



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

*March 2011*



## A Message from the President

Are you ready for the March Madness – that is the crazy weather we have in March? Some of the snowbirds are thinking of packing up and heading home while others say, “not yet, it could still snow up there.”

Our Valentines Day Luncheon was very well attended. One thing I like is that each meeting we sit with someone different. This time Fannie's table assignment came from drawing a small package of heart shaped candy from a basket. Each little package had a table number on it. You get to know different people at each meeting. The meal was fantastic. There were so many good foods that if you went home hungry it was your own fault. The music was by “Young At Heart”, featuring Margaret Lambert and David Baltes. They sang many lovely songs to warm our hearts for Valentines Day. **Florence Folbrecht** received a heart shaped box of candy for being the first person to send in their reservation. **Susan Becker** won the drawing, which was a one-year membership to our club. Susan and Rad are the first to renew for the year 2012. Congratulations to Susan and Florence. Who will be the next winners?

Now here is what you have been waiting for or maybe you know already. **We have our 2012 Exchange assignments.** Friendship Force International has offered us two wonderful experiences for 2012. The first one is an **Outbound Exchange to a new club in Russia.** This outbound Exchange is scheduled for September 2012. What a wonderful opportunity for ambassadors to show our new hosts what a wonderful organization Friendship Force is.

The second exchange is an **Inbound Exchange from Trujillo, Peru.** The inbound exchange is scheduled for June 2012. This is a great opportunity to host someone and learn about their country with out leaving your living room or should I say the kitchen table?

And Lastly - Now is the time to send in your reservation to the **Midwest Regional Conference.** This conference is open to everyone. It is a great way to meet members from other clubs. Some day you may be traveling with another club and you will have already made friends with them. Look for the registration form in this newsletter.

In Friendship,  
**Mary Lindquist, President**

## Exchange Directors Needed

We currently are in need of Exchange Directors (ED) for 2012. They are for the Outbound Exchange to a new club in Russia in September 2012, an Inbound Exchange from Trujillo Peru in June 2012 and we are also looking for an ED for an Inbound Global Exchange for August 2012. The Global Exchange will be coordinated with the Milwaukee Club along with one or two other clubs. The Theme for the Global Inbound Exchange is “Midwest Food Exchange”. If you would like to be an ED, please complete the ED Application and send it to me ASAP. We would like to get started working on these exchanges. Don't be afraid of going it alone. There are many people on the board of directors to help you out. I would love to Mentor someone with an exchange and help you through the process.

**Mary Lindquist, President**

## Food Exchange A First

Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee has invited us and one other FF group to join them in a two-week global exchange in August 2012. Our Board has enthusiastically accepted the invitation.

Now we need an eager committee to put together ideas for activities while Ambassadors from around the world visit us.

There is no end to the possibilities. It is hoped we will have activities ranging from hands on activities to volunteerism and a multitude of ideas between. Our only limits are our imaginations. We would coordinate with Milwaukee and another club so there would be no needless repetition.

If you are interested, please contact me by Thursday, March 17 so I can relate to the FFW Board if we can plan to actively participate in this joint venture with Milwaukee.

I can be reached at 233-7536 and [DOLLYCAL@aol.com](mailto:DOLLYCAL@aol.com).

**Donna Calvert**

# FF Midwest Regional Conference - April 14-16

## Optional Pre-Conference Experience aboard the Magic Friendship Bus, April 12-14

Join your fellow members of the other mid-western Friendship Force clubs for varied social activities, promotional strategies, hot topics, social media and much more. If you care to start early on April 12 for the pre-conference event, prepare to enjoy:

- Pre-Historic Times: Ashfall Fossil Beds
- Settling of the West: Fort Hartsuff
- Nebraska's Sandhill Cow Country, 2011
- Cattle Branding
- Modern day feed lot
- The Abundant Water Resources
- A Birder's Paradise

**Complete details: <http://www.friendshipforcinelcoln.org/>. Signup deadline is April 1, 2011**

## Registration for the Midwest Regional Conference and or Magic Friendship Bus

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference Center \_\_\_\_\_ Home Hosting

Conference Fees: \$236 X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Conference Exchange: \$280 X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

Single Supplement cost for Burwell Hotel Room \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to **Lincoln Friendship Force** and mailed **no later than March 25, 2011.**

Send to: Bob Wagner, PO Box 22702, Lincoln, NE 68542

For Conference Questions, contact Lee Rockwell at [lrockwell@windstream.net](mailto:lrockwell@windstream.net)

Supplemental Information \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Preferred roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies or particular diet, health, or medical conditions that require special considerations:

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## AZERBAIJAN EXCHANGE CANCELED

Plans for the inbound exchange from Azerbaijan had to be canceled. It is my hope that we can have an exchange with their FFA group in July/August, 2012.

