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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

It looks like winter has finally arrived, and so has the exodus of board members to warmer climates. Therefore we had no board meeting in January. We are planning on meeting in February, no matter what.



Plans are moving ahead for World Friendship Day, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. It will be different this year. Please check this newsletter for further details.

Our annual meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM at the Presidential Banquet Center, preceded by breakfast. Details about the event will follow.

May 11<sup>th</sup> is our volunteer recognition party. Gary Mitchner and his committee have a wonderful evening planned. Please plan on attending, as all of our members are volunteers!

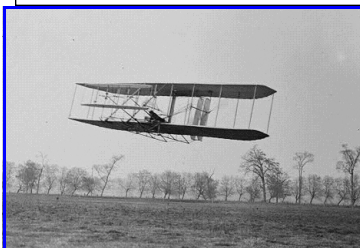
Jeanne Comer and Bill Hagan have filled in almost all of the spaces for our historic recognition bricks at the Peace Pole. Gene Gross has been in contact with the Park District and is working with them on a few minor details. The engraving of the bricks will start as soon as the weather warms up.

Look for updates on the Morocco Exchange and the World Conference in Japan as well as the World Aviation Trail inbound in July.

Have a safe and warm winter!

In friendship,

Dick Graf  
President



Orville Wright in flight over Huffman Prairie, approximately 1,760 feet in 40 1/5 seconds, Nov. 16, 1904. (Lib. Cong.)

### **ON THE WEB**

[www.friendshipforcedayton.com](http://www.friendshipforcedayton.com)

(Dayton FF web site)

[www.thefriendshipforce.com](http://www.thefriendshipforce.com)

(FFI web site) **ALL NEW!!**

# EXCHANGE NEWS:

*From Friendship Force International:*

## Discover USA!

The Aviation Trail: Past, Present and Future *Friendship Force of Dayton · July 7-14, 2012*

Experience the wonders of flight in a new way with your hosts of the Friendship Force of Dayton! Go back to the beginning with a visit to the Wilbur Wright Birthplace and Museum. Then visit the United States Air Force Museum and John Glenn and Neal Armstrong museums to witness the development of aviation and space flight throughout American history. You'll be awed by the Dayton Air Show, featuring the US Air Force Thunderbirds and other flight performers. Their amazing planes and aerobatic stunts will give you a firsthand look at the present and future of aviation.

Contact the ED:  
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This is one of a series of exchanges to the United States open to ambassadors from around the world.

For more information contact the ED or Pallie Savoie at [psvoie@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:psvoie@thefriendshipforce.org).

## JAPAN OUTBOUND: OCT. 28, 2012

In conjunction with the World Conference, a number of our members who plan to attend, will have a home stay in Japan. If you are interested, let Dick Graf know.



## WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY—

MARCH 1, 2012 at the Dublin Pub! More to come next month.

# GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

Mark your calendars and plan to join members from the Friendship Force clubs in Michigan and Ohio for a spring conference! The conference will be held April 13-15, and it will be hosted by the Western Michigan club. FFI President George Brown will be attending, so some come for a great time of fun and dialogue about FFI. All members of the clubs in the region are welcome. Watch for additional details about the itinerary, registration for home-hosting/hotel options, pricing, etc. The contact is Lyn Hargreave ([lhargreave@charter.net](mailto:lhargreave@charter.net) or 269-344-7091).

The other clubs in our region are the Greater Cincinnati club, the Northeast Ohio club, The Greater Detroit club and the Greater Lansing club.

A profile of the Western Michigan club is on page four and a profile of the Greater Detroit club is on page five. The other clubs will be profiled in future newsletters

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 11, 2012.** Dayton Friendship Force Volunteer Recognition Party to be held at Beth Duke's Red Oak estate.

## MISSION

To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people

## VALUES

Mutual Respect • Cultural Diversity • Cultural Exploration Service

## VISION

Each individual will make a contribution to global goodwill. The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals will overcome differences among people and nations. By connecting the world, one friend at a time, we will create a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.

