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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Nina Logan

We are having a very busy summer. The Inbound Journey from Brazil, Wisconsin and Medicine Hat was a great success! Thanks to Loretta and her committee for planning and executing such an interesting program. The Home Hosts, Dinner Hosts and Day Hosts were excellent! Special thanks to Lorraine & Larry and Val & Joe Keenan for opening their homes for our Welcome and Farewell Dinners.

Now many of us are gearing up to join FFManitoba in volunteering for various positions to welcome their guests in August. Our next FFW Inbound Journey from Hamilton/Burlington (Sept 4-11, 2025) will welcome 11 Ambassadors. Our planning committee has almost finished the program. We are giving it a multi-cultural theme. Some old, some new experiences.

A number of clubs across Canada have been writing to me to ask if they can come to Winnipeg. I am responding that they can ask for us in 2027. Many of our Canadian clubs are deciding to ask for shorter journeys across our country.

In other news, Paul has volunteered to be Journey Co-ordinator for our two Outbound Mexico trips in 2026. I will assist Paul in this journey. We will need Co-ordinators for the Inbound Japan trip and Inbound Hamilton/Burlington.

We are fortunate to keep growing our membership. Lately we have welcomed Jane Manson, Pat Malanchuk, Janet Tremble and Charles and Mary Stevens to our club.

Wishing everyone a fun filled and enjoyable summer in Winnipeg or wherever your travels may take you.

ACTIVITIES REPORT - Susan Munroe

As we wind down for the summer, I want to thank all members for their input and support for the first half of this year. We saw the world in bloom in January, travelled to Mexico North, learned about Volunteering in Manitoba, reacquainted ourselves with the pressing issues of climate change, had a chance to fill up our summer reading stashes, and welcomed visitors from Brazil, the US and Medicine Hat. We were unable to attend June's wind up dinner, but by all accounts it was a great exchange.

We will kick off the fall session with a combined Farewell dinner for our September inbound exchange with our first dinner meeting on Wednesday September 10, 2025 at the Caboto Center. More information will be sent as we get closer to the visit.

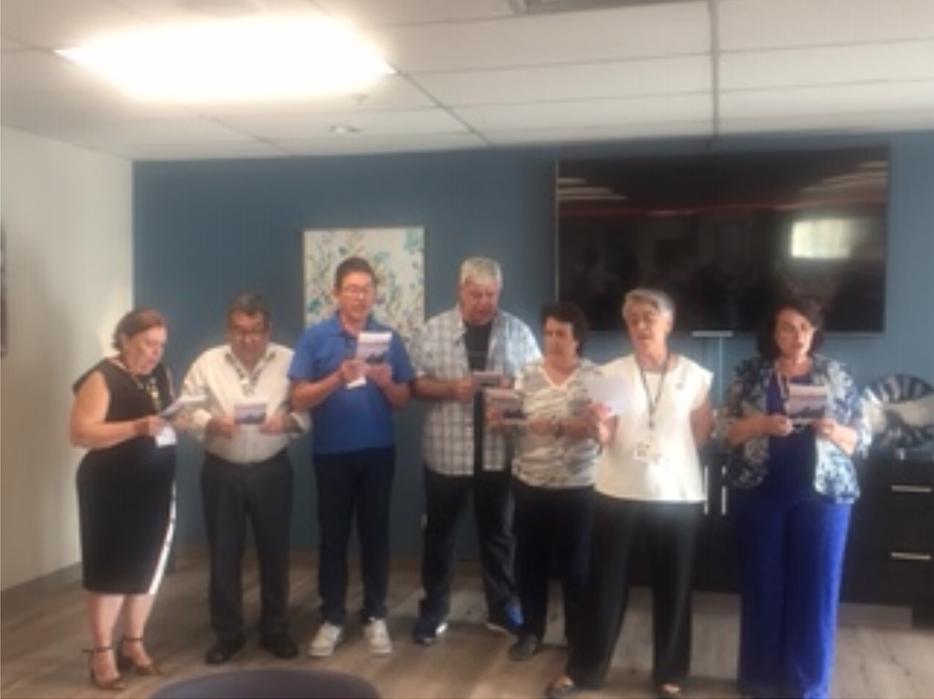
Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer, and as the song goes "see you in September".

Editors' Note: Items to which we can look forward after the Summer break include the Walking Group - Book Club - and Bridge sessions. A bit further ahead the Caboto Center has been booked by Susan M for our Christmas dinner meeting to be held Wednesday, December 10th, 2025. The Manitoba and Brandon Clubs have been asked to join us. Rick Roschuk from Red Road Music has been booked to provide entertainment following our dinner. Our members really enjoyed Rick when he performed at last year's farewell dinner and he promises a fun and interactive evening.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Every good wish and many happy returns of the day to
all those whose birthday was in April, May and June

Inbound Journey from Brazil, Wisconsin and Medicine Hat



Our guests entertaining US!

Visiting Lower Fort Garry





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POSTSCRIPT - Information just received:

Walking Group - Linda Dart

The Walking Group will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10 am. An email will be sent out a few days prior to the date giving the meet-up location. In winter weather we generally meet in the food court of the Outlet Mall, walk for about an hour, then pick up a coffee and have a visit. The first few dates are: September 18th, October 2 and 16, November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18. Please plan on joining us and mark the dates on your calendar.

Outgoing Journey to Seattle - Linda Dart

Plans are finally in place for our outgoing Journey to Seattle. Four members of our club, two members of FF Vancouver and one member from FF Victoria will be participating in the journey from September 30th to October 7th. Elaine A, the Host Coordinator from FF Seattle, has been extremely welcoming and flexible in planning the journey. We look forward to meeting Elaine when she travels to Winnipeg in August as part of the incoming FF Manitoba journey.

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE PLEDGE

As a member of the Friendship Force
I recognize that I can make a difference
I recognize that I have a mission
That mission is to be a friend of the people of the world
As I embark on this adventure
I know that others will be watching me
I know that through my example to my fellow citizens
And the people of other nations
The cause of friendship, love, and peace will be furthered
I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Most applicable in our life at the present time
re the state of the world today.

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