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## Description of Hosting Organization

Friendship Force Knoxville is a chapter of Friendship Force International (FFI). The mission of FFI is: To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. FFI is a non-profit organization dedicated to the principle that each person can make a contribution to global goodwill. Home hospitality—the heart of a Friendship Force exchange—provides the opportunity for people of different countries and cultures to connect at a personal level, enriching their lives and leading to a better understanding of other cultures. The ever-widening Friendship Force global network represents a powerful and growing force that can overcome differences between people and nations. The motto, as established when the organization was formed in 1977 through the help of President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn, is “A world of friends is a world of peace.”

The Friendship Force of Knoxville was chartered in 1981. Club members have hosted exchanges of visitors from around the world and have traveled with Friendship Force on meaningful exchanges to make friends in other countries.

About the region: Knoxville is located in the Tennessee River Valley of East Tennessee between the Cumberland Mountains to the northwest and the Great Smoky Mountains to the southeast. These two mountain ranges help provide a moderate climate with four distinct seasons. Temperatures range from 20 degrees Fahrenheit in January to 88 degrees Fahrenheit in July. Knoxville is a community of festivals with each season having its own unique events, including craft shows, concerts, sports events, and more than sixty miles of dogwood-lined trails. Knoxville is the home of the University of Tennessee, which is well known for its many academic and scientific departments as well as its national championship football and women's basketball teams. The 107,000 seat Neyland Stadium and the 25,000 seat Thompson-Boling Arena on campus host intercollegiate games, concerts, and other activities. Our city has a variety of local historical sites and museums including The Museum of Art where works of nationally and locally prominent artists are shown and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Knoxville's historical downtown district, the Old City, offers dining, dancing, shopping and entertainment. The nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the nation. Included in this park is Cades Cove with its renowned replicas of pioneer homes, churches and businesses, plus many miles of hiking trails bordered by magnificent displays of wild flowers, waterfalls and rushing streams. Also located in the park is a Cherokee Indian reservation with a living Indian village and a modern gambling casino. Another attraction of the area is Pigeon Forge, home of Dollywood, a major amusement park of the southeast, featuring rides, crafts and musical shows. Also here are several country music theaters starring nationally and internationally-known country music celebrities. Other highlights of the area are the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), which is world famous for its electrical power making expertise. TVA's many dams have provided the area with numerous lakes for recreational boating, fishing and swimming. Oak Ridge, home to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, features the American Museum of Science and Energy and a large Friendship Bell cast in Japan and presented to Oak Ridge by its Japanese Sister City.

## Friday, November 30, 2012

- 02:07 PM United #3402 You will arrive at Knoxville's McGhee-Tyson Airport. 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 for the week.
- 05:00 PM House concert – music and light dinner at the home of Friendship Force Knoxville club members Layla and Fuad Mishu, 10217 S. River Trail, Knoxville (865-966-0906). The evening is a benefit for the University of Tennessee School of Music ([www.utk.edu](http://www.utk.edu)) Study Club. Dress code: business or evening attire. Community members and music supporters will also be present.

## Saturday, December 1, 2012

- Morning Your day will be planned by individual hosts. There will be time for shopping.
- 06:00 PM Join delegates, hosts, and FF club members for a dinner at the Westlands Clubhouse, 1115 Orleans Dr., Knoxville (865-588-9603). Enjoy dinner and a presentation by delegates Yelena Klyushnikova and Anna Kachurina on the Altai region and life in the city of Barnaul. Dress code: casual.

## Sunday, December 2, 2012

- Guests may join their hosts at their respective churches for morning worship.
- 12:45 PM Champagne brunch at Club LeConte at top of the Tennessee Bank building, 800 S. Gay St., Knoxville (865-523-0405) [www.clubleconte.com](http://www.clubleconte.com). The setting offers an expansive view of the city of Knoxville. We will sing Christmas carols to celebrate the holiday season. Dress code: business attire.
- 03:00 PM Attend Knoxville Community Band's holiday concert at the historic Bijou Theatre, 803 S. Gay St., Knoxville. (865-522-0832) [www.knoxbijou.com](http://www.knoxbijou.com). The band, consisting of more than 40 musicians, will perform a variety of light classical and festive songs.
- Evening with your hosts and/or other members of Friendship Force.