By the time we received notice, it was too late to get it into the last Newsletter and also months too late to make a request for 2011. I so hope no one was inconvenienced by the sudden change of plans.

Most of all, I wish to thank the people who helped plan activities for July and then for March. I have kept our plans so that we can use them later, hopefully. For those hoping to host the Ambassadors, thanks for your offers of help also.

It is my sincerest hope that we can bring our groups together in 2012.

**Donna Calvert, Exchange Director**

## Turkey in 2011

### Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey

The dates are confirmed. We will leave Madison on Sept 27 and return to Madison on Oct 15. Flights have been booked, travel insurance has been purchased, and the 10 day tour after the 7 day home stay is being tweaked, attempting to take in as many of the amazing Turkish attractions as possible in our short time there.

Twenty-eight Ambassadors will go to experience the Middle East culture. If you are still thinking Turkey, but were too late to apply, call me now to get on the wait list.

**JERRY FULLER, Turkey Exchange Director**  
**608 846 5533 [bjfuller@centurytel.net](mailto:bjfuller@centurytel.net)**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following persons have graciously accepted the nominating committee's request for their service. The committee is pleased and grateful to present the following slate of officers for 2011, Election to be conducted May 1, 2011.

**President:** George Wysock  
**Vice President:** Helen Ann Rugowski  
**Secretary:** Mary Lou Martino  
**Treasurer:** Margo McKnight

Article VI of the by-laws:

Section 3 - Only Members who are present may vote.

Section 4- The Chairperson shall receive further nominations from the floor with the written consent of the nominee.

**Respectively submitted: George Wysock, Chairperson  
Committee: Margo McKnight, Sandi Wysock**

### **NOMINEES:**

#### **PRESIDENT: GEORGE WYSOCK**

I graduated from the University of Iowa in Accounting and Economics, and have worked as a corporate accountant with General Electric Co. and Honeywell Co. and as a governmental accountant with the state of Wisconsin. I retired in June 2007 to pursue other interests such as photography and woodworking. I am married to Sandi and have two grown sons. For hobbies I enjoy camping, hiking, travel and golf. Since retirement we have taken two trips with the Friendship Force. Our first trip was a local exchange to Great Falls Montana, and the second was an international exchange to Costa Rica. We are looking forward to participating in the October international exchange to Turkey.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT: HELEN ANN RUGOWSKI**

I have been a member of the Friendship Force since 2000 and have served as secretary for the past two years. During this period, I have traveled with our club members to Scotland, South Korea, Sherbrooke/Quebec, Canada and most recently to Trujillo, Peru on a mystery trip exchange. I home hosted in November 2000 when the FF International Conference was held in Madison and was thrilled for the opportunity to shake hands and go jogging with Jimmy Carter. I retired in 2008 and now wish to become more involved in hosting as well as continuing to be a FF ambassador. As it's evident I have received far more than I've given over the years, I am submitting my name for vice president.

### **SECRETARY: MARY LOU MARTINO**

I am the daughter of French Canadian immigrant parents. I was born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. I lived in Madison 30 years ago and returned after retirement from being a Waukesha County Public Health Nurse. My son, daughter in law and two grandchildren who live in McFarland are the magnets that have brought me back to the Madison area. I have a daughter who lives in Brookfield, WI and a second son in Washington, D.C.

I have been a member of FF for about 3-4 years after meeting up with the club at a Farmer's Market. My first trip was the mystery trip to St. Louis and the second to Costa Rica last year. I served on the board of my neighborhood association. I belong to Who's New in Madison and PLATO. I'm looking forward to becoming more actively involved with FF and have agreed to run for secretary in the next term. If I haven't met you yet, then I am looking forward to meeting you soon!

### **TREASURER: MARGO MCKNIGHT**

I have been a member of the Friendship Force since 1983. Over the years I have served two terms as vice president as well as two terms as treasurer. Had the privilege of being the exchange director for the Sweden Exchange.

