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MESSAGE from STEVE ...

Back from Mexico and ready for a new adventure. We have received our proposed exchanges for 2012 which have been approved by the Board.

We are scheduled for a two week Outbound Exchange to Guaruja (Sao Paulo) & Curitiba, Brazil in March 2012. This exchange will give us an opportunity to visit old friends in Brazil and of course, create new opportunities to share and explore.



We are also scheduled for an Inbound Exchange from Mundo Maya, Mexico in January 2012. Haven't quite pinned down the exact location but more will follow.

Most recent information from FFI is that Friendship Force members in Japan are OK but certainly are in need of your thoughts and prayers. They suggest contributions to the Red Cross or other recognized international charities if you desire to help financially. Obviously this is a challenging time for the citizens of Japan. No doubt more information will be forthcoming as it is available.

Clearly the events in Japan should focus each of us on earthquake preparedness. I encourage each of you to visit <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/earthquakes.shtm> to assure that you are prepared.

Hope to see you all Wednesday March 23rd. Steve

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 11 Lisa Edick
- 14 Dennise Haddock
- 16 Bob Laramee
- 17 Joan Pracy
- 20 Carla Rosenlieb
- 22 Ann Bigler
- 31 Glenn Krauter

CALENDAR 2010



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| General Meeting | March 23 |
| FF Leadership Conference | March 25-27 |
| Sacramento Inbound | May 13-16 |
| Grandparent/ Grandchild
Inbound exchange | August 8-15 |
| Hay River, Canada
Outbound exchange | August 28-
September 9 |

March Program

We are pleased to announce the Kid's Folkloric Ballet Group "Su Son Latino" as our March 23rd program. They will perform Mexican Folkloric dances for us at 7 pm.



The children vary in age from 4 to 14 years old. Their teacher Sra. Susie will then perform and teach us Salsa dancing.

This is a not to be missed evening.

Please bring an Appetizer to share or \$2.00

Best Regards, Ana Lucia Chiles

HAY RIVER EXCHANGE- AUGUST 28—SEPT. 9

Sixteen excited ambassadors from our club are the lucky ones to go on our Canada Exchange for 2011. Our first deposit has been made, so **OFF WE GO**. One of the interesting and famous natural wonders we will see is the **MACKENZIE RIVER**. Our hosts in Hay River have indicated we will have a day trip to see this great river. It originates at the Great Slave Lake and goes north into the Arctic Circle. It is the longest river in Canada. With its headstreams, it is the second longest river in North America. Can you guess the longest? Yes, you are

Mississippi river trip this summer to see route offering a the FFI site to learn all

We drive for over 2 river. Along its path are lakes. It stretches for the Arctic Sea.



right. It is the Missouri/ system. (*There is a fabulous it with 4 different clubs along its wonderful exchange. Look on about it.)

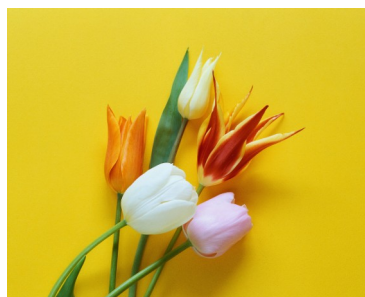
hours to get to the Mackenzie thick green forests and many 1,200 miles and empties into

The river is navigable for approximately five months of the year. It freezes over in October and the ice on the river breaks up in May. During the winter months, sections of the river are used as an ice road.

During the ice-free period the river is navigable over its entire length. Barge traffic from an intermodal hub at the railhead at Hay River serves much of the Western Arctic.

What an interesting place to visit!!!

Your Exchange Director, NEDRA



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WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP FORCE?

The Friendship Force is a non-profit organization sponsoring people to people exchanges of individuals and families to over fifty nations of the world. It brings people of the world together through home hospitality experiences that can build lasting bonds of friendship

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