## Monday, December 3, 2012

- 09:15 AM Meet at the breezeway (Cumberland Ave., across from Market St.) to enter the Federal Courthouse offices of U.S. Congressman John J. "Jimmy" Duncan, Jr. (202-225-5435) [www.house.gov/Duncan](http://www.house.gov/Duncan) The Congressman serves as a member of the House of Representatives. We will be greeted by Harlow Sumerford who serves as Deputy Press Secretary and Legislative Assistant to Duncan. (865-523-3772) [Harlow.sumerford@mail.house.gov](mailto:Harlow.sumerford@mail.house.gov) Representatives from the district offices of U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander (202-224-4944) [www.alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm](http://www.alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm) and U.S. Senator Robert "Bob" Corker [www.corker.senate.gov](http://www.corker.senate.gov) will welcome delegates to Tennessee and answer questions about government and current legislation. Dress code: business casual. Bring passports for entry into the Federal Courthouse building.
- 11:00 A.M. Meet in the lobby at Knoxville News-Sentinel building, 2332 News Sentinel Dr., Knoxville (865-523-3131) [www.knoxnews.com](http://www.knoxnews.com) for a tour of the newspaper headquarters with Kim Askey, executive assistant to the publisher, [askeyk@knoxnews.com](mailto:askeyk@knoxnews.com). Donna Colburn, executive assistant to the publisher, has arranged our visit and will greet us. (865-342-6339) [colburnd@knoxnews.com](mailto:colburnd@knoxnews.com).
- 12:00 PM Lunch and discussion in meeting room at the News Sentinel. This will be an informal roundtable discussion with opportunity for questions and answers. Representing the News Sentinel will be Editor Jack McElroy [mcelroyj@knoxnews.com](mailto:mcelroyj@knoxnews.com) and Cartoonist Charlie Daniel [danielc@knoxnews.com](mailto:danielc@knoxnews.com). McElroy has served as editor for the News Sentinel since 2001. Daniel serves as an editorial cartoonist whose work reflects a political and social commentary.
- 03:00 PM Mighty Musical Monday at the Tennessee Theatre, 604 S. Gay St., Knoxville (865-684-1200) [www.tennesseetheatre.com](http://www.tennesseetheatre.com) with Central High School Chorus performing at "The Official State Theatre of Tennessee." Dr. Bill Snyder, House Organist at the historic theatre, will perform on the organ. [snyderbs@utk.edu](mailto:snyderbs@utk.edu)
- 06:30 PM Be onboard the Star of Knoxville at 300 Neyland Dr., Knoxville (865-525-7827) [www.tnriverboat.com](http://www.tnriverboat.com). The authentic, Mississippi-style paddlewheeler will carry us down the Tennessee River, as we enjoy a dinner and live Gospel music.
- 09:15 PM Hosts meet delegates at the boat dock at 300 Neyland Dr.

## Tuesday, December 4, 2012

- 11:00 AM Meet at the Rachmaninoff statue at World's Fair Park, Cumberland and 11<sup>th</sup> St., the northeast corner, for group photo. The statue, by a Russian sculptor in Moscow, Victor Bokarev, is called *Rachmaninoff: The Last Concert*. It is said he performed his last concert in 1943 here in Knoxville. [www.worldsfairpark.org](http://www.worldsfairpark.org)

