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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends,

It is that time of year when we remember all those brave men and women who put themselves out there for our safety and freedom. "LEST WE FORGET"

This month's dinner meeting will be our Annual General Meeting with the election of officers for 2017 and committee reports. Thank you to Val Keenan and her nominating committee for their help in the call for nominations.

Our 2018 requests have been submitted to FFI with Japan being the number one choice, New Zealand came in second and the third being the Netherlands. Hopefully we will be hearing soon from FFI with the confirmation of one of our requests. Paul van Leeuwen will have the 2017 FFW club membership renewal forms available at the next meeting. Please fill them out and have them back to Paul as soon as possible. That way, we have our membership list updated early in the NEW YEAR.

Thanks and see you Wednesday at our dinner meeting.

In Friendship,
Norma Warecki

THANK YOU PHONERS and THANK YOU MEMBERS

Thank you to our hard working phoners. Once again we remind you to be considerate and please let your phoner know if you plan on attending the dinner meetings. We need to be accurate when we give the hotel the number ahead of time. When people show up who have not booked, it creates a problem for the hotel staff. We love to have lots of members and guests at the meetings, but please call and let us know who is going to be there. If you are a Snowbird and will be heading to warmer climes this winter, please let your phoner know the months you will be absent so they don't repeatedly try to call you. THANK YOU MEMBERS for this consideration.

ACTIVITIES

For the Nov. 9th meeting, Jim Kubas will give a slide show of the highlights of the outbound trip to Northern Illinois and Madison, Wisconsin.

Our Christmas party on December 14 will feature the Braemar Dancers, a Scottish group who will entertain us with songs, music and dancing. There will be an opportunity for participation in the dancing as well. Bring a "Tin for the Bin" as we will be collecting non perishable items for Winnipeg Harvest.

FORT WHYTE 50th ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

For those of you who took raffle ticket books last month, please bring your tickets and money to the November meeting and give them to Maria Coutu who will be at the front desk. If you wish to take a book of tickets to sell, she will have some extras. You can also choose to purchase your own tickets at the door too. Our FFW group will receive half of all the money we raise. Each ticket has a free admission coupon on the back and the tickets sell 3 for \$10.00. There are 50 prizes to be won including a luxury trip for 2 to Churchill worth over \$9,000!! GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS

Happy Birthday to the following members:

Adele McMurtrie & Jim McMurtrie

Edna Pohl



Mary McQueen

Rita Cunha

Jim Abra

Susan Cormack

MEMBERSHIP

Paul van Leeuwen reports that we have 82 current members – 20 couples and 42 singles with 8 brand new members joining this year.

Membership fees for 2017 will be \$40 per person. This change and \$5 increase now includes the individual liability insurance for each member as discussed and voted on by the membership. If you have any questions, please address them to Norma Warecki, our president.

NOTE: Please have **ALL Memberships paid by the end of December.** A membership list will be compiled by the January meeting date. We wish to see your name in print and on the list. (Also, Loretta might be nasty and not send you one of our FRIENDLY newsletters if your name is not on the membership list.)

2017 EXCHANGES

INBOUND:

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

From ED Val Keenan: The excitement for the Winter Exchange is mounting. We are expecting 31 ambassadors who are looking forward to taking part in all the winter activities our FFW and FFM committee is planning. The week will include a hockey game, outdoor activities at Ft. Whyte, a sleigh ride, Festival du Voyageur, Journey to Churchill and much more.

Sign up sheets for home hosts, dinner hosts and day hosts will be available to members at our November meeting and we hope to have the home hosts assigned by the end of November.

Sign up sheets for the week's activities will be distributed at our December meeting.

Committee: Joe Keenan, Carol de Baets, Kathy Lesyk, Charliene Haviixbeck, Loretta Humeniuk, Stan Croall, Joan & Lawrence Pitcairn, Sylvia Josse.

2- Domestic Exchange 2017 also known as the Riel Summer Exchange - Saskatoon / Winnipeg ED Jim Kubas & Richard Grover

**Inbound: June 16-19 (yet to be confirmed)
Saskatoon Club to Winnipeg**

Outbound: July 21-22 FFW to Saskatoon

This will be a reciprocal exchange with Saskatoon. Winnipeg will host 16 Saskatoon Club Members and in exchange Saskatoon will host 16 FFW members from Jim reports that the Theme of this exchange is Louis Riel as the Father of Confederation. More details to follow in the Dec. newsletter.

Committee: Maria C., Loretta H., Norma P., Shirley S., Elizabeth G.

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

Paul reports that the Costa Rica club does not even have an ED listed yet. He has been in touch with the Calgary Club which is supposed to be hosting Costa Rica also. Their plans are in limbo also. Paul is therefore waiting to hear from Costa Rica about their intentions.

2017 OUTBOUND:

**1- Oct./Nov. 17 – Reno-Kern County
ED – Lorraine Franz, Asst. ED – Elizabeth Grover
(No details at this time.)**

STUFF YOU DIDN'T KNOW (Or at our age) – FORGOT!!

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'...and thus, the word GOLF was played.

Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better.

Coca Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow. Go on try it!

The cost of raising a medium-sized dog to the age of eleven is \$16,400.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades – King David Diamonds – Julius Caesar
Clubs – Alexander the Great Hearts – Charlemagne

Now, here are some questions for you. Come to the November meeting with your answers.

1. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes and laser printers have in common? Answer: _____
2. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?
3. What food does not spoil?
4. What does $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 =$ _____
5. If you suddenly realized that you left home without your cell phone, would you: a) go back and get it or b) keep on going about your business without it?

DON'T FORGET: You can attend a lovely **Remembrance Day Service** at the Convention Centre on Friday November 11th.



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