



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing The Way You See The World

October 2010



A Message from the President

I love October. The air is crisp and the leaves are brightly colored with many changes. It's a wonderful time of year. This is also the time of year for changes within our club. The first of the changes were in September with the installation, or was that instillation, of the **new Board of Directors**. Coming on the board is our new Vice President **George Wysock**. We installed him, on September 17, 2010 at the board meeting. He will be a great asset for the year to come. I look forward to working with George.

Going off the board were: **Margo McKnight** as Vice President, **Mary Ann Fahl** as Past President, **Lise Skofronick** as ED for Sherbrook, Canada in 2008, **George Gostomski** for ED of England in 2008. Also leaving an Appointed Committee Chair is **Ken Kosciak**. He was the chair for WHA-TV Coordinator. We thank each of these great people for their contributions to our club. They gave us so much support and we will miss them all.

Looking forward, in October the FF International Conference in Washington DC is having an **International Silent Auction** on line at www.thefriendshipforce.org. Our very own member **Lise Skofronick** has generously donated a week at her **Dacha in Central Wisconsin on Lake Alexander**. Take a few moments and view the auction items and of course bid on the ones you would like to have. All proceeds will go to support **Friendship Force's Legacy Fund** which provides funds to start new clubs, promote new and different types of exchanges and to expand the number of ambassadors. You can also make an item donation of which our club could receive up to 35% of the proceeds from that item for our own development. The International Silent Auction offers an opportunity for members with other assets and talents to support the Legacy Fund with the added thrill of finding a bargain. The final Auction date is Sunday evening, October 17, 2010. The last part of the auction will be live with people mingling around the tables along with people bidding live through the internet. **Bid High, Bid Often**. Support the Legacy Fund.

Within this newsletter is the invitation from Friendship Force of **Greater Milwaukee** to attend their **20th Anniversary Gala Party**. FFW will hire a bus to take the partiers to the party. Let's help celebrate their anniversary.

In Friendship, Mary Lindquist, President

Happy Retirement

Who is retiring you ask? **Susan and Rad Becker** are retiring from managing the store. They have been our diligent store managers for the past 12 years. They began managing the store back in 1999. Can you believe how time flies? Both Susan and Rad have attended nearly every single Workshop for both the incoming groups and outgoing groups. They, also at times, had items for sale at various other activities. We give them a **BIG round of applause for a job well done**. They will enjoy their extra time by helping out when ever they can. We will miss seeing their smiling faces at all the workshops. Maybe they will attend the workshops just to see our smiling faces or to learn about the upcoming exchange.

Thank You Rad and Susan for your hard work.

Mary Lindquist, President

FFW Store Manager Needed

Our club is looking for a store manager to take over when Susan and Rad Becker retire on January 1, 2011. Susan and Rad will train you and make sure you are comfortable with the duties. This is a great way to give back to your club.

The responsibilities are to obtain items for sale, to our members, as host gifts, participating in an exchange or for gifts for ambassadors you are hosting. You will bring the store to workshops and other activities as necessary. An additional duty is distributing the FFW Vests for inbound and outbound activities. You will also attend the board meeting for additional support and guidance.

Please contact either Rad and Susan Becker or Mary Lindquist with your interest or questions. I thank you in advance for volunteering for this committee. It is a great way of giving back to the FFW club.

Mary Lindquist, President

608-233-9351 marylindquist@charter.net

2011 RENEWAL NOTICES MAILED SOON

The renewal notices for 2011 will be mailed soon. They will be mailed "regular 1st class mail" to the addresses we have on file.

Please verify the information that we have on file is correct. There will be questions on the renewal form that we wish you would please fill in. We do use that information to help identify the projects you would like to help with, or some you would like to include in our programs. It is very helpful to our organization to have this information on hand.

FFI has increased the cost of membership dues this year. The increase is \$4.00 for individuals and \$7.00 for family membership. The Board discussed what we should do about the raise and it was decided we would not raise the FFW club dues for the next year. Your dues at \$25 single and \$30 family will remain the same and the Club will make up the difference. The dues will take you through December of 2011.

AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR SNOWBIRDS.

Please call Maggie Dohm before you head for warmer climes with your addresses. The newsletters are sent 3rd class and are not forwarded by the post office. You don't want to miss the news about club activities during the winter season. Your address can easily be updated so you will not miss anything while you are gone. Thank you in advance.

Maggie Dohm, Membership Chair
608-274-7886 mardo9@att.net

WHA Coordinator Needed

Here is another opportunity to give back to your Friendship Force Club. We are looking for someone to coordinate two WHA volunteer programs annually. The first one is the Live Auction which required 10+ individuals held at the beginning of June and the second one is at the beginning of December which is a Pledge Drive. The Pledge Drive is a smaller group of individuals. This position does not require attendance at the board meeting, however you are always welcome to find out first hand what is happening in our club and to report your activities.

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Mary Lindquist, President
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2010- 2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

October 15 – Board Meeting & Newsletter Deadline

October 16-19, 2010 FFI Conference **

October 31 – Fall Festival *

November 6 – Anniversary of FFGM *

December 4 – All Club Holiday Party **

2011

February 13, Valentine Party **

May 1 – Annual Meeting & Election of Officers **

July 16-23, 2011 - Azerbaijan to Wisconsin *

August – 2011 International Conference Germany *

September 19-26, 2011 – Germany to Wisconsin **

October 2011 – Wisconsin to Urla, Turkey *

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

Turkey in 2011

Wisconsin to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey
Early October 2011

Urla is a small seaside town in the Izmir province of Turkey. It is on the far west coast of Turkey on a peninsula reaching out into the Aegean Sea..

