

Summary of The Friendship Force of Manitoba Exchanges, Conferences and Festivals
Attended by Members

Friendship Force of Manitoba first chartered in November 1997 (third Friendship Force Club in Canada, following Ottawa & Lethbridge, Alberta)
Charter President - Shirley Twerdun, Vice-President - Elsie Hannaford,
Secretary - Dorothy King & Kay Douglas, Treasurer - Naheed Hameed

First FFI International Conference held in Canada - 1996 in Montreal, Quebec

| | 1997 | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| November 1997 | | FFI Festival in New Orleans w/ homestay in Baton Rouge Shirley Twerdun & Elsie Hannaford attended |
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| | 1998 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| March 8-14, 1998 March 15-24, 1998 | | Hamilton, N.Z. Wellington, N.Z. ED: Aruna Hall |
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| April 29 - May 6, 1998 | | FFI Festival San Francisco Homestays in CA & Reno S. Twerdun, Doreen Weight and Joan Boyd attended |
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| August 1-7, 1998 August 8-18, 1998 | | Moscow on Global Exch. Tour of FF clubs in Latvia, Finland & Russia Shirley Twerdun & Gail Fine |
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| August 20-27, 1998 | Whangarei, N.Z. E.D.: | |
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| | 1999 | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| February 3-10, 1999 | | Alajuela, Costa Rica with FF Lethbridge S. Twerdun, E. Hannaford & Muriel Waldie |
| April 10-15, 1999 April 16-24, 1999 | | Atlanta, GA & Charlotte, NC ED: Shirley Twerdun Asst. ED: Norma Warecki (27 ambassadors) |
| April 24 - 28, 1999 | | 10 Ambassadors cont'd on to FF Morganton, Asheville and Lillerton, NC |
| June 9-16, 1999 | | Moscow on Global Exch. Tour of FF clubs in Latvia, Finland & Russia Shirley Twerdun & Gail Fine |
| August 20-27, 1999 | Devon, UK ED: Shirley Twerdun | |
| October 13-25, 1999 | | Somerset, UK Devon, UK ED: |
| December 1999 | | FFI Conference, London, UK Several attended |

| | 2000 | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 25 - June 1, 2000 | Great Falls, MT Dubuque, IA ED: | |
| May 25 - June 1, 2000 | | FFI Festival in Memphis, TN Several attended |
| September 4-10 2000 | Alejuela, Costa Rica ED: Marilyn Zaharia | |
| October 2000 | | FFI Festival in Hartford CT & homestays in Boston area several attended |
| October 6-13, 2000 October 14-21, 2000 | | Ota Gunma, Japan Yamagata, Japan ED: Rose Tilbrook 26 Ambassadors |
| November 9-12, 2000 | | FFI Conf., Madison, WI & homestays. Several attended |
| | 2001 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 20 – 27, 2001 May 27- June 3, 2001 | | Devon, UK Cleveland County, UK ED: Joan Hodgson |
| June 2001 | Puebla, Mexico ED: | |
| August 2001 | Fort Worth, TX ED: | |