- 12:00 PM Lunch at University of Tennessee Visitors' Center on Neyland Drive at Kingston Pike. UT's Culinary Institute will prepare a lunch. [www.culinary.utk.edu](http://www.culinary.utk.edu)
- 02:00 PM Tour and meeting with the director of The Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at 1640 Cumberland Ave., a non-partisan institute devoted to education and research concerning public policy and civic engagement. (865-974-0931) [www.bakercenter.utk.edu](http://www.bakercenter.utk.edu) The center aims to provide policy makers, citizens, scholars and students with the information and skills necessary to work effectively within our political system. There may be opportunities for the delegates for future collaboration.
- 04:00 PM Visit with Federal Judge Thomas A. Varlan at the Federal Courthouse at 800 Market St. downtown. (865-545-4234) Judge Varlan is a U.S. District Judge and former law director for the city of Knoxville. He serves as chief administrative judge of the Eastern District of Tennessee, serving 41 counties and 2.5 million people. Bring photo ID to pass through security. Dress code: business attire
- 06:00 PM Dinner planned for the delegates in the dining hall at Presidential Court on the campus of University of Tennessee.
- 08:00 PM University of Tennessee School of Music (865-974-3241) [www.music.utk.edu](http://www.music.utk.edu) Choral Concert by music students, to be held at the James R. Cox Auditorium in the Alumni Memorial building on campus.
- 10:15 PM Hosts will make arrangements to meet delegates.

### **Wednesday, December 5, 2012**

- 09:45 AM Van to depart First Presbyterian Church, downtown Knoxville, for drive to Oak Ridge.
- 10:15 AM Delegates staying out West will be met at Cokesbury Bookstore, 9915 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (865-693-6750).
- 10:45 AM Visit the American Museum of Science and Energy, 300 S. Tulane Ave., Oak Ridge (865-576-3200) [www.amse.org](http://www.amse.org) for a brief lecture and short film on the history of the "Secret City" and Tennessee's connection to WW II. Time to visit the museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate.
- 01:00 PM Lunch with professors and students at Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd. (865-694-6400) [www.pstcc.edu](http://www.pstcc.edu)

- 02:00 PM Interactive time with Modern U.S. History class, Dr. Toni McDaniel, professor and program coordinator for the History and Political Science department at Pellissippi State. (865-694-6697) [amcdaniel@pstcc.edu](mailto:amcdaniel@pstcc.edu)
- 04:30 PM Delegates will meet hosts at Cokesbury Bookstore in West Knoxville.
- 05:00 PM Meet remainder of hosts at First Presbyterian Church, downtown.
- Evenings planned with hosts.

## Thursday, December 6, 2012

- 09:00 AM Reception with Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero at the City/County Building in downtown Knoxville (865-215-2040) [www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/](http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/) Director of Special Events Judith Foltz, will greet OW delegates and introduce the Mayor. Presentations will be made to all Open World participants. ID required for entry into the building. Dress code: business casual.
- 11:00 AM Greeting from Laney Shorter, director of Visitor Services at Visit Knoxville, the tourism corporation at 301 S. Gay St. (865-523-7263) [www.knoxville.org](http://www.knoxville.org)
- 12:00 PM Noontime bluegrass concert at Knoxville Visitors' Center. WDVX, an Americana radio station, will broadcast a live concert. [www.wdvx.com](http://www.wdvx.com) Box lunches provided for delegates.
- Shopping along Gay St.
- 03:00 PM Meet at the Chamber Partnership Office, on Market Square, with City Council Member Marshall Stair who will moderate a roundtable discussion with political and community leaders. Stair is an attorney with Lewis King Krief & Waldrop. [marshallstair@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:marshallstair@cityofknoxville.org)
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  - Michele Hummel serves as director for Knoxville's Central Business Improvement District (CBID), 17 Market Square, Knoxville. [www.downtownknoxville.org](http://www.downtownknoxville.org)
  - William "Bill" Lyons serves as Deputy to Mayor Rogero and as Chief Policy Officer at the City of Knoxville. He is a former professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee where he also served as Director of the Social Science Research Institute. [wlyons@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:wlyons@cityofknoxville.org)
  - Daniel Brown served as Mayor for the City of Knoxville and is a current member of City Council. [dbrown@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dbrown@cityofknoxville.org)

Delegate Denis Sosunov, a teacher of political science at Voronezh State University, will give a presentation on his city and his research in the field of political decision making in contemporary Russia.

