The Friendly Echo

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WINNIPEG NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,
A big "Welcome Home" to our six Friendship Force Winnipeg members who went on the Friendship Force International cruise. All reports are they had a wonderful time. I am sure all who stayed behind would like to hear all about your experience.

June will be a very busy month with celebrations at the Hitch'n Post Ranch and the visit from Saskatoon club with welcome and farewell gatherings. However, with no meetings in July or August, we will all have time to recuperate.

In September we will be receiving an inbound journey from Costa Rica. Paul van Leeuwen is the host coordinator and will be needing home hosts and dinner hosts. If you are able to help out, please let Paul know.

We will be hosting two inbound journeys for 2018 and will be needing host coordinators for both and committee members. Please advise Lorraine Franz if you are able to be a host coordinator (HC).

In Friendship,
Norma Warecki

♫ HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS ♫

Diane Judge Richard Grover

Gary Crow Dolores Tutkaluk

Loretta Humeniuk

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Sandra Lehmann.** We all extend a warm welcome and hope you enjoy hosting and travelling with the club.

BOOK SALE FOR MAY MEETING

We will be having our annual **BOOK SALE** fundraiser so please bring in your unwanted books for resale.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 86 members and now that all members have finally paid their dues, Paul van L. will complete the new membership list for distribution.

CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP FORCE 40th ANNIVERSARY & CANADA'S 150th

On June 7th, Friendship Force Manitoba will host a dinner, joined by FF Brandon club and our Friendship Force Winnipeg club.

Greetings from: **Mavis Grant**, Friendship Force Field Rep for Western Canada.

Keynote Speaker: **Devon Clunis**, former Winnipeg Police Chief.

Place: Hitch'n Post Ranch at 2079 Ridge Road in Grosse Isle on Hwy 6, NW of Winnipeg
Time: Doors open at 5:15 and Dinner at 6:00
Cost: $35.00 (cheques payable to FFManitoba)
There will be a cash bar. The dress is western and there will be line dancing.

Please pay by May 24, 2017.
Note: Please make cheques **payable to** Friendship Force Manitoba and send to:

Lois Edwards
29 Fulham Avenue
Winnipeg, MB. R3N 0G3

OR: Bring your cheque to the May 10th dinner meeting and Linda Dart will look after forwarding it to Lois on your behalf.

PHONERS

Phone Coordinator: Joan O. (204) 832-9294
Phone Committee: Gladys T., Susan C., Frances L. & Shirley M.

Reminder to Members: If you must cancel your dinner reservation, let Joan know by Monday, May 8 before 10:00 a.m.
Thank you members.

DINNER MEETINGS

May 10 - Holiday Inn at 6:00

June 7 - at Hitch'n Post (40th and 150th Celebration)

June 16 - Welcome get together for Saskatoon ambassadors (details at May dinner meeting)

Let Joan know if you will be attending the above events. **204-832-9294** OR
e-mail: **ejosterm@mymts.net**

2017 EXCHANGES

INBOUND:
FFWinnipeg & FFSaskatoon Domestic Journey
Incoming HC - Maria Coutu Assistant: R. Grover
June 16-18. Saskatoon has 9 ambassadors coming to Winnipeg and a program has been organized. There will be a welcome get-together for the Saskatoon ambassadors. Information and sign up sheets will be at the May dinner meeting. Bring a blank cheque if you intend taking part in the activities.

Committee Members are: Maria C. (chair), Elizabeth & Richard G., Loretta H., Shirley & Herb S., Linda D., Lorraine F., Norma P., Jim K.

Outgoing AC - Jim Kubas Assistant: R. Grover
July 21 - 23
E-mails are going back and forth between clubs in preparation for final plans. We have 1**7** ambassadors going to Saskatoon.

*****REMINDER:** Ambassadors going to Saskatoon **MUST bring $30 US cash** to Linda Dart at the May dinner or send it to her by May 15. Linda will send one cheque to FFI for everyone. (only US cash please)

Inbound - San Jose, Costa Rica
HC – Paul van Leeuwen
San Jose will be arriving in Winnipeg on Sept. 17 and leaving on Sept. 24.
The committee has met to start organizing this inbound journey.

Committee Members are: Paul van L. (chair), Norma W., Diane & David J., Loretta H., Jim A., Dolores T.

2017 OUTBOUND:
Reno - Tahoe and Kern County
AC – Lorraine Franz, Asst. – Elizabeth Grover
The tentative outbound date is Oct. 12 - 30 with a few days in Sacramento between exchanges. This exchange needs more ambassadors to be successful!

Please e-mail: lorfranz@gmail.com before May 25 if you are interested in this exchange or if you require more information.

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn

2018 EXCHANGES

INBOUND:
Brazil - Sao Jose do Rio Preto

Japan - Nagasaki will be coming in June 2018.

OUTBOUND:
NEW ZEALAND in April of 2018
AC - Linda Dart, Maria Coutu
(No details as yet.)

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Paul and Charliene who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. You have both been a tremendous asset to FFW club and we all wish you the very best.

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

Please note: Our illustrious and vibrant Activity Coordinator, Nina Logan, has resigned. Thank you so much Nina for the many activities you organized for the club. They were clever, witty, beautiful and most of all FUN. We will miss your creative ideas.

REMEMER:
1. bring $30 US cash if going to Saskatoon
2. bring cheque book for activities with Saskatoon when they visit us
3. pay FFM for June 7 Hitch'n Post $35 by May 24
4. let Lorraine know if you want to go to Reno/Tahoe

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art!" — Eleanor Roosevelt

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