



The Friendly Echo

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President's Message

Dear Friends

This is a busy month for our Friendship Force group. Eighteen members attended the BBQ hosted by Friendship Force Manitoba. We enjoyed good food, good fellowship, cowboy games and an Irish balladeer.

At the June 9 dinner meeting we will finalize the arrangements for the hosting of the Cincinnati group.

This will be my 6th month as president. It has been a good experience and I have gained new friends and strengthened existing friendships. The board, the volunteers, and the members are enthusiastic and hard working participants. They are fun to be with as well. As a result of our success as a group we are able to make a \$200 donation to Winnipeg Harvest at their time of urgent need. Good for us!

Have a wonderful summer and be ready for an early start of FFW in September.

In Friendship KAREN W

Frank Moreau

We are greatly saddened to learn of the death of Frank Moreau on Tuesday June 1, at the St Boniface hospital, age 84 years. Our deepest condolences to Muriel and family. He will be fondly remembered by his many friends.

Wedding Announcement

Nancy and Don are to be married on Saturday, June 12. We wish them good luck and much happiness.

Happy Birthday

June: Karen K, Marilyn, Bessie Marie, Joan H, Robert C, Muriel, Elizabeth, Norm P, Shirley M, Norma W, Janice

July: Dolores H, Rick, Martha, Margaret

August: Joan W, Alma, Irv, Carol, Doreen



FFW Badges

Karen W is ordering new badges (of the latest style) for those who would like one. Final date to be included in this order is the June 9 dinner meeting. Contact Karen.

Upcoming Events

2010 Dinner Meeting Dates:

Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

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

2011 FFW Dessert Card Party?

The Board would like your input at our next dinner meeting as to whether or not we should have another card party next year. The venue needs to be reserved for our desired date.

It is a lot of work for our dedicated volunteers but the benefits are also substantial and varied:

- Increases public visibility of Friendship Force
- Provides significant funding which could be used to support and service the community
- Provides those FFW members who cannot participate in exchanges an opportunity to contribute to club ventures
- Provides for internal fellowship.

Should we continue, yes/no?

Exchanges

2010 Inbound

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

We would like to thank our members in advance for their upcoming participation in the Cincinnati exchange. A large number have signed up for the various activities.

Your exchange committee has been working hard over the past few months to create a great program.

We are looking forward to meeting our 16 friends from Cincinnati on their arrival. Most will be driving. (ED: Norma P)

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

We are expecting 21 ambassadors, 12 from Kyoto-Fukuchiyama and 9 from Yamagata. This is a tremendous participation, and we will need to be ready. The program is being prepared by the committee. (ED: Aruna)

Global Winter Exchange, February 17-24, 2011

We are expecting 53 ambassadors in total. We will need a good stock of winter clothing for our ambassadors. The meeting of the planning committee originally scheduled for June 16 has been cancelled, with the next committee meeting to be held in September. (FFW ED: Val K)

2011 Inbound

San Jose, Costa Rica, 2011

Martha K, Exchange Coordinator, informs that Norma W has volunteered to serve as the ED and Elizabeth as the Assistant ED for the Costa Rica exchange. Many thanks to these ladies.

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

2011 Outbound

Yamaguchi and Tokyo, Japan, September, 2011

Martha also reports that Charliene has volunteered to serve as the ED. Thank you Charliene!

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

Visit the conference homepage at http://www.regonline.com/2010_world_conference for event details and to register for the conference online.

Friendship Force International

FFI announced on June 3, 2010, that it is pleased to begin publication of the next generation of Friendship as an on-line magazine. You'll see the first issue in its website with a fascinating cover story about an exchange to Morocco.

Between 1983 and 2009, FFI published a magazine by the name of Friendship. Thousands of members enjoyed receiving this colorful and informative publication about the global activities of the Friendship Force. The subscription cost was minimal, but because of the time and cost of international postage, most subscribers were in the United States and Canada.

The magazine is still being developed and will include timely articles on exchanges, clubs, and other news of interest to all members. As the magazine becomes complete in the months ahead FFI will be providing email alerts when the new issue is ready for all to see.

FFI will want to incorporate your ideas and feedback. Let them hear from you regarding what you would like to see. And if you have an article or idea to submit, please do so by sending it to editor@thefriendshipforce.org.

The Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati

Here is some background on FF Greater Cincinnati, gleaned from their website:
http://www.friendshipforcecincinnati.org/FriendshipForce_of_Greater_Cincinnati/Welcome.html

The Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati has been active in exchanges since its beginning in July 1988. Its members live on both sides of the Ohio River, in Ohio and Kentucky. Monthly potluck dinner meetings are generally held on the third Friday of the month between September – May.

On May 11-17 they hosted a domestic exchange from Hartford, Connecticut. In July 2010, Cincinnati was expecting an inbound exchange from Filobobos, Mexico but the exchange has been cancelled due to the low number of ambassadors able to come to the U.S. In 2011, their outbound exchange is planned for Liuzhou, China, possibly in May. They are looking forward to having these new friends from China pay a return visit, hopefully in the fall of 2011.

Their 2009 inbound was from Cottbus, Germany, a club they had visited in 2007. Their 2008 inbound exchange was from Santo Angelo, Brazil, a club visited in 2003.

Editor's note

Thanks to Paul for preparing the May issue of the Echo while we were away. The next issue of the Echo will be in September.

Have a good summer; hopefully we will get some drier weather soon. Herb



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