



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

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March 2013



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a busy February for the Friendship Force of Wisconsin and many of its members. Sandi and I just returned from a very relaxing cruise to the Caribbean. After 10 days with all the facilities of the ship available to her, Sandi is missing her waffles in the morning and the house elf that makes the bed and leaves chocolates for her every day. Somehow this service is not happening at home and that is a great disappointment to her.

The FFW completed an Open World Exchange with five delegates, one translator, and one facilitator. Their schedule was jam packed with some of the usual tourist sites and 32 hours worth of meetings with Wisconsin legislators, the governor, the county executive, mayor, and grass roots organizations. I would like to thank Sandy Drew for putting together an excellent program and the drive to make this exchange a success. I hope you had an opportunity to meet our guests during one of their social events.

2013 is going to be another busy year. The next exchange will be the incoming exchange from Turkey in June. I understand there will be 21 ambassadors. Many are friends we made during our 2011 visit to Turkey. We are looking forward to seeing them again and returning the hospitality. Our outgoing exchange to Indonesia will be in September. If there is any interest in working on these projects please let Mary Mastaglio (ED for Inbound Turkey) or Ariel Ford (ED for outbound Indonesia) know.

In Friendship,

George Wysock, President



2013 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

March 2 - Turkey Exchange Interviews, Pinney Library*

March 13 - Turkey Exchange Planning Committee Meeting, Sequoia Library*

April 10 - FFW Crafting Sisters Group Information Meeting*

April 28 - Annual Meeting and 35th Anniversary Celebration, Coliseum Bar**

June 13-20 - Urla Turkey Inbound Exchange*

September 2013- Indonesia Outbound Exchange*

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

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced later or previously announced



**A Note from your Vice-President--
Helen Ann Rugowski**

RE Electronic and/or Paper Newsletter

The February newsletter included a notice that our board is discussing the format of our newsletter and a request for your input before making any changes. A sincere thank you to the 12 households that responded, however, this is less than 10% of our membership. It's not too late to make your voice heard! Please respond to me at 238-9731 or email me at haharrin@hotmail.com.

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Urla, Turkey Friendship Force Visit --June 13-20, 2013

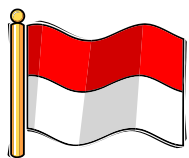
We are still looking for hosts for this exchange. Interviews are being held

Saturday, March 2 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Pinney Branch Library. If you have questions about the interviews or being a host, call Mary Mastaglio at 241-0212 or Betty Fuller at 846-5533.

Jane Kessenich is coordinating dinners for the week of June 13-20. If you are willing to host a dinner for a small or large group, please contact her at 836-0324.

The planning committee is meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 AM at the Sequoia Branch Library.

Mary Mastaglio, Exchange Director



Outbound Exchange to Malang and Samarinda, Indonesia September 2013

Dates are still to be determined but we do have some information for you. The first week of the exchange will be a visit to Melang. Cost for the land portion **only** will be approximately \$1200. We are recruiting people from other clubs to join us. For that reason ambassadors are on their own to make travel arrangements, but there will be a central meeting place upon arrival in Indonesia.

Co-exchange directors are Fannie Hicklin (608-233-5748) and Ariel Ford (608-334-9032). Please feel free to contact either of them.



FFW Announces Multi-Club Global Theme Exchange for 2014

The second Multi-Club Global Exchange with the theme **Arts/Architecture** has been approved by the FFW Board. Joining us as hosts are the Greater Milwaukee and Northern Illinois FF clubs.

It is our desire to bring fellow FF members from around the world to experience our Midwest culture. The dates will be negotiated between the groups to avoid overlapping of exchanges. At this time, the guests will probably be with us four days. The next step is to form the appropriate committees.

Our first Multi-Club Global Theme Exchange in 2012 was successful because of the effort of so many of you and the help of local business. If you have questions or would

like to help with the hosting process, to plan the workshop, to be the treasurer, or to plan activities, please contact me at 608-233-7536 or dollycal@aol.com by March 31. Whether you are new to participation or experienced, your efforts and time will be most welcomed.

Donna Calvert, Exchange Director

Exchange Director Recruitment Time

Come forward and give back to the organization that you love so much.

Would you like to help with exchanges in 2014? Yes, 2014. Your organization is looking for people that can help make the exchanges happen. There are positions starting with being an Exchange Director (ED), to planning, to hosting, transportation or even hosting a dinner.

The two official exchanges for 2014 are: an outbound exchange assigned by FFI to **Berlin Germany & Vilnius Lithuania** and the inbound exchange from **Campinas, Brazil**.

It is people like you that make an exchange happen. Do any of these Exchanges intrigue you to become an ED or just simply help in any way you would like? I have several experienced individuals that would love to mentor you. You will begin with a personalized “ED Get Acquainted” session explaining in detail the process. We will review all the many resources for you to draw from. Please contact me at 508-233-9351 or marylindquist@charter.net by March 30, 2013.