Attended Regional Conferences as well as International Conventions both abroad and domestic. Besides traveling to such areas as Russia, Asia and Europe as an ambassador I have home hosted and been involved with several exchanges as a support person.

Traveling with the Friendship Force as an Ambassador, or hosting, creates unforgettable experiences, by sharing of our self, our homes, our families and helps to dispel fears of each other.

### **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.

## Discover a New Way to Travel

Through the powerful tool of Home Hospitality the Friendship Force introduces people at the personal level. Living under one roof for 5 to 7 days, sharing meals, exchanging ideas and people become friends.

Staying in a private home and sharing the routines of daily life changes you from a tourist to a temporary resident as you gain a profound understanding of another culture.

Traveling the Friendship Force way gets you off the tourist track and straight into real life. Join an exchange that originates in your hometown or select from a wide range of opportunities on our international website –

[www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org) Here are a few examples:

- Experience a little bit of Germany by home hosting a person or family here in the Madison area from Norderstedt Germany this September 2011.
- Explore the famous gardens of Cornwell in May 2011.
- Discover a side of Niagara you've never seen...by bicycle in June 2011.
- Your destination awaits you. Where do you want to go?

Travel to your destination independently or with a small group led by a volunteer leader called an Exchange Director. Learn about the customs and history of the host country during cultural workshops. Get to know your hosts and become a part of the family and their community as an insider and personal guest, not as a tourist. Wander the neighborhoods, visit historic sites, and share in everyday activities. Return home with a deeper understanding of another culture and new friendships that will last a lifetime!

One Friendship Force exchange will permanently change the way you read and watch the news. Distant places are no longer vague dots on the map. They are now the home of your new friends.

Not ready for international travel, we also visit and host clubs within the United States.

To receive more information about the Friendship Force of Wisconsin, visit [www.ffwis.org](http://www.ffwis.org) or email us at [ffofwi@charter.net](mailto:ffofwi@charter.net)

### Quick Facts

244 exchanges were conducted in 2009 with 3,877 ambassadors traveling.  
More than 2,500 families across the globe served as hosts.

346 chartered clubs and programs in 59 countries on 6 continents with more than 18,000 members worldwide.  
Friendship Force is a volunteer-driven organization.

More than 1,500 volunteer leaders work more than 30,000 hours each year to promote the Friendship Force mission.

Almost 225,000 ambassadors and 750,000 hosts have participated in Friendship Force programs since 1977.

# FFI Mission

## Mission

To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people

## Values

Mutual Respect • Cultural Diversity • Cultural Exploration • Service

## Vision

Each individual will make a contribution to global goodwill.

The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals will overcome differences among people and nations.

By connecting the world, one friend at a time, we will create a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.

## Slogan

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## Tagline

Explore • Understand • Serve

Explore: We explore new countries and regions. We explore new cultures and new ways to connect across the barriers that separate us.

Understand: By sharing a home, meals, conversation and everyday experiences, people become friends, seeing beyond governments and borders into the heart of a country and its people. By combining home hospitality with cultural exploration, we reach a new level of understanding.

Serve: Exploration leads to understanding. Understanding leads to an acceptance of our common humanity and the desire to serve our global village—with words and actions.



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**New Member Orientation**  
**Nominating Committee Report**

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Secretary:	Helen Rugowski	238-9731
Treasurer:	Diana Long	849-5592
Newsletter:	Janet Lonergan	592-3336

## **Member Orientation**

**Hello fellow members. Do you feel lost being a member? Not know what is happening? Come join us for an Ethnic Pot Luck dinner.** The discussion will be open and informal. You can ask any question you want. Some questions are: How does an Exchange work? How do you decide where the Friendship Force travels to or receive hosts from?

If you would like to know more about the Friendship Force, please feel free to come and enjoy an Ethnic Pot Luck dinner. We look forward to meeting you, learning about your interests and answering your questions.

**When:** Thursday, March 24, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Where:** The Lindquist's  
5809 Julia St, Madison WI 53705

**What:** Bring your favorite Ethnic Dish to Pass (service for 10-12)

**RSVP:** By Monday, March 21, 2011  
608-233-9351 or send an email to [marylindquist@charter.net](mailto:marylindquist@charter.net)