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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| October 10-15, 2001 | | 1st Canadian Conf. - Ottawa & homestay - 14 attended |
| November 1-4, 2001 November 5-15, 2001 | | FFI Conf.(25th) - Bangkok, Thailand followed by Vietnam Tour Shirley Twerdun attended |
| Original Friendship Force of Manitoba Club FF Manitoba re-chartered - October 15, 2001 Charter President - Kay Douglas, Vice-President - Barbara Main, Secretary - Joan Boyd, Treasurer - Nettie Angood | Chartered November 1997 | Dissolved October 2001 |
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| | 2002 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| August 10-17, 2002 | Des Moines, IA ED: Lorraine MacLeod 9 Ambassadors | |
| September 12-19, 2002 | Moscow, Russia ED: Shirley Twerdun 7 Ambassadors | |
| October 31-Nov. 6, 2002 | | Albuquerque, NM ED: Marielle Lacroix 21 Ambassadors |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| November 7-14, 2002 | | FFI Conference, Dallas TX * and homestay Dallas; Ft. Worth 18 members attended * Shirley Twerdun was presented with the FFI Excellence in Public Relations Award |
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| | 2003 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 13-20, 2003 May 20-27, 2003 | | Bockhorn, Germany Deutsche Weinstrasse, Germany - 11 Ambassadors ED: Shirley Twerdun Asst. ED: Barbara Main/ Muriel Waldie |
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| June 2003 | Pisa, Italy* Cancelled | * We found out indirectly in February that Pisa had cancelled our June exchange and opted for one with FFW in August (which was subsequently cancelled). FFI never did contact FFM to discuss or inform us of the change in dates and Host Club. |
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| June 2003 | Gwangju, Korea Cancelled (War in Iraq & SARS) | |
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| July 9-12, 2003 | | 2nd Canadian Conference Lethbridge, AB & homestays Several attended |
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| September 13-20, 2003 | Albuquerque, NM ED: Elaine Mathieson 19 Ambassadors | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| February 26 - March 3, 2004 March 7-14, 2004 March 14-26, 2004 | | Newcastle, & Queanbeyan/Canberra, Australia, and Nelson, NZ ED: Esther and Clare McKenty 24 ambassadors |
| June 12-19, 2004 | South Taranaki, NZ ED: Nettie Angood 22 Ambassadors | |
| August 10-17, 2004 | Lake Hartwell, GA ED: Anne Wiebe 14 Ambassadors | |
| September 2004 | Bockhorn, Germany Cancelled – Insufficient Numbers | |
| November 4-11, 2004 | | FFI Conf. Los Angeles, CA & homestay LA area & San Diego. 4 Attended |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| February 7-14, 2005 | | Rio Grande Valley, TX ED: Beryl Feuer & Joan Warden 10 Ambassadors |
| June 2005 June 2005 June 2005 | Gwangju, Korea, Braunschweig-Peine, Germany Deutsche-Weinstrasse, Germany Cancelled – All 3 exchanges | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| June 6-13, 2005 | San Francisco, CA, ED: Alma Vincent/Jean Hyrich 10 Ambassadors | |
| September 15-20, 2005 | 3rd Canadian Conference Winnipeg & Homestay Co-Chairs: FFM Barbara Main & FFW Joe Keenan | |
| October 25 - November 2, 2005 November 6-15, 2005 | | Curitiba-Metropolitano and Piracicaba, Brazil ED: Shirley Twerdun/ Barbara Main 19 ambassadors |
| November 3-6, 2005 | | FFI Conf. Sao Paulo, Brazil 18 Attended |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 16-23, 2006 | | Causeway Coast, Ireland ED: Adell MacCutcheon 23 Ambassadors |
| June 2006 | Olympia, WA ED: Lorraine MacLeod Cancelled-Insufficient Numbers | |
| September 17-23, 2006 | Newcastle, Australia ED: Elizabeth Schirmer 23 Ambassadors | |
| October 16-23, 2006 October 23-30, 2006 | | Des Moines, IA ED: Jean Hyrich 10 Ambassadors Note: 2 nd week Western North Carolina Cancelled by FFM due to insufficient numbers |

| | 2007 | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| March 1-3, 2007 March 4-11, 2007 March 12-18, 2007 | | FFI Conference – Atlanta, GA Lake Hartwell, GA Florida Suncoast ED: Barbara Main Asst. ED: Shirley Twerdun 21 Ambassadors |
| June 2007 | Heredia, Costa Rica cancelled) ED: Vivian and Gerry Babij | |
| June 9 -16, 2007 | Zutphen, NL ED: Vivian & Gerry Babij | |
| August 10-17, 2007 October 11-13, 2007 | East Central, & Spring Hill, FL ED: Esther & Clare McKenty | 4th Canadian Conference Penticton/Okanagan, BC 6 attended |
| | 2008 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| April 8-14, 2008 April 15-22, 2008 | | Rijnmond, Netherlands and Krems, Austria – ED: Kathy & Lorrie Lesyk limited to 14 Ambassadors |
| April 12-19, 2008 | | Friendly Visit to FF Zutphen, Netherlands (Balance of above Amb. - 7) ED: Janice Shott/Alma Vincent |
| June 14-21, 2008 | Queanbeyan-Canberra, Australia ED: Jean Hyrich Asst. ED: Adell MacCutcheon | |
| September 13-20, 2008 | San Francisco Bay Area & Reno-Taho, NV ED: B. Buckingham 22 Ambassadors | |

