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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 2022 - James Ryan

Kristina and I will be joining FFI's Festival at Sea cruise on August 28th so I will not be here for the September executive meeting. I have asked Nina to chair this meeting.

There have been few developments over the summer other than the Journey assignments for 2023. Watch for further information.

Information was received through our Western Canadian representative that there has been a change in the FFI Ambassador Coordinator discount policy. The discount will now apply on a sliding scale to all club-to-club journeys whereas, previously, it was available only on international journeys. See the FFI website for more details

Gary advised us in July that the US\$120.00 (C\$151.00) donation made by the ambassadors of the Los Angeles group was acknowledged by Rossbrook House with a card and receipt. There had been some delay in processing the donation due to a wayward cheque which Gary was able to resolve.

There are changes re our September dinner meeting - please refer to Susan M's Activity Report. The executive will need to decide at our next meeting if it is prudent to resume our monthly dinner meetings at the Holiday Inn South. Any feedback about this can be addressed to Nina in view of my absence.

I trust you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready to resume our activities.

JOURNEY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - Maria Coutu

Our thoughts are turning from Summer to Fall and with it plans for travel. Our Club will be leaving on September 21 for Niagara, Lake Simcoe and Haliburton Highlands. Thanks to Jim and Diane Kubas and Kathy Lesyk for organizing this Journey. Safe travels

We have two inbound Journeys in the plans for 2023 - Fortaleza, Brazil plus Christchurch and Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. We will need host Journey co-ordinators for these. We also have one outbound Journey to Los Angeles and San Diego in April 2023. Linda Dart and I are the Journey co-ordinators.

I look forward to visiting with everyone at our September get-together.

ACTIVITIES REPORT - Susan Munro - Activity Co-Ordinator

Hi Everyone, Hope you are enjoying summer.

To launch our fall get togethers we will deviate from our usual second Wednesday dinner meeting and have planned a luncheon and Aviation Museum tour for:

Thursday, September 15

Lunch : Canad Inn Polo Park 11:30AM 1405 St. Matthews Avenue

Tour : Royal Aviation Museum 1:30 PM 2088 Wellington Avenue

You can attend both events or just the lunch or just the museum. The phoning committee will contact members to determine the final count and to confirm pricing.

Hope to see you all there!

Best Regards, Susan M.

COMING SOON!!!!

**SEASON 3 FRIENDSHIP FORCE BRIDGE
WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

YES, we plan to start up another season of bridge in early November. Linda D. will be co-ordinating a Zoom meeting mid-October for those who are interested. We are looking for your input and we welcome new Friendship Force members. Please call or email caroldebaets@gmail.com if you are interested.
Carol De Baets.

FFW BOOK CLUB

Started during the pandemic, the FFW Book Club has continued to meet once a month on Zoom. Interested members are asked to contact Nina who will put them on the mailing list for information about upcoming book club meetings.

We have enjoyed lively discussions using the Zoom platform to talk about the variety of books recommended by our members - Nina Logan - ninalogan@shaw.ca

FFW WALKING GROUP - Linda Dart

Beginning on September 13th the Walking Group will walk on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. On the Sunday prior to each Walk an email will be sent out giving the meeting point.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

September 13 and 27 October 11 and 25
November 8 and 22 December 13 and 27

The Walks are a good way to get to know other members in a different setting. We usually walk for an hour, then find a place nearby to get a coffee and have a visit. Hope to see you there!...Linda Dart

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Fiona Crow
Larry Franz
Charlene Havixbeck
Diane Kubas
Ed Sloane
Joan Osterman
Thelma Sures

EDITORS' CORNER

Recently, we have come into contact with quite a few people who hail from the County of Kent in England, which spurred us to ask a cousin (a well known author in the UK) to contribute a short article for our Friendly Echo - following is the answer to our request. To complement this article, Google the names that are underlined.

ON FOOT TO CANTERBURY

I live a couple of miles north of the famous cathedral city of Canterbury in Kent, the English county always known as the garden of England. Canterbury was the goal of Geoffrey Chaucer's fourteenth century Pilgrims as they set out from London to visit the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket there.

It was the goal too, of another and quite different and twenty-first century pilgrimage by author, **Ken Haigh**, a Canadian librarian and teacher from Clarksburg, Ontario, whose book, "On Foot to Canterbury", is published by the University of Alberta Press in their Wayfarer series.

He set out to make the journey in memory of his father, who had died in 2005. It had been a walk from Winchester, another historic pilgrimage route, that the two men had planned to take together before his father's sudden death. He travels on foot as did the pilgrims of yore and like them, making diversions to see places of interest along the route, such as **Gilbert White's** village of **Selborne** and **Chawton**, one time home of the novelist Jane Austen. He is drawn, too, by the ancient places, such as the **Coldrum Megalith** and **Kit's Coty**, although his literary companions are Isaak Walton and John Bunyan.

Although the book is subtitled "A Son's Pilgrimage", halfway through it this changes when the author admits to his feelings of depression and reveals his total dissatisfaction with life and his job which he finds stultifying. Nevertheless he manages to describe the southern counties of England that he walks through in a most agreeable and engaging way.

There will be few readers who won't feel that they, too, would like to be walking - rain or not - through the fields, villages and even towns that he traverses.

Catherine Aird.

Editors' note: Hope the naturalists, the book people and the walkers in our Club enjoyed this article. Anyone like to join us on the walk?.....D and D.



