

I truly do not expect answers to my questions or enthusiasm. I am simply grateful for the new experiences you and your fellow citizens gave me.

Thank you for the amazing boat trip and dinner. I was honored to sit next to you. The food was marvelous. The Muromsky Singers were terrific. The river and the new cable-stayed bridge are beautiful. I hope both the Oka and the new highway/bridge bring rich visitors and businesses to Murom.

I want to say special thanks for your kindness in finding extra suitcases so that Fred Olessi and I could take home our many souvenirs of Murom! I share them with my father, my sister, and my brothers.

Please forgive my delay in writing you. It has been a busy summer. The high point was, of course, my visit to Russia.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

P.S. Enclosed please find a note from David Netterstrom, mayor of the beautiful, small city of Cocoa Beach, Florida, where I live. S.E.K.