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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| January 2009 | | Indonesia Cancelled by FFM due to Canada Gov't Danger Advisory & lack of insurance |
| May 7-14, 2009 May 14-21, 2009 | | Detroit, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois ED: Janice Shott 19 Ambassadors |
| June 12-18, 2009 | Richmond, VA ED: Dallas Bagby 14 Ambassadors | |
| August 24-31 2009 | Nara, Japan ED: Helen Whetter Asst. ED: Shirley Twerdun 23 Ambassadors | |
| September 14-30, 2009 October 1-3, 2009 October 4-7, 2009 | | Global Exch/ Louisville, KY Club to Kiev, Ukraine, Chelm, Poland and Lviv, Ukraine - Shirley Twerdun/ Lorraine Garlinski (grp of 23) |
| October 14-16 2009 October 17-20-2009 | | 5th Canadian Conference Niagara, Ont. & homestay. 8 Attended |
| | 2010 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| April 15-29, 2010 This exchange was affected by the volcano eruption in Iceland. 13 Ambassadors were able to participate, 7 were not able to get to the UK including ED's Graham and B. Buckingham. | | Cornwall, UK and Newcastle, UK |

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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| August 4-11, 2010 | Whidby Island , WA Cancelled due to low numbers although was going to combine with Krems, Austria | |
| August 4-11, 2010 | Krems, Austria ED: Brenda Koch- Schulte 9 ambassadors | |
| October 15-22, 2010 | | FFI Conference – Washington , DC homestays in Central Virginia Charlottesville & Richmond, NC: 7 attended |
| | 2011 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| February 17-23, 2011 | Global Exch. from Australia & USA hosted by FFM & FFW ED: Jean Hyrich for FFM | |
| May 2011 | | Fort Worth, TX & Memphis, TN ED: Elizabeth Schirmer |
| August 5-12, 2011 | Nicosia, Cyprus ED: Jean Hyrich | |
| August 27-30, 2011 | | FFI Conf. Hamburg, Germ. (Shirley Twerdun & Barbara Main attended) |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 16-18, 2012 | | 6th Canadian Conference Quebec City, PQ with homestays in Quebec City, Sherbrooke, and Montreal 9 attended |
| September 5-12, 2012 | Raleigh, North Carolina ED: Brenda Koch-Schulte | |

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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| October 21-29, 2012 November 3-10, 2012 October 18-21, 2012 October 25-26, 2012 | | Nara, Japan & Oita, Japan ED: Barbara Main Asst. ED: Jean Hyrich (Shirley Twerdun initial ED but resigned due to illness) Tour of Tokyo Tour of Kyoto 19 ambassadors |
| October 26-29, 2012 | | FFI Conference in Hiroshima, Japan FF Manitoba received an award for having the most attendees (14) who had travelled the farthest to attend the conference. |
| Barbara Main, served Friendship International as FFI Field Representative for Western Canada from January 2008 to June 2012 | | |
| | 2013 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 28 - June 4, 2013 | | Long Island, NY ED: Elizabeth Schirmer 16 Ambassadors |
| April 2013 | Christchurch NZ & Connecticut, (Cancelled: Christchurch, Due to earthquake damage) | |
| September 20-26, to October 3, 2013 | | Columbia Cascade & San Francisco Bay Area ED: Stan Croall 15 Ambassadors |
| November 23-25, 2013 | | FFI Conf. New Orleans, LA (Dallas Bagby & Barbara Main attended) |

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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| June 17-24, 2014 | Cornwall/Devon, UK ED: Helen Whetter (Cancelled) | |
| June 16-23, 2014 | Friendly Manitoba Canadian. Exchange ED: Helen Whetter & Elizabeth Schirmer | |
| August 16–23, 2014 | Oita, Japan ED: Shirley Twerdun & Barbara Main 19 Ambassadors | |
| September 18-19, 2014 | | 7th Canadian Conference Conference Edmonton, AB (Cancelled due to low registration numbers) |
| September 23-30, 2014 September 30 – October 7, 2014 | | Hamburg, Germany Nicosia, Cyprus (Cancelled) |
| October 14-16, 2014 | | FFI Conf. Auckland, NZ |
| | 2015 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| April 11-25, 2015 | | Richmond, VA and Raleigh, NC ED: Jan Kollesavich 18 Ambassadors |
| August 11-18, 2015 | Long Island, NY ED: Liz Martin & Elizabeth Schirmer | |
| August 28-31, 2015 | | FFI Conf. Vancouver, B.C 6 attended |

