

Friendship Force Focus

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

The Friendship Force of Missouri—St Louis

July, 2010



IT'S PICNIC TIME



The last time we met for a meeting was at our Pot Luck and Farewell Dinner. We had 47 members, but unfortunately, no Ambassadors from the Netherlands. We had a delicious meal thanks to all of you bringing your dishes, and we were entertained by the BOEING JAZZ BAND. I want to thank Janet Crews and her helpers for taking care of the dinner, Joan and Roy Ferro for decorating the tables and hall so jazzy, and arranging for the Jazz Band. We also want to thank THE BOEING JAZZ BAND for performing for us. They were wonderful, and they did not charge us anything. They played for food.

Our next Fun activity and Meeting will be our Summer Picnic. We are going to meet at Manion Park, the same park we went to last year in Florissant. Make sure you read the directions for a **SMALL** warning. Check all the information in the Picnic attachment for details. Please send in your reservations by July 9th because we will be out of town the beginning of the next week and will not be returning until late Thursday, and I will have to get the reservation in before we go. If you have any questions while we are away call **Rose Foshage**. Otherwise call me.

Jean Hoffmann



UPCOMING FRIENDSHIP FORCE EVENTS

**Picnic – July 17th – Manion Park,
Florissant – 3 - 7 p.m.**

Board Meeting – August 7th – 9 a.m.

LEO – Showstoppers – August 8th – 2 p.m.

Adopt a Road – August 28th – 10 a.m.

**Annual meeting dinner – September 9th – Orlando's on
Dorsett.**

Board Meeting – October 30th – 9 a.m.

**Holiday Party – December 2 – at St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque.**

UPCOMING EXCHANGES

Domestic Outbound

**Mystery Exchange – September 10th to 13th, 2010
Milton Zoschke, Exchange Director**

Domestic Inbound

**Oklahoma City – November – 2010
Dee Ebert, Exchange Director**

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
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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:

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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.

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Hello Fellow Members. On May 19th through the 22nd I was in Chicago participating in a Midwest Regional Presidents' Meeting. All 13 club presidents were in attendance. The clubs that they represented were: Greater Milwaukee, Chicago, Northern Illinois, Dubuque, Central Iowa (Ames), Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Des Moines, Quad Cities, Lincoln, Eastern NE, Minnesota/Twin Cities and Madison Wisconsin. It was great to meet the other presidents and pass along many ideas.

We discussed in length how we could attract more international exchanges to the Midwest. It was decided that we need to utilize theme exchanges to attract foreign clubs. Each president was challenged to come up with a theme that would be appropriate for their city and we would select one that everyone thought would be most appealing. I came up with "*Life on the Mississippi River*" and it was selected as the winner. I submitted a proposed agenda for St. Louis and we are joined by the clubs on Minnesota/Twin Cities and Quad Cities because they are also on the Mississippi. The submittals from all three cities are being reviewed and consolidated into one exchange. In October the completed program will be presented at the International Conference in Washington DC. If we have enough interested foreign ambassadors we will invite them to St. Louis, Quad Cities and Minnesota/Twin Cities for an exchange in 2011. I'll keep you informed of progress.

A special thanks to Joan Ferro for arranging our last LEO at Oscars and the Mercantile Library. It was great. Please read the article about our next LEO that is being arranged by Reita Kraemer. It sounds like an exciting evening. If anyone has a good idea for our next LEO please contact me.

We are planning an outgoing mystery exchange. See Milt Zoschke's article about that.

Also, I am looking for volunteers to form a WELCOMING COMMITTEE for our new members. The goal is to ensure that our new members are well **informed about our** club and feel comfortable and welcomed. We are open to ideas and suggestions. If you are interested in joining this worthwhile committee please email me at billdee6077@sbcglobal.net.

See you all at the picnic.

In friendship, **Bill Ebert**



Report on Outbound Exchange to British Columbia and Invitation to Picture Party

On June 2nd twenty-two Ambassadors traveled to Penticton, British Columbia for an Exchange with the Penticton-Okanagan Friendship Force for a seven-night stay. The Canadians are wonderful, friendly and welcoming people. The mountains and lakes are gorgeous, with vineyards and orchards everywhere. They took us to the NK'MIP Cultural Center for lunch, movie and snake show; then a walking tour of the village with a guide - so interesting. Then on to a three-night stopover stay with the Metro Vancouver Friendship Force. We visited Fort Langley where British Columbia began when the Hudson Bay Company established a trading post. One day of bad weather hampered us a bit, but the next day was beautiful. We toured a Chinese Buddhist Temple and a salmon cannery. Hopefully a good time was had by all. Our picture sharing and story party is Sunday, June 27th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Coeur de Royale clubhouse.

