

Friendship Force International
Open World Russian Leadership Program
Program Schedule for Economic & Social Development Group
SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 3, 2004

Saturday, September 25th

- 11:33 AM Pickup candidates at DIA – treat to lunch - Take to Museum of National History, IMAX theatre.
- 5:30 PM Meet host families at Park & Ride – I-25 and Hwy 34 (Loveland hosts can make arrangements to have us bring their guests to Albertson’s parking lot - US 34 & Taft - in Loveland around 5:50 p.m.)

Sunday, September 26th:

Free day with host families:

- 4:00 PM Progressive Dinner with Friendship Force members in three different homes. See Map. Appetizers = Mabel Refer, Main course = Kay Sheahan, and Desserts = Judith Cadarette / Ft. Collins: Appetizers, “Helen Crihfield”, Main course, Esther Sadah, Desserts: “Paul & Marguerite Ohland” (See host / candidate list for addresses of homes for dinners!)

Monday, September 27th:

- 8:15 A.M. Meet at the Park-n-Ride at Highway 34 and Interstate 25 for trip to Denver. Loveland hosts can make arrangements to meet at Albertson’s Parking Lot (US 34 & Taft) in Loveland at 8:00 a.m.
- 9:30 A.M. Colorado International Trade Office 303-892-3850 1625 Broadway, Ste 1700 in Denver. Learn how countries are targeted for trade, export items. Discussion of Colorado companies working in Russia
- 11:00 AM US Export Assistance Association Center with Martha Butwin. Gathering data regarding which companies need your product. 1-303-844-6623.
- 2:30 PM Visit to American / Russian Chamber of Commerce 1552 Pennsylvania St. Denver. (303-831-0829) Dr. Palmiere will explain how they recruit members & find partners in Russia.
- 4:30 PM Casa Bonita dinner to postpone travel back to Loveland until traffic subsides
- 8.30 PM Meet host families at Park & Ride – I-25 and Hwy 34 (Loveland hosts can make arrangements to meet at Albertson’s Parking Lot -US 34 & Taft - in Loveland at 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28th:

- 9:00 AM Meet with Gordon McKinney of “Light Source”, an advertising firm at their offices - 121 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins. 970-224-2806

- 10:15 AM Meeting with Downtown Business Association 970-484-6500 Meet with Amanda Miller who will explain benefits of association of business people and how individual businesses benefit.
- 11:00 AM Meet with Kathy Minor of Keystone Research to learn how to facilitate and develop business plans, manage future products and work with top market research firms on qualitative and quantitative market research projects. Learn about primary market research, press relations and ad placement, directing agencies on design of packaging and collateral materials and managing product marketing teams and technical support staff.
- 12:15 PM Lunch at Country Buffet
- 2:00 PM “Shadowing” with local businessmen and women according to each candidates
to business or profession. Hosts will pick up at the assigned shadowing business.
5:30 PM Ask Directors for name and address of businesses.
- 7:30 P.M. TICKETS TO LCMA – BRASS QUARTETT provided for hosts and guests.

Wednesday, September 29th:

- 8:30 AM Meeting with Troy McWhinney representative. (McWhinney’s developed the Outlet Mall with Hotels, shopping areas, Apartments, Office Buildings off Interstate 25.) Discussion of how they went from “vision” to “reality”. Zoning restrictions, getting support and working with governmental entities, marketing, attracting national merchants, and financing – stages behind each level. Meet at Centarra promptly at 8:30 a.m. Loveland host family can make arrangements with us to deliver to Albertson’s Parking Lot-US 34 & Taft - around 8:00 a.m.
- 9:45 AM JJ Johnson’s associate, Jacob Costeo - Director of Northern Colorado Economic Development Council. Funding, conducting research on companies that they might encourage to locate to this region.
- 10:45 AM Public / Private partnership discussion with High Plains Environmental Center with Pat Wok, Director.
- 11:45 AM Attend Second Annual Loveland Business Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the City of Loveland and the Chamber of Commerce. After lunch go to Stan Matsanaka's office to get signs and walk a street corner. Hands on.
- 2:30 PM Political campaigning advertising exposure.
- 3:30 PM Meet with Harris Cole of the Home State Bank. Harris has been a lender for 31 years and is Vice President in charge of commercial loans.
- 5:00 PM Hosts pick up at Home State Bank –East of Hwy 287 (two blocks) on 29th Street – Loveland.

Thursday, September 30th:

- 9:00AM Introduction to the Chamber, its programs, and the Visitors Center (Gaye Stockman, President/CEO of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce)
- 10:00AM The Leadership Loveland Program (Sergio Plaza)

- 10:45AM Loveland Center for Business Development (Kelly Peters, Director)
- 11:30AM Loveland's Economic Development Program (Donna Smith, Economic Development Manager for the City of Loveland)
- 12:15PM Chamber Networking Luncheon.
- 3:00 PM United Way meeting: Judy Chapman who has been a fund raiser with the Northern Colorado Community Foundation and is now part of United Way will speak on fund raising. There will be "on site" visits to the agency for Child Care and possibly other groups within the facility that deal with legal aide, handicap groups, etc.
- 5:00 PM Hosts pick up at The Fort Collins United Way office / Loveland hosts may meet their candidates at 5:30 at Albertson's parking lot in Loveland.

Friday, October 1st:

- 9:00 AM Meet with Cindy Buckardt, parent, and Keith Liddle, Principal, of Carrie Martin Elementary School (4129 Joni Lane) to view a Handicap accessible playground that took 13 years to finance and build. The project involved parents, students and staff.
- 10:00 AM Visit the Loveland Museum at 5th & Lincoln to tour the history of Germans from Russia who settled in this Northern Colorado area. Curator's assistant, Dr. Janice Currier has Russian Connections.
- 11:15 AM Presentation by Francis Moore, past member of local School Board and Founder of the local League of Women Voters.
- 11:45 AM Visit to the local Sculpture Park. Cooperative arrangement between the city, private artists, and art-minded citizens who initially presented the prospect to the City.
- 1:00 PM Hosts are to pick candidates up at the Sculpture Park. (They will not have had lunch!) Free afternoon to hike, visit Rocky Mountain National park to hear elk bugling, spend time with host families.

Saturday, October 2nd:

See sheet with activities available locally. Or consider taking your guest to the mountains for the day if you weren't able to make it up yesterday afternoon.

- 6:00 PM Farewell Party - catered at the Co-Housing Common Place at 520 N. Sherwood Street in Fort Collins.

Sunday, October 3rd:

- 6:30 AM Meet at Park-n-Ride – I-25 and Hwy 34 for departure to Russia from DIA at 10:15 a.m. **As this is an International Flight, it is imperative that you be prompt!!! We will leave the Park-n-Ride promptly at 6:30a.m If you're not there, you will need to drive your candidate to DIA yourselves.** (Leonid leaves at 9:05)