



The Friendship Force of Wisconsin

Changing the Way You See the World

September 2012



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I cannot believe I have been president of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin for one year. During the year we have successfully completed three incoming exchanges including our first Theme exchange. The International food exchange was completed in August. I had the opportunity to attend the welcome fish fry at the Coliseum Bar and the international potluck at the end of the exchange. The ambassadors prepared foods from their native countries for the guests to enjoy.

At the August board meeting we had a cake for the end of the year board member exchange. Usually the exchange and treat would have been in September but I will be away on the Russian Exchange. I would again like to thank Janet Lonergan for her many years of service as newsletter editor for the club, and welcome Donna Hussin as the new editor. Helen Ann Rugowski will be handling the September meeting and I will have a month off.

Sandi and I are really looking forward to the trip to Moscow, Vyborg, and St. Petersburg. We have friends in Moscow who we hosted when their club visited Madison. It will be good to see D'mitry and Ulga again, and I hope they will be our hosts in Moscow. It sounds like instead of planes, trains, and automobiles we will have planes, trains, buses, and subways. This should make for a very interesting trip. When we return I will give you more comments and impressions.

In Friendship,

George Wysock, President

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2012/2013 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

September 4-19, 2012 – Wisconsin to Moscow/Vyborg *

October 3 – Adopt a Highway*

October 28 – Annual Fall Festival Coliseum Bar *

Oct 31 – Nov 2 - Hiroshima Japan FFI Conference
Check the web site for more information

March 2013 – 35th Anniversary Celebration **

* Information in this newsletter

** Information to be announced later or previously announced

Adopt - A - Highway



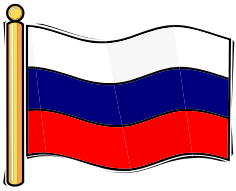
The date is October 3. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at Hwy. 12, Exit 249. We will get organized and start at 8: 30 am.

Ten volunteers are ideal. With enough help we can cover about a one mile section in 1½ to 2 hours. If you are willing and able to HELP, we need you.

If you are willing and able to HELP, I would appreciate it if you would please call me before September 27. I would prefer not to make a lot of phone calls.

Thank You.

Don Gostomski, Chairperson
608-249-8250



FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WISCONSIN TO RUSSIA: Moscow and Vyborg, with tour of St. Petersburg

September 4th to September 19th 2012

Seventeen ambassadors from the Friendship Force of Wisconsin and two ambassadors from Lincoln Nebraska will depart September 4th on our Russian adventure. I was fortunate to be able to meet with our Moscow ED, Natalia Guskova, during her visit to the US in early August. The two of us were able to hammer out the final details of the itinerary in person - a rare opportunity. The Vyborg itinerary has been set for some time but getting there has been another story. As it turns out, the overnight train from Moscow to Helsinki stops in Vyborg so we finally have the last piece in place. We held our final workshop on August 25th at the Alisha Ashman Library.

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin was able to purchase books in English at a discounted price with Mary Mastaglio's assistance. The books will be donated to schools that are teaching in English in Moscow and in Vyborg. We are told that books in English are very expensive in Russia and that the books will be greatly appreciated. In Moscow our club gift will be a donation to a local orphanage. We hope to have an enthusiastic report at the Fall Festival. See you then.

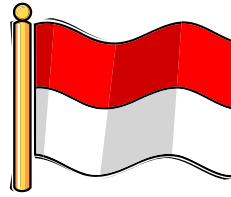
Do svidanya,

Exchange Director

Sandi Wysock

Celebrations, Condolences, Best Wishes...

If you are aware of a member who is going through difficult times or celebrating major events in their lives please contact our secretary Mary Lou Martino at marylou10@charter.net or call her at 608-467-2966. Mary Lou will send cards on behalf of The Friendship Force.



INDONESIA EXCHANGE September 2013

Our club has accepted an exchange to Malay and Samarinda, Indonesia. Indonesia is sometimes referred to as an emerald necklace that stretches out across the blue sea. It is home to thousands of islands, sandy beaches, mountains, good food and ethnic and religious diversity.

The Friendship Force of Malang was founded in 1997 and has about 50 members. Malang is the second largest city in East Java and has a rapidly growing population of about 1.2 million. It has a great historical significance.

Preliminary information from the Malang Club President indicates that there is much to see and do. A highlight to the trip will be a visit to Mt. Bromo. The club is excited to have us coming.

The Samarinda Club is a new club and we have received no information from there. Samarinda, located on the island of Borneo (East Kalimantan province), is the capital of the province and a timber town. Located on the banks of the Mahakam river, it has a population of 726,223 and is a sister city to Mobile, Alabama.

