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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Spring has officially begun and with that the warmer temperatures. No more snow and ice to contend with, we hope. What a change from last year with all the flood waters that we had!

Nancy and her committee are finalizing the plans for our upcoming exchange from Prague and Hertfordshire. Sign-up sheets will be available at the dinner meeting for attendance to the various activities.

Elizabeth and her committee are planning activities for the September exchange from Lima Peru.

Please mark your calendars with our upcoming events – Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn Winnipeg South on the 2nd Floor (not the main floor) on Wednesday April 11, the Card Party on Tuesday, April 17, Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn Winnipeg South on May 9, and a Picnic at the home of Dolores Tutkaluk on June 13. We will be very busy in the next 3 months and hope that many of you will be able to participate in these events.

In Friendship
Paul Havixbeck

Member Announcement

It is with deep regret that we inform the membership of the passing of Ivan and Glenna Bowness of Kensington, Prince Edward Island, the parents of Val Keenan. Our condolences to Val and Joe Keenan.

Happy Birthday – April Celebrants

Trudy Alexander
Beryl Feuer
Val Keenan
Karen Wokes
Sharon Malchuk
Lorne Zagrodnik



FFW World Friendship Day Celebration

Our International Pot-Luck Dinner on March 18 to celebrate World Friendship Day was a great success with 58 people in attendance. There was a buzz of chatter in the room until we all filled our plates with the scrumptious offerings! Thank you to our members and their families and to the Friendship Force of Manitoba and guests for supporting the event. I would like to give special thanks to Marlene for decorating the tables, to Bob and Paul for set-up, to Bessie-Marie for leading us in the singing of the blessing, to Barabara Main, our FFI Western Regional Representative for her opening remarks, to Joe Keenan for helping with cooking the meat and to those who helped with clean-up.

Charliene Havixbeck, Pot-Luck Convenor

The Friendship Force Story

The Other Side of the Mountain by Charlene Terrell tells the story of the founding and the early days of FFI. This book will be available for circulation at our meetings. Just ask at the desk when you come in.

Upcoming Events

Dinner Meetings, Holiday Inn, Winnipeg South, 6 PM

April 11 - regular dinner meeting with lots of exciting activities. Note: meeting will be held on the second floor.
May 9 - regular dinner meeting and our book sale event is planned. This looks like it's becoming an annual event. This is a good opportunity to donate those previously read books with proceeds to FFW and books not sold donated to the Children's Hospital Book Fair. Speak to Norma W. for details.

June 13 - A picnic is planned for this meeting; Dolores Tutkaluk has kindly offered to host the event at her house in East St. Paul (near Birds Hill) at 87 Chrsluk Drive. A convenor (or two) is needed to help organize this event. Speak to Paul to learn what's involved and to volunteer. You can always count on the help of other members to make things work well.

Dessert Card Party April 17th, 1 PM

Planning for the Dessert Card Party at the Charleswood United Church, 4820 Roblin Blvd is well underway!

Tickets are still available at \$12.00 a person
Members are asked to wear their badges.

Donations for the prize table and the dessert table will be most welcomed. Speak to Val Keenan for details.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful afternoon!

The August Meeting

Mark your calendars! A get-together is being planned for August 29th at Herb and Shirley Schellenberg's place in Charleswood at 6:00 PM. Members are to bring hors d'oeuvres and beverages of their choice. Coffee and tea will be served. The regular September meeting may be used to host the banquet for incoming Lima, Peru ambassadors.

Exchanges - Inbound

Prague, Czech Republic and Hertfordshire, UK, May 30 - June 6, 2012

Plans are more or less set as follows:

Wed. May 30 - Arrival: 7:30 PM

Thurs. May 31 - Forks Brunch, Legislative Building Tour and Welcome Pot Luck Dinner

Fri. June 1 - Assiniboine Park Lunch; Manitoba Museum

Sat. June 2 - Free Day with Host families

Sun. June 3 - Free Day - Dinner Hosting

Mon. June 4 - Indigenous Cultural Centre Tour

Tue. June 5 - Discovery Centre, St. Adolphe and St.

Boniface Tour. Farewell Banquet in evening at the Caboto Centre on Wilkes Ave.

Wed. June 6 - Departure at 2:30 PM

Anyone who wishes to help out with potluck or museum visit may call Nancy Clendenan (ED) at 489 7366 or Bob Kury (Assistant ED) at 489 4723

Lima, Peru, September 12-19, 2012

ED: Elizabeth Grover. We are expecting about 24-26 ambassadors from Lima. FF Calgary will be hosting September 5-11, and we will host the following week, September 12-19. Planning is underway, with details to be arranged.

Recent Outbound

The exchange to Big Canoe, Georgia and Orlando, Florida is now history. A show and tell about that exchange will be a highlight at our April meeting.



The Ambassadors at the farewell dinner in Big Canoe:
back row: Joe Scullion (Xenia, Ohio), Ken Weaver (Greeley, Colorado), Herb Schellenberg
middle row: Margaret Birk, Shirley Schellenberg, Gladys Thomas, Paulette Weaver (Greeley, Colorado)
front row: Debbie and Gladys Spracklin

6th Friendship Force Canadian Conference, Quebec City, May 16-19, 2012

Registrations are now closed. Several members from FFW will be attending, including Paul and Charlene Havixbeck.

2013 Exchanges

Acceptance has been sent to FFI, Atlanta for the following exchanges:

- OUTBOUND to Trujillo and Tarapoto, Peru
- INBOUND from Comitan, Mexico – June
- INBOUND from Northern Illinois, USA – September

Exchange Directors are needed for 2013. Talk to Norma W. if you are interested or speak to any of the members who are or have been ED's to find out what's involved.

Undersubscribed Canadian Outbound Exchanges

See the Canadian Friendship Force Exchange Site at <http://canffex.ca/> for more information



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