

## Casual Executive Meeting July 26<sup>th</sup>

### At Rochon Home

**\*\*Attendees:\*\*** Anna & Paul Rochon, Bryan & Marie-France Horton, Joan Kinnie, Leonard Bonnet, Mary Jane Kelleher, Colin Leech, Gertraude Martin.

**\*\*Regrets:\*\*** Pierrette Benoit & Vivien Runnels

1. There is interest in purchasing bags for use by FFO members and ambassadors visiting our club. Mary Jane and Joan are spearheading this research project. Key considerations include: square bottom, top zipper, canvas material (not white), compact size for self-pouch storage, eco-friendly, available in quantities of 25, 50, or 100. Also, it's suggested to avoid using the FFI logo due to its multicolored design.
2. FFO CapCon currently lacks proper branding on the top. Going forward, it should feature the FFI logo and "Friendship Force Ottawa". Additionally, we should include a QR code on all produced correspondence. (Note: CapCons since 2019 are not yet on our website under publications; this should be updated.)
3. Dinner Club suggestion: Consider inviting an additional person to meals where space allows, especially newcomers or recent members. This could be noted in the comments section for Claire in the upcoming newsletter.
4. Janet Robinson is listed in the membership with an email address but no phone number.
5. General Meetings should provide essential information concisely to maintain interest and brevity. Members are encouraged to volunteer for 5-minute presentations on topics of personal passion, followed by a 5-

minute Q&A session. For instance, Michael Curran on Men's Sheds. This initiative aims to foster member engagement and open conversations.

6. Proposed presentation topic for a General Meeting: "How to Prepare for Travel to a Tropical (Hot) Destination".

7. There is no pro-rated charge for FFI membership. Therefore, it is suggested to charge \$35 for new members after July 1st, plus nametag.

8. Membership charges collection deadline should be moved to November 30th from December 30th to avoid holiday and vacation disruptions.

10. Institute 2 types of FFO memberships. One full member and second social member. The social members would not be considered FFI members therefore would not be able to travel outbound or be registered in myfriendshipforce. Org BUT if they chose, they would be welcome to be dinner hosts and/or day hosts. They would also receive appropriate communications. The cost for this membership would be \$35.00 (we did vote on this but I am not 100% sure of the final cost)

9. Consider selling or donating stored coffee pots and other items at the Horton's home, as future use is unlikely.

10. Kern County inbound scheduled for May 3rd - 10<sup>th</sup> 2025. Lydna H and Anna will serve as backup coordinators.

11. Turkey visit canceled due to high visa application costs and uncertain approval. Anna will explore other FFI clubs for a potential autumn visit.

12. Outbound visits: Missoula, Montana from June 11th - 18th, and Medicine Hat from June 19th - 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

13. Ghana outbound 2025 coordination by Mary Jane and Joan K.