



# The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

## Changing The Way You See The World

### May 2009



## Happy Spring Everyone!

It was gratifying to have so many members, family and friends at the Annual Meeting! Thank you for taking the time to come. And thanks to those who took a moment to write down a thought or two of feedback to your leadership team. Many thanks to Fannie Hicklin and her Activities Committee for organizing a pleasant event, including the entertainment by the Mad City Tanga Performance Group. Oh, to be young again!!!

Congratulations to the new officers-elect: Mary Lindquist, president; Margo McKnight, vice president; Helen Rugowski, secretary; and Diana Long, treasurer. They will assume their duties at the September Board Meeting.

Bernie Long gave a wrap-up report on the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Regional Meeting, which included activities to inspire and some activities inform. Professor Bert Adams handled the inspiration aspects and George Brown, our FFI CEO handed the informational end.

Bernie also reported on the activities to get to know each other, such as the pot luck dinners the evening before the conference began, which were a huge hit. And KUDOS to fine committee work on the part of his committee members.

Our next major member activity is the July picnic on Saturday, July 18. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss the good food and enjoyable company. Also, keep your eye peeled for the announcement in the Newsletter of a Mystery Tour in early autumn; Gene Dewey is working on the details.

We have been working all during this past year on outreach to fellow citizens who may not know about the Friendship Force. Nancy Mueller spearheaded an ad hoc committee to seek out places to inform potential new members and the public in general. We also have an opportunity to continue that effort through the Farmers' Market table where hundreds of people pass by. We may not have a long time with each person who stops at our table, but many, many people will see our banner in front of the table and will at least know that such an organization exists. We will

continue that during this summer and need your help to staff the table with two people who need only contribute one Saturday to the effort. Please contact Bea Dewey if ' you have a Saturday to give to the effort.

Ken Koscik is heading up our volunteer service to the Wisconsin Public Television annual Auction Fundraiser. Our time slot is Sunday, May 31, 2:45 to 7:00 PM. Contact him if you have the time to give on that day. It is another time we get our name in front of thousands of Wisconsinites!

As we look forward to warm weather and many outdoor fun activities with family and friends, I wish all of you good health and happy times ... especially at our annual picnic!

**MARY ANN FAHL, President 2007-09**

## Email Addresses - Going to Atlanta

In the times of change and the electronic world, Friendship Force in Atlanta has converted to using email for much of their communications to its members. To keep you, as a member, in the loop of the new and upcoming activities in Friendship Force, we are sending Atlanta the email addresses we have on file you.

Atlanta will not sell or use the email address for anything other than Friendship Force Business.

If you do not want your email address sent to them, please notify me **immediately**. Otherwise I will forward the addresses we have on file to them on June 1, 2009.

Thank You  
**MARY LINDQUIST - Membership Chair**  
**[marylindquist@charter.net](mailto:marylindquist@charter.net) 608-233-9351**



## DID YOU KNOW ????



Bernie Long did a wonderful job chairing the Friendship Force Midwest Regional Conference April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

People came to the meeting from states all around the state of Wisconsin. But where were YOU ????

The president of FFI, George Brown was here. Our keynote speaker Dr. Bert Adams was inspiring, plus the Regional Reps and Midwest Club Presidents were here to honor us and to inspire Wisconsin Friendship Force. It was a great time to meet new people and renew old friendships which FFI is all about!!!!

We learned a lot about what is happening worldwide with FFI and the great job that is being done. We learned from suggestions which were made that we can do it too!!!

**MARGO LINDL, Historian**

### FRIENDSHIP FORCE ON THE SQUARE

We have a place on the square for people to sign up to "man" or "woman" a table on Saturdays during the Farmer's Market. **It is on the square on corner of North Hamilton.**

**This is a new location.** Here is your chance to greet and meet new people and 'sell' Friendship Force.

The dates still to be filled are 8/22, 9/15, 19 and 26, as well as 10/19 and 10/17. The times are between 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. These times can be adjusted to suit you, but at least 4 hours. I will be waiting at the phone for your chosen date! PLEASE CALL, or EMAIL at [gldewey@wisc.edu](mailto:gldewey@wisc.edu).

THANK YOU,

**BEA DEWEY, Chairperson**  
**608-255-0858**

## ?? Mystery Trip ??

As I announced at the Annual Meeting on April 26th, tentative plans have been made for a five day mystery trip in October; it will involve a train ride and be home hosted.

