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THEME: Parliamentary Journalism: American Government and Politics

Dates: March 22 - March 30, 2019

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Friendship Force International**

Host Organization Information: Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote **global** understanding across the barriers that separate people. We believe that each individual can make a contribution to **global** goodwill. Our members host people from around the world in their homes and are in turn hosted by other club members around the world.

March 22, 2019 – Friday

Arrive at airport. *Flight 2175 4:37 arrival* Delegates will be greeted at the Madison airport by Sandi Wysock and members of FFW-M and transported to the residence of Stephanie Sorensen, 1624 C North Golf Glen, Madison, WI 53704, (608)819-6646. They will be introduced to host families. Food and beverages will be provided. Following a brief program, delegates will spend the remainder of the evening relaxing with their hosts.

March 23, 2019 - Saturday ‘

8:15 -9:15	Meet at channel 15 on Tokay Blvd for taping of interview with Caro Bach
9:30-10:15	Breakfast and discussion of article to be written for WisPolitics
10:45 am	Arrive at State Capitol: 2 East Main Street, Madison-Meet at the information desk
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Tour of the capitol building - The capitol building houses both chambers of the Wisconsin legislature along with the Wisconsin Supreme court and the Office of the Governor. The building was completed in 1917. The capitol was constructed of 43 types of stone from six countries and 16 states. The exterior dome is the largest granite dome in the world.
12:30-1:45 pm	Lunch at Tutto Pasta 305 State Street, Madison
2:00-3:30 pm	Tour Wisconsin Veterans Museum: this award-winning museum and research center chronicles the history-shaping exploits of Wisconsin's veterans from the Civil War to present day.

March 24, 2019 - Sunday

10:00-12:00 Walking tour of EPIC Systems
Free time with Host Family: Opportunity to explore Madison, shop and become acquainted with the host family

Potluck 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Tamarack Trails Club House, 110 S Westfield, Madison.
Social gathering with the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison and an opportunity to sample a variety of American food prepared by members. There will be a review of the program for hosts and delegates after the potluck.

March 25, 2019 - Monday

7:50 Meet drivers

8:20 am Arrive at the University Club 803 State St, Madison, WI 53703

8:30 - 11:30 am ***Introduction to American Government and Politics***

Presenters:

John Witte, Professor Emeritus Political Science and Public Affairs
LaFollette School of Public Affairs

witte@lafollette.wisc.edu

David Canon, Professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin. Prof. Canon's teaching and research interests are in American political institutions, especially Congress. dcanon@polisci.wisc.edu

11:45 am –
1:00 pm Lunch: University Club, 803 State St, Madison, WI 53703

1:15-3:15 **Public Broadcasting:** Compare and contrast public broadcasting systems in the US with other publicly owned systems in other parts of the world
Tour Wisconsin Public Radio

Presenters:

Mike Crane, Director of Wisconsin Public Radio

mike.crane@wpr.org

Allen Rieland, Director of Online Technologies

allen.rieland@wpr.org

Noah Ovshinsky, News Director

Wisconsin Public Radio

Vilas Hall 821 University Ave, Madison

3:15-4:00 Visit to CREECA-Center for Russia Eastern European and Central Asian studies

4:30 Host families pick up

March 26, 2019 - Tuesday

7:50 am Meet drivers & travel to Capitol

- 8:30 - 11:30 am ***Meet with Former Wisconsin Assembly Member Terese Barceau, local politicians and staff.***
 Wisconsin State Capitol
 2 East Main Street
 Madison
 Conference Room 300 NE
- Terese is a Member of the Dane County Democratic Party. She was Assembly Member in the Wisconsin State Assembly, District 77, 1998-2019. She has also served as a Member, Board of Supervisors, Dane County, was Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors, Dane County, 1998 and as Member of the Community Development Authority, City of Madison, 1983-1992.
 Contact John Witte: witte@Lafollette.wisc.edu
- Meeting with Melissa Sargent Wisconsin State Assembly D 48
- 11:45 - 1:00 pm Lunch: Old Fashioned
- 1:15 - 2:15 pm ***Tour of Wisconsin Eye***
 122 W. Washington, Madison, WI
- Presenter:**
 Matthew Peters, Operations Manager, matthew.peters@wiseeye.org
 Contact: John Schroeder john.Schroeder@wiseeye.org
- Wisconsin Eye is a non-profit public affairs cable network. The network provides gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Wisconsin Legislature including sessions of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Wisconsin State Senate plus committee meetings and other programs of state interest such as elections and town halls. The coverage is available on line and on the cable network. Web site: <https://wiseeye.org>
- 2:15 - 3:45 pm Delegates will write an article to be published in WisPolitics. Allow time for the group to meet with Jerry Huffman and work on their article.
 Madison Public Library Room 203
- 3:45 pm - Free Time to explore Madison's downtown. Host and coordinators will discuss transportation options: Return to host homes by 10:00 pm.

