

September Program

"The Chautauqua Experience"

Paul Rader

The Chautauqua Experience is a nine-week program in western New York. Paul, his wife and son, another couple, and Ely and Phyllis Driver were there two weeks ago and had a fabulous experience.

Tuesday, Sep. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Erin Presbyterian Church

200 Lockett Rd.

Members M - Z bring refreshments.

Future Exchanges

Incoming Russian Young Professionals

Nov. 30 - Dec. 9, 2012

As part of the Open World program, we will host a group of young professionals from Russia with the theme: "Accountable Governance" from Nov. 30 through Dec. 8. Please sign up to host - notify [Joanne Schuetz](#) if you are available.

The delegates will be at meetings most days, and hosts are invited to all social events planned for the Russians. It will be a great time, as we always have fun with Russian visitors. The city has several events during that time, and we hope to show them a preview of our holiday festivities.

Incoming from Saskatoon, Canada

May 2013

This incoming exchange is now definite! See the Message from the President, below.

Some Upcoming Dates

September 21 is the **International Day of Peace**. As we remember the mission of Friendship Force, we recognize the importance of spreading world peace through our friendships. On this day, email friends you have made through FFI and let them know you are thinking of them. The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Peace is celebrated on September 21 each year to recognize the efforts of those who have worked hard to end conflict and promote peace. The International Day of Peace is also a day of ceasefire - personal or political.

September 24 is **Native American Day**. Different states celebrate it on different dates, mostly in September. In 1994 the Tennessee State General Assembly established the fourth Monday in September of each year is to be especially observed in Tennessee as "American Indian Day."

Sep. 28-30 - **Greek Fest** at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Kingston Pike.

Oct. 6 - Hola Festival, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Downtown - 11 - 8 p.m.

Our club's **Holiday Party** will be on Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 12:45 p.m. at Club LeConte. It was necessary to change the date from Dec. 4th to the 2nd, as our Russian visitors and their hosts will be involved with business meetings during the weekdays. It is required that the Open World delegates participate in a certain number of hours of meetings related to the theme. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 2nd and plan to attend. All club members and their guests are invited. The cost is

\$25/person and includes a wide variety of items, along with complimentary champagne and mimosas.

Message from the President

I have received notice that the Saskatoon FF club will officially visit Knoxville in May of next year. Would you consider serving as an ED? It will be a small group, as their club is small. It is time to think about our 2014 incoming and outgoing exchanges. Do you have suggestions for a Knoxville exchange? Be prepared to discuss this at the September meeting.

We have been notified that FFI policies and fees will remain the same through 2013.

The 2013 World Conference will be held in New Orleans Nov. 22-25, 2013. Should our club offer to host a group, following the exchange? This can be discussed at the meeting.

The 2014 World Conference has been set for October 2014 in New Zealand. Would you want to have a club exchange to New Zealand around that time, to coincide with the conference? I hope you have enjoyed the summer, and now it is time to re-convene and make plans for the coming year ... and even 2014 !!

In friendship,

—*Joanne Schuetz*

Past Open World Participants

Last year, we hosted a group of medical professionals from the Kirov region of Russia. Not only are we spreading international goodwill through our hosting, but we introduce our guests to methods of professional practice that might be of use to them in their home countries. We are happy to hear of progress made by two of our guests from last Fall.

Yelena Poyarkova who stayed with Eleanor Bush:

Yelena Poyarkova made a presentation at a scientific conference at Kirov State Medical Academy. She made a comparative analysis of Russian and American medical approaches in medical practice, teaching, and science. Her presentation encouraged an active discussion. Over 100 persons were present at the event. Yelena also used her newly acquired knowledge in her lectures and seminars for medical students.

Anna Perestoronina who stayed with Sandy Kehne:

Anna Perestoronina was mostly interested in communication between American medical staff and patients. Upon her return, Anna decided to use her American experience in her work. Thus, she initiated a kind of Ethical Committee within Kirov City Department of Health. The main goal of the Committee will be not only to improve technical quality of medical services but also to improve communication skills of medical staff, analyze conflict situations, provide assistance to problem solving, etc. The ultimate goal of the Committee will be to move from standard hospitals to home-like facilities. Anna is confident that such an approach will facilitate both relations with patients and the treatment process.

