

# Friendship Force Focus

*"A World of Friends is a World of Peace."*

The Friendship Force of Missouri—St Louis

January 2010



## World Friendship Celebration, International Dinner & Silent Auction Saturday, February 20, 2010

It is time for the International Dinner and we are going to feature THE ORIENT. Wear your oriental garments or any other international attire. The dinner and meeting will be on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> at Glendale City Hall, 424 North Sappington Road. Additional information is on the reservation flyer found elsewhere in the newsletter.

**PLEASE** send in your reservation as soon as possible. It takes a lot of pressure off the entertainment committee when you do. We will also be having our annual silent auction. Please bring any souvenirs from your travels or any treasures you would like to recycle. This event is our one moneymaker of the year. Come, have a wonderful time, and help the club.

The Entertainment Committee  
Jean and Bob Hoffmann, Rose and Don Foshage, Martha and Emmett Kaelble



### UPCOMING FRIENDSHIP FORCE EVENTS



International Dinner – 2/20/10 – 6 pm  
Social / 7 pm dinner – Glendale City Hall.

Board Meeting – 3/13/09 – 9 am – First Presbyterian  
Church, Kirkwood

LEO – 3/16/10 – 11:30 am – Lustron Home,  
403 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Charles.

Spring Potluck – 4/25/10 – St. Mark’s Lutheran Church,  
Clayton.

### UPCOMING EXCHANGES

**INBOUND - April 19 – 26, 2010**  
*Zutphen, Netherlands*  
Exchange Director: Jean Hoffmann

**OUTBOUND - June 2 - 9, 2010**  
(plus 3 days in Vancouver)  
*Penticton – Okanagan, British Columbia, Canada*  
Exchange Director: Arlene Nickels

Friendship Force International Web site:  
<http://www.thefriendshipforce.org>  
Friendship Force of Missouri – St. Louis Web site:  
<http://www.friendshipforce-stlouis.org>

#### Club Officers and Board of Directors for 2010

##### Officers

President - Bill Ebert  
First Vice President - Dorothee Elowe  
Second President - Jean Hoffmann  
Secretary - Nancy Hofheinz  
Treasurer - Lee Kraemer

##### Exchange Directors 2010

Inbound – Netherlands - Jean Hoffmann  
Outbound – Canada - Arlene Nickels  
Domestic – Milt Zoschke  
World Exchange Recruiter - Bob Hoffmann  
Open World - Bob Hoffmann

##### Board of Directors

All Officers and Exchange Directors plus:  
Activities Director - Jean Hoffmann  
Adopt-a-Road - Janet Crews  
Auditor - Paul Berney  
Budget Director - Mike Lykens  
Channel 9 - Ellen Kaye Augustine  
Exchange Director Coord. -  
Historian / Bridgebuilder - Sparkle Mortland  
LEO Coordinator -  
Membership Director - Dorothee Elowe  
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Newsletter Editor - Mary Johnson  
Past President - Nancy Hofheinz  
Publicity - Dee Ebert  
Telephone Tree - Sparkle Mortland  
Ways and Means - Mona Hebert  
Webmaster - Jerry Johnson

##### Board Meetings

The Officers, Directors and Chairpersons attend at least four Board Meetings each year. Members are welcome to attend. Dates to be announced

##### Annual Membership Dues

Dues for 2010 are \$35.00 per family and \$25.00 per single for the period 01/01/2010 - 12/31/2010.

##### FRIENDSHIP FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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This is my first Newsletter Article as your new President and as I review the activities that are planned for 2010 I'm excited, what a great club this is, and what wonderful people we are blessed with that volunteer their time to make all this happen!

I want to say a special thanks to Nancy Hofheinz and her Board that successfully guided our club for the past two years.

Upcoming is our International Dinner which is scheduled for February 20, 2010. The program will recognize and celebrate World Friendship Day. This will be followed by a Pot Luck Dinner scheduled for April 25, 2010 which will be in conjunction with our incoming exchange with the Zutphen, Netherlands Club.

Jean Hoffmann, (2nd Vice President) has other activities still in the planning stages. These are our Club's Summer Picnic, Anniversary Dinner and winding up with our Holiday Party. Contact Jean if you are interested in assisting with these events.

Throughout the year we will be scheduling LEOs. We still need club members to volunteer and arrange a LEO outing for our club. I'm sure many of you know interesting places that would qualify for LEO. St. Louis is known for its specialized and unique cultural restaurants. It's a very simple process, so contact me and let's get the ball rolling.

