



# The Friendly Echo

## FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



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### Upcoming Events

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends:

Friendship Force Winnipeg has had a busy and very successful 6 months. My thanks to all who hosted, chaired and worked on committees, volunteered for the many tasks involved and participated. You are fun people to be with.

The money set aside for disaster aid to the Japanese people has been sent to the president of the Friendship Force Miyagi Club. The president, Ms. Kimiko Hirose, will determine where our donation of \$600.00 should be used. I know that we will be hearing from her. Thank-you to Joe and Val Keenan for working through those details.

You will notice that the Board has changed the dates of the October and November meetings. The reason is that 20 plus members will be away in Brazil and on other trips which would make a relatively small group at the meetings on the usual dates. Also, it means a little more space between turkey dinners - yours and the Holiday Inn's!

We will be together for the picnic at Little Mountain Park on Wednesday June 8 and again in August as we welcome our visitors from Peru. I am looking forward to the fun and fellowship that those gatherings will bring.

Summer brings a welcome change in routine and activities. I promise that we will have good weather. ENJOY!

In friendship KAREN

### Welcome New Members

Gladys Thomas, Dan and Janice Desautels

### Happy Birthday

#### June

Karen Kaiser	Marilyn Zaharia
Bessie-Marie Hill	Joan Hanuman-Emeny
Robert Champagne	Muriel Moreau
Elizabeth Grover	Norm Pohl
Shirley Mitchell	Norma Warecki
Janice Leckie	Don Charleson



#### July

Margaret Birk	Dolores Hébert
Rick Klimack	Martha Klimack

#### August

Joan Warden	Alma Vincent
Irv Reschke	Carol Frederickson
Doreen Weight	

### 2011 Dinner Meetings

**June 8 Picnic:** Little Mountain Park, Winnipeg  
Socializing and Games – 5:00 PM,  
Picnic Supper - 6:30 PM

This June's FFW Dinner Meeting will be an evening of FOOD, FUN and GAMES at Little Mountain Park. Food and drink will be provided at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Bring your lawn chairs and an extra drink if warm. Family members welcome. For directions see detailed map on next page. In case of rain, members will be phoned regarding an alternate date. (Contact Norma Warecki, Activities Chair)

### Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

**NOTE: Change of dates for October and November**

September 14	Skit, Peru Report
October 5	Harvest
November 16	Annual General Meeting, Brazil Report
December 14	Christmas.

### Exchanges

#### Inbound

#### Trujillo, Peru, August 27-September 3, 2011

Trujillo, Peru will be replacing Costa Rica as Costa Rica had to cancel due to lack of sign-up. Peru will also be visiting North Bay before Winnipeg, as planned for Costa Rica. The dates and itinerary will remain the same. We will need more home, day and dinner hosts. (ED: Norma Warecki, Assistant ED: Elizabeth Grover)

#### Prague, Czech Republic and Hertfordshire, UK, May 28-June 4, 2012

The ambassadors will be visiting Niagara after Winnipeg. (ED: Nancy Clendenan, Assistant ED: Bob Kury)

#### Lima, Peru, August, 2012

No details available. Exchange directors will be needed.

#### Outbound

#### Maringa and Araraquara, Brazil

#### October 2011

Dates have been confirmed: Araraquara - October 14-21 and Maringa - October 21-28. Two spaces remain available. (ED: Charlene Havixbeck, Assistant ED: Joe Keenan)

#### Big Canoe - North Georgia and Greater Orlando, USA, February, 2012

Exact dates are not yet available. (ED: Diane Judge)

## Undersubscribed Canadian Exchanges

The following exchanges are currently undersubscribed:

