



# The Friendly Echo

## FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends:

*A bouquet of thank you's.*

*Thank you to the Exchange Directors. The EDs and their assistants play a very important role in the strength and success of Friendship Force. Martha Klimack, Norma Warecki, Elizabeth Grover, Charliene Havixbeck, Joe Keenan, Diane Judge, Nancy Clendenan and Bob Kury are working on the details of four exchanges. Thank you for volunteering for this very important job.*

*Thank you Paul Havixbeck for accepting the position of Vice-President.*

*Val Daniel's review of her and Joe's experience as first time hosts at the April meeting was amusing and reminiscent of the experiences of many people. She reminded us also that we are grateful for the opportunity to make friends in such a unique way. Thanks Val.*

*Thanks to Debbie Spracklin for auditing the books, and designing a convenient way to record the finances of an exchange.*

*Currently, Martha and Charliene are pressing Mary Mwambay for arrangements for an outbound to Brazil in place of the trip to Japan.*

*We are pleased to have raised \$600.00 from the card party for disaster relief in Japan. The Board is striving to find a children's or young people's group in need, and also the best way to transfer the money to Japan.*

*At the card party in April we learned that some of those attending considered our efforts an annual event, and are looking forward to next year's party! I consider this a well-earned compliment.*

*We have several busy months behind us and much to look forward to in the future.*

*In friendship KAREN*

### Welcome New Member

Valerie Clancy

### New Vice-President

Congratulations to Paul Havixbeck for being elected to the position of Vice-President of FF Winnipeg. He also made a great Easter Bunny at our April 13 Dinner meeting.

### FFW Dessert Card Party a Great Success

Our Dessert Card Party on April 12, 2011 at the Charleswood United Church had 120 paying participants (29 tables of bridge in play) who very much enjoyed the event. Many thanks to Joan Ostermann for serving as the event coordinator and the many club volunteers who worked so willingly to sell tickets, prepare materials, bring and serve desserts, contribute prizes, set-up and clear-up the tables, serve coffee and water, etc., etc.

### Global Winter Exchange Wrapup

Val Keenan has reported that the exchange wound up with a small positive financial balance, divided between our club and FF Manitoba. Thanks to all who worked on the planning committee. We had a most successful exchange. Hopefully there will be more opportunities for the two clubs to work together in the future.

### Happy Birthday for May

Richard Grover  
Diane Judge  
George Frederickson  
Dolores Tutkaluk



### Book Sale: May 11 Dinner Meeting

At the May 11th meeting we will be having a book sale. Please donate your used books (or new) and purchase your summer reading material.

Hard cover books \$1.00

Soft cover books \$0.50

### Upcoming Events

#### 2011 Dinner Meeting Dates: Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

May 11	Manitoba Day, Book Sale
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Picnic. See below</b>
September 14	Skit, Costa Rica Report
October 12	Harvest
November 9	Annual General Meeting, Outbound Exchange Report
December 14	Christmas.

#### FOOD, FUN and GAMES, June 8 Picnic, Little Mountain Park, 6:30 PM

This June's FFW Dinner Meeting will be an evening picnic at Little Mountain Park. Food and drink will be provided at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Family members welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and an extra drink if warm. To get to the Park turn north from Inkster Blvd at Klimpke Road. (Contact Norma Warecki, Activities Chair)

### Exchanges

#### Inbound

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

The detailed planning is progressing well. Anyone in the club fluent in Spanish to help serve as interpreter? (ED: Norma Warecki, Assistant ED: Elizabeth Grover)

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

Dates have now been confirmed. 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**

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

Cancelled due to Japan disaster. An exchange to Brazil will replace the visit to Japan. See next.

**Maringa and Araraquara, Brazil  
October 2011 (exact dates TBA)**

We are awaiting contact information from Atlanta. Members will be advised by email as soon as we have more details. (ED: Charlene Havixbeck, Assistant ED: Joe Keenan)

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

We are in the process of communicating with the host clubs as to the exact dates for the exchange, hope to finalize soon.

(ED: Diane Judge)

**Undersubscribed Canadian Exchanges**

The following three exchanges for this fall are currently undersubscribed:

1. Christchurch, New Zealand to North Bay, Canada and Kansas, USA and Mundo Maya, Mexico - 10462 - 9/6/2011 (***In wake of the tragic earthquake that occurred last February to their city, the number of anticipated ambassadors has been cut in half. Perhaps there are some Canadian club members interested in coming to the Ontario northland to join the Kiwis?***)
2. Brandon & Area to Auckland North Shore and New Plymouth, NZ, 10500 - starts 10/27/11 in Auckland. Space for 8 ambassadors.
3. Niagara to Vietnam - 10491 - 11/2/2011

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 theme of "Leadership for Tomorrow" will be explored. Delegates can expect to learn and share ideas regarding how FFI assigns exchanges, strategies for filling exchanges and increasing membership, the benefits to clubs of themed and educational exchanges,

and the benefits of social media such as Facebook. There will be more bi-lingual workshops. The host club, FF Hamburg, is eager to show you their city with a host of cultural programs. "...the best part of a Friendship Force World Conference is the people you meet!" 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.



*Doug Brown, Gold Coast, Australia, posing beside his image on television during the Winter Global. This photo caused some excitement back home in Australia when emailed to friends and relatives, as the words on-screen state: "Suspect sought after man robbed at gunpoint on Ross Ave." The current temperature is shown as minus 18 degrees Celsius with a windchill of -31C. (Photo by Herb Schellenberg)*



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