If you wish to sign up with dates still unknown, I will be happy to put you on the list. Call me at 608-255-0858 or email [gldewey@wisc.edu](mailto:gldewey@wisc.edu). There will be no penalty for having to cancel if the exact dates will not work for you.

**GENE DEWEY, Chairperson**

### **F.F. REGIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 16.17 & 18**

The Midwest Regional Conference held in Madison was concluded as a success. Many thanks to all who helped to bring it about and to all who attended.

The Conference was off to a very good start with the Home Hosting and Potluck dinners planned and set up by our Committee member, Judy Endle.

The purpose of the Conference was to bring members of Friendship Force Clubs together to discuss their efforts to promote Friendship around the world and to receive encouragement from each other. We had fun and we enjoyed talking with each other, but that was not our goal. Our goal was to learn, to be encouraged and to go forward with new ideas and new commitment to *friendship and Peace*.

FFI President, George Brown and Prof. Bert Adams, our Keynote speaker helped move us toward our goal. Our Workshop Leaders, Mary Lindquist, Kay Kinney, Carol Neuman, Lee Rockwell, Fanny Hicklin and her committee helped us achieve our goal. Attendance was good. We had 115 people attending from 16 Clubs, FFI Atlanta and Prof. Adams, UW Madison.

**The Committee:** **Bernie Long, Diana Long, Judy Endle, David Dohler, Kay Kinney, Jerry Fuller**

## **IT'S WHA AUCTION TIME AGAIN**

Join in the fun and help out our local Public Television station. Yes, it is auction time again and this year we are helping on **Sunday May 31, starting at 2:45 and working until 7:00.**

There are lots of jobs to fill and our Friendship Force Club is looking for ten people to help out with the Auction. If you are comfortable with computers, not comfortable with computers, would like to work behind the scenes, or would like to work the phones and be on camera, if you need to be seated, we can find the right job for you.

**Please call or e-mail Ken Kosciak if you would like to help. 608-222-9513 or [kencanoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kencanoe@sbcglobal.net).**

**KEN KOSCIK Chairperson**



### **2009 CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

May 15 - Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline

May 20 - Epic Intergalactic Event \*

May 31 - WHA-TV Fundraiser \*

July 18 - Annual Summer Picnic \*

Aug 31- Sept 15 - Wisconsin to Azerbaijan

October - Mystery Trip \*

November 19 - 22, FFI International Conference Japan \*

\* Information in this newsletter

\*\* Information to be announced later, or prev. announced

## **Annual Club Picnic**

**Saturday, July 18, 2009**

Mark the date on your calendar and watch for more information in the next newsletter.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

The next Friendship Force silent auction will be at the annual picnic, **Saturday, July 18, 2009.**

All members are encouraged to bring items for the auction. Be thinking about what you might contribute. Questions?

Contact a member of the Activities Committee:

Paul Buckalew, 271-7626;

Donna Calvert, 233-7536;

Maggie Dohm, 274-7886;

Ginger Gostomski, 249-8250;

Fannie Hicklin, 233-5748;

Gary Lindquist, 233-9351;

Margo McKnight, 345-6827;

Lois Statz, 236-4050.

**FANNIE HICKLIN, Chairperson**



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**INTERNATIONAL**

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FFI International Conference is November 19 - 22 in Okinawa, Japan. Check the website at [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org) for information and registration forms. There are several opportunities for being hosted either before or after the conference. Look over the website for other Friendship Force Homestay and travel opportunities.

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### **TRIP TO EPIC INTERGALATIC HEADQUARTERS**

All members are invited to take a trip to the Epic facilities on May 20, 2009, departing from the former Cub Foods parking lot, 4716 Verona Rd. at 10:30 a.m. After a pay-for-your-own-lunch, the group will tour the site.

**TRIP TO EPIC INTERGALATIC HEADQUARTERS**  
**20 May 2009, 10:30 DEPARTURE**  
**Cub Foods parking lot, 4716 Verona Rd.**

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

Will drive	_____
Can provide a ride for how many people?	_____
Need a ride	_____

Please return this form to:  
**Fannie Hicklin**  
**3814 University Avenue**  
**Madison, WI 53705**

**Reservations By 12 May 2009**