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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

As November 11 has just passed, let us remember and be thankful for the veterans who have served over the years on our behalf.

November is our Annual General Meeting, at which time you will hear short reports from the various committees who have been working hard all year. Thank you to all committee chairs for your help. Thank you to Karen and the nominating committee for their hard work in attempting to find someone to fill the Secretary position.

The Board will need committee chairs for next year. There are several positions open. What are your talents and interests? Being a committee member is a good opportunity to become more involved, help to influence club direction and policy and make new friends. Thank you to Diane Judge for taking on the Activities Chair for next year. A question for the membership: Which committee would you like to help on next year? Please let us know.

The results of the voting for our 2014 Outbound Exchange in order of preference are: Austria, Norway, Turkey and Ukraine. The 2014 Exchange Request Form has been submitted to Atlanta and we will be advised in January.

Mark December 11 on your calendar and plan to attend our Christmas Party. It is always a festive occasion. Remember to bring a "Tin for the Bin".

In friendship
Paul Havixbeck

Happy Birthday – November Celebrants

Allan Wokes
Adele McMurtrie
Janice Desautels
Jim McMurtrie
Edna Pohl
Nancy Clendenan
Mary McQueen
Lovern Daniels



Get Well Wishes

We hope that all goes well for Al Kaiser for his current treatment and wish him all the best for a complete recovery.

Correspondence

We received a copy of the Assiniboine Park newsletter which will be available at our next meeting. This is due to the donation we made to Assiniboine Park at our meeting last June.

Paul, our President, received an email from the FF Club in Hamilton Burlington regarding the formation of a new FF club in Toronto. We are asked to spread the word to our friends and relatives in the greater Toronto area about this. If there is any interest, contact Fran Stephenson by email at hns@cogeco.ca.

FFI, Atlanta has announced the election of the Board of Directors for 2013. Details are available on the FFI website at www.thefriendshipforce.org

Membership

We currently have 79 members. 2013 Membership renewal notices have been sent out to the membership and should be completed by January. The membership fees for 2013 are \$30.00 for a single and \$50.00 for a family. From these fees, our Club sends FFI Atlanta US\$10.00 per single member and US\$ 17.00 per family member when renewing our charter.

Val, our Vice President/Membership will be asking members to complete their 2012 participation reports in the very near future. It would be helpful if we could complete these reports on a timely basis.

Membership renewal forms and participation reports will also be available at our upcoming meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular meetings are planned for the remainder of 2012 and into 2013 at the Holiday Inn South (second Wednesday of the month). Meetings start with a get together at 6:00PM, then Dinner at 6:30 followed by a short meeting and activities.

November 14 – Our Annual General Meeting. Reports from the board will be presented at the meeting in addition to elections. **Reminder:** our November meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of the Holiday Inn.

December 12 – Our Christmas meeting. As before, we will be asking members to bring a "Tin for the Bin" in support of the Christmas Cheer Board. All donations will be delivered promptly to the Cheer Board by volunteers. Members are asked to check the expiry dates of their donations.

January 9 will be our first meeting of the new year with our February meeting on the 13th.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The elected positions on the FF Winnipeg Board of Directors are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. All positions are open for election, however the President, Vice-President and Treasurer are willing to let their names stand for a second term. The position of Secretary will become vacant at the end of 2012. Karen Wokes, our Past President, is chairing the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Karen directly. At the AGM, nominations may also be made from the floor.

World Friendship Day.

March 1, 2013 is World friendship Day. As before, we're looking at organizing a special event to celebrate the occasion. We are looking to our members for event suggestions and to volunteer and to participate.

2013 Exchanges

Inbound

Piracicaba, Brazil The date has not yet been set but will likely be in July. Joe Keenan has volunteered to serve as ED and Gladys Thomas as the Assistant ED.

Northern Illinois, USA. This exchange will occur in September. Jim Kubas will serve as the ED and Carol Frederickson has volunteered to be the Assistant ED. Discussions regarding organization will be starting in the very near future.

Outbound:

Trujillo and Tarapoto, Peru. Dates have not yet been arranged, but will likely be in early October. Paul Havixbeck will be the exchange director.

No details are available at this time for any of the 2013 exchanges.

2014 Exchanges

Members have voted for their preferences for 2014 outbound exchanges. Our members' top choices were Austria, Norway, Turkey and the Ukraine. We'll be advised in early 2013 by FFI Atlanta of the clubs that we will be visiting in 2014.

Canadian FF Conference

The Canadian Conference has been set for Edmonton on September 18, 19 & 20, 2014. The goal is to have 200 conference delegates. Sessions will be held in both French and English. Home Hosting Clubs - Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton, Hay River, Penticton The general conference will be preceded by the Presidents' Meeting on September 17, 2014.

FFI - World Conferences

The 2012 conference was held in Hiroshima, Japan from Oct. 31 to Nov 3. Conference details are on the FFI website.

The 2013 conference will be from Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 in New Orleans, USA.

The 2014 conference has been announced and will be held in Auckland, New Zealand in Oct 2014.

Other Exchanges

Undersubscribed Canadian Outbound Exchanges

See the Canadian Friendship Force Exchange Site at <http://canffex.ca/> for more information on undersubscribed exchanges being organized by other Canadian Clubs. This is a good opportunity for members to get involved in exchanges over and above those organized by our club.



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