



THE FRIENDLY ECHO

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - December 2022 - James Ryan

Our Annual General meeting was held at the Holiday Inn South on November 9th. I am pleased to report that your current executive was re-elected by acclamation for another year (see below). I want to thank Linda Dart for organizing the election and assuring that your board will continue to promote the goals of Friendship Force. All the annual reports were submitted to our secretary, Leslie Galloway.

Following the general meeting, Kristina and I presented a brief travelogue of our two-week cruise with FFI on their Fourth annual "Festival at Sea". Jim Kubas then provided a glimpse of the FFW domestic journey to the Niagara Falls club. So, in spite of the challenges encountered during the pandemic, our club has been able to resume our activities to a limited extent. Susan Munroe organized a luncheon and visit to the new Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada in September and we have had two excellent dinners in October and November. We hope to see many of you at the Christmas Dinner on December 14th. Kristina joins me in wishing you a peaceful Christmas season as well as Health & Happiness in 2023.



President - Jim R. Treasurer - Diane K. Vice-President - Nina L. Secretary - Leslie G.

FFW WALKING GROUP - Linda Dart

The Walking Group continues to meet at 10 am on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Lately we have explored the Assiniboine Forest, Assiniboine Park, Armstrong Point, and the Lyndale Drive/Forks area. Following the walk we always find a place to get together for coffee and a visit. On the Sunday prior to each walk an email is sent out giving the meeting point. When the weather is really unpleasant we will probably meet at the Outlet Mall on Sterling Lyon Parkway. All are welcome so please come and join in.



BRIDGE REPORT - Carol De Baets

We have a total of 24 players who have joined our FF Winnipeg Bridge Club. Our twelve teams consist of 20 Winnipeg Friendship Force players (or alumni), two friends of our players, and one player each from the Brandon Club and Manitoba Club. We play on-line or in-person depending on the preference of each table. I have organized a rotating host for each game, and he/she organizes it however the team decides to play! Recently, I was fortunate to have three players who joined me in my home, and it was a memorable evening full of laughter and gratitude for being together again. Thanks to the flexibility and synergy of wonderful bridge players it works!

Our fall schedule ends December 13th with plans to resume in 2023!

FFW ZOOM BOOK CLUB - Nina Logan

Our FFW Zoom Book Club is now enjoying its third year. We have 13 members who have recommended books for our reading list. We meet the last Thursday of each month, on Zoom at 7:00, to catch up with each other and of course, discuss the books. Anyone is welcome to join, just contact Nina-ninalogan@shaw.ca

Nov.24 The Things We Do For Love by Kristen Hannah (Leslie)

Dec. 29 Pachinko by Min Jin Lee (Gladys)

JOURNEY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - Maria Coutu

We are looking forward to hosting two clubs in 2023.

Journey 23225

La Serena Chile (replaces the Brazil Journey) will be visiting the second week of June, 2023. They will then go to San Francisco. The dates will be confirmed shortly. Paul Van Leeuwen will be the Host Coordinator for this Journey.

Journey 23102

Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, N.Z. are scheduled to visit in September, 2023. They will visit Haliburton Highlands either before or after Winnipeg. The Tauranga Club is joining with the Christchurch Club for this Journey. Due to COVID, some of the New Zealand Clubs are hesitant to travel. There will be more information on this journey. I am waiting for a response from the Tauranga Club Journey Coordinator. We will need a Host Coordinator for the Journey.

Outbound Journey:

We are looking forward to our outbound Journey to San Diego and Los Angeles. Eight Members applied and when Linda and I zoomed with the two Clubs they were very pleased to accept this Journey as full. They are small Clubs and could have found it difficult to accept more Ambassadors. Thank you to all the applicants; we look forward to travelling together.

ACTIVITIES REPORT - Susan Munroe - Activity Co-Ordinator

Greetings everyone – it seems that this year has passed very quickly.

