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CEDAR RAPIDS -
IOWA CITY

**FROM THE CEDAR RAPIDS – IOWA CITY
FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB**

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February, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2, 2021 Board Meeting
9:00AM

Feb 19, 2021 Zoom Trivia
7:00PM Friday

Feb 27, 2021 Murder at the
7:00PM Friday Speakeasy

March 2, 2021 Board Meeting
9:00AM

March 7, 2021 World Friendship
7:00PM Day
Sunday Zoom General Meeting

*“Do Small Things
With Great
Love”*

Mother Theresa

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We are a month into the new year and as we look back over the last 10 months, it is easier to be negative than positive with the pandemic and derecho. I know we have missed our get togethers and traveling, but we have learned how to communicate better thru phone, email, skype and zoom. It is important that we stay in touch. I admit I had never heard of Zoom before the pandemic and now I am a weekly user for things I am involved in. I like being able to see the person I am communicating with. Please take advantage to see and talk with other members thru our zoom mix and mingles and trivia.

We need to stop and list the good things that happened in 2020 and all the lesson we learned as we set our goals for 2021 and beyond. I am happy to report that our membership is staying about the same with 65 members paid for the coming year.

I will leave you with an Irish quote “There are good ships and wood ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendship, may they always be”

In Friendship

Jerry Burke 2021 Club President

2021 World Friendship Day

Our World Friendship Day will be a little different this year, as we will not be able to gather with foreign college and high school students over a potluck dinner, We are going to have a Zoom general meeting with a special guest speaker. Many of you may have met her in person when our club journeyed to Taiwan in 2018. The meeting is set for Sunday March 7 at 7PM, There will be a Signup Genius sent and a Zoom meeting invitation email. Mark your calendars for this event. Below is a picture and some information on Kathy Hsu.



I used to be a National public senior high school English teacher for 30 years before I retired. I have been retired for 10 years now. As soon as my retirement began I was elected as FFI Kaohsiung club president. 3 years a term. But my club members would not let me stop and I had no choice but to go on and on for 10 years .

I led at least one outbound a year. Some years I joined global exchanges, 5 times so far. In 2019, I led my clubs to NaRa, Kyoto, Japan in early April. There were 22 of us.

Then I joined the world conference in Boulder in late July. After the conference, I went alone to Michigan to stay with a lady friend for a week. In Sept. I led 8 club members to Niagara Club, Stratford, Saint Mary club, and North Bay club and an intentional tour to Toronto in the same year. It was a very busy but full of life year, very special and unusual to me!

The World Conference in 2021 was supposed to happen at the end of Feb. this year. Due to Covid-19 pandemic , it was cancelled. I had a very relaxing year though. No exchanges at all.

My first year with FF was going outbound exchange to Minneapolis when I was 30 years old. Then, since I was a full time teacher and a mother, I stopped getting involved with FF. Hosting once in a while though, I keep in touch with the club. It was also an unforgettable exchange.

I speak Chinese, Taiwanese, Haka, a bit Japanese.

MURDER AT THE SPEAKEAST

Murder Mystery Zoom Event

The premiere of the movie “Forbidden Love” brought together stars and mobsters alike and anyone who’s anybody in the Great City of New Holly—including you and the local reporter, Speedy Wright. After a glamorous night everyone reassembles at the best speakeasy in town to celebrate. The celebration was cut short when the lights cut off and a gunshot rang. When the lights came back on there he was: Speedy Wright, shot dead.

The question is, are you the murderer?

Join us for a suspenseful\fun evening of investigating this murder.

Saturday February 27th at 7:00

Please respond by February 13th so we can give you your character assignment. You can be an essential character or an observing character. Everyone gets to guess.



Contact; Audrey Bradford

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We will send out a sign up genius

HIKING GROUP



Are you a hiking enthusiast or want to be. Judy Frascht-Miner and Nadine Stark are interested in starting a hiking group. If you would like to help us organize or are interested in the idea let us know.

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Looking forward to nicer weather and time outside!!!!

Notes from Midwest FF Leaders Meeting

Dale Moore, Jerry Burke & Connie Williams attended a Zoom meeting of the 12 Midwest FF clubs leaders on January 28. The following are some highlights of topics discussed.

The **2022 matching process** is currently on track to report matches in late February.

Roz Worrall "Be the bridge" Project – Roz is a member of the Sacramento club and has had a hobby of photographing bridges. Using her photos, she has developed a video for FFI called "Be the bridge". Roz believes her work can be used in a variety of ways to promote FFI. Roz is going to put a workshop together for Field Reps to further explain her materials. Stay tuned - - more on this subject will come later.

Marilyn Whelan (Florida FR) Invitation – Marilyn has invited others to join her home club for a presentation by an outside speaker on "How to safe while traveling." The session will be recorded and posted for future viewing. If you want to join the live session on February 20 at 2 PM eastern, please email Marilyn at moptimist@bellsouth.net. Marilyn said she would provide a speaker bio soon.

Bob Mitchell (Milwaukee) would be interested in putting together a Midwest Region trivia game on ZOOM.

Club Zoom Trivia

The next club Zoom Trivia is scheduled for **February 19th**. Look for the email to sign up. Marty, Audrey and Darlene continue to find fun interesting topics to test your knowledge.



You don't need a Zoom account to participate. Just let one of the 3 know you want to play. Participants will get an invitation from Judy Frascht-Miner on the day of the event. It will give you a link to the Zoom "meeting". Click on the link and be sure your video and microphone are turned on. That's all there is to it.

ZOOM MIX & MINGLES



Because we are not able to gather around a dinner table for our mix and mingles 24 club members gathered via Zoom in 3 groups to share some comradery. Everyone had a great time and it is much easier to follow the conversation in smaller groups.

We will be having some more of these mix & mingles until hopefully in the not to distant future we will again be able to meet around a table.



Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner

Greetings,

At this point I am introducing myself to other journey chairs and coordinators to keep our planning active. At the same time, I will be exploring other journey ideas and looking forward to whom may want to visit us. If anyone has any ideas and contacts to share, please contact me (jjbm526@aol.com or 319-540-1701).

Keep in mind there are many factors to be considered such as the status of the pandemic and the changed status of other FF clubs. Although I remain hopeful for a much better year.

April 2022 – The Albuquerque, NM. Club is planning on us visiting them in Spring 2022 This was originally planned for April 2019 and cancelled due to the pandemic . Jean Thomas is presently contacting those that were originally signed up to see if the journey still works for them, then she will know how many openings there will be. You can contact Jean at jeanthomas521@gmail.com



-Albuquerque-



Autumn 2021/2022– Possible outbound journey to Western North Carolina (Ashville & Henderson). Planning in process.

Jan -May2022- Proposed three-week outbound journey to Tamworth Australia; Adelaide, Australia; and Tauranga-Bay of Plenty, NZ. Pre trip viral tours have been discussed.



I look forward to traveling with many of you!

Accessing Membership Content on CR/IC Friendship Force Website

Several members have asked how to access the membership content on our CR/IC Friendship Force Website. This information is open to all club members and is set up with a username and password. To get to this information:

Click on the Membership Content on the left side of the home screen of our website.

Enter Username: Ffmember (both are case sensitive)

Enter Password: Friendship

You can then access directories of membership and club leadership. There are minutes from general & board meetings & Club Governance policies.

Note: The directories seem small but if you click on them they will enlarge. This works for the stored newsletters also.

Remember to use **.org** in our website: friendshipforcecr-ic.org

If you use **.com** you will be directed to a different website for an online pharmaceutical company.



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