



The Friendly Echo

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer To All

The fifteen members of Friendship Force Winnipeg returned on the 25th of May all healthy but tired from our exchange with Causeway Coast. It was a great exchange and we really saw a lot of the countryside and lots of old castle ruins. The members of Causeway Coast, while a small club, worked hard to make the exchange a wonderful experience for us. Heartfelt thanks to Dolores for being assistant ED.

Our Japan exchange is well under the control of ED Loretta, so please come out and support the hard working committee for this exchange.

Our picnic will be the last of our meetings until September. I hope to see all members out to enjoy the evening at Nina's. (Note location change.)

Until we meet again in September, have a safe, active and happy summer.

In Friendship,
Norma Warecki

PRAYERS and BEST WISHES

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, Martha K., Karen W. and Lorry L.



SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME HOSTS AMBASSADORS & MEMBERS

When ambassadors come to Winnipeg, you may wish to take them shopping. Some of the places they will be visiting are: The Forks, Fort Whyte Nature Reserve and Manitoba Museum. All of these places have gift shops that specialize in the silk art of Wendy Lee one of our First Nations artists. She designs northern images onto her silk scarves and they are very beautiful. She also designs amazing cards and fridge magnets.

Here is her website: www.theartofwendylee.com

On her website, there are also other mediums of art (glass, wood, stone) and some of this artwork and different artist's pieces can be found in the gift shops mentioned above.

GOLF

Paul Van Leeuwen is organizing a golf tournament for our Japanese visitors. To date there are 5 Japanese guests and 5 club members golfing. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Paul V.

FFI NEWS

We received the following message from Bill Harkness from Canffex. Please read below:

This month both Christiane and Mavis, the FFCanada Field Reps, have posted articles of interest. Please take a moment to visit the Field Rep pages by clicking on the Club Leadership page of the Contact Us page and follow the links.

In friendship,
Bill at Canffex

HELP THE PHONERS

We have a wonderful team of phoners, headed by Janice L., who phone the members to ask if they will be attending the dinners, lunches or other special events.

If the call is missed, the member should respond to the phoner's message and call back. Let the phoner know your intent and the number of people that will be attending. That is a reasonable expectation

Once the committee receives the responses and determines who is attending, Janice phones in our number to the Holiday Inn. Holiday Inn plans the amount of food and sets up for that number.

Here's where it gets messy. Some people do not respond and just show up. Some people respond with a yea and then do not show up. Some people bring guests, which is great, but do not include them in the number. All these factors make Janice's job very difficult. It is unfair to expect the Holiday Inn to be scrambling around at the last minute, setting up more tables and increasing the food supply.

Also, if you say you are coming and do not come, FF Winnipeg must pay for your dinner. With a group of less than 25, it is a served dinner, not buffet. Janice called in 21 people attending for the May meeting and 26 showed up, causing consternation for the chef and staff.

Please be considerate and respond by the deadline with an accurate count of yourself and any guests. Thank you!

WELCOME TO FFW

Four new members have joined our club. We welcome: **Christine & Jim Ryan, Inga Zahodnik and Sharon Collister.** We hope you enjoy meeting some new friends from near and far and that you also enjoy travelling with our club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE CELEBRANTS

Karen Kaiser Marilyn Zaharia Norm Pohl
Bessie-Marie Hill Robert Champagne Janice Leckie
Elizabeth Grover Shirley Mitchell
Carol De Baets Val Daniel
Don Charleson Gail Atkins
Shirley Esaruk Nina Logan



Norma Warecki Brenda Koch-Schulte Sharon Collister

WELCOME HOME

Welcome back home from Ireland. We all look forward to hearing all about your recent Irish experience.

Norma P. is requesting that all write ups for the Ireland trip be sent to her by the end of August.



Jill is reported to be the burpee champion of Canada.

TOKYO POT LUCK WELCOME

We have 69 members and ambassadors coming to the POT LUCK at St. Andrews Church Hall 2700 Portage Ave. on June 15 at 6:00.

Volunteers arrive by 4:00 for set up.

Please bring food by 5:30

Please bring: your **pot luck item** and **serving spoons**

JUNE 8 PICNIC MEETING (Change of Venue)

The location for the picnic on June 8 has been changed to Nina Logan's backyard, **950 Buchanan Blvd. at 5:30.** (Nina lives near the west perimeter at Portage & Buchanan)

Please bring: **lawn chair, plate, cutlery & your drinks.** Coffee, water and soft drinks will be available. The **cost is \$10.00** payable to Linda D.

Chicken, salads, buns and dessert will be provided. Bring your books for the book sale. Our saleslady, Lorraine, will be happy to charge you 50 cents for a soft cover and one dollar for a hard cover book.

*****Note:** If it is pouring rain, meet at **St. Andrews Church Hall at 2700 Portage Avenue** and leave your lawn chair in the car.

*****Note:** All Home Hosts for Tokyo Exchange, please come to Nina's ½ hour earlier (at 5:00 p.m.) to go over the Japanese program, the week's activities and other information. (If raining, meet at the church ½ hr earlier.)

CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE

Val K. will give information to members at the June 8 picnic. It will also be mailed to members. If all Canadian clubs join, it will cost approximately \$10 annually per member.

2016 EXCHANGES

Outbound:

Sept. 6-20 - FF Northern Illinois / Wisconsin-Madison

ED Joe Keenan reports that there are 17 members going on the exchange and 13 will continue on to Wisconsin with ED Shirley Schellenberg,

Inbound:

June 14-21 - FF Tokyo, Japan

(Loretta Humeniuk, ED).

The program has been distributed. Home hosts, please make a copy for yourself and bring a copy to Nina's on June 8 at 5:00. At this time, home hosts will be given further information.

2017 EXCHANGES

February 15-22 – Winter Exchange

ED Val Keenan reports that the Aussies are in the process of booking their air tickets. Adelaide club members will arrive mid afternoon on February 15 but she has not heard from the Sydney club yet about their flights to Winnipeg.

Domestic Exchange 2017 – Date TBA.

This exchange will be open across Canada and will involve 3-4 days in Winnipeg and 3-4 days in Saskatoon. It is part of the exchanges to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday and will focus on the "Father of Manitoba" Louis Riel. Working on this exchange are: Shirley S., Maria C., Elizabeth G., Richard G., & Norma P.)

REVISED EXCHANGE

You are invited to join the Friendship Force of Oklahoma on July 19-25 for a six night visit to beautiful Mid-Willamette Valley, which is located in the NW part of Oregon. It is one of Oregon's prime agricultural areas. The Willamette Valley lies between two mountain ranges- the Oregon Coast Range near the Pacific Ocean and the higher Cascade Range to the E.

There are 5 seats remaining. vContact: Art Black, FF Oklahoma 405-514-8732 / kingarthur72825@gmail.co



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