

Friendship Force Manitoba meets monthly September through June. We usually meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Masonic Memorial Temple at Confusion Corner; check our events listings for date and location.

Guests are always welcome. Call Patricia Loustel at 204-489-4790.

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Contributions to the November newsletter are due by October 27. Send contributions to Bev Phillips, proofreaders@mts.net or 306-15 Kennedy Street, Winnipeg R3C 3X5.

“The American South” Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 1 **Masonic Memorial Temple** **420 Corydon at Confusion Corner**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Pay at the door: \$20



Our next outbound exchange is to Richmond, Virginia and Raleigh, North Carolina in April 2015.

Hear details about the exchange and a presentation on the beautiful 469-mile long Blue Ridge Parkway, “America’s favourite drive.”

*Enjoy a traditional Southern supper: Virginia ham, scalloped potatoes, Carolina corn and chef’s choice of dessert.
We may even have mountain music!*

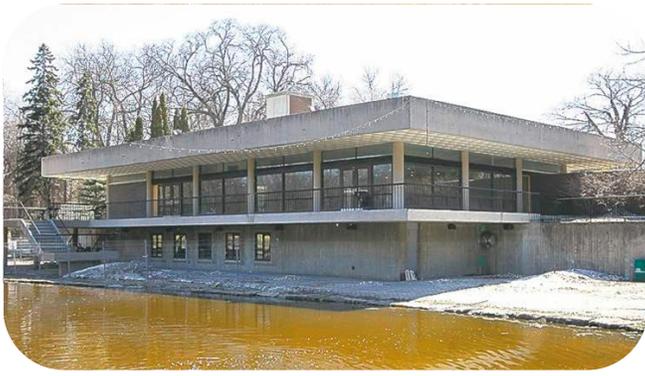
**Bring your membership renewal payment.
Bring your “passport” from September’s meeting to
“border patrol” for a gift!
Remember to wear your membership badge!**

Upcoming meetings

**November 5 – Annual General Meeting / “Egypt”
December 3 – Christmas Party – “Christmas in Finland”**

Craft Circle:

Craft Circle will resume on October 18 to study finger weaving. Contact Judy Single at jud64@mymts.net or 204-294-6428.



Neighbourhood Nite: Food Evolution

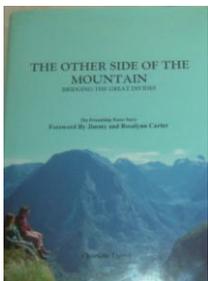
On Tuesday, September 23, 13 members and two guests met at the new restaurant at the Peguis Pavilion in Kildonan Park.

The view from the floor-to-ceiling windows was an explosion of autumn colour. Some attendees walked the trails before entering the dining room. The lower level of the building is still equipped as a change room for cross-country skiers in winter. This new restaurant was a year delayed in opening, but it is on its way now.

The name, Food Evolution, probably reflects the chef's intention to change the menu constantly. On our chosen night, our orders represented the full range. The schnitzel plates were heaped and satisfying, the pickerel plates were delicately delicious and the vegetarian pasta suited the moderate appetite with some left over.

The dessert choices are the most unusual. They offered a Red River Float made with vanilla ice cream and Guinness Ale! No one selected that, but we sampled the Microwave Sponge Cake and the Crackerjack mix. Everyone left well fed.

— Dallas Bagby



The Other Side of the Mountain:

the Friendship Force Story

We have two copies of this book in circulation. Do you have one? If you do, please bring it to our October meeting and we can pass it along to another member.

Welcome to our new Vice President

Patricia Loustel has agreed to serve as our Vice President for the remainder of 2014. Patricia served as FFM Secretary in 2013 and has been a club member for many years. We are thankful for Patricia's help.



It's Time to Renew Your Membership

You can renew your membership at the October meeting.

Renewing members:

\$35 single and \$65 couple

New members:

\$45 single and \$85 couple

(extra fee to pay for name tags)

— *Georgette Boille, Treasurer*



Have you moved or changed your phone number or email address?

If so, please contact our Secretary, Gail Keeley, right away so she can update our membership list:

gailke@hotmail.ca

Where in the World

This month every FF club in the world is sending their 2016 travel request to FFI's Atlanta office. Nothing is easy about this process.

First, the hope is to reach consensus on where in the world our members want to travel. Seventy-some members with widely varied travel histories and travel concerns cannot quickly agree. Some members are emphatic that they want only overseas exchanges. Other say they cannot readily manage major overseas trips but love the North American options.