The Ambassadors who traveled to British Columbia are having a party to celebrate a wonderful exchange. The date is Sunday, June 27th at 4:00 p.m. till ??? at the Coeur de Royale Clubhouse, 551 Coeur de Royale Drive, Creve Coeur. This party is open to all Friendship Force members and costs \$10.00 per person which includes supper. BYOB. Send reservation checks payable to The Friendship Force of Missouri, St. Louis to Herb Nickels, 585 Coeur de Royale Drive #408, St. Louis, MO 63141. Deadline for reservations is Monday, June 21. Call Herb or Arlene if you have questions.

Arlene Nickels
Exchange Director

Misplaced your paper copy of the Club Newsletter?

You can always read it on the Club website
<http://www.friendshipforce-stlouis.org/>

We will leave about 9 a.m. on Friday, September 10th and return to St. Louis in the afternoon of Monday, September 13th.

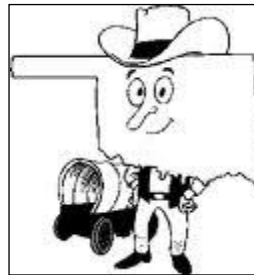
We will travel by car to our destination, so we will need five or six drivers, depending on the final count.

Our meeting point in St. Louis has not been determined at this time. If you are still interested, please contact me at 217-324-4055 or miltonz1939@aol.com.

Even though you may have contacted me some time ago, you must send me a new email, or give me a phone call, confirming your intentions.

We would like to get a final count by July 1st.

Milton Zoschke
Domestic Exchange Director



OKLAHOMA – HERE THEY COME

Dee Ebert will be the Exchange Director when the Oklahoma City Club comes to St. Louis in November. Watch for further information.

Mystery Domestic Exchange

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is FRIENDSHIP FORCE FOCUS July 2010



(Let's Eat Out)

Join **Rita and Lee Kraemer** at our next LEO on Sunday, August 8th. We will begin by attending a 2 p.m. **2010 Musical Revue** by the St. Louis Show Stoppers at COCA – 524 Trinity Avenue, University City MO 63130. Following the Revue we'll go to dinner at Michael's Bar and Grill, 7101 Manchester Rd., St. Louis 63143. (1 block west of McCausland).

The Friendship Force price for the Revue tickets is \$13.00 per person (regular price \$16). Send your money before June 26th to Reita Kraemer, For more information call Reita. Net proceeds go to BJC Hospital for cancer research.

Membership Pictorial Directory

It was discussed and decided at our last board meeting to initiate a pictorial directory of all Friendship Force of Missouri – St. Louis Club members. Currently our directory contains contact information of our members but we feel it would be beneficial to be able to put a face with a name. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help with this endeavor, especially someone who would be our club photographer. If you are interested please contact Dorothy Elowe, Janet Crews, or Bill Ebert.

Welcome to New Members Please add them to your Club Directory

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Nixa, MO 65714
pstripz@gmail.com



Adopt-A-Road

In the last newsletter (April, 2010) I announced a road clean up date for June 24th asking folks who thought they could make it to mark their calendar and let me know a little closer to the actual clean up date if they could. A few weeks ago I sent a reminder to those on the email list. Sorry to say only one person "volunteered" so I had to cancel the clean up at the last minute. (I would say that 4 is the minimum needed to do road clean-up and it's so much better with more.)

I'm NOT taking anyone to task here for sure. Many just returned from the Canada trip and mainly . . ."it was too DARN HOT!" In fact, I was kind of relieved to have to call it off.

I would like to call attention though to another fact. It seems the same people come forward for this worthwhile project each time we have one. I love having our get-together lunch afterwards with those that come frequently, but it would be nice for all of us to have some new "faces" join in. The work is not hard and we do have an enjoyable visit after in the restaurant. Visiting in a small group allows folks to get acquainted on a more personal level. And . . . we sure have a lot of laughs.

So, please consider holding the next date on your calendar. Again . . . when the date gets closer – IF YOU CAN make it let me know. (I'm hoping since summer brought the hot weather early that cool weather will be here by September). **Next date: Saturday, August 28th 2010, 10:00 a.m.** For more details, questions, or to sign up contact me at:
crewsjanet@sbcglobal.net.

Janet Crews

Adopt-A-Road

2010 Friendship Force International World Conference

Oct. 16 – 18, 2010
Washington DC



Conference fee is \$280

Learn more about this conference and/or register at <http://www.thefriendshipforce.org>

What Can You Learn on the Friendship Force International's Web Page?

<http://www.thefriendshipforce.org>

You can join the new Friendship Force Facebook Site.

You can buy Friendship Force logo items at the FFI Marketplace through CafePress.

You can learn about Travel Insurance.

You can find out what time it is anywhere in the world.

You can find the conversion rate of the U.S. dollar to currency worldwide.

You can find an Exchange to places around the world.

To Join The Friendship Force of Missouri – St. Louis

Fill out the MEMBERSHIP FORM below and mail it and your membership dues to:

Lee Kraemer, 106 Whitewater Dr., Manchester, MO 63011-3931

Make your check payable to: The Friendship Force of Missouri – St. Louis

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 _____