



# The Friendly Echo

## FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends:

*The summer heat continues and it is hard to realize that we are into our fall routine. I have had a busy summer but not too busy to miss Friendship Force, your company, meetings and dinners.*

*A quickly planned, well planned and very successful visit by ambassadors from Trujillo, Peru was a big success due to the organization and hard work of Norma W and Elizabeth and their committee. The Trujillo visitors were a relaxed and appreciative group. Music and dancing were part of the fun and celebration. Thank-you Norma, Elizabeth and crew.*

*There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. FFW visits Araraquara and Maringa, Brazil, in October. Diane and assistant Margaret are planning the visit to Big Canoe, Georgia and Greater Orlando for late February. Talk with them on Wednesday and be ready to sign-up for a winter vacation in historically interesting and warm Florida and Georgia. The visit of ambassadors from Prague, Czech Republic and Hertfordshire, UK in May 2012 will be Martha's next presentation to us.*

*Shirley and Herb are driving into the USA later this month to participate in an 18-day multi-club exchange featuring the culture and geography of the North Mississippi River. They will be hosted by four FF clubs from Minneapolis to St. Louis. 28 ambassadors are registered from Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada, a marvelous planning and coordination effort by the hosting clubs. Enjoy your grand adventure.*

*David Judge is recovering from reconstructive surgery. David, we wish a speedy recovery for you.*

*September and October are the months that we plan to elect new officers and begin to think about outbound exchanges that we would like to initiate. The election committee, headed by Charlene, would like to know if you are interested in being nominated for office or if there is someone that you would like to recommend. Nominations are needed before the October meeting. Elections are in November.*

*The mission of Friendship Force International is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. This is the week of the anniversary of the terrible events of 9/11, 2001. I feel that we are fortunate to belong to a group that strives to change attitudes and promote understanding among people from different countries and cultures.*

*See you Wednesday.  
In friendship KAREN*

### Thank You from Japan

The recent donation from Friendship Force Winnipeg of \$600 (50,000 yen equivalent) for disaster aid has been gratefully acknowledged in emails to Joe Keenan who

coordinated the transfer of monies to Japan. The FFW donation was combined with relief funds from a T-shirt sale program in the USA and Canada that raised additional funds. A July 7, 2011 email to Joe and Val from Yuko of FFMiyagi (Sendai) stated: ...*"I don't know how I can thank you! We received your warm heart. Soon our president will send you a photograph."*... Subsequently, an email dated August 1, 2011, stated: *"Hello Joe*

*Please forgive me for not telling you sooner that the donation 50,000 yen went to Sendai city gathering with the amount of T-shirt program Toko Yomura proposed. It was 1,000,000 yen. I went to the city hall with the board members and met the vice Mayor Yamazaki. I hoped him that the money should be used for children which Toko wanted too. The biggest newspaper of Sendai reported our visit to the city hall with a picture.*

*Thank you so much again for your friendliness to send the money.*

*Kimiko Hirose, President of FFMiyagi"*



*Friendship Force Visit to City Hall, Sendai, Japan*

### Happy Birthday September

Beatriz Serpa  
Joan Ostermann  
Charlene Havixbeck  
Elsie Hannaford  
Lorraine Moncado  
Larry Franz.



### Upcoming Events

#### 2011/2012 Dinner Meetings

#### Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, 6 PM

September 14	Peru Report
October 5	Harvest
November 16	Annual General Meeting, Brazil Report
December 14	Christmas
January 11	
February 8.	

## Exchanges

### Inbound

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

Nancy is travelling to Europe in the near future and will be meeting with members of the Prague club. Of course, the upcoming exchange will be a topic of discussion.

(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**

Fourteen ambassadors are registered for this exchange.

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

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

If you are still planning on participating in this exchange to the USA please complete the registration forms (as distributed by email) and provide to Diane along with the sign-up fee of \$30 at the September 14 Dinner Meeting. Sign-up forms will also be available at the meeting.

(ED: Diane Judge, Assistant ED: Margaret Birk)

### Undersubscribed Canadian Exchanges

Bill Harkness reports that summer has been a very quiet time at CANFFEX. Exchanges previously listed as undersubscribed have all been withdrawn and are moving forward with early autumn departures. You should periodically check the Canadian Friendship Force Exchange Site at [canffex.ca](http://canffex.ca) for information on undersubscribed exchanges when they arise.

## Conferences

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

The Conference will be hosted by the Friendship Force of the Quebec Region. All Canadian FF Clubs are invited to join together and participate. Check <http://www.forceamitieregionquebec.com/> for details as they become available.

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

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



*Ambassadors from Trujillo, Peru, at the Elm Creek Park, September 7, 2011. (Photo by Herb Schellenberg)*



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