October saw the return of our regular dinner meetings at the Holiday Inn South. We featured a presentation by the Manitoba Securities Commission on fraud and scams especially involving seniors. Hopefully it heightened members awareness to the sophistication and complexity of these scams and helped them to remain vigilant.

November was the Annual General Meeting – members who have had recent travels were called upon to share their stories and perspectives.

December - Friendship Force Festive Follies
Wednesday, December 14th
Arrive 5:30 – 6:00 PM
Holiday Inn South

Christmas Cookie Exchange ...for those who wish to participate

Bring one, get one.. (e.g. Bring twelve swap for twelve etc.)

Table fun and games (no pantyhose or balloons I promise.)

Gourmet Gift Basket raffle

Christmas Carol Sing along with Tom

Hope to see you there! Please come a bit early if you want to exchange some cookies, we will have a long table set up in the room for the exchange.

I want to thank you all once again for your enthusiasm, ideas and support. I welcome all feedback.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

NOVEMBER

Jim Abra
Susan Cormack
Tom McDermott
Mary McQueen

DECEMBER

Karen Curtis
Lorraine Franz
Leslie Galloway
Joe Keenan
Jim Kubas
James Ryan
Marilyn Sloane



WESTERN PRESIDENTS' MONTHLY MEETINGS - Nina Logan

At the Zoom meetings of the Western Presidents, which both Jim Ryan and I attend, we learn a lot about the other clubs in Western Canada. It is very good to be able to meet each other on Zoom and have a chance to share what clubs are doing. We also get information from Gail Keely of FFManitoba, our Western Club President. She keeps us to date with the latest information from FFI. The following is an article which explains the updated FFI Ambassador Coordinator Discount. This is a really good incentive for those who are willing to help out their club by organizing a journey.

At our meeting in May I mentioned that Allison (our liaison in FFI) had indicated that journey coordinator benefits which were previously given only for international journeys by FFI are now offered for all journeys. I have been asked what the FFI journey coordinator benefits are. If you go to the help centre in the member portal at the website for Friendship Force International and type in [ambassador coordinator discount](#) you will see the policy I have copied below.

What's the Ambassador Coordinator discount?

The Ambassador Coordinator will receive a discount on their FFI fee if the journey is filled to a certain percentage:

100% of hosting capacity: coordinator receives a 100% credit of the FFI Ambassador Fee

95% of hosting capacity: coordinator receives a 95% credit of the FFI Ambassador Fee

90% of hosting capacity: coordinator receives a 90% credit of the FFI Ambassador Fee

85% of hosting capacity: coordinator receives an 85% credit of the FFI Ambassador Fee

80% of hosting capacity: coordinator receives an 80% credit of the FFI Ambassador Fee

75% of hosting capacity: coordinator receives a 75% credit of the FFI Ambassador Fee

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The Ambassador Coordinator discount is valid for Club-to-Club Journeys as well as Special Journeys.

Please contact the staff member responsible for your journey.

At our last field rep meeting Allison indicated that the new website is now “live” and is meant to be a website for the general public. The member portal now contains the listing of journeys and all the policies, virtual experiences and any other information specifically for members. Much of the information is still only in English but other languages will be added as the translations are finished.

Everyone is encouraged to use the help center in the member portal and if there are any difficulties in finding specific information use the report a bug feature to let FFI know.

The relevant Newsletter will be coming out every second month with links to the website for specific information.

EDITORS' CORNER

“A WORLD OF FRIENDS IS A WORLD OF PEACE”

With many happy memories in mind, we send all our Friendship Force friends, near and far, BEST WISHES for the Holiday Season and the coming New Year.

Diane and Dave J,





FOR CROSSWORD ENTHUSIASTS

Did you know these things had names ?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoe laces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a newborn baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called a minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and the 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called vocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armseye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called a Brannock device.

HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?

RECENT ADVENTURES



VISIT TO THE NEW AVIATION MUSEUM



JOURNEY TO NIAGARA FALLS



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Has anyone seen these two members since the trip?

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