



BRIDGES TO FRIENDSHIP

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 24
Hampton Roads Sister Cities
Representatives Luncheon Meeting
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Hosted by Sister Cities of Newport News. Information/reservations Kate Helwig (work) 757-926-1348 (email) info@sistercities-nn.org

Saturday, October 2
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
"Wheelchairs for Peace"
Flea Market Fund Raiser with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
 Messiah Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach ---- see page 2 for details

October 22-30
Visit of Russian Judges Delegation
 Open World Leadership Program

Saturday, November 13
Virginia Sister Cities Meeting
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Richmond, VA
 Location to be announced; Contact SCI Virginia State Coordinator, Polly Owens (home) 757-622-522 (email) pollyowens@yahoo.com.

NSCA information:
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www.norfolkvasistercities.org
Email: norfolksca@msn.com

NSCA to Host Russian Judges

Norfolk Sister City Association (NSCA) has been selected by Sister Cities International and the Academy for Educational Development to host a delegation of Russian judges, **October 22-30, 2004**, under the Open World Leadership Program. The program will bring five Russian judges and one facilitator to the U.S. for a ten-day visit under the Rule of Law theme. The American Councils for International Education will provide two professional interpreters for the group.

These Russian judges are between 25-50 years old and are young, emerging leaders who are looking forward to experiencing U.S. democracy and free enterprise for the first time. They will also learn about the roles and interrelationships of the three branches of the U.S. government (local, state and national) and the U.S. judicial system. After a two-day orientation in Washington, D.C., the Russian delegation will visit the Norfolk area for eight days. NSCA will collaborate with a group local judges, headed by the Honorable Henry C. Morgan, Jr., the senior U.S. District judge. As the official host organization, NSCA will receive a grant from the Academy for Educational Development to plan the schedule of social and cultural activities and to provide lodging, meals and local transportation for the group. The local U.S. Court judges will set up all of the professional activities for the group.

The Norfolk-Kaliningrad Committee will take the lead in organizing the visit of these Russian judges. **We are looking for host families for the 5 judges and one facilitator to provide lodging, meals (breakfast and some dinners) and some transportation for one week, October 22-30, 2004.** If you are interested in hosting one or more of our Russian guests, please contact either Kaliningrad Committee Chairman, Dilara Brantley at (home) 495-5840 or (email) dilara1971@aol.com OR President, Polly Owens at (home) 622-3522 or (email) pollyowens@yahoo.com. If you are interested in helping the Kaliningrad Committee plan this exciting program, and particularly if you are a native Russian speaker interested in translating and interpreting during cultural and social events, please contact Dilara or Polly.

NSCA Fall Social to Honor Russian Judges

Join us as we as we honor our Russian guests and begin our Fall campaign for Wheelchairs for Peace. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION SOON -**

Welcome Party for Russian Judges Delegation
Sunday, October 24, 2004
at the Pagoda, Downtown Norfolk
5:00 pm - Reception
6:00-8:00 pm - Buffet Dinner

NSCA-Wheelchairs for Peace Flea Market

NSCA will hold a flea Market in cooperation with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a fraternal benefit society on Saturday, October 2, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach.

Funds raised at the flea market will send wheel chairs to indigent people in our sister city, Kaliningrad, Russia. Thrivent is prepared to provide one to one matching funds for every dollar raised by NSCA up to \$1,600, resulting in potential proceeds for this event of \$3,200. In turn, these funds will be matched by the Wheel Chair Foundation. Since our cost for each wheel chair is only \$75, this is a tremendous opportunity to raise money for a substantial number of chairs for the Wheel Chairs for Peace Initiative.

In order to accomplish our goal, we are **soliciting donations of just about anything (except clothing)**. To save valuable time the morning of the market, please attach a fair flea market price to your items.

Items may be brought to the flea market early on October 2, or they can be delivered to any of our board members' homes. For pick up of items in Norfolk, call Polly Owens 622-3522 or Tim Persons 343-2230. In Virginia Beach, call Connie Johnson 481-7296.