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Bab Bou Jeloud (The Blue Gate) and minarets, Fès

**FACTOIDS: Islamic Morocco**

In the second half of the 7th century, the soldiers of the Prophet Mohammed set forth from the Arabian Peninsula and overwhelmed the peoples of North Africa. Within a century, nearly all Berber tribes had embraced Islam, although, true to form, local tribes developed their own brand of Islamic Shi'ism, which sparked rebellion against the eastern Arabs.

By 829, local elites had established an Idrissid state with its capital at Fès, dominating all of Morocco. Thus commenced a cycle of rising and falling Islamic dynasties, which included the Almoravids (1062–1147), who built their capital at Marrakesh; the Almohads (1147–1269), famous for building the Koutoubia Mosque; the Merenids (1269–1465), known for their exquisite mosques and *madrassas* (Quranic schools), especially in Fès; the Saadians (1524–1659), responsible for the Palais el-Badi in Marrakesh; and the Alawites (1659–present).

France took control in 1912, making its capital at Rabat and handing Spain a token zone in the north. Opposition from Berber mountain tribes was officially crushed, but continued to simmer away and moved into political channels with the development of the Istiqlal (independence) party.

LonelyPlanet.com

**MOROCCAN EXCHANGE: October 2012**

Morocco's dazzling mosaic of Arab and Berber cultures--with a dash of African and European influence is at once strange and romantic, alluring and disconcerting. It's little wonder that Morocco has regularly drawn seekers of the exotic. Don't miss your chance to join the Dayton Friendship Force with a two week tour of Morocco beginning October 2, 2012 and then an optional trip to Spain. **For more information call Joan Lambert ED at 941 627 0035 or email her at [joan.lambert9@comcast.net](mailto:joan.lambert9@comcast.net).**

(Morroco.com provides extensive and very interesting material on Morroco.)

**MEMORIAL BRICKS:** Our club has permission to engrave the red bricks around the beautiful Peace Pole,

located at Deed's Point. These bricks will be engraved with the year and names of the inbound and outbound exchanges undertaken that year. If you were involved in any exchange, we ask that you inform Gene Gross ([gmi144@aol.com](mailto:gmi144@aol.com)) of the year and the exchange. We want to ensure that we don't miss any exchanges. A contractor has been found who will be able to inscribe the bricks *in situ*.

1980



Cali,  
Colombia



# ABOUT: The Friendship Force of Western Michigan

**About the club:** The club was founded 3/26/1990. We have 24 active members, couples and singles, consisting of professional and non- professionals (teachers, farmers, engineers, nurses, business owners, architect, minister etc.) Our club, located in southwestern Michigan reaches from Grand Rapids in the north, to Schoolcraft in the south with members located in and around Allegan, Hopkins, and Kalamazoo in between. Many of our members travel south in the winter months, so we are most active between May and December.

**About the region:** Michigan has the longest coast line of any state in the continental United States with the exception of Alaska. We are located just 35 miles from the shore of Lake Michigan and "across the Lake from Chicago". This is a wonderful vacation spot in the summer when many from the city come to visit the multitude of beaches, sand dunes and charming villages filled with artists. It is often possible to find festivals celebrating such things as blueberries, grapes, tulips, the U.S. Coast Guard among others occurring along the lakeshore and nearby. The area is a fruit belt with lots of apples, blueberries and cherries.

Wine grapes are also grown here and there are numerous wineries. Kalamazoo is known as the bedding plant capital of the world, growing many annual flowers and Christmas poinsettias that are shipped throughout the United States. Two popular events happen in Kalamazoo. Annually in August the boy's national tennis championships occur and every other April the Gilmore Keyboard Festival brings well-known and outstanding musicians from around the world. Historically this was a heavily forested area and paper manufacturing was a major industry, as evidenced by the nearby community of "Parchment". Furniture making was, and office furniture remains, a major industry in Grand Rapids. Checker Motors, Gibson Guitars, Shakespeare Rod and Reels and pharmaceuticals sustained Kalamazoo's past. To the south, across the border into Indiana, is Amish country. The ladies there are well-known for their quilts and it is always a popular activity to visit this area and see the horse drawn buggies that share the roads with cars and to enjoy a home-style Amish cooked meal. Kellogg Cereal headquarters are in nearby Battle Creek, though their museum and factory tours no longer exist. There are numerous universities and colleges in the area: WesternMichiganUniversity, GrandValleyStateUniversity, CalvinCollege, KalamazooCollege, to list a few.

