



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing the Way You See the World

May 2014



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Annual Business Meeting was held on April 27 where I saw many of you. I'll summarize my comments here for the benefit of those unable to attend. We are so fortunate to have a board committed to the work and the mission of Friendship Force and a membership that steps up when volunteers are needed. Thank you so much. There are times when I think that being the President I have the easiest job of all!

There are changes ahead. The board voted to discontinue mailing the newsletter to everyone at the end of this year. Atlanta is increasing dues in 2015 by \$5 for single members and \$8 for family members. We did not want to increase our dues at this time and we also believed it was time to do what most other clubs have done and that is to go to an online newsletter. Everyone who supplies us with an email address will receive their newsletter on line, which Dave Dohler has been sending out for the past couple years. As you know however, an email address is not necessary as our newsletter can be accessed through our club website. Those who wish to continue to receive the paper copy in the mail will pay an extra \$10 when renewing their membership in 2015. The board has also decided to discontinue our table at the Farmers Market on the Square. This due to waning interest in staffing the table by members and more importantly we didn't gain any new members the past few years from the effort.

There were new undertakings, mostly successful. We had a table at the International Festival held annually at Overture Center which garnered a lot of interest. We now have a Club pin and luggage tags for sale. We formed a relationship with the International Institute of Wisconsin to provide dinner hospitality to foreign delegates and have dinner hosted more than 30 delegates on six different occasions in our homes. Outreach has expanded and our Club is on Facebook. A year ago we started a group devoted to crafts. Thus far we have met seven times in member homes and 16 members have participated. Exchanges have taken on a new look. New activities have been added such as tours of Epic in Verona, the award winning Verona Library, a Native American Dinner at the State Historical Society, tours of the UW Campus, and Children's Museum, a horse demonstration by our own member Kay Kinney, tour of American Breeders in Deforest and one of my favorites, a visit to a Robotic Dairy Farm. We hosted an Open World from the Ukraine and hope to do more with Open World. We will again be hosting a Global exchange in August.

We have planned a lot of activities over the next several months that need your help. The Utah Club is here in July, Global Art &



2014 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

May 15-June 1--Berlin/Poland Outbound Exchange *

June 1 --Ride the Drive*

June 1--Wisconsin Public Television Auction*

June 16--Utah Inbound Exchange Workshop, Sequoya Library*

June 23--Arts & Architecture Global Exchange Workshop
Sequoya Library*

July 16-22--Utah Inbound Exchange*

July 17--Annual Summer Club Picnic ✍

August 23-28--Arts & Architecture Global Inbound Exchange ✍

September 18-25--Wessex Club, United Kingdom/Costa Rica
Inbound Exchange ✍

October 14-16--World Conference, New Zealand ☺

- * Information in this newsletter
- ☺ Information previously announced
- ✍ Information to be announced later

Architecture in August and England/Costa Rica in September. Home hosts, daytime hosts and dinner hosts are needed for all three exchanges. If you have been fortunate to have been on one of our outbound exchanges in the past year or two you know how appreciative you felt toward your hosts who took you in. Read further about these exchanges inside this issue.

In friendship,

Helen Ann Rugowski, President

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Hosts Needed for 2014 Inbound Exchanges!

Three hosting opportunities exist for this club beginning with the Utah Exchange, July 16-22, followed by the Architecture Global Exchange, August 23-38, concluding in the fall with the Wessex England/Costa Rica Exchange, September 18-25. Hosts, day hosts and dinner hosts are needed for all three. What's involved if you are interested in signing up? What are your expenses?

Hosting

- **Hosts** welcome ambassadors to stay in their home during the exchange. They provide sleeping accommodations and meals not organized or part of the program. Hosts are encouraged to participate in the planned activities but can request day hosts.
- **Day hosts**, in addition to spending the day with the ambassador in place of the host, might also pick-up and return an ambassador to the host's home involving a planned activity. A day host might also be a driver for several ambassadors for a given day. It's an opportunity for ambassadors to hear the views of another club member, develop new friends and to share your favorite things about the city of Madison and surrounding area.
- **Dinner hosts** offer their home to ambassadors and their hosts who are assigned by the Exchange Dinner Coordinator. Dinner hosts may invite other Friendship Force members, as well as, family and friends. These dinners are generally pot luck but can be whatever the dinner host decides and coordinates the food to be brought once the assignments have been made.

To sign up:

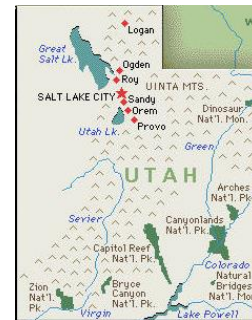
- For the **Utah Exchange**, contact Donna Hussin, ED, at 608-845-3393 or djhussin@yahoo.com.
- For the **Arts & Architecture Global Exchange**, contact Kay Babcock at 608-222-2111, if you are interested in being a host or day host. Contact Jane Kessenich at 608-836-0324, if you are interested in being a dinner host. Contact Donna Calvert, ED, at 608-233-7536 for any questions or concerns.
- For the **Wessex England/Costa Rica Exchange**, contact Gail Holmes, ED, at 608-249-1846 or glholmes@wisc.edu.