March 27, 2019 - Wednesday

7:50 Meet Van at Hilldale - in the parking lot behind the book store/theater

8:30 -10:00 am **Presenter:**
David Armiak ,david@prwatch.org, Writer and researcher for the Center for Media and Democracy

Center for Media and Democracy
122 West Washington
Madison

The center is a nationally recognized watchdog that leads in-depth, award-winning investigations into the corruption that undermines democracy, environment, and economic prosperity. <https://www.prwatch.org>

10:30 - 11:15 am **Presenter:**
Flora Csontos, Regional Representative for Senator Tammy Baldwin
Southwestern Wisconsin
Phone 608 264 5338
flora_csontos@baldwin.senate.gov
30 W Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703

Senator Baldwin is one of two Senators representing Wisconsin In the United States Senate. She has held this position since 2013. She is a member of the Democratic Party. Senator Baldwin maintains offices in Washington DC and Wisconsin. We will visit her Madison based office.

11:15 am – Travel to The Oaks Golf club
4740 Pierceville Road
Cottage Grove, WI
608 8374774
Jerry Huffman committee contact

11:45 –4:00 pm Lunch and meeting at the Oaks

Presenter:

Jeff Mayers of WisPolitics

Late lunch at:

Oaks Golf Club

Jeff Mayers is president of WisPolitics.com an online political and government news service in Madison that operates WisPolitics.com, WiBusiness.com, WisOpinion.com and other news services. Jeff is a former AP editor and political writer for the Wisconsin State Journal and has been in the news business since 1981.

4:00 Travel to WMTV

5:30 pm Arrive at WMTV Television Station, 615 Forward Drive, Madison, WI

Tour WMTV Studio

Watch broadcast

Meet with John Stofflet, Anchor-reporter. John has been awarded 24 Emmy Awards, been on assignment to 40 countries and all 7 continents, and has interviewed President Obama at The White House.

We will watch the 6:00 news and then order pizza to share with the staff.

8:00 Pick up at Hilldale. Estimated time. We will call hosts if we will be substantially earlier or later.

March 28, 2019 Thursday

9:15 am Meet at Hilldale- van will be in the parking lot behind the theater and book store.

10:00 am –
11:30 pm

Madison Club
5 E Wilson St, Madison, WI 53703

10-11:30 Presenter: Erika Strebel

Meeting with Erika Strebel - Political reporter for the University of Wisconsin Law Journal

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch and time with Judy Davidoff editor and the staff at the Isthmus.

The Isthmus is a free local paper covering local news, politics, entertainment, a weekly calendar of events in Madison, local restaurants, movies and the arts.

100 State Street
Madison, WI

11:30-1:00

Lunch with Judy Davidoff and writers for the Isthmus which is a weekly news, entertainment newspaper

1:00-2:10

Time to work on article for WisPolitics- group project

2:10

**Walk to 150 East Gilman Street
Suite 5000
Madison, WI
608 257-5035**

2:30 - 4:00 Presenter Scott Klug

Scott Klug is a public affairs director and co-chair of the Federal Public Affairs Practice at the national law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP.

For eight years, Mr. Klug represented Madison, Wisconsin in the U.S. Congress, where he developed an expertise in health care, insurance, financial services, telecommunications and energy policy.