As mentioned above, we have an Incoming Exchange with the Zutphen, Netherlands Club which is scheduled for April 19 through April 26, 2010. What a great opportunity to show off our wonderful city! Please join in and help participate with this Exchange, you won't be sorry. Please contact Jean Hoffmann, Exchange Director.

We will be having an Inbound Domestic Exchange with Okalahoma City, OK sometime late summer or early fall. The date has not been finalized, however, we will need an Exchange Director along with many other helping hands. Please let me know, if you are interested in being the ED.

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October 16 through October 18 the Friendship Force 2010 World Conference will be held in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about FFI, and to renew and make new friendships. Plan on joining other club members and attend.

Throughout the year we will continue to schedule our community service projects, Channel 9 and Adopt-A-Road. Please join us for a fun and rewarding time. Ellen Kaye Augustine (Channel 9) and Janet Crews (Adopt-a-Road) are chairpersons.

As you can see there is a lot going on in 2010. I urge all members to join in and enjoy your club. I encourage each member to participate, support and make new friends with both our club and other Friendship Force clubs both regionally, domestically and internationally.

It is my pleasure to announce that Milton Zoschke has agreed to be our club's new Domestic Exchange Coordinator. Thanks Milt, we are all looking forward to some new and exciting exchanges.

Bruce Maxwell will be heading up a new ad hoc committee which will research ways to boost new membership, increase participation of existing members and put more energy into the club.

John Hrenak will also be heading up another ad hoc committee which is assigned to review our club's By Laws. Our last revision of By Laws was in 2001.

Thanks to both Bruce and John for accepting these committees. Help will be needed to achieve favorable outcomes so please be receptive when help is requested by Milt, Bruce and John. Looking forward to a great 2010.

In friendship, **Bill Ebert**, President

### OUTBOUND EXCHANGE FOR 2010

Our Outbound Exchange for this year is to British Columbia, Canada June 2-12. We had our first group meeting on January 8 and have 25 eager Ambassadors. We will travel to Penticton-Okanagan, British Columbia for seven nights, then on to Metro Vancouver for three nights. This is a scenic area and the Canadians are fun and very welcoming. We look forward to a wonderful time.

**Arlene Nickels**



**(Let's Eat Out)**

On **Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** we'll gather at **11:30 am** at the Lustron (named for the home's lustrous finish) Home in St. Charles [**403 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.**] for our next LEO event. The home is made of all-enameled steel and built after WWII when there was a great demand for affordable housing. The first Lustron home rolled off the assembly line in 1948. It was advertised as "a new standard of living" and "a home of cheerful convenience." These homes were basically maintenance free – and required magnets to hang pictures on the walls! However, only a few thousand were manufactured. The current owners have turned this Lustron Home into a place for group lunches. Only one group each day is accommodated so we will have it to ourselves. **However, we must have at least 10 people and no more than 24.** After lunch the proprietor will talk about this particular Home and show us a short video about the Lustron Homes.

The cost is \$14 per person and includes entrée, vegetables, salad, dessert and beverages. Everyone will have the same meal – Lustron Chicken baked with a honey and fruit sauce, parmesan/lemon potatoes, seasonal vegetables, creamy peach salad, roll, butter and coffee/tea plus dreamcicle cake for dessert [I was given a listing of various entrees and dessert choices and had to choose one.]

Reservations and payment must be sent to **Mary Johnson** by Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. She will have to prepay so make your check (\$14 per person) payable to Mary Johnson and mail to her – include your name(s) and contact information. *Questions:* email [mejohanson@mindspring.com](mailto:mejohanson@mindspring.com)

We are looking forward to having more LEOs in 2010. If you have an idea for one, please contact Bill Ebert.



### Have You Paid Your Club Dues?

As of the publication date of this newsletter, 39 of our members have not renewed their membership for 2010. The membership form is included in this newsletter. To continue to be an active participant in Club events, please renew today.

**Dorothee Elowe**



## INBOUND EXCHANGE

We are having an INBOUND EXCHANGE this year. We are very fortunate to have 16 to 19 Ambassadors coming from Zutphen in the Netherlands. They will be arriving on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and leaving the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If anyone would like to participate in the exchange please let me know. The Farewell Party will be our Pot Luck Dinner. If anyone who is not hosting could help with the Pot Luck, it would make the party more pleasant because many hosts will be with their guests. Please sign up at the International Dinner.

