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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

February is the month with Valentine's Day Feb. 14 and this time of year gives us a chance to say, "I Love You" and "Thank-you" to all our friends and family.

This will be a very busy month with our Winter Exchange of Australian visitors. I hope that all members are able to at least take in a few of the activities that have been planned by both FFW and FFM clubs. We can only hope that the weather will be pleasant for the week.

Please remember that March 8, 2017 is World Friendship Day and we will be celebrating with our friends from the Manitoba club at the Holiday Inn South. Please let the phoners know if you will be attending and remember too that family are welcome.

I look forward to seeing all of you at one of the exchange activities.

In Friendship,
Norma Warecki

♪ HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY ♪

Debie Spracklin



Marlene Friesen

Myrna Rourke

Elaine Benner

GET WELL WISHES

The club is wishing Paul H. a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

World Friendship Day will be celebrated on **March 8th** with the Friendship Force Manitoba club.

150 Year Celebration with the FF Brandon and FF Manitoba clubs is still in the works.

PHONERS

Joan Ostermann at **(204) 832-9294**, is the new phone coordinator. If you need to call and cancel your dinner reservation, please call Joan by Monday 10:00 a.m. of that week's dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS

Diane and David Judge celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 12. ♪Oh What A Wonderful World♪ Who sang that song? Way to go Diane & David.



A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank You to: Jim Kubas who offered to be **Photographer** at the Australian Welcome Dinner and to **Joan Ostermann** who offered to be the new **Phone Coordinator**.

DINNER MEETINGS

REMINDER:

February dinner: It is the **Pot Luck** welcome of the Australian exchanges on **Wed. February 15**. We will have a voyageur to entertain us. Doors open at 4:30 to accommodate the travelers coming from the airport.

March dinner is with FFManitoba club on **March 8**, our usual dinner date. Please cancel any dinner orders by Mon. 10:00 a.m. March 6.) Dinner will be at the Holiday Inn S. on Pembina Hwy. and cost will be our regular \$29. FF Manitoba Club will be in charge of the program.

CHECK YOUR CAA MEMBERSHIP

CAA Members receive 2 for 1 admission at many Manitoba Museums. There are many discounts for hotel bookings and restaurants. Don't forget to use your membership for discounts.

2017 EXCHANGES

INBOUND:

1- February 15-22 – Adelaide & Sydney Winter Exchange - ED FFW is Val Keenan, ED FFM are Gail Keeley & Doug Jackson

ED Val Keenan's report: There were 32 Ambassadors coming again as one lady fell and broke her foot before leaving Australia. The planning committee met for the last time and all home hosts had their meeting. See you at all the events.

2- FFWinnipeg - FFSaskatoon Domestic Exchange

Incoming ED - Maria Coutu Assistant: R. Grover June 16-19. Saskatoon will arrive Friday 16th and leave Monday 19th.

Outgoing ED - Jim Kubas Assistant: R. Grover July 21 - 24. Winnipeg leaves for Saskatoon July 21st Mon. and returns July 24th Monday.

A reminder: This exchange is a celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. This will be a 3 day exchange with Saskatoon. The theme of these exchanges is Louis Riel - Father of Manitoba. A day trip to Batoche is being organized.

A list for home hosting and interested ambassadors who wish to go to Saskatoon was sent round at the January meeting. If you missed it, please contact Maria Coutu (204-253-2115) for home hosting and for going to Saskatoon.

3- Inbound - San Jose, Costa Rica ED – Paul van Leeuwen

Paul reports that there is still no news to share with you.

2017 OUTBOUND:

1- Oct./Nov. 17 – Reno-Kern County

ED – Lorraine Franz, Asst. ED – Elizabeth Grover
Kern County does not have a meeting until Jan. 23 and as yet have been unable to find an inbound ED for our exchange.



Nina, Margaret, Gladys



Val at Jan. supper



Rita, Nina & Loretta



Viv, Graham, Nina

Winners of the Australian Quiz.

"Good friends are like stars. You can't always see them, but you know they are there."

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you Sandy Campbell for helping me with these pictures. Photos provided by Norma Padilla.

LEXOPHILE

This is a word used to describe those people that have a love for words, such as "to write with a broken pencil is pointless" or "when a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds".



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