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## President's Message

Greetings!

A BOUQUET of THANKS goes to:

- Adele and Jim McMurtrie for their insightful presentation on their first Outbound Exchange
- Jill Saunders for bringing the delightful "Great Scott" to entertain us at the last meeting
- Debbie Spracklin for consenting to audit the books
- Aruna Hall and Norma Padilla for agreeing to be Inbound Exchange Directors for Yamagata and Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan and Greater Cincinnati, USA respectively
- Elizabeth Grover and her committee, all the volunteers, members who sold tickets (especially Bessie-Marie!), members who donated prizes, made scrumptious desserts and attended the Dessert Card Party
- Joe and Val Keenan and Gladys Spracklin for holding the Garage Sale and members for their donations of items for the sale and their volunteer hours
- Members who have participated in the Safeway Community Caring Coupon Program
- **All** of our members who support our Club in so many ways and for embracing the spirit of "service", which is one of the values of Friendship Force.



As we are away on a cycling trip followed by an Exchange in Belgium, we will see you next on June 10. It will be a hat day so start looking now for that special hat to wear to our meeting.

In Friendship, Charlene

## Fundraising

### Purpose and Progress

We have been working hard recently at several fundraising activities for the financing of costs associated with the International FF Conference that we are planning to host in 2012. We have raised

approximately \$1000 at the April Dessert Card Party, \$275 from the selling of Safeway Coupons, and \$1300 at the May Garage Sale. Thanks to all those members who supported the Club in these efforts and volunteered their skills and time to ensure that these activities were successful. The FFW Board will now review the Club's financial situation and decide if additional fundraising efforts are required in the future.

### Thank You

I want to thank all the members for their help with the garage sale, setting up, working it, donating to it. Thanks all. Jill Saunders

### Safeway Community Caring Coupons

Approximately 35 coupon booklets have already been sold at \$20 each (FFW earns \$8 from each booklet sold). Each booklet contains 4 coupons for \$5 off (with \$50.00 grocery purchase) and additional coupons for extra air miles and discounts on certain items. A Safeway Club card is required. Pick up your summer supply now from Joe Keenan, 889-5550.

### Upcoming 2009 Events

#### FFW Promise Auction, May 13

At a promise auction, promises are sold to the highest bidder. Your promise of what you will do for someone is described on a card (the promise is not an object that one can bring in). See previous editions of the Echo for examples. Bring your "Promise" to the meeting and be prepared to bid. A fun fundraiser for FFW. (Contact Norma Warecki, 837-8547)

#### Brandon FF Charter Party, May 19

The newly formed **Brandon and Area Friendship Force Club** would like to invite the members of the Friendship Force of Winnipeg to their "Charter Party Pot Luck Dinner" on May 19, 2009, 6:00 PM at the Seniors for Seniors Building, 311 Park Ave E, Brandon, MB. Please advise Norma Warecki by May 14 if you plan on attending (E-mail "[norwar@mts.net](mailto:norwar@mts.net)" or by telephone 837-8547). Car pooling can be arranged. FFW is one of their mentor clubs so let's show them our support.

## 2009 Meeting Dates at Holiday Inn South, 6:00 PM

**May 13:** Promise Auction

**June 10:** Wear a HAT

**September 10** (note that this is a Thursday)

**October 21** (3<sup>rd</sup> week of October)

**November 11**

**December 9**

### Important Message from the Board re Monthly Dinner Meeting Commitment

At the April 2009 dinner meeting FFW had a shortfall of \$88 to the Holiday Inn South due to members who did not attend despite their commitment. At the latest FFW Board meeting, it was agreed that members should be reminded that the Club has a financial commitment to the Hotel. FFW is required to give the Hotel the number of persons attending by the Friday previous to the meeting. As plans sometimes change we have until the following Monday to adjust numbers.

In the future, members who fail to attend will be obliged to cover any financial shortfalls.