We hope that this bit of information will pique your interest in Indonesia. We invite you to join us as a planning committee member and/or on the exchange. Look for more information and details about this exchange in future newsletters. To volunteer to join the planning committee or have questions, feel free to send us an email at Indonesiavax2013@yahoo.com or give us a call at 608.233.5748 (Fannie) or 608.334.4.9032 (Ariel).

Co-Exchange directors:

Ariel Ford

Fannie Hicklin



“A journey is best measured in friends,
rather than miles.” -Tim Cahill

GLOBAL FOOD EXCHANGE

The Fun Adventures with Global Food Exchange included 21 Ambassadors from Australia, Canada, Japan, Alabama, California and Maryland. They visited the FF Clubs of Northern Illinois, Great Milwaukee and concluded with our own Wisconsin.

Activities with our FF group first included a Wisconsin Friday night Fish Fry. On Saturday the group toured the Farmers' Market, the Capitol, and had a walking tour from Monona Terrace to the Student Union which included stops at six places to taste local foods, as well as, hearing some Madison and Wisconsin history. The final event on Saturday was a visit to the Wisconsin State Historical Museum which involved a tour of the Native American section, viewing some special exhibits, and concluded with a Native American meal.

Sunday the group visited the Arlington Research Station to experience food at the production level and concluded at Whole Foods where the Ambassadors prepared a regional meal and served to the group.

On Monday, the group's last day, they visited Second Harvest and St. Stephen's Food Pantry where they learned what is involved to feed those less fortunate. Lunch was at the Great Dane that included a cheese and beer/wine pairing. The Farewell Dinner held at Christ Presbyterian Church was an international potluck with foods prepared by the Ambassadors, hosts and guests.

The group was hosted by eleven of our FFW members. They were John and Dorothy Baldwin, Maggie Dohm, David and Jane Dohler, Jan Gruetzmacher and Lisa Simon, Kay Kinney, Mary Lou Martino, Margo McKnight, Helen Ann Rugowski, John and Jane Scharer, Stephanie Sorensen, and Dick and Margy Walker.

Committee members who arranged all the activities were. Kay Babcock, Dorothy Baldwin, Susan Becker, Jane Dohler, Ariel Ford, Janet Lonergan, Helen Ann Rugowski, Lise Skofronick, and Lois Statz.

During the visit, David Blado took pictures of Ambassadors and hosts which were then given as gifts to them. Other pictures taken by David Dohler are posted on the FFW web site.

Dave Kalan of FFGM conceived and organized the Exchange. Brian Harrington of FFNO was the groups ED. Dave, Brian, Brian's wife, Joan, and FFGM member Beth Kealy were able to join us and enjoy the farewell dinner.

Many, many thanks are extended to each of these people and to fellow FFW members who assisted us. Each activity was helped by people who welcomed us with their complete cooperation. My hope is that the Exchange was as pleasant for all participants as it was for me.

The foods were GREAT. More importantly, I hope the exchange of cultures was another step towards bringing greater understanding and peace among us.

In friendship,
Donna Calvert

LOST DOLL LONGS TO RETURN HOME



A doll made in Mexico used for a centerpiece was left at the Global Food Exchange potluck. Please contact Donna Calvert (608-233-7536) to claim.

Guests from South Australia

I would like to inform you that Patrick and Gloria Lennon from Mt. Gambier, South Australia will be coming to visit me September 21st until September 24th. They were our Host Family in 1984. I am having an Open House at my home here in Stoughton to welcome them on Saturday Sept 22nd from 1 PM until 4 PM. We hope some of you that know them will be able to attend. I'm sure they would be excited to visit with you!!

My address is 651 Kensington Square, Stoughton. My telephone Number is 608-873-9217. Hope we can make them feel really excited to be in our Madison area. Please give me a call.

Florence Folbrech



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Guests from Australia
Fall Festival Reservations

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The Friendship Force of Wisconsin
FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 28, 2012



Coliseum Bar
232 East Olin Avenue, Madison
(Use the entrance closest to the elevator
nearest the door facing the street.)

12:00 PM Social Hour
12:30 PM Seated Luncheon
Cost: \$16.00

Donation of bars and cookies is greatly appreciated.

Please: Your reservation and payment are due no later than October 19.

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Choice of entrée: _____ Chicken Dijonnaise or _____ Pork Tenderloin

_____ **# attending x \$16 = \$** _____

_____ **I need a ride** _____ **I can provide a ride**

Names: _____

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