

# FRIENDSHIP FORCE of KNOXVILLE

## May Meeting

The Farewell Dinner for Our Open World Guests on May 6 will replace the regular meeting of the Club.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Russian's are coming! The Russian's are coming!

We are getting excited as we get ready to receive our Open World Delegates on Tuesday, April 29. We have been working hard to develop and offer an interesting and informative program. A special thank you to all that have offered their help and especially to Phyllis, my co-ED and to Ray Simko, who has kept me straight with many of the details of scheduling of programs that we were able to secure. Of course we could not have done much without our home, day and dinner hosts.

We encourage every one of our members to come and meet our guests at the Welcome dinner the evening of April 29 at the Palisades Clubhouse.

## Upcoming Exchanges for FFK

Incoming    Open World Program

## Open World Pot-Luck Welcome

Six Russian women entrepreneurs will be arriving in Knoxville on Tuesday afternoon April 29 for their stay with us.

Please come and join us to meet and eat with our Russian visitors to give them a warm East Tennessee welcome.

The Pot-Luck dinner will be at the Palisades Clubhouse at 501 Rain Forest, Knoxville. Appetizers at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. with a program to follow.

The club will provide meats and beverages. A to H members are asked to bring side dishes

I to R members are asked to bring desserts

S to Z members are asked to bring salads

## Open World Program

Theme: Women Entrepreneurs

April 29 – May 7, 2014

Delegate and facilitator names:-

**Dronova** Yelena Vladimirovna

**Fan-Yung** Irina

**Valeryevna** Leonteva

**Tatyana** Ivanovna

**Ogurtsova** Olesya Valeryevna

**Sveshnikova** Mariya Leonidovna (Facilitator)

**Uchusova** Natalya Aleksandrovna

**Krupinski** Elena (Interpreter from Atlanta, GA)

Host: - Friendship Force of Knoxville

Co-Exchange Directors:

Phyllis Driver, 865-687-1076

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Panos Ioannides, 865-691-7878

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## Dinner Hosts Needed

We are still in need of members willing to dinner host one night for our Home Hosts and their Russian guests. Please contact Phyllis Driver at (865) 687-1076 if you can help.

Nights for Dinner Hosting are Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. You would need to dinner host either three or four for a dinner.

Our home hosts and their guests are:-  
Eli and Phyllis Driver with two Russians  
Jim and Judy Dennis with two Russians.  
Fuad and Layla Fuad with two Russians.  
Nancy Schowalter with one Russian.

Again, Please call Phyllis if you can Dinner Host.

## Program (Some dates may be adjusted)

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

1:52 PM. Arrive at Knoxville's McGee-Tyson Airport (United 4605). Your hosts will greet you and will take you to their homes to settle in. You will be given a program of scheduled meetings and activities during your Knoxville visit

6:00PM Welcome Pot-luck Dinner, Palisade Clubhouse, 501 Rain Forest, Knoxville with Home Hosts and other members of Friendship Force of Knoxville

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

9:30 AM Proceed through the Security Stations at the entrance to the City/County Building

10:00 AM Reception with Knoxville Mayor's representative at the City/County Building. Director of Special Events, Judith Foltz and/or Kyndra R Brewer will greet the Open World delegates. and introduce the Mayor's representative.. Presentations will be made to all Open world participants. Dress code: business casual; jackets.

[www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/](http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/)

11:00 AM Meet in the lobby at Knoxville-News Sentinel building, 2332 News Sentinel Drive, Knoxville (865)-523-3131  
[www.knoxville.com](http://www.knoxville.com). for a tour of the Knoxville News Sentinel printing facility followed by a lunch in their Conference Room with their Editor and staffers available for a Question and Answer session.

Afternoon Open Waiting for confirmation about activities.

7:00 PM Dinners?

Thursday, May 1.

9:30 AM Meet Judge Bill Swanson and observe legal proceedings related to abused women.

11:00 AM Tour the YWCA facility located at 420 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville and participate in discussion about the services offered. Thursday, May 1, 2014

12:00 NOON Luncheon at the World's Fair Foundry. Approximately 400 women will be participating in a meeting on women's issues.

2:30 PM Meet with Rea Christodoulou owner and Chief Executive Officer of World Ventures Tours & Travel Inc. located at 6601 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. A general discussion on tourism in the United States will be held. Also for those interested, a hands-on computer demonstration will be made available.

