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President's Message

May Greetings

The day has passed on which we are honoured as mothers and on which we honour our mothers. I hope it was a good one for you.

We welcome our travellers home and look forward to hearing about the usual and unusual experiences that they shared.

Thanks to all the competent and hard working members that made the Dessert Card Party a big success and to all the equally hard working volunteers. A spring bouquet of thanks to Joan O for the direction that she gave her committee to make the day memorable. The event brings two bonuses. In the first the community comes to know about the Friendship Force Organization and its role in fostering worldwide friendship. Secondly in working together we come to know our fellow members better and we strengthen our friendships.

Our May dinner meeting will feature vintage clothing, ours and the models. According to Chamber's dictionary, vintage can mean "a period among the best and most characteristic" and/or "out of date and no longer admired". The models will parade before you and the appropriate definition left for you to decide. One or the other will certainly come to mind as you view the outfit chosen for me.

Be sure to look in your trunks and closets for something to wear.

See you Wednesday. In Friendship, KAREN W

Happy Birthday for May

Richard
Frank
Dolores T

Diane
George



2010 Dinner Meeting Dates: Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

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

We had another successful card party on May 4th at Charleswood United Church with 103 tickets sold. There were 92 card players (23 tables). Eleven people were kind enough to buy tickets but did not play cards. We are grateful to all who helped in various ways – selling tickets, printing welcome brochures, posters and tickets, preparing fabulous desserts, donating prizes and helping in the kitchen. Thanks to our supportive membership. Many hands make light work!

Thanks for your support.

Joan O, Elizabeth G, Karen K, Marlene, Karen W

Exchanges

Survey for Outbound Exchanges

Thank you to everyone who has completed & returned the Survey for Outbound Exchanges. If you have not yet completed the survey, would you please do so, and turn it in at the Wednesday Dinner Meeting. The results will be tabulated and presented at the June Board meeting. Martha K., Exchange Coordinator

2010 Inbound

- **Greater Cincinnati, USA, June 21-28, 2010**
A total of 18 ambassadors are confirmed. At the May 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**
We are expecting about 23 ambassadors (only Approx numbers) from both the above clubs. Hope to have a full complement of volunteers for the various requirements for this exchange...Our Club has visited the Yamagata Club, and we look forward to welcoming at least one or two of our Hosts from the Yamagata Club....Looking forward to making this a very exciting Incoming Exchange.....Start brushing up on your Japanese ED: Aruna Hall

2010 Outbound

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

Joe and Val K. will make a presentation on their experiences on the Exchange at the May Dinner Meeting.

Global Winter Exchange, February 17-24, 2011

The Global Winter Exchange Committee, with members from both FF Winnipeg and FF Manitoba, met on March 24th 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

Dates have not been decided yet.

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 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.

Manitoba Day -- May 12

The Manitoba Act, which created the Province of Manitoba, was passed by the Parliament of Canada, and received Royal Assent on May 12, 1870. The Act was proclaimed on July 15, 1870, when Manitoba joined Canadian Confederation as the fifth province. Manitoba's official flag was dedicated and unfurled for the first time on May 12, 1966. In 1986, May 12 was designated as Manitoba Day.

May 12, 2010 is Manitoba's 140th birthday!

Sincere condolences go to Frances on the death of her sister, and to Janice on the death of her father.

Pre-exchange dinner in Bucharest



Group Photo in Bacharach, Germany



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