**About a typical exchange to our club:** There are some activities that we try to do together because they have been popular. These include the Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park and The Ford Museum, explaining about the life and times of President Gerald R. Ford, our government and election process.



Queen Anne style house

both in Grand Rapids. Other activities may include visits to the state Capital and state Natural History Museum in Lansing. There is always a visit to the shore of Lake Michigan and the dunes there. So that we can assure our visiting ambassadors have an opportunity to see all that may appeal to them we frequently allow the hosts to choose activities that are of special interest. These activities have included visits to the Gilmore Antique Car Museum , the Kalamazoo Air Zoo , the Amish Country in Northern Indiana, an historical underground railroad house, the Meyer May House designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright Tiller's International , the Kalamazoo Nature Center , the Binder Park Zoo , local museums and libraries of interest. We have accompanied ambassadors on a day-trip to Chicago. However this is at additional expense. If there are further questions or comments please contact Lyn Hargreave at lhargreave@charter.net.

(You can find more about the club on the FF website [www.thefriendshipforce.com](http://www.thefriendshipforce.com).

Look for the [find a club](#) section )



Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park

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# ABOUT: The Friendship Force of Greater Detroit

Date Founded: 5/8/1991 Members: 32

**About the club:** The Friendship Force of Greater Detroit was chartered in November 1991 and has about 40 members. This includes families and some single people. We host at least one incoming exchange each year. We have participated in a number of outgoing exchanges.

**About the region:** The oldest city in the Midwest, Detroit is best known as Motor City because the city revolves around automobiles. The Detroit area houses the world headquarters of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. Most Greater Detroit members live in southeast Michigan, radiating out from Detroit about 60 miles, in 16 different communities. At this



**Renaissance Center**

time, we do not have members living in the city of Detroit. We are close to the border of Canada, and cross over frequently. Visitors from foreign countries would need a visa to enter Canada, if this was part of the exchange program. This would be discussed with the ED prior to any arrangements being made. Michigan has a very changeable climate, and we have four distinct seasons. Temperatures can vary from very cold in the winter to the 90's (30's Celsius) in the summer, with fairly high humidity. However, from May through September, our weather can be delightful. Autumn colors are spectacular, with peak color season in the trees in mid-October.

**About a typical exchange:** Usually, we hold a welcome party, most likely at a member's home; and a Farewell dinner the day before departure. During the week, we plan a trip usually to The Henry Ford (formerly Greenfield Village and Museum) involving as many of the local members as possible. Several other large gatherings may be planned during the week depending on any special events in the area. The remaining days are co-planned by the Hosts with their Ambassadors according to special interests.



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## FIRST CLASS

### UPCOMING EVENTS



<b>MARCH 1, 2012</b>	<b>WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY — Dublin Pub</b>
<b>APRIL 13-15, 2012</b>	<b>GREAT LAKES FF CONFERENCE hosted by Western Michigan club</b>
<b>APRIL 28, 2012</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>
<b>MAY 11, 2012</b>	<b>Dayton Friendship Force Volunteer Recognition Party</b>
<b>OCTOBER 2-15, 2012</b>	<b>MOROCCO EXCHANGE ED—Joan Lambert</b>
<b>JULY 2012</b>	<b>AVIATION HISTORY GLOBAL EXCHANGE ED—Gary Mitchner</b>
<b>OCT. 30 – NOV. 3, 2012</b>	<b>2012 WORLD CONFERENCE, HIROSHIMA, JAPAN</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2013</b>	<b>2013 WORLD CONFERENCE, NEW ORLEANS</b>

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