



THE FRIENDLY ECHO

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER



Volume 18, Issue 1
January/February 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Paul Van Leeuwen*

At our January 9th meeting we had a very interesting presentation from Dale Watts from the Intrepid Society regarding the Winnipeg born spy "Sir William Stephenson". Thank you, Susan, for organizing another great presentation. A bonus was that we were able to use our new projector for the first time.

We are sad to say goodbye to our members who have decided not to renew their memberships this year. On behalf of our club, I would like to thank all of you for the work you have done for our club, and we hope that you will stay in touch. We will miss you and we wish you all the best!

There is no dinner meeting scheduled for February, but I hope to see you all at the Holiday Inn South on March 6th to celebrate our World Friendship Day together with the Brandon and Manitoba Club.

World Friendship Day is celebrated by clubs around the world on or around March 1st which is the day in 1977 when President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation from the White House creating Friendship Force. This year is our 42nd Anniversary! **We encourage you to invite your family and friends to celebrate with us. We extend this invitation to past members; you are always welcome to come as a guest to our dinners.**

2019 is promising to be a busy year with one outbound journey to Costa Rica in February and three inbound journeys from Germany, Gold Coast Australia and Toronto.

Happy Birthday!

January – Sachitha Attawar

February —

Barb Ammeter

Elaine Benner

Debbie Spracklin

PHONE COORDINATOR - *Joan Ostermann*

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

Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, March 6th at the Holiday Inn South where we will be celebrating World Friendship Day (\$32). Friendship Force Members of Manitoba and Brandon will be joining us. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker is from the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

Thank You

We have 67 members who have paid their 2019 membership! Thank you for your prompt payments and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR - Susan Munroe

Thanks to all the members for their ongoing support and enthusiasm for the programs we have presented in 2018. Many of you have shared great ideas and presenters to help make the programs interesting and hopefully fun. Your overwhelming generosity once again resulted in a successful Christmas party and a strong donation to Winnipeg Harvest of 165 pounds of non-perishables and a cash donation of \$110.00. Sachitha won the Christmas hamper and Ed Sloane was the lucky recipient of the wreath which was made and donated by Sachitha. Well done!

I hope you all had a happy holiday season and I look forward to many new adventures in 2019..



Sachitha A. – winner of our gourmet basket



Brain exercise along with much fun! – David & Diane J. at our Christmas party

Host Coordinators Preparing for a busy 2019:

Val Keenan - Toronto – September 26th to 30th

Val and her team are having their first meeting on Friday, January 25th.

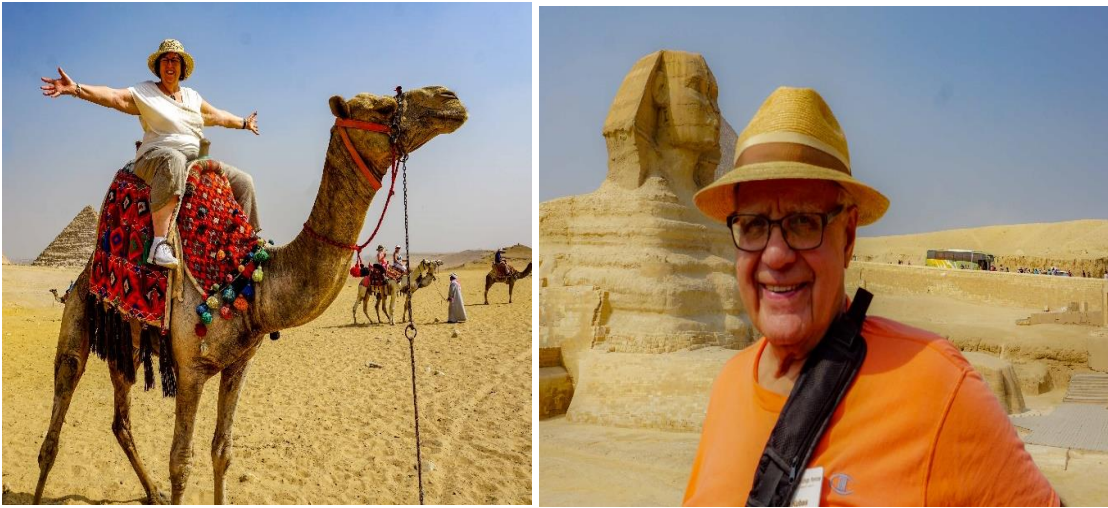
Loretta Humeniuk – Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia – June 30th- July 7th

Lorraine Franz and Elizabeth Grover –Vogtland Germany – June 12th – 19th

The committee met for their first meeting and are well under way! We have all our home hosts and email details will follow to those who have signed up. Our farewell will be a pot luck dinner at St. Andrew's church on Portage Avenue on Monday, June 17th. Please watch for sign-up sheets or call/email Lorraine.

Bon Voyage to our FFW ambassadors who are travelling to Costa Rica with Dolores T. as their Ambassador Coordinator and to Carol D. and Kristina R. who are joining FF Manitoba in an exciting journey to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. We look forward to hearing about your experience when we meet at our FF World Friendship Day. May your journey be safe and filled with wonderful travel experiences!

Journey adventures around the world – by Jim Kubas



Diane K. enjoying her new experience in Cairo!

Jim K. smiling, from one trip to the next!

In 2018 Diane and I travelled with FF Greater Atlanta with a journey to FF Cairo and add-ons to Egypt (Lower Nile), Jordan and Israel. I produced 2 videos which I put on YouTube. FFI has recently posted a link to my FF Cairo video on their Facebook page and is available to all. The videos are titled **“FF Cairo Journey”** which is about the week we spent with FF Cairo as well as the two weeks after planned by our Atlanta FF friends.

I'm in the process of completing a 3rd video on Israel which should be posted soon.

In 2017, we travelled with FF Victoria and Vancouver Island to Australia and I produced 3 videos on our journeys to FF Perth, FF Murray Bridge and FF Mount Gambier.

In total, I have 11 videos on YouTube mostly on Friendship Force Journeys. These can be accessed by: **‘opening YouTube and typing Jim Kubas into the search box. This will take you to my channel. Then click on videos for a display of all 11 videos. You can click on any one to watch.’**

All the videos are in high definition (1080p) and look great on a full-size HD TV. The video files can be downloaded from my Google Drive.

*****WATCH FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER FEATURING A FANTASTIC SEPTMEBER 2018 JOURNEY THAT GLADYS AND DEBBIE SPRACKLIN WENT ON WITH THE PENTICTON CLUB!**



friendship force
WINNIPEG

FFW Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Carol De Baets,
Contact: **The Friendship Force of Winnipeg**; Email: friendshipforcewpg@mts.net
Website: www.friendshipforcewinnipeg.org
Friendship Force International 400 West Peachtree St. NW, Suite 4-980, Atlanta, GA 30308
Email: ffi@thefriendshipforce.org Website: www.thefriendshipforce.org