1. Christchurch, New Zealand to North Bay, Canada and Kansas, USA and Mundo Maya, Mexico – 10462, September 6-13, 2011. Due to the recent earthquake in Christchurch there will be fewer ambassadors participating. Canadian club members are invited to come to the Ontario northland to join the Kiwis.
2. Sherbrooke, Canada to Halle-Saale, Germany – 10561. Begins September 18, 2011 – 10 spaces are available.
3. Brandon & Area to New Plymouth and Auckland - North Shore, New Zealand, 10500 - starts October 27, 2011, in Auckland. Space for 8 ambassadors.
4. Niagara to Vietnam - 10491. Two spaces remain available. The exchange begins in Hanoi on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

See the Canadian Friendship Force Exchange Site at [canffex.ca](http://canffex.ca) for more information

## Conferences

### World Conference Hamburg, Germany, August 26-30, 2011

The 2011 conference theme is "Leadership for Tomorrow." Through workshops and plenary sessions, participants will learn about future plans for our organization, as well as "best practices" that provide practical information on strengthening clubs and exchanges. One of the best reasons for attending the annual FFI Conference is making new friends and renewing friendships from around the world.

"Hosts for the 34th FFI World Conference are the members of The Friendship Force of Hamburg, known around the world for their excellent hospitality and friendship. The club is arranging a variety of optional tours in and around Hamburg during the conference. They are also preparing a unique gala banquet with a traditional Hanseatic theme. Following, there are several optional tours that will enable you to explore the best of Germany. Or you may elect to join a post-conference homestay hosted by a German club."

Visit the Friendship Force 2011 World Conference website to learn more and to register. [www.regonline.com/2011worldconf](http://www.regonline.com/2011worldconf)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Friendship Force Canadian Conference, Quebec City, May 16-19, 2012

The Conference will be hosted by the Friendship Force of the Quebec Region. All Canadian FF Clubs are invited to join together and participate. The Conference will be held in the heart of Quebec City's historic Old Town. The purpose is to have fun, learn and discuss between friends about the challenges facing Canadian

Friendship Force Clubs, shape their future...and maybe change the way you see Quebec and Quebecers. Check <http://www.forceamitieregionquebec.com/> for details as they become available.

### 2012 World Conference, Hiroshima, Japan, October 30-November 3, 2012.

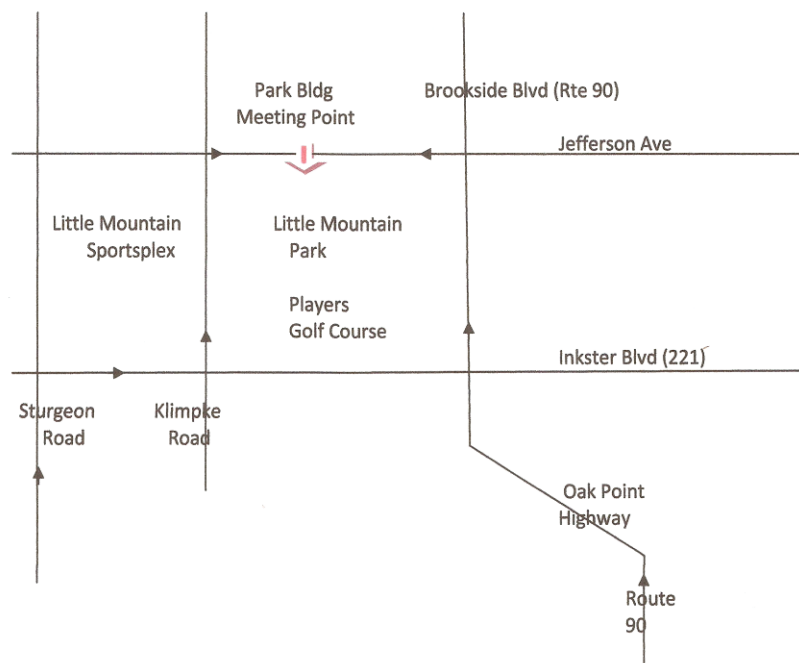
#### **Editor's note**

The next issue of the Friendly Echo will be in September.  
Have a good summer. GO JETS GO! Herb

## Directions to Little Mountain Park

Socializing and Games: 5 PM

Picnic Supper: 6:30 PM



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