



The Friendly Echo

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President's Message

Greetings!

On October 21, our Dinner Meeting will have an "Oktoberfest" theme, complete with German food and music. If you have acquired a German outfit in your travels, you are welcome to wear it. Maybe you have a beer stein – you could bring it to decorate your table.

In October 2007, at the suggestion of our Activities Chairpersons, Diane and David Judge, the members of the Friendship Force of Manitoba were invited to our October meeting. What a great idea! In 2008, we once again enjoyed the fellowship of their members in October. They, as well as the Brandon and Area Club, have been invited to join us again this year. Let us show them our warm hospitality!

Ten of our members will be attending the Canadian Conference in Niagara Falls October 14 – 16 and twelve of our members will be participating in our Interclub Exchange to Quebec prior to the conference. We will have short reports on these activities at the meeting.

Many thanks go out to Joe Keenan, Karen Kaiser and their committee for a very successful Inbound Exchange from Belem and Fortaleza, Brazil. At the Farewell Banquet, their Exchange Director extended an invitation to our club to visit them in 2011.

Our November 11 meeting is our Annual General Meeting. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee is Past President, Norma Warecki. I hope to see you at our upcoming meeting.

In Friendship, Charliene

Upcoming Events

Meeting Dates at Holiday Inn South, 6:00 PM

2009: October 21 (Oktoberfest theme)
November 11 (Annual business meeting)
December 9

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

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.

Happy Birthday for October

Aruna Hall, Al Kaiser, Shirley Schellenberg,
Wanda Swan, Norma Padilla



Exchanges

Belem and Fortaleza, Brazil Exchange September 2009

At the end of September we said goodbye to 14 new friends from Belem and Fortaleza. What great weather we had during the Exchange! It was more like Brazil than Winnipeg. It was obvious that a good time was had by all as we shared hugs and kisses at the Farewell Party. There were even a few tears shed at the airport. In talking with the ambassadors, they were impressed by our city and our members. This was re-emphasized when both clubs asked us to visit them in Brazil as soon as possible.

We would like to thank all of our members who participated in the Exchange. From the Welcome Potluck to the Farewell Party and all activities in between, your attendance, cooperation and enthusiasm made the experience memorable!

Joe Keenan and Karen Kaiser - Exchange Directors



Brazil Ambassadors at Mennonite Museum, Steinbach

Outbound

Brasov, Romania and Rheinhessen, Germany,

April 17 - May 1, 2010 (ED: Martha Klimack)

At the September meeting, 23 individuals expressed interest in this exchange. The points system will need to be used to pare the delegation down to the 15 available spaces. The "Points Ledger" will be updated for 2009 so that the latest voluntary contributions by members to the club are recognized. A financial commitment will be requested by January for those who are selected.

Inbound

- **Greater Cincinnati, USA, June 21-28, 2010** (ED: Norma Padilla)
- **Yamagata and Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan, September 2010** (ED: Aruna Hall)

Winter Exchange 2011

Finally we have confirmation on the date for our Winter Exchange in 2011 and it will be February 17th to 24th! The ambassadors will gather from around the world at a hotel near the airport on Wednesday February 16th and the exchange will begin on the morning of the 17th. Festival du Voyageur activities such as the street party, snow sculptures, entertainment and food will be included in the program. We will be giving our ambassadors a taste of other typically Canadian winter activities including attendance at a hockey game, exposure to curling, snow shoeing, a sleigh ride and other fun things we do in winter. We are hoping for a full exchange of 40 ambassadors to be hosted jointly by the Friendship Force Clubs of Winnipeg and Manitoba. The Steering Committee is Val Keenan ED, Jim McMurtrie, Alma Vincent ED and Jean Hyrich. Interested in helping with the exchange? Contact Val (889-5550) or Jim (832-3160).

Friendship Force International

The World of Friends Catalogue: Cultural Travel On Six Continents!

Friendship Force International, leading the world in home hospitality and cultural travel, is pleased to announce a new publication, The WORLD OF FRIENDS Catalog. This electronic listing of specially selected opportunities will replace the former E-Flyer list of our travel exchanges and will be published monthly beginning in October. All travel opportunities in the catalog are available to interested travelers: experienced Friendship Force members as well as first-time participants. In addition to planning your own future travels, you can pass this publication on electronically to your own circle of friends and

acquaintances, introducing them to the Friendship Force and inviting them to experience the unique style of travel offered by our organization. You will see "land only" pricing options, allowing ambassadors to make their own travel arrangements. We hope you can join us on one of these spectacular cultural opportunities that will change the way you see the world.

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Colourful Brazilian entertainment at farewell party



Brazil Ambassadors at the Manitoba Legislature



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