At our Fall Festival in October, there will be a sign-up sheet whereby you can indicate your probable interest in this exchange. If unable to attend the Fall Festival, email or call.

Interviews will be somewhat later.
JERRY FULLER, Exchange Director
608 846 5533 hjfuller@centurytel.net

Azerbaijan to Wisconsin, July 16-23 Plans Being Made

FFW members are being requested to help plan for activities for the Ambassadors. A meeting will be held Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at 4205 Somerset Lane, Madison.

I would appreciate your telling me if you will be able to attend. If you would like to assist but unable to attend, please contact me. **Call me at 233-7536 or E-mail me at DOLLYCAL@aol.com.**

Members will be notified later as when to interview for home hosting. Kay Babcock is in charge of the interviews. Janet Lonergan is the treasurer.

It is encouraging that people have been volunteering to help for this Exchange.

Donna Calvert, Exchange Director

Outreach Efforts

Our members are busy presenting programs in the Madison area. Thank you to all of these members for spreading the word about the Friendship Force. Recently Jane Kessenich presented programs at Oakwood West and Bethany United. Donna Calvert will be speaking to the Northern Illinois Club on Azerbaijan.

If you would like to attend any of the presentations, call Margie for more information.

If you are a part of a group and would like to have a travel program or share the good news of the Friendship Force, contact

MARGIE GROOM, Chairperson
608-516-2289 or mgroom053@gmail.com

BID HIGH, BID OFTEN!

Dear Friendship Force Friends,

Friendship Force International has organized a World Conference Silent Auction to raise money for the Legacy Fund. If you go to their site www.thefriendshipforce.org you will see the many interesting items already donated and up for bid. There are some real bargains.

I have joined in this effort by offering one week stay (6 nights) at my house on Lake Alexander in north-central Wisconsin. This offer is good on any week, any season, in 2010 and 2011.

The rules and conditions set by FFI will apply.

The house was built in 2008. It has 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, a double car garage, a large pier. There will be a canoe, a kayak, a paddle boat and a fishing boat available in the spring, summer and early fall. Fishing is good. In the winter, you can ski, snowmobile, snowshoe, or just relax by the fire. It is item #211 on the list.

If you are interested and are serious in bidding for this special week, you can do it on line at www.friendshipforce.org and click on the box AUCTION on the left of the home page.

If you would like additional information before bidding, feel free to call me directly **608-274-7732** or send me an email lrparadis@yahoo.com. I will be out of town until Sept. 22nd.

Lise Skofronick



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October 2010
Celebrate FFGM Anniversary
Fall Festival Reservation

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

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Knights of Columbus Hall 12:30 PM Costume Parade

5256 Verona Road, Madison 12:45 PM Meal Service
Cost: \$15.00



Fun costumes of the season are desired and will be judged!
Cookies or bars are most welcome.

Catered by Edith's: Traditional Fall Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, dressing, cole slaw, cauliflower/broccoli, creamy cucumbers, cherry delight

Please: Your reservation and payment are due by October 25.

Make check payable to: The Friendship Force.

Mail to: Fannie Hicklin 3814 University Avenue Madison WI 53705 Questions? 608-233-5748

Names: _____

Number _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____



**Friendship Force of
Greater Milwaukee
Invites you!**

The 20 Year Anniversary Gala

**Festa Ballroom
Italian Community Center**

**Saturday
November 6, 2010**

**Reservation Deadline:
October 25, 2010**

The Italian Conference Center is located at
631 East Chicago Street, Milwaukee,
(near the Summerfest Grounds).
Parking is on the south side of the building.

Celebrate

*"20 years and Still Reaching Out " with
Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee*

*This very special gala
will commemorate the event
with the theme of*

"The Roaring Twenties"

at the exclusive 'Crown Club'

Dress: "Twenties" attire or accessories
Prize for best costume!

Program

5:00 pm Mix & Mingle (Cash Bar)
6:30 pm A Sumptuous Gourmet Dinner
7:45 pm Guest Speaker: George Brown,
President of Friendship Force International
8:05 pm Anything Goes!
8:30 pm Dance to the music of The Village Swing Band

*Be ready for surprise entertainment and
much more mysterious fun!*

Secret Password to enter: "Speakeasy"

FFW will hire a bus to transport us to the Gala Event. The pick up will be at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride. The time of departure is 3:45 PM for a 5:00 PM arrival. We will depart no later than 10:00 PM for a leisurely ride home and drop off at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride by 11:30 PM.

RSVP – No later than October 16, 2010
Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee
20th Anniversary Gala Party

Names(s) _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Chicken Breast Lazio _____ Seared Salmon with Dill Sauce _____

No. _____ @ \$35 per person for the Dinner (Includes dinner, entertainment, dancing, Cash Bar)

No. _____ @ \$20 per person for the Bus (Includes pick up at the Dutch Mill Park & Ride and

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ Payable and send to: Friendship Force of Wisconsin C/O Mary Lindquist
5809 Julia St, Madison WI 53705