Expenses

Expenses for you are the planned activities you choose to attend and whatever you opt to do with your guests. Ambassadors have paid a program fee to the club to cover the exchange's planned activity expenses. When a "FLEX" day is included during the exchange, whatever activities an ambassador expresses an interest in doing are at their expense.

Utah Inbound Exchange Workshop, June 16, 2014

All hosts and others who will be involved with this exchange are welcome. Topics to be covered include background information on the state, Salt Lake City, Mormon religion, itinerary logistics such as directions, downtown parking, and lunch options, FLEX day suggestions and coordinating day hosts for specific days



We will meet from 7-8:30PM at Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Room B. If unable to attend, please contact the exchange director.

Utah Inbound Exchange Itinerary July 16-22, 2013

Wednesday, July 16: Ambassadors arrive in Madison by 3PM. Concert on the Square (7:00PM) with catered box dinner; Arrive between 5:30-6:00PM.

Thursday, July 17: Madison City Tour via motorcoach with step-on guides including Unitarian Meeting House, UW-Madison campus and Governor's Mansion tours; lunch at Memorial Union; meet at South Towne Mall parking lot F; depart 9:00AM and return 3:00PM; FFWI Annual Summer Picnic (4:30-8:30PM) Marshall Park

Friday, July 18: "Free day" with host or day host; fish fry dinner at Avenue Bar (4:00PM)

Saturday, July 19: Farmer's Market with group photo prior (8:45AM), observe Paddle & Portage, State Capitol tour (11:00AM), Monona Terrace tour (2:00PM), evening hosted dinners

Sunday, July 20: Morning open; Olbrich Gardens self-guide in the afternoon, sunset cruise on Madison lakes (5-8:00PM) with catered sandwich box lunch at Schluter Beach on Lake Mendota.

Monday, July 21: Morning open: Upper Dells 2-hour boat tour (1:00PM) and farewell dinner at Dorf Haus, Roxbury, featuring a Bavarian Smorgasbord and German music (4:45PM)

Tuesday, July 22: Ambassadors depart.

A reservation form is included with this newsletter. If you need more information or have questions, please contact me.

Donna Hussin, Exchange Director
608-845-3393 or djhussin@yahoo.com

Crafter's Group

Helen Ann Rugowski will host the next gathering of this group, 2314 Monroe St, Madison, on **Monday, June 23, 1:30PM**. Please email haharrin@hotmail.com or call 238-9731, if you will be joining us.



Utah Exchange Activities Reservation Form

July 16-22, 2014

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of these activities.

Form and Payment due by June 25, 2014

Date	Activity	Price / Person	# Persons	Total Cost
Wednesday, July 16 Welcome	Concert on the Square Cranberry Creek Catered Box Meal: Chicken Salad Croissant ____ (Watermelon/strawberries/turtle cookie) Cranberry Creek Signature Salad ____ Grilled chicken/tomato/pecans/oranges/cranberry balsamic dressing/roll/turtle cookie) Vegetarian Red Pepper Hummus Wrap ____ (Roasted red pepper hummus/mixed greens/cucumber/herb tortilla/pasta salad/turtle cookie) Does not include beverages	\$10.00		
Thursday, July 17	Madison City Tour via motorcoach Unitarian Church Tour UW Campus and Governor's Mansion Tours	\$13.00 \$7.00 Free		
Friday, July 18 "Flex Day"	Avenue Bar Fish Fry—Choices: Fish Boil ____ Fish Fry ____ Vegetable Alfredo ____	\$20.00		
Saturday, July 19	Farmers Market State Capitol Tour Monona Terrace Tour	Free Free \$3.00		
Sunday, July 20	Olbrich Gardens MSCR Pontoon Sunset Cruise on Madison Lakes—(Limit 30) First priority is ambassadors & hosts. Broux Nellie's Catered Sandwich Box Lunch: Ham & Swiss ____ Turkey Breast ____ Broux Nellie Club ____ (Turkey/Ham/Bacon/Cheddar/ Swiss) All served with fruit salad, two cookies and beverages)	Free \$6.00 \$9.00		
Monday, July 21 Farewell	Upper Dells 2-Hour Boat Tour Dorf Haus Bavarian Smorgasbord Farewell Dinner	\$20.00 \$20.00		
		TOTAL		

Name of Participants: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Send form with payment to: Joan Calkins, 3216 Waunona Way, Madison, WI 53713

Questions: Contact Donna Hussin, Exchange Director, 608-845-3393 or djhussin@yahoo.com



Berlin/Poland Outbound

Auf Wiedersehen/Do widzenia

Eleven members from our club depart on May 15 for a week's exchange in Berlin followed by an 11-day tour of Poland. We have prepared ourselves with workshops, invited guest speakers, shared packing tips, and discussed the many details pertinent to such a trip.