**ALSO**

02:30 PM The delegates interested in legal matters will be split from the group for a meetings with Mike Nassios, attorney, at his offices at 6200 Baum Drive, Suite 103, Knoxville.. Mr. Nassios is a former State of Tennessee prosecutor and for the last several years a litigator for both private and corporate matters. Visits to State and County courts may be scheduled as time permits.

Evening to be determined

Friday, May 2, 2014

9:00 AM Meet at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, 17 Market Square, for joint presentations on regional development with principals from the Tennessee Valley Authority, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Knoxville Chamber of Commerce

9:10 AM Official welcome from Doug Lawyer, Vice President of Economic Development for the Knoxville Chamber – Go around the room for formal introductions

9:15 AM Doug Lawyer – Knoxville Chamber of Commerce Presentation and overview of Innovation Valley (a regional

9:45 AM Jesse Smith, Director of Economic Development for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) - Presentation

specific to ORNL's economic development efforts throughout East Tennessee Economic Development effort)

10:15 AM Andy Lawson, Economic Development Consultant – Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Presentation – overview of TVA's history, Economic Development efforts, and TVA's plans for the future

10:45 AM Doug Lawyer – Closing remarks and open floor for questions and conversation

11:00 AM Visit Market Square and Gay Street in downtown Knoxville prior to lunch.

12:00 Noon A bluegrass music concert at the Knoxville Visitor's Center. WDVX, an American radio station, will broadcast a live concert. Lunch will follow the one hour radio broadcast.

2:30 PM Meet at Scripts Networks Interactive at 9721 Sherrill Blvd., Knoxville. They are the owners of several television stations in the United States. You will meet with Eleni Stratigeas, General Counsel of the Company and is responsible for corporate acquisitions. She is also the current President of the National Women's Council. Both corporate and women's issues will be addressed.

5:00 PM Delegates and Hosts are invited to the presentation of Polish art by Agnieszka Zak-Bielova, from Warsaw, Poland, at Pienkow Art Gallery at West Knox Plaza 7417 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. This event is part of the festival of Poland

Now, celebrating contemporary Polish culture. Wine and appetizers will be served.

EVENING Social time and dinner with Hosts.

Saturday, May 3, 2014.

10:00 AM Visit the downtown Farmer's Market on Market Square.

12:00 PM Tour the East Tennessee Historical Museum, 601 Gay St. ([easttnhistory.org](http://easttnhistory.org)) 865 215-8830

1:30 PM Lunch at a downtown restaurant.

2:30 PM shopping in downtown Knoxville along Gay Street and Market Square.

5:00 PM Open World Russian Delegates and their hosts are invited guests on Market Square for the official opening ceremony and to enjoy a presentation of contemporary Polish cuisine called '**Poland Now by Region**' by blue ribbon chef Edward Nowakowski. Appetizers and wine will be provided

06:00 PM Tour and dinner at the Knoxville Museum of Art (being confirmed)

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Morning with Hosts

12:30PM Delegates and Hosts will enjoy a wonderful brunch at Orangey Restaurant located at 5412 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, ([orangeryknoxville.com](http://orangeryknoxville.com))

2:30 PM Concert at the historic Bijou Theater Center 803 South Gay Street, Knoxville. ([knoxbijou.com](http://knoxbijou.com))

4:00 PM shopping in downtown Knoxville.

Dinner with Delegates?

Monday, May 5, 2014

9:15 AM For 09:30 AM meeting and presentation by the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, in the Eastern District of Tennessee, 800 Market Street, Knoxville. Federal and State courts and how they coordinate the various legal matters will be discussed. 800 Market St. ([www.tned.uscourts.gov](http://www.tned.uscourts.gov))

11:00 AM enjoy a visit and a concert at the Tennessee Historic Theater and private audition with Mr. Bill Snyder, curator of the Theater. The theater underwent a \$25 million renovation recently. ([tenntheatre.com](http://tenntheatre.com))

12:30 PM Lunch at the Smokey at a downtown restaurant

1:30 PM Visit some City/ County Departments including the Circuit Court at the City/County Building. There will be time to observe some of the Court proceedings.

Social Event in the Evening

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

10:00 AM Meet with representatives of DeRoyal Industries ([deRoyal.com](http://deRoyal.com)), a major manufacturer of surgical supplies located at 200 Debusk Lane, Powell, TN. In addition to a plant tour, discussions will be held with the following staff:  
Rebecca Harmon, Human Resources  
Elizabeth Reed, Quality and Regulator  
Mary Pile, Engineering

Angie Sewell, Information Systems  
Rhiannon Oberhelman, International  
Marketing

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Afternoon shopping followed by  
Delegates being taken to Comfort Suites  
located at 140 Cusick Road, Alcoa

5:45 PM Comfort Suites Courtesy Car will  
take delegates to R's Courtyard Restaurant  
at 3749 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa for the  
Farewell Dinner ([rjcourtyard.com](http://rjcourtyard.com)).

