

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 20th 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. 6th 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
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Budget Director - Mike Lykens
Channel 9 - Ellen Kaye Augustine
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Historian / Bridgebuilder - Sparkle Mortland
LEO Coordinator -
Membership Director - Dorothee Elowe
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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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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 16th** we'll gather at **11:30 am** at the Lustron (named for the home's lustrous finish) Home in St. Charles [**403 S. 6th 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 9th. 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

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