### Exchanges

#### Quebec Interclub Exchange October 6 – 12, 2009

We will spend three days in Quebec City and three days in Sherbrooke. Sign-up forms will again be available at the desk on May 13th. I expect to be able to confirm all members that will be participating very soon. Carol Frederickson 837-8510.

#### Outbound

Brasov, Romania and Rheinhessen, Germany, April 2010

#### Inbound

- Fortaleza and Belem, Brazil, September 20-27, 2009: (EDs: Joe Keenan & Karen Kaiser)
- Greater Cincinnati, USA, June 2010 (ED: Norma Padilla)
- Yamagata and Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan, September 2010 (ED: Aruna Hall)

#### Winter Exchange 2011

The Sunshine Coast of Australia will be the leading club in this unique Global Exchange, scheduled for February 2011 to coincide with the Festival du Voyageur. Global Exchanges are larger events so that ambassadors from other countries can also participate. This will provide opportunity for FF members from around the world to experience a real Canadian winter. Planning has begun. This winter exchange will be hosted together with the Friendship Force of Manitoba. (Contact Val Keenan, 889-5550)

## Upcoming Conferences & Festivals

### 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Friendship Force Conference, Niagara, October 14–16, 2009

Feel the Power of Friendship; Let Niagara energize you! Information and a registration package are available at

<http://ffcanadianconference09.org/index.htm>. The conference will be followed by a home stay on October 17-19, hosted by FFNiagara and FFGreater Hamilton/Burlington, and October 20-24 by FF Ottawa. The home stay application form is also provided online.

Our Club's first Interclub Exchange, scheduled for October 6-12 in Quebec, will coincide with this conference.

### Edmonton Festival, August 19-28, 2009

Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hosting.

Registration deadline May 15, 2009

([www.friendshipforceedmonton.org](http://www.friendshipforceedmonton.org))

### 2009 International Friendship Force Conference November 20-22, Okinawa, Japan

([See details and register online now!](#))

#### Friendship Force International

Mary Mwambay (Program Coordinator for Africa, Canada, Western Europe, New Caledonia)

"Please join me in welcoming Marie Hamilton as she takes on the leadership of the newest club in Canada: The FF of Brandon and Area was chartered on March 6, 2009."

- Canada now has 19 FF Clubs - 10 in Western Canada and 9 in Eastern Canada. FF of Saskatoon is in development.
- Canadian FF members will receive an update on all the Canadian exchanges that still have some space.

#### Happy Birthday

**May:** Richard Grover, Diane Judge, Frank Moreau, Lou-Anne Buhr, George Frederickson

**June:** Karen Kaiser, Marilyn Zaharia, Bessie Marie Hill, Joan Hanuman-Emeny, Robert Champagne, Muriel Moreau, Elizabeth Grover, Norm Pohl, Shirley Mitchell, Norma Warecki

**July:** Diane Cook, Dolores Hébert, Rick Klimack, Martha Klimack, Isabel Batten

**August:** Joan Warden, Alma Vincent, Irv Reschke, Carol Frederickson, Doreen Weight



### Reminders

- **Cross Canada Photo Project**

Niagara is still calling on all Canadian clubs to send them 10-20 digital photos per club. They will use pictures submitted to create a Coast to Coast Images of Canada slideshow to be played during the October convention. Joe Keenan will coordinate photos submitted by FFW. Your photos should be sent to Joe at [jrkeenan@mts.net](mailto:jrkeenan@mts.net) no later than August 1, 2009.

- **June 10 Dinner Meeting: Hat day**

### Photos from May 8 - 9 FFW Garage Sale (Joe Keenan)



*May 9: Keenan Garage*



*May 9: Spracklin Garage*

### EDITOR'S Note:

There will be no FRIENDLY ECHO published in June as both the Schellenbergs and Havixbecks will be away at the usual time of preparation. The next edition is planned for September, 2009. Have a good summer!



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