06:00 PM Dinner at RJ's Courtyard  
Restaurant

After Dinner, the Comfort Suites Courtesy Car  
will return the delegates to Comfort Suites.

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

The Comfort Suites Courtesy Car will take the  
Delegates to McGee-Tyson Airport for check-in  
for your 6:00 AM flight.

6:00 AM You depart from Knoxville's McGhee-  
Tyson Airport to Dulles International Airport  
Washington, D.C. United #6092

### Outgoing to Northeast Ohio

June 9-13, 2014. The Exchange Director is Ray  
Simko. The exchange is scheduled for arrival in  
Northeast Ohio on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> departing  
of Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Presently there are 14  
members scheduled to go on this exchange.

### Outgoing to Calgary, Alberta Canada

Sept 4 – 11, Knoxville will join Austin, TX  
on an exchange to Calgary, Alberta,  
Canada. For further information, call

Joanne Schuetz at 865-521-9937.

### Incoming from Raleigh, N.C.

October 20 – 24. The Exchange Director is  
Sonja DuBois. Although we are a season  
away from welcoming Raleigh, it is never  
too early to plan a memorable occasion for  
our Ambassadors. We look forward to  
hosting 14 folks. . Please contact Sonja if  
you can either Home Host or more urgently,  
Day Host.

### Club Concerns

Anyone who knows of something involving  
our members (happy, sad, etc.) please  
contact Renee Ioannides at either 691-7878  
or by email at [rioannides@msn.com](mailto:rioannides@msn.com).

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 14-16 - 37th FFI World Conference –  
Auckland, New Zealand.

### UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

#### Poland Now by Region

On Friday, May 2, at 5:00 PM all Friendship  
Force members are invited to come and  
meet contemporary artist Agnieszka Zak  
from Warsaw, Poland. She will be showing  
a collection of her paintings at an open  
reception at the Pienkow Gallery located at  
7417 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.

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Edward Nowakowski. Appetizers and wine will be provided to these guests.

## New Website

A new and exciting website has been developed for the club. To access the site go to [friendshipforceknoxville.org](http://friendshipforceknoxville.org). This will take you to the new website. Browse through the pages. You will find a listing of 2014 Officers, Board and Committee Chairs and a Calendar of Events for 2014 and a listing of all former club Presidents. Under Newsletter you will find information from the current newsletter. You will also find earlier newsletters that you can access by clicking on the previous month you would like to see.

You can see a listing of upcoming exchanges. Most of the past inbound and out bound exchanges are also listed.

We are looking for information about exchanges from May 2006 through December 2010. If you have information about these missing exchanges please email that information to [raysimko@friendshipforceknoxville.org](mailto:raysimko@friendshipforceknoxville.org). As time goes on other new and interesting features will be added to the website.

Tell your friends and neighbors who might be interested in Friendship Force about the new website.

## Birthday and Anniversary Wishes

The membership of the Club extends best wishes to:

**Jean Mayer**

On her birthday

And to:

**Don & Carolyn Dougall**  
**Ron & Sonja DuBois**  
**Tom & Jasmin Mishu**

On their anniversaries.

## Unusual and Funny Travel Experience

We would like to add a new feature to our monthly newsletter. Please tell us about your funny or most unusual travel experience. Email it to Panos Ioannides at [pioannides@msn.com](mailto:pioannides@msn.com). Each month we hope to feature one member's story about their experience.

## Membership Campaign

Our 2014 Membership Campaign ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. What a great opportunity to still have your friends and neighbors take advantage by joining now.

Remember new members will pay no membership dues for 2014. The club will also provide them with a membership badge. Lastly, when the new member you bring in renews their membership in 2015 you pay no membership for yourself in 2015.

It's a Win-Win situation for everyone. Please bring that friend or neighbor to our Open World Welcome Pot-Luck dinner at 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Palisades Club House located at 501 Rain Forest, Knoxville. Take a look at our website at

<http://www.friendshipforceknoxville.org/>. for more information

## Membership Renewal

We are pleased to announce that Joanne Hayden has renewed her membership. Please add her name to the 2014 Membership Directory using the same information found in the 2013 Membership Directory.