



The Friendly Echo

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to SPRING – I think!

It won't be long before our exchanges start taking place. All sixteen ambassadors on the outbound exchange to Causeway Coast, N. Ireland, are getting excited. Some even 🎵 have their bags all packed and they're ready to go. 🎵

The inbound exchange will be right on the heels of our return from Ireland with twenty-four ambassadors visiting us from Tokyo, Japan.

August brings our second exchange from California.

A big thank-you to ALL our members who are working so hard towards the ongoing success of our club.

In Friendship,
Norma Warecki

NEW MEMBERS

We are encouraging all members to try to bring a new member to the April meeting. It should be an evening of FUN. Nina always works so hard at making our dinner meetings exciting and entertaining.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL CELEBRANTS

Val Keenan



Karen Wokes

Gladys Thomas

Linda Dart

Heather Gusnowsky

FFW MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to everyone who pays their membership fees on time. It is time consuming and often frustrating to be reminding people. It is important that we have all fees in so that we can have an accurate membership list particularly for our phoners and new members and to ensure that all members are receiving timely e-mails from FF International. For this reason, the FF Winnipeg Board of Directors have decided that if fees are not paid by **December 31** at the latest, member names will not appear on next year's Membership list. The fees for 2016 remain unchanged - \$35.00 for a single and \$60.00 for a family.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Discussions continue to be held with other Canadian FF clubs about the need for liability insurance. We want to be fully informed before making a decision for our club. If anyone has contacts who may be able to answer questions about this, please contact President Norma Warecki at 204-837-8547 or e-mail norwar@mts.net

BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Maria Coutu – wishing you a speedy recovery Maria.



Congratulations to Linda Dart, grandmother to newly born Emmy Scarlet born March 9.

MEETINGS

Regular Evening Dinner Meetings are 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Holiday Inn South. Please note that the cost is now \$28.

Next dinner meeting is **April 13**.

The dinner meeting on **May 11** will be confirmed at a later date. This dinner will depend on the numbers that can attend since many of our members will be away to Ireland.

Remember to let phoners know if you are going to be away for dinner meetings and thank you for your prompt replies back when we do call.

ACTIVITIES

Nina Logan is back with more tricks up her sleeves.

For April 13 dinner meeting:

Come prepared with **2 facts** about yourself that you are willing to share with your table group. You will also need to think of a **convincing lie**. Your table group will then try to determine which is your lie and which is indeed fact.



For May 11 dinner meeting:

April showers bring **MAY flowers**, so your Activity Team will be decorating the tables with flowers for our May meeting. These flowers will then be **AUCTIONED** off after dinner for a fun fundraiser!
(Remember to check if this May dinner meeting will still be on.)

June 8 will be our annual picnic at Dolores Tutkaluk's.

2016 DESSERT CARD PARTY

Date: Monday, May 2, 2016

Time: 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Place: Norberry - Glenlee Community Centre
26 Molgat Avenue

Cost: \$13.00 each (Susan Cormack has tickets)

The date for our fundraiser is fast approaching and we need your help to make this a SUCCESS!!!

Please SUPPORT our activity and INVITE some friends or family members to attend. If you can provide prizes please bring them to the April supper meeting.

Baking (diabetic consideration to some food items) are to be brought to the function on May 2nd.

THANK YOU from: Maria Coutu 253-2115, Elizabeth Grover 452-5299, Susan Cormack 257- 8616.

2016 EXCHANGES

Outbound:

May 18-25 - FF Causeway Coast, Northern Ireland (Norma Warecki, ED). All arrangements have been made for the May exchange with 16 FFW members signed up to go.

Sept. 6-13 - FF Northern Illinois

(Joe Keenan, ED). There are 3 spaces available for the first week. A second week has been added to this exchange which is Madison, Wisconsin club. 13 members of our FFW club are continuing on to this second week along with 8 members from the Santa Barbara, California club.

Inbound:

June 14-21 - FF Tokyo, Japan

(Loretta Humeniuk, ED). All plans have been made for home hosts, cottage hosts, dinner hosts and a day host list has been formed. Tokyo has been sent their home hosts and communication is well under way. There are 24 coming with 18 singles and 3 couples from various areas in Japan. Joe Keenan will supply you with an activity sign up sheet and program guide at the April dinner meeting.

Aug. 16-23 - FF Kern County, California, USA,

(Norma Padilla, ED) California only has 14 ambassadors. The exchange is advertised as under subscribed which hopefully will attract more ambassadors.

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February 15-22 – Winter Exchange

(Val Keenan, ED) Two FF clubs from Australia, Sydney and Adelaide, will be coming to Winnipeg. The committee has met to determine the program which will include lots of outdoor activities. This exchange will be a joint venture of the Manitoba and Winnipeg clubs.

Inbound:

Date: TBA for – FF Costa Rica

(Paul Van Leeuwen, ED). The exchange will be in June or August.

Outbound:

Date: TBA for – Kern County & Reno/Tahoe

(Lorraine Franz, ED) The exchange will be in October or November.

2017 Domestic Exchange – Date: TBA

Shirley Schellenberg and Maria Coutu are still in discussion with FF Saskatoon in organizing this exchange between our two provinces.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR



NEW EDs and NEW Committee People

We encourage YOU to try your hand at being an Exchange Director (ED). Don't be afraid to take on this role next year. There are plenty of folks who would be willing to help you.

Also, please consider helping on a committee to organize an inbound exchange. Many hands on deck make light work.

FFI World Conference September 16-19, 2016:

Marrakesh, Morocco

Details may be found on the FF International website – click on Conferences.

2016 FFW Board

Elected Officers:

Pres.- Norma Warecki Vice Pres. - Paul Van Leeuwen
Sec. - Maria Coutu Treas. - Linda Dart

Committee Chairs:

Newsletter - Loretta Humeniuk Website: Joe Keenan
Historian – Norma Padilla Activities: Nina Logan
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