FFK Lapel Pins Are Coming

We have ordered a new supply of FFK lapel pins, as we had several requests for them. They will be available at the October FFK meeting and will be sold at \$2/each. This is just a little more than it cost the club, but we wish to make these affordable for you to purchase to give to

your guests and your hosts. We also have a new order of Smoky Mountain books; these are sold at \$10/each and will be available then, as well.

Global Expansion Plan for Friendship Force

2012 marks the 35th anniversary of The Friendship Force. This milestone is a testament to the enduring relevance of our mission to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.

The board members for FFI have adopted a three-year plan with five initiatives that intend to expand our mission globally and attract a new generation of participants. You can read about this on the FFI website. Basically, the initiatives are as follows:

- Establish 45 new FF clubs through a development effort, with new clubs established in every region of the world.

- Expand themed exchanges and new programs to attract new and younger participants and inspire current members.

Polish Artist Roch Urbaniak From Krakow

Pienkow Art Gallery presents the opening of an exhibition of his paintings on Thursday, Sep. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The gallery is located at 7417 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.

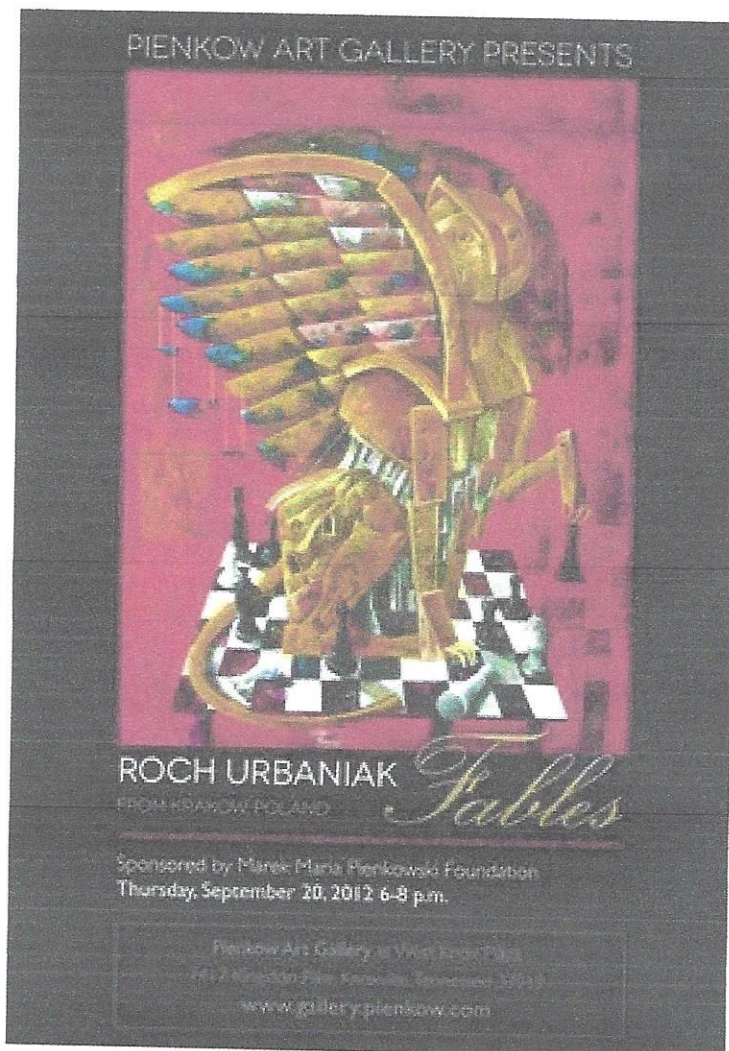
- Commit to train and support current volunteer leaders and to recruit new leaders who will share enthusiasm for carrying Friendship Force into the future.

- Promote FF globally, through the use of on-line tools. Expand email marketing to share FF opportunities with more people.

- Raise \$275,000 to finance the expansion plan, with contributions from FF members, clubs and friends around the world. Donors will have the opportunity to designate how their contributions will be used.

To find out how you can become actively involved in this process, go to:

www.thefriendshipforce.org/expansion



PIENKOW ART GALLERY PRESENTS

ROCH URBANIAK
FROM KRAKOW POLAND

Tables

Sponsored by Marek Maria Pienkowski Foundation
Thursday, September 20, 2012 6-8 p.m.

Pienkow Art Gallery is located at
7417 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37921
www.gallerypienkow.com