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President's Message

February and Valentine's Day gives us a chance to say "I Love You", "I Like You" and "Thank-you".

I would like to send a thank-you to all for the good wishes and many treats received from FRIENDS after my back surgery on January 19. The affirmations are helping in my healing and it makes me feel special to be remembered by so many.

FF members have much to look forward to in February. On Valentine's Day, February 14, we will attend Festival Du Voyageur as a group. Val reports that there is still time to add your name to the list. We will celebrate World Friendship Day on February 28 with an International Dinner, pot-luck style, at the Bourkevale Community Centre. Friends and family are welcome. Come and join the fun and fellowship.

This event, and some up-coming, welcomes volunteers. Sign-up!

I look forward to seeing you at Wednesday's dinner meeting.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Your's in Friendship, KAREN

REMINDER

2010 FFW Membership Renewal

Your FFW membership renewal fee for 2010 is required no later than the February 10 meeting. Our Membership List will be updated soon thereafter. If you cannot attend please contact Norm Pohl as soon as possible at 888-6970 to make arrangements for payment. Thanks to all who have already renewed for this year. Cost: Single - \$30, Family - \$50.

Safeway Community Caring Coupons

Coupon booklets are now available again at \$20 each. Each contains 4 coupons for \$5 off (with \$50.00 grocery purchase) and additional coupons for extra Air Miles and discounts on certain items. Booklets will be available from Paul Havixbeck at our February meeting.

Upcoming Events

2010 Dinner Meeting Dates:

Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

February 10	<i>Musical Entertainment</i>
March 10	<i>Celebration of St Patrick's Day</i>
April 14	<i>Spring Fling</i>
May 12	<i>MB Heritage Fashion Show</i>
June 9	<i>MB Towns and info on Cincinnati</i>
September 8	<i>Japanese Theme Speaker</i>
October 13	<i>Autumn Event</i>
November 10	<i>Men's Night to Entertain</i>
December 8	<i>Christmas Party</i>

50-50 Draw

We will again be holding the popular 50-50 draw at our dinner meetings, beginning in February!

World Friendship Day, Sunday, February 28, 2010

Bourkevale Community Centre, 100 Ferry Rd., 6:00 PM

NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FROM LAST MONTH'S ECHO.

Help us make World Friendship Day 2010 a celebration of the theme "Friendship on Six Continents". Our pot-luck dinner on **Sunday, February 28**, will feature dishes inspired by world cuisine. We ask that members bring their favorite international menu item and their own dishes and cutlery. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. You are encouraged to invite your family and/or a friend(s). Sign-up sheets will be available at the February monthly meeting to indicate the food you plan to bring and number attending. You may also advise one of the following if you plan to attend: Charlene Havixbeck (832-9905), Bessie-Marie Hill (477-4580), Elizabeth Grover (452-5299) or Norma Warecki (837-8547).

2010 FFW Dessert Card Party

It's been necessary to change the date for this event proposed for the Charleswood United Church. The new date has not yet been finalized. We are now seeking a date earlier in April or in the first week in May. The date change has become necessary due to the many FFW members who will be away on the original date proposed, Tuesday, April 28. Volunteers

will continue to be needed for planning and staffing the event, and to prepare desserts.

Happy Birthday for February

Debbie Spracklin
Joan Hodgson
Elaine Benner



Exchanges

2010 Outbound

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

Five spaces remain available for Brasov. The Exchange is being publicized on the Canadian website for unfilled exchanges www.canffex.ca. If you wish to participate contact Paul Havixbeck, Assistant ED.

2010 Inbound

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

Barbara Ross, the Greater Cincinnati exchange director, has indicated that 16 ambassadors have paid for their trip to Winnipeg. The next meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for February 18. By the March Friendship Dinner we will have most of our plans confirmed. (ED: Norma Padilla)

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

The exact dates of this exchange and the number of ambassadors expected are not yet available. (ED: Aruna Hall)

Global Winter Exchange, February 17-24, 2011

There are now 44 applications from around the world for this event, many from Australia.

To assist in planning, 22 of our members will be participating in some of the "Joie de Vivre" of the Festival du Voyageur on the evening of **Sunday, February 14, 2010**. In order to have traditional French entertainment it was necessary to change the date from the one originally planned. If there are still members who wish to attend please email Val Keenan at vekeen@mts.net and she will attempt to have additional numbers added to the reservation. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$18 plus taxes (\$20.20). This includes gate admission, buffet and entertainment. (FFW ED: Val Keenan)

2011 EXCHANGES

We have received a message from Atlanta that Friendship Force International (FFI) is pleased to propose the following exchanges for our club in 2011:

Outbound

Yamaguchi and Tokyo, Japan, September, 2011

Inbound

San Jose, Costa Rica, October, 2011

International Conference, Washington, D.C., 2010

The International FF Conference in Washington, D.C. is planned for October 15 - 18, 2010. It's sure to be an incredible event with high profile speakers, enlightening workshops, a splendid gala banquet, and opportunities to enjoy time with global friends - old and new. For complete conference details, please refer to the conference website at

www.regonline.com/2010_world_conference.

Exchange Director Training Workshop

February 9, 2010, 1:30 PM

Barbara Main, Field Representative Western Canada, Friendship Force International, will be leading another training session for current and potential Exchange Directors. All interested members are invited to attend. The workshop is designed to give confidence in all aspects of leading successful exchanges, both inbound and outbound. The location of the workshop is the Party Room, Royal Edgewater Condos, 60 Dunkirk Drive, Winnipeg. If you are interested please contact Barbara at 201-488-7645, email:

bjmain@shaw.ca.



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