



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing the Way You See the World

June 2013



## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Warm weather has arrived and we are in the midst of cleaning up all the damage delivered by the winter. We lost a whole row of arborvitae which screened our house from the road and had damage to a corner planting courtesy of a city snow plow. I hope that your spring cleanup has been better than ours. We even took a Madison College landscape architecture class to help redesign the damaged beds. As of today one bed has been replaced and the other remains to be done. Our summer will be filled with travel, golf, gardening and Friendship Force exchanges.

I am now officially a "lame duck" president; a new board has been elected and they will take their positions in September. I will be trying to find an exchange director for the 2014 incoming exchange from Brazil. As an ex-president I will be working on recruiting for various club positions. I hope everyone will be generous with their time and help support our events. This year we still have two incoming and two outgoing exchanges for the summer and early fall. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to participate.

In Friendship,

**George Wysock, President**

### EXCHANGE DIRECTOR NEEDED

We have been offered and accepted for the month of October 2014 an incoming exchange with Campinas Brazil. If you are interested in this Exchange Director position, please let me know so you can be included in the selection process. My e-mail address is [georgewysock@msn.com](mailto:georgewysock@msn.com).

**George Wysock, President**

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## 2013 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

**June 2 - WI Public Television Auction\*\***

**June 3 - Crafter's Group Meeting\***

**June 13-21 - Urla Turkey Inbound Exchange\***

**June 26 - Host dinners for International Visitor Leadership Program\***

**July 5-19 - Oregon/Washington Outbound Exchange\*\***

**August 31-September 18 - Indonesia Outbound Exchange\*\***

**September 28 - Adopt A Highway\***

**September 2013 - Vyborg, Russia Inbound Exchange\*\***

**November 23-25 - World Conference, New Orleans\*\***

**February 2014 - Tucson/Phoenix Outbound Exchange \***

**October 2014 - Campinas Brazil Inbound Exchange\***

**2014 - Berlin/Vilnius Outbound Exchange\***

\* Information in this newsletter

\*\* Information to be announced later or previously announced

## RETURN VESTS PLEASE!

We have a recurring problem with members not returning the FF vests after Exchanges. I am missing several and would like them returned sooner rather than later to me (608-833-1312) or to any Board member.



**Maggie Dohm, Keeper of the Vests**



## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Our club has been approached by the International Institute of Wisconsin to dinner host individuals on Wednesday evening, June 26. The group of 16 visitors are from the State

Department and are here for a two-week training program for US Embassy Staff. The visitors are information services personnel/librarians and will be housed at a Madison area hotel. Our organizations share the common themes of home hospitality and citizen diplomacy. For more information on the Institute search [www.iiwisconsin.org](http://www.iiwisconsin.org) and select menu item, International Visitor Leadership Program.

Please contact me if you would like to host a dinner for one of more, or with any questions about this opportunity for cultural exchange. Among the 16 different countries represented are: Vietnam, Fiji, Laos, India, Liberia, Cuba, and Brazil. All speak English. Hosts need to be able to arrange transportation for their dinner guest(s) to and from the hotel.

**Helen Ann Rugowski, 608-238-9731**



## ARIZONA OUTBOUND EXCHANGE 2014

Arizonans learned about the five Cs in elementary school: cattle, citrus, climate, copper and cotton. Those who travel to Tucson in February 2014 will learn about them too. The Tucson - South Arizona Friendship Force club visited

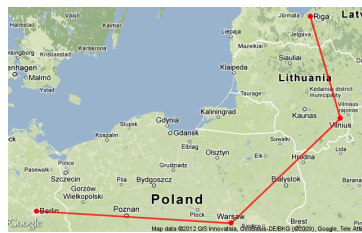
Madison in 2010. They are a small club with about 50 members and can host 15-20.

The specific dates are yet to be confirmed but the event we will incorporate into our schedule is the 89th Tucson Rodeo Days' Parade on February 20.

There will be a second home stay with the Phoenix area Friendship Force Club. Because of the Wisconsin connection to Frank Lloyd Wright we will likely tour Taliesin West.

More details will be in the July newsletter.

**Nancy Mueller, Exchange Director**



## BERLIN/VILNIUS OUTBOUND EXCHANGE 2014

Friendship Force International has offered our club an exchange to

Berlin and Vilnius in 2014. Berlin has a well established club and this portion is clearly doable.