06:00 PM Meet hosts at Cotton Eyed Joe's, 11220 Outlet Dr., Concord (865-675-3563) [www.cottoneyedjoe.com](http://www.cottoneyedjoe.com) for dinner and line dancing lessons. We will enjoy an evening of country music and dancing.

## Friday, December 7, 2012

09:00 AM Van leaves First Presbyterian Church.

09:20 AM Delegates staying out West will meet the van at Cokesbury Bookstore.

10:00 AM Our day will center around International Relations as expressed through interaction with scientists at ORNL (Oak Ridge National Laboratories), a multi-program science and technology lab for the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) (865-576-7658) [www.ornl.gov](http://www.ornl.gov). We will meet at the Visitors' Center for a tour with Fred Strohl, media relations and community outreach for the Office of the Laboratory Director (865-574-4165) [strohlhf@ornl.gov](mailto:strohlhf@ornl.gov). Tour of ORNL with stops at the Graphite Reactor, a prototype reactor built in 1943 that proved it was feasible to produce an atomic bomb with plutonium, and the Super Computer at ORNL "Titan." Titan was recently named the fastest computer in the world on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Supercomputing Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has unprecedented computing power for research in energy, climate change, materials, and other disciplines. The scientific center is open to internationals from around the world for research and study and may introduce a potential for future collaboration for the delegates.

12:30 PM Lunch at the ORNL cafeteria by the Hall of Flags where flags of different countries are displayed to recognize scientists presently working on site.

Passports required for entry into ORNL property. Dress code: comfortable attire. Closed-toed, comfortable shoes.

02:00 PM Meet at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay St. to view *Voices of the Land, The People of East Tennessee*, an exhibit of the East Tennessee Historical Society. (865-215-8824) [www.eastTNhistory.org](http://www.eastTNhistory.org) Friendship Force member, John Ellis, serves as a docent at the museum and will give a tour.

02:30 PM Meet in the conference room on the first floor of the History Center for a panel discussion, moderated by writer Jack Neely. Neely serves as associate editor and

columnist for Metro Pulse, Knoxville's alternative weekly. He has authored seven books about Knoxville's political and cultural history.  
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Panel to include writers and public policy makers in the city of Knoxville.

- Georgiana Vines retired as associate editor of the Knoxville News Sentinel, after more than 40 years of experience as a reporter, editor, and columnist. She currently serves as a political columnist (part time) and teaches journalism at the University of Tennessee.  
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- Rikki Hall is a freelance writer for Metro Pulse and former editor of Hellbender Press, an environmental newspaper no longer in publication.  
[sourpersimmon.blogspot.com](http://sourpersimmon.blogspot.com).

Delegate Nadezhda Popova will give a program on her town of Dzerzhinsk and her work in the promotion of historical heritage and Russian traditions.

04:30 PM Casual meeting with writers at Preservation Pub on Market Square, followed by visits to art galleries and shops in downtown Knoxville, as part of First Friday Open House.

06:00 PM Meet at Nouveau Classics at 128 S. Gay St., Knoxville (865-525-4755) for refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres with Jarrett Benson, host.  
[www.nouveaublics.com](http://www.nouveaublics.com) We will watch the Christmas Parade which has been a traditional Christmas evening in Knoxville for over 35 years and includes colorful floats, animals, dancers, bands, local celebrities, and, of course, Santa.  
[www.cityofknoxville.org/christmas](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/christmas)

Hosts will either join the group on Gay St. or will make arrangements to pick up delegates at a designated time and place.

## **Saturday, December 8, 2012**

Morning Last minute shopping may be possible, depending on your host and plans for the morning.

12:37 PM Be at the Tyson-McGhee Airport to check-in two hours prior to departure for Washington, D.C. and then onto Frankfurt and onto Moscow.  
United Airlines #6096 departs Knoxville at 02:37 PM



## THANKS TO:

Members of the Friendship Force Knoxville and our community friends and business associates who graciously opened their homes and businesses to extend the hand of friendship and hospitality to our guests from Russia

Patsy and John Ellis for the use of their clubhouse  
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#### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With friendship as our mission, family all are we,  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.