Mr. Klug was appointed by President Bush to two terms on the President's Advisory Board on Trade and Policy Negotiations which provides counsel on fast track authority, trade with China and other issues. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2000, 2004 and 2012. Prior to his election to Congress, he was an Emmy award-winning reporter/anchor in Washington, D.C. Seattle and Madison. A novelist, his freelance writing has appeared in a number of U.S. newspapers and magazines.

4:30 pm

Van picks us up at 4:00 - Arrive at Hilldale around 4:30

6:00 pm

Home Hosted Dinners

March 29, 2019 - Friday

Hosts/host coordinator will transport delegates. Stephanie will pick up the delegates residing in the Cherokee area. Sandi will take the remaining delegates from the West Side — West side be at Sandi's by 8:20

Arrive at The Progressive 30 West Mifflin Suite 703 by 8:55

9:00-10:30 am

Presenters:

Bill Lueders: Bill is editor of the Progressive and president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, a statewide group that works to protect public access to meetings and records.

Contact Bill Lueders: blueders@gmail.com

Norman Stockwell: Publisher of the Progressive and previous Operations coordinator for WORT a local radio show.

Freedom of Information, Open records and transparency in government

11:00 am –
12:45 pm

What Media in the US Does Well and What it Does Not — Another perspective

Lunch and Discussion with Chris Stombaugh
Barriques
127 West Washington
Madison, WI

Chris is an attorney and Media Observer. Several of his cases became high profile media issues and he has been interviewed frequently. Chris has distinct opinions on the media and how they do their job. He has a regular commentator on talk radio discussing current affairs. He is a guest editorial contributor to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and various legal publications.

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Debrief - Madison Public Library-Meeting room 111

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Farewell Party - Nakoma Country Club
4145 Country Club Rd, Madison, WI 53711
Business Casual Attire required

March 30

Delegates depart at 1:50 pm from Dane County Airport.
Delegates should be at the airport no later than 12:00 noon

HOSTS
Open World Program
March 22-March 30,2019
Madison, wisconsin
Host Family Background and Contact Information

Host Family: Sue and Paul Melrose

Delegate(s): Maxim Ivanov

Address: 1624 North Golf Glen Unit A, Madison, WI 53704

Telephone: (248) 345-4035 (Sue) (248) 231-7229

E-mail: spmelrose@aol.com

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Paul	M	72	Retired (some part time work) pastor	Grandchildren, volunteer work, reading, travel
Sue	F	70	Retired pastor	Grandchildren, volunteer work, reading, travel

Pets: none

Smoking permitted inside the house: _____ Yes X No

Internet Connection: Dialup _____ Cable/DSL _____ Wi-Fi X None _____

Any foreign languages spoken: no

Please briefly describe any additional interesting information about the home hosts, including previous international living and home hosting, and any potential interest in maintaining contact with their assigned delegate(s) through joint projects, ad hoc and/or formal organization-to-organization ties, or regular communications.

Hosted AFS exchange students one from France in 1993 and one from Finland in 1996.
Our children participated in a short term exchange with Maffra, Australia and we reciprocated by hosting their student in our home in 1992 & 1997.
International travel to Europe, Israel, Jordan. Sue has been to Zimbabwe and Kenya. She also had a two month long sabbatical in Southern India (Tamil Nadu) in 2009, and Paul joined for 2 weeks. We are open to remaining in contact.

Host Family: Michael Hoon & Diana Rodum Delegate: Phillip Shchipkov

Address: 406 Bryce Canyon Circle, Madison, WI 53705

Telephone: (608) 203-5711

E-mail: dianarodum@aol.com

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Michael Hoon	M	71	retired	Softball, travel, canoeing/kayaking, camping, reading
Diana Rodum	F	70	retired	Gardening, travel, canoeing/kayaking, camping, art, reading

Pets: none

Smoking permitted inside the house: _____ Yes X No

Internet Connection: Dialup _____ Cable/DSL X Wi-Fi X None _____

Any foreign languages spoken: French

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Host Family: Reta Harring

Delegate(s): Marina Rybakova

Address: 4942 North Sherman Ave. Unit A, Madison, WI 53704

Telephone: (608) 241-2248

E-mail: retaharring@charter.net

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
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Reta	F	90	retired	Gardening, reading, walking, volunteer work, golf, skiing, travel
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Pets: none

Smoking permitted inside the house: _____ Yes _____ X No

Internet Connection: Dialup _____ Cable/DSL _____ Wi-Fi X None _____

Any foreign languages spoken: none fluently (some French)

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Home hosted a guest from Brazil.