Vilnius would be a new club. We have not been offered any names of contacts in Vilnius to get us started on helping to mentor such a new club. In order to make this part of the exchange happen, we need to find a contact person in Vilnius who would be interested in working with our club to spread the Friendship Force idea in that city. Ideally, the person should have an international outlook, be curious, and be comfortable with the idea of hosting strangers to foster cultural understanding.

Would one of you know such a person? **HELP!**

**Lise Skofronick and Stephanie Sorensen, Exchange Directors**



## NEWSLETTER SURVEY UPDATE

A survey was taken at our April 29 annual meeting to help the board determine a cost effective format for our club newsletter. There were 49 surveys completed; 32 preferred receiving the newsletter only online, and 17 preferred continuing to receive the newsletter by US Postal Service. Half of those choosing the online newsletter only also preferred a reduction in their annual dues. A large number also added helpful comments for our consideration.

The board remains committed to ensuring every member receives the monthly newsletter. Subsequently, there will be no change during calendar year 2013. We do anticipate that in 2014 members will be able to choose to continue the mailed newsletter with full dues or to receive it online only with reduced dues but with the option to continue paying full dues also.

**Helen Ann Rugowski**



## CLUB PINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$2

To purchase, contact our sales volunteer, Fannie Hicklin (608-233-5748). Pins can also be purchased at club activities.



## FAREWELL DINNER/POTLUCK FOR FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF URLA, TURKEY



### RESCHEDULED AND LOCATION CHANGED

New Date - Thursday, **June 20**, starting at 5:00 PM  
New Location - **Messiah Lutheran Church**  
5202 Cottage Grove Road, Madison 53716

All are welcome: bring friends, family and a dish to share!

*A small donation to pay for the facility will be appreciated and accepted at the event.*

Please let us know that you are coming by emailing us at [mcbabula@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcbabula@sbcglobal.net), calling Mary Mastaglio at 608-241-0212 or mailing the following form to Mary Mastaglio, 1818 Jenifer St., Madison, WI 53704 by **Thursday, June 6.**

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending      Type of dish, snack or beverage \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_



### URLA, TURKEY EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES, JUNE 13-21, 2013

All club members are welcome to join us for any of the activities planned. Please refer to your May 2013 paper newsletter or the newsletter on the website [www.ffwis.org](http://www.ffwis.org) for the activity form. Please note these corrections to the form: Friday date is June 14, Saturday date is June 15 with an addition of Monona Terrace tour fee of \$2.00, and Sunday date is June 16. **Activities form and payment are due by Thursday, June 6.**

Picnic date is also changed to Thursday, June 20 with details described above.

Mary Mastaglio, Exchange Director



### CRAFTER'S GROUP

Monday, June 3, 1:30 PM at the home of Patty Kexel, 241 S. Main St., Oregon (608-835-

5430). Project is folded paper photo books (13 books) to be given as gifts to the Turkey Ambassadors visiting us June 13-21. Please let the hostess know, if you are planning to come.

Please share this information with other club members.

Helen Ann Rugowski

## In Loving Memory



Ronald "Ron" Blodgett

Death date: May 19, 2013

Wife Judith is a current member. Full obituary, WSJ May 20, 2013 or [www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com)

### HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Thank you to the group of enthusiastic and hard working women and men who pitched in to clean our section of Hwy 12 from Parmenter to CTH K on May 11. We collected about 13 bags of stuff, a lot of beverage containers and paper products. The group included Neil Denton, Jan Weber, Mary Lou Martino, George Wysock, Dick Walker, Lucy Lasseter, Ed Reid, and Pat Fleming. It did not rain but it sure was windy



Mark your calendars for our next outing, Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Don Gostomski

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June 2013  
Urla, Turkey Inbound Exchange Farewell Picnic Form  
Annual Summer Club Picnic Form



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**The Friendship Force of Wisconsin**  
*Annual Summer Club Picnic*  
*Pig Roast*

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Lakeview Park Shelter, Middleton      Park reserved at 4:00 PM  
Allen Boulevard and Mendota Avenue      Dinner at 6:00 PM



Cost: \$12.00 -- (Includes meal of pork, barbecued chicken, baked beans, fruit salad, cole slaw, potato salad, dessert, lemonade and tableware)

*Members are asked to bring items for Silent Auction*

**Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than Tuesday, July 9.**

-----cut and return with payment 

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending x \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a ride      \_\_\_\_\_ I can provide a ride

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: The Friendship Force  
Mail to: Fannie Hicklin, 3814 University Avenue, Madison WI 53705      Questions? 608-233-5748