



The Friendly Echo

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May 2011 bring good health, new adventures, and a bright future to all.

Friendship Force is part of a global network of members with the opportunity to make new friends worldwide and through that help shape the direction of world peace.

This year we will host new and old friends from Costa Rica, Australia and the US, and visit Japan. The Japan visit will include new and existing friendships. As well I feel that our group has strengthened their friendships within the club through increased involvement in committees and tasks. Members are multi-talented hard workers with big hearts.

A new year creates an opportunity to reflect on the past and create new beginnings. As I do this I realize that it has been a good year for Friendship Force and there is much to look forward to. How fortunate I am. How fortunate we are.

In friendship KAREN

Welcome New Members!

Denis and Evelyne Gautron

Message from Dave Judge

After a lengthy stay in hospital I am back home again and slowly recuperating. It's been a rough ride but made easier by all the well wishes, cards and phone calls from our Friendship Force friends. Thank you all so very much. I hope it won't be too long before I am back in circulation. Happy New Year to everyone.
Dave Judge.

2011 FFW Membership Renewal Fees

Our Membership List will be updated and finalized for distribution after the February 9 meeting. If you cannot attend the January or February meetings, your renewal cheque should be sent no later than the end of January to Norm Pohl. Club fees remain this year at \$30 for a single membership and \$50 for a family membership.

2010 Participation Report

If you have not already done so, please provide your FFW participation recording sheet to Norm for the compiling of points earned. Thanks to all who have already submitted.

Friendship Force International Email List

FFI has requested that we provide them the listing of our members' email addresses. FFI would like email

addresses because it periodically sends items that our members may want to receive in a timely manner, e.g.:

- Time-sensitive information such as conference registration and photo contest announcements.
- World of Friends catalog updates, featuring opportunities that are available to all FF members.
- Friendship Online magazine, distributed free of charge, offering FF stories and advice from around the world.

Everyone with email access would receive the same information at original time of release. The FFW listing would be the same as that used for distribution of the Echo. Many clubs have already submitted their email lists.

The FFW Board of Directors has discussed the request and decided we should submit our email list to FFI. This will ensure timely distribution of FFI messages to our members and ease our own workload. A sheet will be made available at the January 12 dinner meeting for individual members to indicate their approval for inclusion. For those who will not be attending, you should inform Karen Wokes or Herb Schellenberg no later than January 16 so that your email address can be removed from the submission. Note that FFI has a long standing policy not to pass on email addresses. An "Opt Out" option is also built in as a part of their releases to FF members.

Be aware that if you do not wish us to include your email address, or if you opt out, you will no longer receive FFI originated emails such as those that Karen has been forwarding recently. However this forwarding is a troublesome middle step since if she is unavailable, or her computer is "down", the FFI information will be delayed or missed.

Happy Birthday for January

Paul Havixbeck
Bonnie Vivier
Sachitha Attawar



Upcoming Events

2011 Dinner Meeting Dates:

Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

Note that Dinner Meeting fees have been raised to \$23.50 per person due to increased meal charges by the Holiday Inn.

January 12	June 08 (picnic)
February 09	September 14
March 09	October 12
April 13	November 9
May 11	December 14.

World Friendship Day Celebration, March 20, 2011

The next World Friendship Day is March 1, 2011, with the theme: Make a Difference. Every Friendship Force club can make a difference by promoting friendship and understanding in the world and in your community at home. We will be celebrating the event on Sunday, March 20, 2011, with a repeat of last year's enjoyable international pot luck supper. Details forthcoming.

FFW Dessert Card Party, April 12, 2011

Charleswood United Church, 4820 Roblin Blvd.

Many thanks to Joan Ostermann for volunteering to serve as chairperson for the planning of this popular event that raises awareness for Friendship Force in the community.

Exchanges

Inbound

Global Winter Exchange, February 17-24, 2011

Our committee is in the final preparation stage for our Club's first winter exchange and we are looking forward to an interesting and different experience. All 36 ambassadors have been assigned home hosts. A big thank you to all members who have volunteered to host. The dinner hosting and day hosting assignments should be completed soon. If you can help dinner host please contact Karen Wokes, and to help day host contact Muriel Moreau. Home hosts who need day hosts should contact Muriel directly.

A reminder that the sign-up sheets along with payment should be submitted to Joe Keenan by January 15th. Herb Schellenberg will collect any that are brought to our January dinner meeting or they can be mailed directly to Joe. Please note that cheques should be made out to "Friendship Force Winter Exchange 2011". We hope that there will be good participation from all our members.

The Saturday Festival du Voyageur group tent entertainment and dinner along with Sunday's sleigh ride and dinner at Bird's Hill Park are open to friends and family.

Note that due to unforeseen circumstances the time and place for the presentation by Dr Gordon Giesbrecht on Friday February 18th has been changed to 3 PM at the Explore Manitoba Theatre at the Forks. Seating is limited to 56 persons.
Val Keenan ED

San Jose, Costa Rica, August 27-September 3, 2011

Details forthcoming.

(ED: Norma Warecki, Assistant ED: Elizabeth Grover)

Outbound

Yamaguchi and Tokyo, Japan, September 20-October 4, 2011

Please submit your Ambassador Application and Agreement Forms as soon as possible. Deadline for applications and payment of \$30 non-refundable club fee is February 9 (February dinner meeting). After this date, the Exchange will be made available to members of other clubs. (ED: Charliene Havixbeck, Assistant ED: Dolores Tutkaluk)

Friendship Force International 34th World Conference Hamburg, Germany, August 26-30, 2011

Last year's conference in Washington was a great success with 500 attendees and 16 workshops. This year in Hamburg attendees will enjoy more knowledgeable presentations as the theme of "Leadership for Tomorrow" is explored. You'll learn about FFI's plans for the future, and you'll hear advice from successful volunteer leaders. The main attraction of a World Conference is the attendees themselves! There will be plenty of free time to meet, talk and explore Hamburg together with new and old friends. Make the most of your experience by joining a 4-night homestay after the conference with one of Germany's Friendship Force clubs.

Hamburg is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The World Conference will take place at the Ramada Hotel in the historic borough of Bergedorf, known for its medieval castle and cobbled streets lined by charming cafes. Your hosts, the Friendship Force of Hamburg, are preparing a variety of optional daytime tours to introduce you to their fascinating city. Visit the Friendship Force 2011 World Conference website to learn more and to register.

www.regonline.com/2011worldconf



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