Lived for a year in Edinburgh, Scotland and 2 years in the Alsace area of France.

I have traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East and South American; but not to Russia.
I would be happy to stay in regular communication with Marina.

Host Family: Tom & Donna Miller

Delegate(s): Olga Ольга Казакова
(facilitator)

Address: 5414 Denton Place, Madison, WI 53711

Telephone: (608)-273-1501 Home 608-334-3327 (Tom's cell) 608-609-2617 (Donna's cell)

E-mail: miller1950@sbcglobal.net

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Tom Miller	M	67	Retired -Agriculture & Photography	Photography, reading, gardening
Donna Miller	F	67	Retired Nurse	Quilting, sewing, cooking, gardening

Pets: None

Smoking permitted inside the house: _____ Yes _____ X No

Internet Connection: Dialup _____ Cable/DSL _____ Wi-Fi X None _____

Any foreign languages spoken: None

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Tom and Donna have traveled extensively. They have visited Scotland, France, Italy, Cuba, Panama, and Costa Rica.

Tom writes a travel blog and displays his photographs at local galleries. <https://travelingwith-tom.com> is his blog

Host Family: Stephanie Sorensen

Delegate(s): Olga Vladimirovna

Address: 1624 North Golf Glen Unit C, Madison, WI 53704

Telephone: (608) 819-6646

E-mail: ssorensen268@gmail.com

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Stephanie	F	71	Retired student services manager	Cooking, politics, history, taking classes, travel

Pets: none

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Internet Connection: Dialup _____ Cable/DSL _____ Wi-Fi X None _____

Any foreign languages spoken: none

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I have been a member of Servas for many years and hosted a variety of travelers. I've also hosted several Friendship Force guests and others from other travel clubs.

I was married to a French man and spent quite a lot of time visiting family there.

I've traveled extensively in Europe, to Cuba, Korea, Japan, Bhutan, and several Middle Eastern countries, Mexico and Canada. I also visited Russia twice - once in 1990 and once in 2017 - a lot has changed! I would enjoy staying in touch with Olga.

Host Family: Gabor Kemeny & Kathy Speck Delegate(s): Aleksey Tsypin

Address: 7749 Summerfield Dr., Verona, WI 53593

Telephone: (608)836-0272

E-mail: kspeckemeny@gmail.com

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Kathy Speck	F	65	Retired & helping with family business	kayaking, sailing, bicycling, hiking, reading, music, theater, art, architecture, cooking & travel
Gabor Kemeny	M	67	Engineer & Owner of small optical business	kayaking, sailing, hiking, reading, history, music, the arts, architecture, cooking, travel

Pets: none

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Any foreign languages spoken: Hungarian

Gabor grew up in Hungary and as lived in the US for over 30 years. Both Kathy and Gabor have traveled extensively in the US and internationally and have hosted numerous visitors. Kathy has also tutored and befriended a number of international students through the Madison Friends of International Students

Host Family: Sandy Drew

Delegate(s): Olga Osadcii (translator)

Address: 7305 Cedar Creek Trail, Madison, WI 53717

Telephone: (608) 833-5811

E-mail: sdrew24@tds.net

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Sandy	F	77	Advocating for State Agencies with State Legislature, Congress and Public	Reading, politics, bridge, gardening, hosting international students, volunteering and creating memories with grandson

Pets: yes - small dog

Smoking permitted inside the house: _____ Yes _____ X _____ No

Internet Connection: Dialup _____ Cable/DSL _____ Wi-Fi X _____ None _____

Any foreign languages spoken: none

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Sandy is one of the host coordinators for this group. She has led or co-led several Open World programs. She also certified to teach English as a Second Language. She regularly hosts students from around the world that are in the US to learn English.