



The Friendly Echo

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President's Message

Greetings!

As we celebrate our friendship with each other at our November 11 Dinner Meeting, let us remember first and foremost, the brave men and women who lost their lives for our country. Before we begin our program, we will observe a moment of silence. "Lest We Forget"



As this month is our one-year anniversary at the Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, I would like to commend the staff for the great food, superb service and willingness to please.

This month is also our Annual General Meeting. Reports will be presented by the various committees on their year's activities. Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Norma Warecki, Frances Lemieux, Karen Kaiser, Edna Pohl, and Paul Havixbeck who have worked hard on behalf of our club.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Margaret Birk. When Ernie Ostermann introduced her, he commented that she comes from "good stock." Margaret is Ernie's cousin!

Thank you to Norma Padilla for arranging to have her friend Al come to last month's meeting to entertain us on his accordion. Also a big thank you goes out to our Activities Chairperson, Jill Saunders, for bringing along a special guest, "Miss Birdie" who led us in the Bird Dance.

Congratulations to Joe Keenan, who has been nominated to the Standing Committee comprised of 5 members from across Canada. The main function of this committee is to organize the President's Workshop at the Canadian Conference.

Our next meeting date, December 9, is our Christmas Party. For those who wish, you can bring along a "Tin for the Bin" for the Christmas Cheer Board. Please check the "Best Before" date.

In Friendship, Charliene

New Members

Val and Joe Daniel
Margaret Birk

2010 FFW Membership Renewal

Membership renewal forms will be available at the November meeting. The cost is \$30 for a single membership and \$50 for a family membership.

Election of Officers to FFW Board at Annual General Meeting, November 11, 2009

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following members for the elected officers of the Friendship Force of Winnipeg:

President:	Karen Wokes
Vice President:	Norm Pohl
Secretary:	Adele McMurtrie
Treasurer:	Marlene Friesen

Nominees are members in good standing and have consented to their nomination.

At the November 11 AGM nominations may be made from the floor by members in good standing who may nominate other members in good standing with the consent of those members. (Norma Warecki (Chair), Nominating Committee)

Upcoming Events

Meeting Dates at Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

2009: November 11 (Annual General Meeting)
December 9 (Christmas Party)

2010: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8.

Increase in Meal Costs: Holiday Inn Winnipeg South has raised the price for meals at our monthly meetings. Beginning at the January meeting, the cost will increase to \$23 per person.

World Friendship Day, March 1, 2010

The theme this year from Friendship Force International is **Friendship On Six Continents**. Your ideas on how to celebrate this event are most welcome.

Exchanges

Outbound

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

There are 23 individuals that have expressed interest to date. The delegation will be pared down to the 15 available spaces using the FFW points system, updated for 2009 contributions. The cut-off date for signing up for this exchange is November 15, 2009. A financial commitment will be requested by January for those who are selected. (ED: Martha Klimack)

Inbound

- **Greater Cincinnati, USA, June 21-28, 2010**
Twenty-four ambassadors are expected. A sign-up sheet for assisting in this exchange will be available at the November meeting. Please consider home hosting; a lot of rooms will be needed for this large exchange.
(ED: Norma Padilla)
- **Yamagata and Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan, September 2010** (ED: Aruna Hall)

Winter Exchange, February 17 – 24, 2011

A full exchange of 40 ambassadors is expected from around the world for a Canadian winter experience. The exchange will be hosted jointly by the Friendship Force Clubs of Winnipeg and Manitoba. Two Friendship Force clubs in the Ottawa area will host the ambassadors the week before they arrive in Winnipeg. The exchange is scheduled to coincide with the Festival du Voyageur, and Festival activities such as the street party, snow sculptures, entertainment and food will be included in the program. A taste of typical fun and sporting Canadian winter activities including hockey, curling, snow shoeing and sleigh riding will be provided (FFW ED: Val Keenan).



Dolores Hébert describing Métis history in Manitoba to our ambassadors from Brazil, September 2009

Congratulations!

Bessie-Marie Hill: Recipient of the 2009 Love of Learning Award, awarded by Creative Retirement Manitoba and sponsored by the Manitoba Blue Cross under its Ageless Heroes Awards program. The Love of Learning award is presented to an older adult who pursues or shares knowledge gained through study or experience. These awards recognize individuals for their contributions to the community through their passion for learning and their ability to bridge generations.

Angela Narth: Launched a new book entitled ***A History of Ghosts: The True Story of Seances, Mediums, Ghosts and Ghostbusters.*** Co-written with Peter Aykroyd, this book tells some of the strange stories from Aykroyd's childhood spent watching his family's parlor seances through the crack of the basement door -- and which inspired his son Dan to make Ghostbusters. The book was launched at McNally Robinson Booksellers on October 28, just in time for Halloween.

Happy Birthday for November

Allan Wokes, Adele McMurtrie,
Jim McMurtrie, Edna Pohl,
Nancy Clendenan, Amy Ewen



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