



# **The Friendly Echo**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

World Friendship Day was celebrated at the Japanese Cultural Centre on February 28<sup>th</sup>. A total of 71 members were present; 39 members and friends from FF Winnipeg, two from FF Brandon and 30 from FF Manitoba.

The evening was well organized by FF Manitoba. Lynda Walker and Gail Keeley did a great job with nicely decorated tables, complete with event agenda, FF song and our pledge. The Japanese meal was elegant and delicious.

The speaker, Alfred Fillion, was well prepared and gave an informative thirty- minute talk about the integration of two Syrian families into Winnipeg. He showed pictures of how the family with five boys had settled in St. Vital.

The proceeds (\$270) from the 50/50 and the sale of hand-made wooden toys by Don Greig from FF Manitoba was given to the Syrian family.

Please remember to wear your FF Winnipeg name tag to all of our dinners/functions.

*.Paul van Leeuwen*



*Feb. 28 at the Japanese Cultural Centre*



### **April**

Val Keenan	Karen Wokes
Gladys Thomas	Linda Dart
Heather Gusnowsky	Kristina Ryan
Bette Brown	

### **Journey Coordinator's Report- Jim Ryan**

As of our last report from the Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil Club they had 17 Ambassadors registered to travel to Canada. This group, which may eventually grow to 20, leaves Brazil on August 24<sup>th</sup> for a three-day stopover in Toronto. From there, they will travel to Calgary to join a tour of the Rockies. Following this, their journey takes them to Edmonton on September 5<sup>th</sup>. They are scheduled to arrive in Winnipeg on September 12<sup>th</sup> for a six-day visit. Jim and Diane Kubas will be coordinating their visit here.

Our President, with his mastery of Spanish, has made an initial contact with the Costa Rica Friendship Force regarding our club's planned exchange with them in March 2019.

Kristina and I will be away on a cruise on April 10<sup>th</sup> so we will not be present at the general meeting. We'll see you in May which hopefully will bring warmer weather.

**PHONE COMMITTEE** - Joan O.

Phone Coordinator for **April** and **May** will be  
Email: [fmlemieux@mymts.net](mailto:fmlemieux@mymts.net)

**Phone Committee:** Shirley M., Gladys T. &  
Susan C.

If cancelling your dinner, please call Frances by  
**10:00 a.m.** on the **Monday** before the Wednesday  
dinner.

Thank you for responding promptly to our  
calls/emails.



The three boys, Mohamad, Hayssam and Ibrahim  
Bahbouh) are now registered for this upcoming  
soccer season. Please thank those who attended  
your World Friendship Day gathering for their kind  
donations that made this possible.

Best regards,  
*Fred Fillion*



**Hosting Opportunities** – Jim Kubas

Home, Day and Dinner Hosts are needed for our  
inbound journey from FF Sao Jose Do Rio Preto,  
(Sept 12 – 18, 2018). Get involved and have  
some fun. In my experience, Brazilians enjoy a  
good time and that's what we intend to deliver for  
our members and guests.

My goal is to have our hosts confirmed by the end  
of June as it is much more difficult to get things  
done in July and August. Please, **DON'T DELAY**.  
Questions or commitments can be directed to Jim  
or Diane Kubas: [204-889-9277](tel:204-889-9277) or  
[jameskubas@gmail.com](mailto:jameskubas@gmail.com) or [dckubas@gmail.com](mailto:dckubas@gmail.com)  
or by host sign-up sheets. If you're thinking about  
Day Hosting and know you can't commit for the  
entire journey, a day or two or three would be  
welcomed as well.

Activity sign-up sheets will be distributed shortly  
so if you can't get involved as a host, please join  
us for our planned activities. **Be a friend; make  
a difference.** Thanks.

**ACTIVITY COORDINATOR** – Susan M.

Our April guest speaker is Allison Moore from the  
Winnipeg Art Gallery who will give a presentation  
on Aboriginal Art. Also, I would like to remind  
members that we will once again have our annual  
book sale at the May meeting. So, dust off those  
novels and dig out those paperbacks and bring  
them with you on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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