUST! Look for new members or those you don't recognize and get acquainted.
After all this is what Friendship Force is about.

Send this reservation form and payment by Thursday, July 15 so we can place the order.

Send to: Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705

Questions: 608-233-5748

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC RESERVATION

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Picnic Reservation

for _____ Guests _____

Number attending @ \$9.00 each = \$ _____

Non Members att. @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: The Friendship Force

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