



The Friendly Echo

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Happy Birthday – March Celebrants

Bev Shultz
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Frances Lemieux
David Judge
Jill Saunders
Herb Schellenberg
Joan Smith



Activities Chairperson Needed

We still need one or more members to help organize meeting and fundraising activities for the club, and to represent the committee at Board meetings.

2012 FFW Membership

Membership lists have been distributed. For 2012, Friendship Force Winnipeg has a total of 76 members (21 family; 34 single), a net increase of 4 members over last March.

Participation Reports

A few members haven't completed their participation reports for 2011. Forms will be available at the next meeting. Return the completed forms to Val Keenan.

Upcoming Events

Dinner Meetings, Holiday Inn, Winnipeg South, 6 PM

Drink costs (wine, liquor and beer) at the bar have increased 50 cents a drink.

April 11 - regular dinner meeting with a change from our regular main floor location to the meeting room on the 2nd floor

May 9 - regular dinner meeting

June 13 - A picnic is planned for this meeting; details to follow.

FFW World Friendship Day Celebration

World Friendship Day was on March 1, 2012, which was the 35th anniversary of the Friendship Force. We are celebrating this event on **Sunday, March 18, 2012** with a pot-luck dinner at **the Bourkevale Community Centre**, 100 Ferry Road.

Come at 5 PM to chat and mingle, dinner will be served at 6 PM. There is no charge – just bring an International Pot-Luck Dish, labeled with the country of origin, as well as serving utensils. Wear an "international" costume if you have one, and bring along some souvenirs from previous travels. Don't forget your own dinner plate, mug and cutlery. Please call or email Charlene (832-9905) to indicate the type of food you plan to bring, e.g. meat, potato, rice, pasta, vegetable, salad, dessert.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

With the warm temperatures lately, it looks like Spring will be coming early this year. We hope! Most of our members who went on our Outbound Exchange to Big Canoe and Orlando are home now. We will be able to hear some of their stories at our April meeting.

Our 8th annual World Friendship Day celebration is coming up on Sunday, March 18th at the Bourkevale Community Centre. We are expecting over 50 people, including some members from FF Manitoba. It's not too late to sign up. Just give Charlene a call (832-9905).

The plans for our Inbound Exchanges are well underway. Nancy and her committee are in the process of finalizing the plans for the Exchange from Hertfordshire, UK and Prague, Czech Republic in May/June.

Elizabeth and her committee are busy planning for the Exchange from Lima, Peru in September. Thank you to all committee members for your hard work.

We are excited to have received the following Exchange Assignments for 2013:

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

Please mark your calendars with our upcoming event – the Card Party on Tuesday, April 17

In Friendship
Paul Havixbeck

Member Announcement

It is with deep regret that we inform the membership of the passing of Honorary Member, Elsie Hannaford on March 11, 2012. Elsie was a very supportive member of Friendship Force from its inception in Winnipeg.

Dessert Card Party April 17th, 1 PM

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

If members have prizes to donate please bring them to Val at the Pot Luck Dinner on the 18th of March. Marlene has volunteered to wrap all the prizes.

Desserts should be brought to the church at 12 PM. We would appreciate tortes, cakes and fancy desserts. Karen W. will be in charge of the kitchen. Volunteers for the kitchen should arrive at 11:30 am. Karen could use some extra help for clean up.

Tickets (\$12.00) are available from several people including Elizabeth, Joan O, Bob and Val. Last year we sold 120 tickets so we would like to have those numbers again this year. Whist, and crib players as well as bridge players are invited. Invitations have also been extended to Manitoba and Brandon Friendship Force Clubs.

Members are asked to wear their badges.

Last year we donated \$600 to the Japanese Tsunami Relief. This year the Board has decided to donate the proceeds to local charities- Winnipeg Harvest, Salvation Army and Agape Table- as well as the Friendship Force International 35th Anniversary Legacy Fund for the expansion of Friendship Force clubs.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful afternoon!

Exchanges - Inbound

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

Thank you to those who have offered to host and help with the planning. We are expecting 16 ambassadors from ages nine to seventy-nine. There are eleven from the Czech Republic and five from England. We will have more details about activities in the April newsletter.

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.

Other Exchanges

Undersubscribed Canadian Outbound Exchanges

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

U.S. Multi-Club Culinary Exchange

July 31- August 14, 2012

Registrations are now being accepted for a Food-Based exchange that will be hosted by 3 FF Clubs in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

FFW 2013 Exchange Assignments

See the President's Message for our 2013 exchange assignments. More details to follow.

Conferences

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.

2012 World Conference: Hiroshima, Japan, October 30-November 3, 2012.

The official Conference theme is "Hiroshima for Peace and Friendship." Registration has now begun. For registration information contact: Debbie Powell, Conference Director/Special Projects, dpowell@thefriendshipforce.org. Post-conference hosting will be available with several Japanese clubs.

2013 World Conference: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, November 22-25, 2013.

FFI Global Expansion Plan 2012-2014

This plan has five initiatives for building a strong Friendship Force for tomorrow which are:

- 1 - Establish 45 new clubs
- 2 - Expand themed exchanges and new programs
- 3 - Leadership for tomorrow
- 4 - Promote the Friendship Force globally
- 5 - Raise \$275000 to pay for the Global Expansion

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