Even if you don't donate any items, come out and visit our area at the market. Monetary donations are also accepted, but checks must be made out to **Thrivent Financial** to qualify for the matching funds.

We also **need 3 volunteers** to work the tables for the following 2-hour shifts: 6:00 am-8:00 am set up and pricing; 8:00 am-11:00 am sales; 11:00 am-1:00 pm sales and clean up.

Directions: From I-264 East take the Independence Road South exit toward Princess Anne. It will turn into Holland Road. After crossing South Plaza Trail, Messiah Lutheran Church is on the left at 4136 Holland Road, Virginia Beach. Look for the signs for the flea market.

Help Wanted

NSCA has openings for the following

Treasurer:

We are looking for an individual who:

- 1) is organized and detail-oriented;
- 2) has basic computer skills and a home computer;
- 3) preferably lives and works in Norfolk;
- 4) has basic bookkeeping skills (balancing own checkbook) but does not have to be a CPA;
- 5) has approximately ten (10) hours per month to devote to Treasurer's job (collecting and disbursing funds; record-keeping; preparing monthly Treasurer's Reports and assisting with preparation of annual budget);
- 6) has the time, interest and willingness to serve on the NSCA Board of Directors.

Board Member/Kaliningrad emphasis:

In the upcoming year NSCA will increase its focus and emphasis on our sister city Kaliningrad. Russian language and/or in-country experience is a plus. Planning for inbound delegations is anticipated.

To be considered for these or other Board positions, please contact Board Development Chairman, Elizabeth Vickers at 623.9902(h)

WHEELCHAIRS FOR PEACE UPDATE

To date the NSCA Norfolk-Kaliningrad Wheelchairs Campaign has raised \$2,475.00 (for 33 wheelchairs) through the generosity of the following people who have purchased one or more wheelchairs at \$75.00 each:

Slavic-American Cultural Association (5)
Mr. & Mrs. Steen Baerentz (2)
Mr. & Mrs. Simke G. Cath (1)
LCDR & Mrs. William Chinworth (1)
Dr. Samuel F. Coppage, Jr. (1)
Mr. & Mrs. R. Breckenridge Daughtrey (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry M. Gary (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce R. Johnson (1)
RADM & Mrs. John T. Kavanaugh (2)
Mrs. Meeta M. Lawrence (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Loomis (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph J. Nahra (4)
Dr. & Mrs. Augustine Okonkwo (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy B. Persons (4)
Mrs. Mildred L. Reed (1)
Ms. Harriet Robinson (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Lennart Rothman (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel N. Ryan (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Tarbell (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent J. Thomas (1)
The Hon. & Mrs. W. Randy Wright (1)

Thanks to you all!

Chair Purchase

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

This chair is in honor/memory of _____

\$75 ____ (one chair) \$150 ____ (two chairs) Other \$ _____

Payment enclosed _____ (amount)

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Norfolk, VA 23514

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Membership Application/Renewal

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

This is a _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL membership
_____ I/we have children who might like to participate in an out-bound youth exchange.
_____ I/we would like to host _____ youth _____ adult international visitors

I/we would like to help with a sister city committee: _____ Norfolk - Kitakyushu Committee;
_____ Norfolk - Wilhelmshaven Committee _____ Norfolk - Norfolk, England Committee;
_____ Norfolk - Toulon Committee _____ Norfolk - Kaliningrad Committee

I/we would like to volunteer for the following NSCA committees/activities: _____ Wheelchairs for Peace; _____ Fundraising/Special Events; _____ Public Relations; _____ Youth Programs; _____ Communications (newsletter/website); _____ Membership Committee

NSCA Annual Dues (* Memberships January-December) are

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| _____ Student | \$10 | _____ Patron | \$100 |
| _____ Individual | \$20 | _____ Ambassador | \$250 |
| _____ Family | \$30 | _____ Benefactor | \$500 |
| _____ Sponsor | \$50 | | |

Please make all checks payable to
and mail to Norfolk Sister City Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 3074
Norfolk, VA 23514

Membership is open to any individual family, business or community organization. All memberships and donations are tax deductible. NSCA is a nonprofit organization.