



# The Friendly Echo

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Greetings!

A Bouquet of Thanks goes to:

- Gladys Thomas for her insightful presentation on her first Outbound Exchange
- "The Fab Five" for providing a fun-filled evening of entertainment at the April meeting. We look forward to your "Return Engagement".
- Debbie Spracklin for auditing the books
- Val Keenan, Bob Kury and their committee, all the volunteers, members who sold tickets and donated prizes, made scrumptious desserts and attended the Dessert Card Party
- Dolores Tutkaluk for agreeing to host the June 13th Picnic at her home
- Herb and Shirley Schellenberg for offering to have a get together of members at their home on August 29th, prior to our Inbound Exchange
- **All** members who are so supportive of our organization and its goals.

In Friendship  
**Paul Havixbeck**

### Member Announcement

It is with deep regret that we inform the membership of the passing of Elane Koch of Vancouver, British Columbia. Elane is the mother of Joanne Kury. Our condolences to Joanne and Bob Kury.

### Happy Birthday – May Celebrants

Richard Grover  
Diane Judge  
George Frederickson  
Dan Desautels  
Dolores Tutkaluk



### Dessert Card Party April 17<sup>th</sup>

Our fourth annual Dessert Card Party on April 17th was a successful afternoon. There were lots of favourable comments about the delicious desserts and the venue. Thanks to the organizing committee members Joan Ostermann, Elizabeth Grover, Karen Wokes and Marlene Friesen who provided us with their expertise from previous years. To all who made the tickets and score sheets, donated prizes and desserts, worked in the kitchen, sold tickets or took tickets at the door, washed dishes, poured coffee, tea or water or helped in any other way a big Thank You! 103 tickets were sold and, after expenses, a profit of \$745 was realized. The Board has authorized an additional \$55 to round that amount up to \$800 and a \$200 donation will be made to each of Winnipeg Harvest, Agape Table, The Salvation Army and the Friendship Force International Legacy Fund. Many of the card players indicated that they had had a lovely afternoon and would like to come again next year!

### Upcoming Events

#### **Dinner Meeting, Holiday Inn, Winnipeg South, 6 PM**

**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. Books not sold, will be donated to the Children's Hospital Book Fair. Speak to Norma W. for details.

**June 13** - A picnic is planned for this meeting. This is a regular meeting for members and adult guests. Dolores Tutkaluk has kindly offered to host the event at her house in East St. Paul (near Birds Hill) at 87 Chrisluk Drive. A convener (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. Driving directions can be found on [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

Those who plan to attend should bring lawn chairs and beverages of their choice. Tea and coffee will be served. A small fee (\$5-\$10 per person) will be collected at the picnic to cover the cost of food.

**The August Meeting:** Mark your calendars! A get-together is being planned for August 29<sup>th</sup> at Herb and Shirley Schellenberg's place in Charleswood at 6:00 PM. The address is 583 Harstone Rd. 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**

ED - Nancy Clendenan Charleson and Assistant ED - Bob Kury

Sign-up sheets for activities during the exchange are to be submitted by Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to Bob Kury. These activities are open to all members. See the April issue of The Friendly Echo for a listing of planned activities.

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Conveners for each day are:

Thursday, May 31st Elizabeth Grover/Val Keenan  
Friday, June 1st Jill Saunders/Nancy Clendenan  
Saturday, June 2nd Carol Frederickson/Aruna Hall  
Monday, June 4th Bob Kury/Norma Padilla  
Tuesday, June 5th Rick Klimack/Dolores Hebert  
Wed. June 6 - Departure at 2:30 PM

Thanks to all of our members who are participating.

Anyone who wishes to help out or needs information about the activities, call Nancy at 489 7366 or Bob 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.

### 2013 Exchanges

Exchange Directors are needed for 2013. Talk to Norma W., our Exchange Coordinator, or any of the members who are or have been ED's to find out what's involved or to volunteer.

The Oubound exchange will be to Trujillo and Tarapoto, Peru and has a planned departure in Oct., 2013.

Changes have been made to the Inbound exchange scheduled for June. Comitan, Mexico is unable to participate and has been replaced with the FF Club from Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

The inbound exchange scheduled for September will be from the FF Club from Northern Illinois, USA.

### FFI Field Representatives

During the past four years we have benefited greatly from the service provided by Barbara Main and Diane Roy as our two Canadian field representatives--Barbara for the western region and Diane for the clubs in the east. It is now time to appoint replacements for Barbara and Diane whose term as field reps end in June. If anyone is interested in the position or would like to know more about the appointment, please contact Paul for more information.

### The Fab Five



At our April meeting we were treated to a live performance of The Fab Five featuring songs and a trivia contest. The Fab Five consisted of such notable look-alikes as (from the left) Peggy Lee (Marlene), Mama Cass (Norma P.), Abba (Dolly T.); Madonna (Norma W.) and Johnny Cash (Dolores H.). Thanks for an entertaining show, the prizes and the great decorations.



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