Mary Lindquist, Recruitment

CRAFTING SISTERS GROUP

I think we have some members who are quite creative and skillful, as well as many more, like me, who wish they were! I would like to form a group that would meet monthly to make various handicrafts. The items could be used as exchange gifts, for personal use or even sold. This idea comes from a workshop I attended during the FFI Conference in Hiroshima last November by the Nara Club which outlined various club activities they use to keep their club active and growing. Join me at my home for the first group gathering on Wednesday, April 10, at 1:00 pm for ideas, interest and fun. RSVP please to Helen Ann Rugowski, 238-9731 or haharrin@hotmail.com, 2314 Monroe Street, Madison

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 2013. Election to be conducted April 28, 2013. The term of office begins at the September 20th Board Meeting.

President **Helen Ann Rugowski**
Vice President **Mary Babula**
Secretary **Jan Weber**
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: Mary Lindquist, Chairperson
Committee: Fannie Hicklin, Mary Lou Martino

NOMINEES:

PRESIDENT: HELEN ANN ROGOWSKI

I have been a FF member since 2000. I'm currently your vice president and prior to that was your secretary. Since joining I've been to Scotland, South Korea, Peru (mystery trip!), Sherbrook/Quebec, Costa Rica, Turkey (took my daughter along), Germany (global bicycling exchange) and most recently to Japan for the FFI Conference. For me, the best part of all the exchanges, whether incoming or outgoing, is the home hosting.

I earned my masters degree in Social Work at UW Madison and retired in 2008 after 20 years with UW Hospital & Clinics. My 2 children live in Minnesota but remain Badger and Packer fans like me. I grew up on a farm in a 3 generation household and have lived in Wisconsin all my life. My interests are many but particularly enjoy bicycling, volunteering, cooking, reading, traveling, hiking, golf, games and especially times with my family.

VICE PRESIDENT: MARY BABULA

I have lived in Wisconsin all my life and have lived in Madison since 1968 when I came here to attend the University of Wisconsin. I have worked in child care as a teacher, center administrator and since 1981 I have worked

at Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, which is a statewide membership association for people who work in early childhood care and education.

I was active as a youth leader in the United Methodist Church which helped set me on the path to taking on leadership roles in my child care work as well. Over the years I have served on the board of directors and/or as an officer for Community Coordinated Child Care, Wisconsin Women's Network, Dane County Association for the Education of Young Children, Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project, The Child Care Registry for Continuing Education, and the Wisconsin Early Learning Coalition, as well as providing leadership development and support through Wisconsin Early Childhood Association. I am looking forward to taking on a leadership role for the Friendship Force of Wisconsin.

My interests outside of work include: camping, bicycling, canoeing, reading, knitting, birding, cross country skiing, games, traveling and socializing. I am also an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers football team and the UW Badgers women's basketball team

SECRETARY: JAN WEBER

I have been a Friendship Force member since 2005 and have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, England, Costa Rica and Montana.

I am a retired Radiation Therapist and my husband Bob is retired from Alliant Energy. We have a daughter, Christina and a 7 yr old granddaughter Maya, whom I pick up from school three days a week and watch when the occasion arises.

I enjoy walking, traveling, reading, working in my yard during the summer and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

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.

Attend 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 have been involved with several exchanges as a support person.

I found 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.

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Nominations for 2013 Officers
Exchange Director Recruitment
Crafting Sisters Group



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Secretary: Mary Lou Martino 467-2966
Treasurer: Margo McKnight 345-6827
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FRIENDSHIP FORCE WISCONSIN CLUB PIN DESIGN

When the ambassadors from Oregon and St. Louis visited our club last June, they each presented me as the Exchange Director with their club pin. It was then I realized that our club doesn't have a pin and I could not reciprocate.

Last fall the Board of Directors gave me the authorization to design a pin for their consideration. I met with artist, Jane Scharer, also a club member and we brainstormed four or five designs. The Board selected one, and I worked with a professional, Camron Lewis, who produced the pin in the format needed for the manufacturer and designed our state capitol dome image. We could not find an appropriate image in viewing several hundred models available. Wisconsin's dome is unique.

I researched costs with various companies and found Advertising Premium Sales offered us the best price overall. The design shown here was approved by the Board of Directors on February 15 and authorized placing a production order for 1,000 pins. The selling price will be determined after we have all the costs including shipping charges.

Our pin follows the International Friendship Force guidelines for the six-color logo and the style of the wording in the center of the pin which will be in black. The beautiful capitol dome will also be in black and the word "Madison" beneath it will be in red. The background of the pin will be in a soft white, and the entire pin will be cut in the shape of the State of Wisconsin. The pin's outline will be in silver and will have a squeeze clutch and nail on the back of the pin for easily attaching to fabric. It will not be framed in a square as shown in the illustration here.

We hope that you are excited at this news that the Friendship Force of Wisconsin will now have its own pin for incoming and outbound exchange ambassadors to share and that you will purchase and proudly wear our own new club pin!

Gail L. Holmes, Exchange Director and Board of Directors member

