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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

The underlying theme for the October meeting is turkey, pumpkin pie and giving thanks. I am grateful for Friendship Force, my new friends and the challenges that my position as president present. In fact except for aging and some minor health problems "my cup runneth over".

At the dinner meeting Paul and Norma will review the purpose of Friendship Force and discuss with you, the suggestions for activities and programming outlined when you listed ideas on the form at your table at the last meeting. This will be a good time to voice your thoughts and possible choices.

We wish new experiences, pleasure and safe travel for the 14 ambassadors bound for Brazil. Some are extending their visit and will be away for a month. We will hear a little about their adventures and misadventures at our next meeting. Herb and Shirley will also share some of what they experienced travelling south beginning in Minneapolis and travelling through 4 American states and being hosted by several Friendship Force groups along the way.

It is time to think about planning exchanges and anticipating matches for 2013. What is your pleasure?

I am not able to attend the October 5 dinner meeting as I will be at a wedding in Toronto. There will be 3 days of gatherings and celebrations. More to be thankful for as Matthew has been a part of our extended family and Allan and I are very happy for him and Allison.

Enjoy the dinner meeting and your Thanksgiving weekend.

In friendship, KAREN

Happy Birthday October

Aruna Hall
Al Kaiser
Shirley Schellenberg
Wanda Swan
Norma Padilla



Upcoming Events

2011/2012 Dinner Meetings

Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

October 5

November 16 Annual General Meeting,
Exchange Highlights –Brazil- Grovers
Global - Schellenbergs

December 14 Christmas Party
Entertainment by "One More Time"

January 11

February 8.

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. Nancy will report on her meeting in Prague with club members upon her return.

(ED: Nancy Clendenan, Assistant ED: Bob Kury)

Lima, Peru, August, 2012

Dates to be determined. Exchange directors are needed.

Outbound

Maringa and Araraquara, Brazil, October 14-28, 2011

At our November 16, dinner meeting, Elizabeth and Richard Grover will provide us with highlights of their 2 weeks of Exchange.

(ED: Charliene Havixbeck, Assistant ED: Joe Keenan)

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

Activities of past Exchanges to Big Canoe have included Booth Museum, Governor's Mansion, gold mine tour, and tour of historic homes. Some of the unique sites that the FF of Greater Orlando include in their program is the Kennedy Space Center, Leu Gardens and Morse Museum. If you are still planning on participating in this exchange, it's not too late to complete the registration forms (as distributed by email) and provide to Margaret along with the sign-up fee of \$30. Sign-up forms will also be available at the meeting.

Check the following websites:

www.friendshipforcebigcanoenorthgeorgia.org

www.ffogo.org

(ED: ??, Assistant ED: Margaret Birk)

Undersubscribed Canadian Exchanges

There is one Undersubscribed Canadian Exchange listed on canffex.ca from Metro Vancouver, Canada to Murray Bridge and Blue Mountains, Australia - 10843 - 3/1/2012

Conferences

6th Friendship Force Canadian Conference, Quebec City, May 16-19, 2012

Hosts:

The conference will be hosted by the club La Force de l'Amitié de la région de Québec, in cooperation with clubs of the Canadian Capital Region, Sherbrooke Region as well as Montreal and Ottawa clubs.

When and Where?

From Wednesday May 16 to Saturday May 19, 2012. In the heart of Old Québec. All activities of the Conference will take place in the Hotel Manoir Victoria, a 4-star establishment located right in the heart of Old Québec.

Cost:

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

Home Stays:

The following home stays are offered by the 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

For more info: www.forceamitieregionquebec.com/
All Canadian FF Clubs are invited to join together and participate. At past Canadian conferences, our club has been well represented. It is hoped that many members will attend.

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

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

Annual General Meeting

On November 16, at the AGM, the Board of Directors and the Chairperson of the Standing Committees will give their reports.

Nominations

The Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors for 2012 has been made. After the October 5 meeting, the nominating committee will advise the members of the slate of nominees. At the AGM, nominations may be made from the floor. The nominating committee consists of: Charliene Havixbeck, Marlene Friesen, Dolores Hébert, Val Keenan, and Dolores Tutkaluk.

Chairpersons

The Board will be seeking Chairpersons for the following Standing Committees:

Exchange Coordinator
Historian
Newsletter Editor/Publisher
Activities/Fundraising

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



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