



# The Friendly Echo

## FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

November 11 is the day set aside to remember the veterans that served over the years on our behalf. We are grateful.



The dinner meeting on November 16th will be busy. It is our Annual General Meeting. New officers will be elected and we will have the pleasure of hearing about the highlights of the travels of members just returned from Brazil and the US Global.

Thank you to Charliene and the nominating committee for their hard work. Charliene has announced a new slate of officers to be presented at the meeting and will be accepting additional nominations from the floor.

Thank you to Debbie Spracklin for accepting the position of ED for the Georgia/Florida outbound in February/March. There is room for more participants. If you are interested go online and access the clubs and the areas for more information about what might be part of the visit besides warm weather! Herb has posted addresses in the Echo.

New news and good news is that your votes at the meeting last month for preferred travel locations in 2013 are a three-way tie of Austria, Turkey and Peru. I find each one more desirable than the other.

The 2012 President and Board will need committee chairs. There are several positions open. What are your talents and interests? Being a committee member is a good opportunity to be involved, to develop new friendships and to influence club direction and policy.

As we elect new officers and move into a new year we close one chapter and begin another. I am reminded that membership in Friendship Force is meaningful and fun. Belonging to Friendship Force means that we strive "to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people".

In friendship, KAREN

### Welcome New Members!

Jim and Diane Kubas, Judy Olmstead-Coss

### Thank You from David Judge

*A big thank you for the card that arrived last month with good wishes from so many of the club members. It means so much to be remembered in this way. I hope it won't be too long before I am able to attend the meetings again. David Judge*

### 2011 Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charliene Havixbeck, has announced the slate of nominees for the elected officers for Friendship Force Winnipeg for 2012, as follows:

President	Paul Havixbeck
Vice President	Val Keenan
Secretary	Lorraine Franz
Treasurer	Shirley Schellenberg.

The election of officers will be held at the AGM on November 16, 2011. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

### Chairpersons Needed

The FFW Board is also seeking Chairpersons for the following Standing Committees:

- Exchange Coordinator
- Historian
- Activities/Fundraising
- Newsletter Editor/Publisher (both Chair and Assistant).

Members who would like to volunteer for one of these positions should contact the existing executive.

### 2011 FFW Membership Renewal

Membership renewal forms will be available at the November meeting. Club fees are \$30 for a single membership and \$50 for a family membership.

### Tin for the Bin

Our next meeting date, December 14, is our Christmas Party. For those who wish, bring along a "Tin for the Bin" for the Christmas Cheer Board. Please check the "Best Before" date.

### Happy Birthday November

Allan Wokes  
Adele McMurtrie  
Janice Desautels  
Jim McMurtrie  
Edna Pohl  
Nancy Clendenan



### Upcoming Events

2011/2012 Dinner Meetings  
Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

**November 16:** Annual General Meeting,  
Exchange Highlights: Brazil (Grovers),  
Mississippi Global (Schellenbergs).

**December 14:** Christmas Party,  
Entertainment by "One More Time."

**2012** – Usually the second Wednesday of the month; no dinner meetings in July and August.

## Exchanges

### Inbound

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

It is expected that we will be hosting approximately 20 ambassadors on this Exchange. (ED: Nancy Clendenan, Assistant ED: Bob Kury)

#### Lima, Peru, August, 2012

Elizabeth Grover will be serving as the exchange director.

### Outbound

#### Big Canoe - North Georgia, February 22-29, and Greater Orlando, Florida, February 29-March 7, 2012

Debbie Spracklin is the new Exchange Director.

Detailed activity planning has been initiated. **This Exchange, however, is in danger of being cancelled unless there are more registrations. If you are still planning on participating, please sign-up.**

Registration forms, as distributed by email and also available at the dinner meeting, should be provided to Debbie or Margaret along with the sign-up fee of \$30. The Exchange is now posted on the Canffex website in hope of registering Friendship Force members from across Canada. Check out the following websites for more information about Big Canoe and Greater Orlando: <http://www.friendshipforcebigcanoenorthgeorgia.org/> <http://www.ffogo.org/>

(ED: Debbie Spracklin, Assistant ED: Margaret Birk)

### Undersubscribed Canadian Outbound Exchanges

In addition to our exchange to FF Big Canoe, Georgia, and FF Greater Orlando, Florida, there is currently listed one additional undersubscribed exchange, as follows:

**Metro Vancouver, Canada to Murray Bridge, Tarworth and Blue Mountains, Australia, Exchange # 10843.** This exchange departs Vancouver on March 1, 2012 and will visit 3 Clubs. There is still room for 5 to 7 ambassadors. The exchange is ideally situated for further travel within Australia, such as Western Australia, Alice Springs/Ayers Rock, Tasmania or The Great Barrier Reef. See the Canadian Friendship Force Exchange Site at <http://canffex.ca/> for more information.

### Conferences

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

All Canadian FF Clubs are invited to participate. At past Canadian conferences, FF Winnipeg has been well represented. More Information and registration forms are available at [www.forceamitieregionquebec.com/](http://www.forceamitieregionquebec.com/).

**Hosts:** The conference will be hosted by the club La Force de l'Amitié de la région de Québec, in cooperation with FF clubs of the Canadian Capital Region,

Sherbrooke Region as well as Montreal and Ottawa clubs.

**Where:** All Conference activities will take place in the Hotel Manoir Victoria, a 4-star establishment located in the heart of Old Québec.

**Cost:** The registration cost of \$225/person includes the Wednesday welcome; access to workshops and conferences; and breakfasts, lunches and health breaks on Thursday and Friday, as well as the banquet-dinner on Friday evening.

**Home Stays:** 3-day home stays are offered by the following FF Clubs:

Ottawa	20 persons,	May 13,14,15
Canadian Capital Region	20 persons,	May 13,14,15
Quebec Region	10 persons,	May 19,20,21
Sherbrooke	20 persons,	May 19,20,21
Montreal	20 persons,	May 19,20,21

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

The official Conference theme is "Hiroshima for Peace and Friendship." Registration will begin in January, 2012. For registration information contact: Debbie Powell, Conference Director/Special Projects, [dpowell@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:dpowell@thefriendshipforce.org). Post-conference hosting will be available with several Japanese clubs.

#### 2013 World Conference: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, November 22-25, 2013.

### Board of Directors (as of November, 2011) Friendship Force of Winnipeg

**Board (Elected):**

**President:** Karen Wokes

**Vice-President:** Paul Havixbeck

**Treasurer:** Marlene Friesen

**Secretary:** Lorraine Franz

**Past President:** Charliene Havixbeck

**Committee Chairs (Appointed):**

**Newsletter:** Herb Schellenberg

**Communications:** Elizabeth Grover

**Telephone:** Jim McMurtrie

**History:** Rick Klimack

**Website:** Joe Keenan

**Membership:** Paul Havixbeck

**Activities/Fundraising:** Norma Warecki

**Exchange Coordinator:** Martha Klimack

**Exchange Directors:** Charliene Havixbeck,  
Nancy Clendenan, Debbie Spracklin.



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