Members of our club who will be ambassadors are: David Blado, Don and Maureen Kind, Gail Holmes (treasurer), Judy Endle, Mary Lou Martino, Lois Schulz, George and Sandi Wysock. Stephanie Sorensen and Lise Skofronick are co-exchange directors. We will be joined by four members of the Medicine Hat club of Alberta, Canada, three from Alabama, and two women from Washington, DC.

We will have a full schedule visiting the major sights in Berlin such as Checkpoint Charlie, Museum Island, Charlottenburg Castle. In Poland, we will start in Poznan, continuing to Wroclaw, Auschwitz, Krakow, the famous salt mines, and ending in Warsaw.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with the club at one of our future meeting. We should have plenty of stories to tell.

Lise Skofronick and Stephanie Sorensen, Co-Exchange Directors



Polish Cooking Class

On Saturday morning, March 29, three ambassadors going to Berlin/Poland in May along with six club members and six of their friends met at the kitchen of Lydia Critchley, owner and teacher of "Creative Cooking" for

a fun filled morning of cooking and learning about Polish cuisine. We all helped make five dishes: Smothered Green Peas and Escarole, Polish Poppy Seed Cookies, Stuffed Tomatoes, Potato Salad with Wine, and a favorite of many Zupa Gzybowa (Polish Mushroom Soup). Lydia has a great kitchen which allowed so many to work alongside of each other. We had a great time tasting and eating all of the dishes. We took home copies of the recipes to make again in our own kitchens!

Lois Schulz

Arts & Architecture Global Exchange Workshop

June 23, 2014



Several people are coming from Canada, two from Brazil some from other areas of the US. The workshop to discuss itinerary logistics related to activities, directions, parking, and lunch options is at the Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Room A beginning at 7:00PM.

All hosts and others involved with this exchange are welcome. If unable to attend, please let the exchange director know.

Donna Calvert, Exchange Director, 608-233-7536

Friendship Force of Wisconsin Will Ride the Drive on June 1: Will You Join Us?



On Sunday, **June 1 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM** a five mile route through central Madison will be closed to traffic so we can take a care-free, car-free ride on our bicycles. If you like to ride a bicycle, please consider joining us. We will meet on John Nolan Drive at Lakeside Street—on the grass by the bike trail—at 10:00 AM to ride the drive together. You may want to park at Olin Park and then bike to where we will meet.

We want to be visible as the Friendship Force of Wisconsin. Invite your friends to join us—the more the merrier! If you are interested in joining the *Ride the Drive*, please notify Mary Babula at: mcbabula@hotmail.com or 241-0212 and we will provide more details. For more information on *Ride the Drive*: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/ridethedrive/downtown/>

International Visitor Leadership Program

FFWI Host, Helen Ann Rugowski



The evening of April 17 was spent in the company of three absolutely delightful young men from Chennai, India here for training through the International Visitor Leadership Program of IIVI. Peer Azees, a Senior TV editor; Charles Deva, an Assistant Magazine Editor, and Felix Gnanaprakasam, a Director of a TV house of educational documentaries came to my house for dinner. Also joining us were two friends Gary Schultz and Andrea Urbon. The conversation flowed from marriage and family to the upcoming election in India. Their program was "Human Rights and Foreign Policy Reporting for Journalists", arranged in DC and under the auspices of the Department of State. Gary and myself have both traveled to Chennai and were really thrilled to enjoy another encounter with their people. The young men, all married, spoke excellent English and had a wonderful sense of humor. The biggest laugh came when they asked to see my basement. I consented but no cameras were allowed! This was their first trip to America and they invited us to come and stay with them in Chennai. There will continue to be opportunities to dinner host international visitors and more hosts are needed in Madison. Contact me if you are interested.



In Loving Memory

Eloise Wadsworth Beatty
Death date: April 20, 2014

Member along with husband Marv since 1985. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, 517 North Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705, or to Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York, NY 10027.

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Utah Exchange Reservation Form and Itinerary
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WHA - TV **WISCONSIN PUBLIC TELEVISION**



Sunday, June 1, 2014
3:15-7:30 PM

This is a great opportunity to help Wisconsin Public Television, get some publicity for the Friendship Force, and have fun with others in our group.

15 FFWI volunteers are needed June 1 from 3:15-7:30. This includes a free dinner and an invite to the Wisconsin Public Television Volunteer Picnic on June 20 where we have another opportunity to publicize the Friendship Force.

There are several ways to help at the Auction: phone bank, serving food, confirmation of winners, helping with the sets, etc. Put Sunday, June 1, on your calendar now so you will be available to help get the word out about the Friendship Force at the Auction. Call me at 608-241-2248. Or email me retaharring@yahoo.com

Reta Harring, Chairperson

Note: Free Parking is always available on Sundays in the Grainger Hall Lot across the street from Vilas Hall.

Make a day of it! Do Ride the Drive in the late morning and then join FFWI at the Auction.