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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| September 2015 | Campinas, Brazil ED: Elizabeth Schirmer Cancelled due to travel costs | |
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| | 2016 | |
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| May 29 - June 4, 2016 | Southern Oregon ED: Gail Keeley & Doug Jackson Cancelled | |
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| Mid-August 2016 | Osaka, Japan ED: Lynda Walker Lynne Fairhall | |
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| September 15-22, 2016 | | Toulouse, France ED: Linda Walker Lynne Fairhall |
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| September 18-20, 2016 | | FFI Conference Marrakesh, Morocco 2 attended |
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| | 2017 | |
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| February 2017 | Global Exchange Co-Hosting with FF Winnipeg 40 Ambassadors (Primarily from Australia) | |
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| June 16-23, 2017 | Waikato / Hamilton, New Zealand JD: Helen Norrie 17 Ambassadors | FFI Conference Manchester, UK 2 attended |
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| September 7-22, 2017 | | FF Central Montana & Cheyenne, WY JD: Don Grieg & Ruth Clare 14 Ambassadors |
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| | 2018 | |
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| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| March 10-17, 2018 March 17-24, 2018 | | Hamilton, New Zealand Tauranga/Bay of Plenty, NZ JD: Doug Jackson 14 Ambassadors |
| August 8-14, 2018 | South Sydney, Australia JD: Peggy Smith 14 Ambassadors | |
| August 15-23, 2018 | North Bay, Ontario JD: Denise Lawson Cancelled | |
| September 24-30, 2018 | Columbia Cascades, Oregon JD: Peggy Smith / Sina Romsa 15 Ambassadors | |
| | 2019 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| January 29 - February 19, 2019 | | Lamphun, Thailand JD: Denise Lawson 12 Ambassadors |
| June 8-14, 2019 | Central Montana JD: Helen Norrie & Ruth Clare 8 Ambassadors | |
| | 2020-2022 | |
| Gail Keeley serves Friendship Force Int. as FFI Field Representative Western Canada Spring 2020 to 2024 | 2020-2022 Inbound and Outbound Travel Cancelled due to Covid 19 | |
| | 2023 | |
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| March 29- April 7, 2023 | | Ehime & Setouchi-Hiroshima, Japan JD Susan Finlay 7 Ambassadors |

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| June 17-23, 2023 | Mid-Willamette, Oregon JD: Helen Whetter & Susan Finlay 10 Ambassadors | |
| July 11-17, 2023 | Koriyama & Ehime, Japan JD: Peggy Smith 14 Ambassadors | |
| October 2-5, 2023 | | FFI Conference Dubrovnik, Croatia 1 attended |
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| | 2024 | |
| DATE | INBOUND | OUTBOUND |
| May 1-14, 2024 | | Knoxville, TN & Western North Carolina JD: Susan Finlay 8 Ambassadors |
| June 17-23, 2024 | Greater Manchester, England & Raleigh, NC JD: Joan Bluethner 7 Ambassadors | |
| September 2024 | NorPeru, Peru JD: Susan Finlay Cancelled by NorPeru | |
| October 7-10, 2024 | | FFI North American Conference Milwaukee, WI 2 attended |
| November 5-22, 2024 | | Adelaide, Melbourne & Sunshine Coast Australia JD: Diane Schipper & Kathy Hansell 15 Ambassadors |
| | 2025 | |
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| February 17-23, 2025 | | Southwest Florida, USA JD: Denise Lawson Ambassadors |
| March 2025 | Lamphun, Thailand Cancelled by Lamphun | |
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| August 2025 | Greater Seattle JD: Ambassadors | |
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| August 2025 | Adelaide, Australia JD: Ambassadors | |
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| November 2025 | | Tere-Rio, Brazil & Nor Peru, Peru JD: Christine & Francis Hanlon Ambassadors |
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| The Friendship Force of Manitoba Exchange History Prepared by Barbara Main and Shirley Twerdun | | |

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