Once we finally choose our request, the club president completes a long online request form on behalf of the club for both inbound and outbound goals.

Usually in February, FFI ends the suspense by announcing to each club their proposed connections. Everything should be great then, but often clubs reject the proposals before the printer ink has time to dry. If they don't oppose the connection, they object to the suggested timing. The negotiations begin to reach a settlement, agreeing to club and date. The planning begins; an exchange director is recruited.

Sadly, even then life gets in the way. The number of ambassadors goes below the needed number, and an earthquake or two can affect the ability to travel.

The process can be daunting, so why do we do it?

Because when it works, the outcome is so rewarding for all participants and so unique. It is worthwhile. So we are not asking why on earth, but where in the world should we request to travel.

— Dallas Bagby, President

Friendship Force International 2014 World Conference

October 14-16 in Auckland, New Zealand
Post-conference homestays and tours are available.

2015 World Conference
Vancouver, August 28-30, 2015

Campinas, Brazil

We have tentatively been matched with FF Campinas in Brazil for a 2015 inbound exchange. Here are a few fast facts:

- Campinas is in the far south of Brazil in São Paulo state. It has about 1,200,000 people.
- The region was originally covered in dense forest, later developed into coffee, cotton and cane farms.
- The city of Campinas was founded in 1774. Like Winnipeg, the arrival of the railway (in 1867) spurred greater development, as the city was linked to the major city of São Paulo and the coast.
- Large numbers of immigrants from Italy arrived in the late 1800s.
- Booming coffee exports made Campinas wealthy, and in the early 20th century it boasted an opera house, orchestra, theatres, a major centre for agricultural research, and all the amenities of a prosperous city.
- FF Campinas was founded in 1985 and has about 120 members.

What's in your basement?



I am currently doing an inventory of the club's property. If you are storing items for the club please send me a list at gailke@hotmail.com or call me at 204-257-9837.

— Gail Keeley, FFM Secretary

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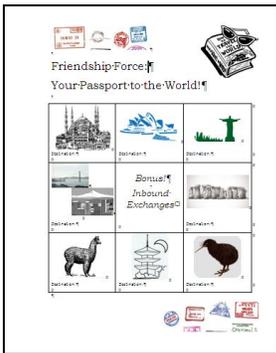
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September membership meeting

After a busy summer, our September meeting marked a welcome return to routine. The open house was a huge success, with 21 guests.



Eight members displayed photos and souvenirs from their travels and answered innumerable questions during the hour before the meeting. Everyone was encouraged to have their “Festival of Nations” passport initialed by the presenters. (Bring your passport

to the October meeting for a small surprise!)

Judy Single and Gail Keeley spoke on different aspects of hosting based on their experiences over the summer.

We enjoyed an end-of-summer meal of barbecued chicken, potato salad, beans, coleslaw and delicious Saskatoon berry pie.

The *Lance* community newspaper printed an article titled “Numerous nations under just one roof” on August 26 by reporter Simon Fuller. The article interviewed Shirley Twerdun, our Communication Chair, and gave an introduction to Friendship Force and a promo for our September meeting. Several guests came to the meeting after reading the article. To see the article at the *Winnipeg Free Press* website, Google the article title.



2015 Exchanges

Incoming:

Long Island, NY – possibly in September
Campinas, Brazil – tentative

Outgoing:

Probable dates: Raleigh, NC April 11-18
and Richmond, VA April 18-25
Exchange Director: Jan Kollesavich

— Stan Croall, Exchange Coordinator (EC)
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Finding the Time to Help

Canadians donate two billion hours per year in volunteer labour, according to a 2010 Statistics Canada survey.

Some institutions like schools, hospitals and museums rely on volunteers to offer programs and services that they would never be able to pay for. Then there are organizations like Friendship Force, which – aside from a small central office – is run entirely by volunteers.

We all have priorities in our lives, and volunteering is not at the top of the hierarchy. We must tend to our health, family, friends, employment, and other valuable parts of our lives before volunteering. Furthermore, many of us juggle requests from at least a few organizations for our volunteered time and efforts.

Yet things get done, and they usually get done well. Volunteering doesn't only repay us by benefiting the organizations we belong to. We help other people in all kinds of ways. We also develop skills and learn a lot about other people – and sometimes about ourselves!

Every item in this newsletter was made possible by volunteers. Longtime or first-time, year-round or occasional – they are all necessary. Congratulations to all our volunteers, and thank you for all you do.

— Bev Phillips, Editor, 204-942-5453,
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