

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

May 2011



A Message from the President

The Annual Meeting has come and gone. The meeting went smoothly and as efficiently as I could make it go. Since the Annual Meeting is our Business Meeting, it sometimes feels like it can drag on forever. We presented all the information in a newsletter prior to the meeting so people could ask questions ahead of time; which made the meeting move along quickly. I think the business part of the meeting lasted only 30 minutes. That must be a record.

A committee reviewed our **by-laws** and made recommendations to the board of directors for changes. The board approved the changes and we presented the changes in the April Newsletter. The changes were approved by the members in attendance. This was also the annual **election of officers** who will assume office beginning at the September Board Meeting. The officers for the 2011 - 2012 year will be as follows:

President – George Wysock

Vice President – Helen Ann Rugowski

Secretary – Mary Lou Martino

Treasurer – Margo McKnight

We welcome the new board. They will carry on the Friendship Force Spirit.

Last month I hosted a very informal **Membership Orientation**. In attendance were a variety of individuals, from new prospective members to oldies like me. Tina our exchange student from Germany (Tina our daughter for a year) was the icing on the cake for the meeting. The conversation was very informative and we learned many things about each other. One of the couples attending is getting ready to travel to France with the FF of San Francisco. They enjoyed hearing about our experiences and are ready to participate on their first exchange. I can't wait to talk to them when they return. We will be scheduling more of these orientation meetings, so watch the newsletter for the next one. They are very informal and our conversations go all over the globe.

Our 2012 exchanges will be an inbound from Trujillo, Peru via Edmonton Canada. The website indicates it is the La Libertad club. Our outbound exchange is to a new club in Russia. The FFI letter indicated Moscow, but I think that is just a point of entry. The new club is active in the Russian Leadership Program, so they know about Friendship Force and would like to host us. Keep watching the newsletter for more information about these two exchanges.

Remember to check out our website often – www.ffwis.org

Our next meeting is the **annual summer picnic**, to be held at Lakeview Park in Middleton. The date is Thursday, July 28th.

In Friendship,

Mary Lindquist, President

NEW MEMBER

Here is a new member that has been on our mailing list since last year. She learned about us at the Farmers Market. Dorothy saw the Orientation Potluck in the newsletter and joined us for that evening. Here is their information.

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One more new member:

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2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

May 7 – Turkey Workshop *

May 14 – Adopt-A-Highway *

May 18 – Interviews Northern Illinois *

June 5 – WHA-TV *

June 21 – 24, Outbound Northern Illinois *

July 28 – All Club Picnic **

August 26 –30, 2011 FFI Conference Germany **
Register on line now.

September 19 - 26, 2011 – Germany to Wisconsin *

Sept. 27 – Oct. 15, 2011 – Wisconsin to Urla, Turkey *

- Information in this newsletter
- ** Information to be announced or previously announced

This is a reminder!!!

FRINDSHIP FORCE ON THE SQUARE

Hi Folks,

It's time to show our FF presence on the Square. I am recruiting volunteers to sit at a corner this season to pass out FF literature.

I plan to start May 14th going through Oct. 15th. I will take those two dates. Since I don't have the summer schedule from the Capitol yet there will be another article coming in a future newsletter as to what corner etc.

PLEASE think about helping out one Saturday morning (+) to do this and call me at (608) 255-0858.

THANK YOU

BEA DEWEY, Chairperson 608-255-0858

Inbound from Norderstedt, Germany September 19-26

In 2007, 20 FF members from the Madison club spent an enjoyable and informative week in Norderstedt, Germany. Now the Norderstedt club is coming to Madison in September.

Norderstedt was formed in 1970 when four smaller towns were joined together on the northern edge of Hamburg.

Located around the international airport, Norderstedt is a modern bustling community of 75,000 with industrial jobs, medical facilities, quality schools, huge forest areas and lots of recreational facilities and just minutes away by train and subway from Hamburg and its nearly two million population.

From living history museums to modern dairy operations, from small towns like Stade to Hanseatic port cities built by Charlemagne, with giant Cathedrals, a massive model railroad museum, a poignant emigration museum, and dancing tugboats in the harbor, Northern Germany is a repository of German history and culture. If your ancestors came from Germany, in all likely hood they departed from one of the ports in this area.

Now is our chance to reciprocate the wonderful Gemutlichkeit that our club felt in Norderstedt. The exchange is September 19-26.

If you are interested in hosting for the week, a day or two, a small dinner party, or a brat and beer fest, please let Richard Mueller, the exchange director know at 608-838-3575 or rnmuel@yaho.com.

If you would like to help the planning committee with their final plans also get in touch with Richard.

We know that by working together, our German friends will enjoy our beautiful state and Wisconsin hospitality.

RICHARD MUELLER, Exchange Director
608-838-3575 rnmuel@yaho.com.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS EXCHANGE

We have been invited to come to Northern Illinois for a visit on June 21st to the 24th . They are excited to have us come as they had such a good time while here on their "Mystery Trip" last year.

I have talked to the ED and they are already planning activities for us. Chicago won't be included with this Exchange as they want to show us the hospitality of their area.

There was a sign up sheet at the Annual Meeting and there will be interviews on **Wednesday evening May 18th from 6 to 7:30 at the Sequoia Library.**

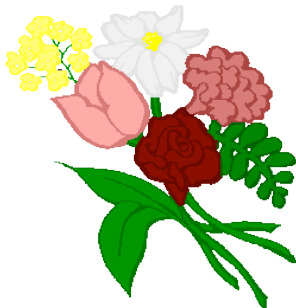
We can bring about 20 Ambassadors who are looking for a fun few days in mid June.

If there are any questions please contact Maggie for further information.

MAGGIE DOHM, Northern Illinois Exchange
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Upcoming Outreach Presentations

Jane Kessenich is presenting her Azerbaijan experience to the Waunakee Rotary on May 29th at 12:00 PM. Because Jane has a limited time slot, she asked Gary Lindquist if he could help to put music to her DVD of pictures. Gary came through and will also help her with the electronics at the meeting.



JOIN THE FUN AT WPT ! (Wisconsin Public Television)

Each year Friendship Force volunteers join together for a fun afternoon at the WPT Auction. This year it will be held **Sunday, June 5 from 3:15-7:00 pm.**

There are many ways you can help; such as phone bank, bid sorter, cafe server, data entry and many more. Decide now how you can help and let me know. I will also answer any questions you may have about participating. If you want to sign up, call me at 241-2248 or send me an Email at retaharring@yahoo.com.

RETA HERRING, Chairperson
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Turkey in 2011 Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey

Lonely Planet listed the top 10 regions to visit for 2011. These were notable regions from around the world. Cappadocia, Turkey was number 4. It says that with the slow pace of life in its villages, it seems like Cappadocia sees little change other than winds eroding the fairy chimneys (rock formations). You should go now, before Cappadocia is changed forever. The other place mentioned in the same region is Goreme. Yes, we will be at both places.

We can expect many samplings of "Turkish Delight" during our visit. It's a confection made with corn flour and sugar syrup, the sticky surface usually tempered with powdered sugar. Some come with almond and pistachio nuts inside. There are flavor variations, like mint and lemon, with the most exquisite flavored with rose water.

If you are still thinking Turkey, but were too late to apply, call me now to get on the wait list.

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FFI Mission-Values-Vision-Slogan

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.

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.