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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

We have not had a meeting since our June picnic so I would like to thank Dolores T. for graciously hosting the event and to the Judges and Margaret for taking care of every little detail. Thank you so much.

Thank you to FF Manitoba for the kind invitation to their June BBQ. It was a very enjoyable evening and gave us an opportunity to get to know the Manitoba and Brandon members better.

I hope everyone enjoyed a great summer. As September approaches, we will be busy with our ambassadors from Lima, Peru. Let's all try to get involved in one way or another, make new friends and have some fun.

It is also time to start thinking about our exchange requests for 2014 as our "Wish List" has to be submitted by November 1, 2012. If you have some specific requests, please bring them to my attention at the meeting on Aug 29th.

We will be voting on the Liability Insurance proposal on Aug 29th as our decision has to be submitted to Andrew Sterling (FF Ottawa) by Sept 30, 2012.

See you on Wednesday.

In friendship
Paul Havixbeck

Membership Announcements

We now have 78 members in our club. We extend a special welcome to our new members: Shirley Esaruk, Nina Logan and Terry Hercus. Myrna Rourke has joined as an associate member of our club.

For all members, new or otherwise, there is an excellent 5 minute video on FFI on the internet at:

<http://thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/site/movies/>

Go to above link to watch it. Go to the link below to read the current issue of the Friendship Force Magazine:

<http://thefriendshipforce.org/index.php/site/magazine/>

Missing Rose Bowls

Members who took home rose bowls from the Welcome Potluck in the spring are asked to return them to Nancy on August 29th or September 12th.

FFW – Donation

A donation of \$250 has been made to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy in accordance with a membership motion at our June meeting.

Happy Birthday – September Celebrants

Beatriz Serpa
Joan Ostermann
Charliene Havixbeck
Lorraine Moncado
Larry Franz
Diane Kubas



Upcoming Events

The August Meeting: A get-together is being planned for Wednesday August 29th at Herb and Shirley Schellenberg's place in Charleswood at 5:30 PM. The address is 583 Harstone Rd. Members are to bring hors d'oeuvres (or finger food) and beverages of their choice. Coffee and tea will be served. This late August meeting is in lieu of our usual September dinner meeting due to the incoming Peru exchange.

Regular meetings are planned for the rest of 2012 at the Holiday Inn South. The dates are Oct. 10, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The November meeting will be our AGM when the elections for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2013 will be held. The Board of Directors also includes the appointed chairs of the standing committees for Newsletter, Communications, Website, Historian, Exchange Coordinator, Phone Coordinator and Activities. Now is the time to get involved. Speak to any board member to for more information.

We have been without an activities/fundraising chairperson for most of 2012. If you ever thought of getting more actively involved in our club, now is an excellent time to do it.

Exchanges – Inbound

Lima, Peru, September 12-19, 2012

ED: Elizabeth Grover, Asst. ED, Frances Lemieux. We are expecting 22 ambassadors from Lima. FF Calgary will be hosting September 5-11, and we will host the following week, September 12-19. Detailed planning has been completed and the activities sign-up sheet has already been sent to the membership via email and regular mail for those without email. Several hosts (day and dinner) are still required. Contact Elizabeth at 452-5299 to volunteer or for more information.

2013 Exchanges

Inbound exchanges are scheduled for early July from Piracicaba, Brazil and for September from Northern Illinois.

The club needs an exchange director for the exchange from Piracicaba, Brazil, which will most likely occur in July of 2013. Speak to Norma W., our Exchange Coordinator for details or to volunteer. Jim Kubas has volunteered to be the exchange director for the inbound exchange from Northern Illinois in September.

Our Outbound exchange will be to Trujillo and Tarapoto, Peru. This has a planned departure in Oct., 2013. Paul Havixbeck has volunteered to be the exchange director.

2014 Exchanges

As Paul mentioned in his message, our `wish list` for 2014 has to be submitted by November 1, 2012. There are over 371 clubs in 50 Countries on 6 continents. For help in making a decision, go to:

<http://thefriendshipforce.org/clubsearch>

to view profiles of clubs in places that interest you.

Western Canadian FF Field Representative

There is a new representative, Barb Clarke of FF Lethbridge. Barb replaces Barbara Main of FF Manitoba whose term has ended.

FFI - World Conferences

A recent communiqué from FFI featured three world conferences in 2012, 2013 and 2104.

The 2012 conference will be in Hiroshima, Japan from Oct. 31 to Nov 3. Registrations are still being accepted.

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

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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