**Jean Hoffmann ED**  
[randjhoff@att.net](mailto:randjhoff@att.net)



### Ukrainian Judges' Visit a Success

Thanks to the efforts of many of our club members, the Ukrainian Judges had a good visit in November. They learned a lot about our court system and learned even more about our people. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Bob Hoffmann

## Past and Future Social Events

On December 4, we had 56 in attendance for our Holiday Party at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Hall in Oakville. We had good friends, fellowship and food. The weather cooperated and we had no rain.

### Mark Your Calendars

Our next function will be the World Friendship International Dinner on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our spring function will be the Pot Luck Dinner and it will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, on Sunday, April 25.

The Entertainment Committee



## Channel 9 Membership Drives

Three times last year, in June, September, and November, Friendship Force members stepped forward to volunteer for one of our community service projects – that of staffing the phone banks at Channel 9 during their membership drives.

Brittany Carter, Membership Operations and Volunteer Coordinator for Channel 9, praised our group by saying that she really can count on us to show up and do a good job. Do you have any idea what was pledged on November 30 during our last watch? \$12,515!

Our FFI logo is displayed now and then during these airings. When Brittany asked if we had a symbol or logo, I turned to Jerry Johnson to help me provide it. The FFI logo is a nice addition to the verbal recognition we are given.

A big thank you goes out to the many members who helped in 2009. Let's spread the fun around and add some new faces to our group this new year.

**Ellen Kaye Augustine**  
Publicity Chairperson

## Channel 9 Volunteers for 2009

Dick and Ellen Kaye Augustine, Nancy Brower,

Lorraine Constantine, Janet Crews, Russ Day,

Bill and Dee Ebert, Delores Eleopoulos, Ann Fortune

Don and Rose Foshage, Jean Gray, Wanda Grueneberg

Marilyn Harres, Ralph and Laura Heathcote,

Bob and Jean Hoffman, Nancy Hofheinz,

Mary Lou Hudson, Emmett and Martha Kaelble,

Lee Kraemer, Bruce Maxwell, Pat Price,

Barbara Robinson, Mary Lee Rovira, Jill Smith,

Anna Tsadka, Mary Widmer.



**Thank you from Sparkle Mortland**

I want to thank the Friendship Force members who sang Christmas carols to me again this year. The Kaelbles, who are Glendale chairmen for the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association, gathered some members who live in the south county area. After they sang to me, they caroled at the other houses on my block, raising funds for children's charities. Then they had a party.

I enjoyed it immensely, and I think it was an excellent service project. I would suggest caroling to members in other areas as a way to do service and have fellowship together.

(Note: Anyone can form a caroling group next year by contacting the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association for information and supplies.)

***IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK BY FEBRUARY 1, 2010***

Make check payable to: **The Friendship Force of Missouri – St. Louis**  
Mail to: Lee Kraemer [email Lee at [lee\\_reita@yahoo.com](mailto:lee_reita@yahoo.com) or check Directory for address]

***Membership Form***  
**THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF MISSOURI – ST. LOUIS**  
**2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NEW MEMBER     RENEWAL

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Individual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00  
Family Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to be more active in the Friendship Force. Please contact me/us to participate in the following:

Telephone Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering at Channel 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Social Activities Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Exchange Activity Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt A Road Project \_\_\_\_\_ Home Hosting \_\_\_\_\_ Day Hosting \_\_\_\_\_  
Board member \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_



# World Friendship Celebration, International Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 20, 2010

6 pm social hour & Silent Auction  
7 pm dinner

Glendale City Hall  
424 North Sappington Road  
Glendale, MO 63122

The dinner theme is Oriental – you are encouraged to come in Oriental or International dress.

Come early and bring items for the silent auction from your travel souvenirs or treasures.

Cost: \$12 per person  
\$10 per person for first time guests

Reservations MUST be received by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cut and mail the form below with your check to:  
Jean Hoffmann [email [randjhoff@att.net](mailto:randjhoff@att.net)  
or check Directory for address]  
Make checks payable to Friendship Force of Missouri – St. Louis

Reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the World Friendship / International Dinner @ \$12 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Reserve \_\_\_\_ places for first time guests @ \$10 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Members' names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / email \_\_\_\_\_

Guests' names \_\_\_\_\_