



# The Friendly Echo

## FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



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### President's Message

Dear Friends

Spring did arrive as Mother Nature promised. It is an early spring and we appreciate the warmth, the absence of late snow storms and no flooding. Alleluia!

Sadly we say goodbye to Diane Cook. To her friends among our members Allan and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy. We are very sorry that you have lost your long time friend. We well remember the fun we had when all of you were our dinner guests at the post auction dinner in our home.

We are a small group at our dinner meeting this month as many members are travelling to Romania and Germany and points beyond. I wish a safe and fun filled journey for them as they travel and have the opportunity to enjoy new experiences and meet with new and old friends.

Joan O has masterminded the committee for the Dessert Card Party in May. There are tickets to be sold and help needed on that day.

For the ambassadors arriving in June Norma P and the Cinful committee has added a trip to Gimli to the visitors' agenda. I am pleased as Gimli has much to offer and visitors are always amazed at the enormity of the 10th largest lake in the world.

Last year in the April newsletter Charliene reminded us of the values of Friendship Force. I would like to repeat the words that express what we represent and explore:

- Mutual Respect
- Cultural Diversity
- Cultural Exploration
- Service.

How fortunate we are to be members of Friendship Force Winnipeg.

In Friendship KAREN W

### In Memory of Diane Cook

Friendship Force Winnipeg expresses its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Diane Cook who passed away at the St. Boniface Hospital on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. This has been a tremendous shock on us all.

### Happy Birthday for April

Marjorie  
Trudy  
Kelvin  
Beryl

Val K  
Bette  
Karen W



### Upcoming Events

#### 2010 Dinner Meeting Dates:

#### Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

April 14	Spring Fling
(The Activities Committee would like all our members to wear bright, cheerful, coloured outfits or tee-shirts to signify the beginning of spring and to celebrate the friendship that exist in our club.)	
May 12	MB Heritage Fashion Show
June 9	MB Towns and info on Cincinnati
September 8	Japanese Theme Speaker
October 13	Autumn Event
November 10	Men's Night to Entertain
December 8	Christmas Party

#### FFW Dessert Card Party

#### Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 1 PM

#### Charleswood United Church, 4820 Roblin Blvd.

Ticket sales are underway, but we are not yet near capacity. The organizing committee would like to see a final push in sales by the membership. Posters to advertise the event are ready. Perhaps you could put one up in your community! Tickets and posters will be available at the April 14<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting from committee members. If you intend to donate a gift for the prize table, please bring it to the dinner meeting. We would appreciate having the desserts at the church by 12.00 Noon. If you have signed up as a volunteer helper, please be at the church by 11:30 AM.

Thanks for your support. Joan O, Karen K, Marlene, Karen W.

### Exchanges

#### 2010 Inbound

- **Greater Cincinnati, USA, June 21-28, 2010**

A total of 18 ambassadors are confirmed. At the April dinner meeting, Norma will give an overview of the visit to help people plan their activities. Sign-up sheets for the potluck supper will also be distributed. (ED: Norma P)

- **Yamagata and Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan, September 20-26, 2010**

The number of ambassadors is not yet known. (ED: Aruna)

### **2010 Outbound**

#### **Brasov, Romania and Rheinhessen, Germany, April 17 - May 1, 2010**

Wishing all our FFW ambassadors a safe and enjoyable trip to Romania and Germany.

### **Global Winter Exchange, February 17-24, 2011**

The Global Winter Exchange Committee, with members from both FF Winnipeg and FF Manitoba, met on March 24<sup>th</sup> to begin detailed work on this unique exchange. It was decided to accept all those on the ambassador waiting list, so we could possibly have up to 50 ambassadors in total. The Heritage Victoria Community Club has been booked for the Welcome PotLuck Lunch and the Holiday Inn Winnipeg South for the Farewell Dinner. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 16 to continue with the detailed planning. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help on the exchange (FFW ED: Val K)

### **2011 Outbound**

#### **Yamaguchi and Tokyo, Japan, September, 2011**

### **2011 Inbound**

#### **San Jose, Costa Rica, 2011**

We are still seeking to have this visit occur in June.

### **Friendship Force World Conference, Washington, D.C., October 16-18, 2010**

Visit the conference homepage at [http://www.regonline.com/2010\\_world\\_conference](http://www.regonline.com/2010_world_conference) for event details and to register for the conference online.

**Friendship Force Recognition AWARDS for 2009 and 2010:** The deadline to submit nominations to FF International is June 1, 2010. During the October World Conference FFI will recognize outstanding Volunteers and Clubs that have achieved excellence in 2009 and 2010 in areas such as exchange programs, public relations, service and specific achievements. Please send your recommendation with supporting information (not to exceed one page) to [awards@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:awards@thefriendshipforce.org).

### **Schwerin Friendship Force Festival, Germany, July 31 - Aug 7, 2010**

Many of you will recall the Schwerin video presentation that we had at one of our dinner meetings last fall. There is still time to register for this global exchange, with the registration deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>. In 2010 Schwerin is celebrating its 850th Anniversary. The

Friendship Force of Luebeck wishes to share the beauty and attractions of the city and region with members of the Friendship Force Community in Schwerin and Northern Germany. The city is small enough to explore museums, gorgeous gardens and historic places, yet so cosmopolitan to be the location of strong cultural programs like the Open Air Opera. So far Ambassadors will be visiting from Brazil, Netherlands, Belgium, the US and the UK, as well as from Germany. More details and contact information is available in the FFI catalogue at <http://www.thefriendshipforce.org/catalog/>



*Members of FF Winnipeg and Manitoba enjoying entertainment at the Festival du Voyageur, Feb 14, 2010. In front, Norma W, Charliene and Paul. Photos by Joe.*



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