

Money Making Moves!

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Words to the Wise

Arigato Gozaimasu = is a greater and more polite thank you than just arigato. Pronunciation is: Ari-gat-o Go-zi-mas Don't forget to give a little bow of the head.

Santa-Cali-Gon gave the JSCC a chance to earn some sorely needed money for the 2010 Student Exchange Program. Alan Davison set up the parking lot with a cozy trailer and awning for both shade and protection from the rain that fell. Shifts of JSCC friends and Commission members hailed cars and pointed them into parking slots, charging \$5.00 for a few hours of parking luxury while visitors enjoyed festival activities.

Business was brisk with the Commission earning over \$4,00 in revenue from guests. With the renovation to the Courthouse complete, the Square took on a new ambiance that promoted visitor enjoyment and traffic benefiting the JSCC coffers. Thanks to all those who made this possible

Honorable Visitor

Carolyn and Lysle Weeks hosted prior Higashimurayama liaison to the mayor, Nakagowa-san. For thirty years Nakagowa-san worked for the city of Higashimurayama and dedicated his career to the relationship between other countries.



He was very thankful for the volunteers helping to raise money when he visited the parking lot at the festival.

While in Independence, Nokagowa-san enjoyed bike riding and shopping in the craft tents. He enjoyed visiting with old friends at household get together.



In the Movies & On Facebook

Alumni students, JSCC Commissioners and friends put together a commercial to promote the Santa-Cali-Gon parking lot. One weekend the inspired group gathered costumes, arranged a script, filmed the action and edited it. The production was posted on YouTube and then on the Alumni Facebook and the JSCC Friends Facebook. It was an automatic hit!

You can join the JSCC Facebook by going to jscfriends@yahoo.com. All interested folks are welcome, young and old, with the more the merrier. When you join the group site you can also upload photos to share with others of events. It is a great communication tool! So join it! ;)

Many hard-working JSCC friends gathered to spend valuable time with him while here. Retired from his city job, Nokagowa-san enjoyed his time as a vacation in America. He went to other locations in the United States but loved his home away from home of Independence.

Nokagowa-san, relaxed and happy to greet everyone on his visit was also reminded of his many other trips to America.

Japan Festival Great Success For Glendale Sister School and Fund Raising Event!



Even with the hardships in the metropolitan area, the annual Kansas City JAPAN FESTIVAL was as good as always with the third floor of the Johnson County Community College Administrative building devoted to modern Japanese culture, Anime and Manga sales. The second floor focused on traditional Japanese culture and bazaar sales, and the first floor was dedicated to performances, lectures, martial arts, workshops, demos, a cultural village and foods.

The Glendale School Japan Club performed with Chair Jeannae Segura-Brown leading them in a fantastic show of song and dance.

Other performances included the K-State Yosakoi Dance Group, Denver Taiko Drummers, and the "Candy Lady", Miyuki Sugimori, a favorite of the day.

Lana White and Rosie Smith led the way in the sales department with Debbie Lovewell and Sandy Peoples helping and learning all about women's clothing. Kimono's, yukata's, michiyuki's, and haori's were all for sale thanks to our sister city's loving donation in 2008.

Rosie's granddaughter Haley Lemberger helped all day adding to the fun. Special donations from Higashimurayama friends included two kimono's from artist Namae Ito and professional photographs donated by Sandy Peoples that together netted \$300. Special thanks go to Bill and Joanne Shaw for their donation of 26 unusual items.

As usual, the four women toted boxes and boxes of items to the 2nd floor only to return home with four boxes of items left over for Cherry Blossom.



Committee Plans for the Future

President for 2009-2011, Jeannae Segura-Brown, has been busy interviewing city workers, prior commission presidents and commission members in determining how best to meet the Commission's "Mission". To better fulfill its purpose, members will be appointed to new committees designed to improve organizational effectiveness. These are Legacy, Communications, Program, Student/Escort, Cherry Blossom and Fund Raising

Planning by the Committees will include an October Clean-Up Day at the garden, Anniversary



Chair Jeannae Segura-

Party in January and Cherry Blossom Festival April 11th, 2010. Host families and a schedule of activities for our guest students from Japan will need to be planned. Also the JSCC needs to preserve its rich history and legacy

If you would like to participate in any of the activities look at the web site for information or join the commission at the public meeting every third Tuesday on the first floor meeting room of City Hall at 7 pm.



Jeannae and Past-President Joe Gall

NEWS AND NOTES

Buck Buchanan Honored

Buck Buchanan, Japanese Garden Horticulturist who has assisted the Committee in revitalizing our Japanese Garden at City Hall, was honored on Sept. 16th by the Kessler Society and the KCMO Parks and Recreation Dept. for the design and installation of the "Tiger Stroll Gardens" at 6616 Ward Parkway with the Kansas City Beautiful "Gorgeous" Award.

Public Relations Events

October 3rd,

Lana White spoke at the Council of Jewish Women at the Jewish Community Center. In appreciation of her presentation, the group donated \$50 to the Committee.

Lana White and Connie Mc Quain also hosted a table at the annual Ethnic Festival in Mc Coy Park. That day.

October 23rd

The Consul General visited the Kansas City area that day, hosting visitors at the Hampton Inn on the Plaza. The Committee has approached the Consul General's office about underwriting the Cherry Blossom Festival. We hope for good news.

November 5th: EJC CAC Dinner and Showcase

November 19th: 6:30 am, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

January 2010: Annual Sister City Anniversary Celebration

Alumni Recognition

- Susan Peoples, Staff Writer for William Jewell Hilltop Monitor with first article on the Plaza Art Fair.
- Aaron Duff, Northern KC High School teacher with top notch English courses as his specialty.

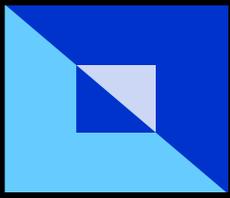
Outside the USA:

- Mallory Flippin is scheduled to teach school in Japan in 2010 but not Higashimurayama.
- Adam Lovewell is returning from Iraq. :)
- Martin Sturgeon is in Tokyo Japan
- Nick Stompoly is a teacher in Seville Spain
- Bond Benton is in Gunstramsdorf Austria



October 24th & 25th

Let the word out that there is a new anime convention in town! Located at The Park Place Hotel, 1601 N. Universal Ave. KC MO. There is a web site and Facebook Group site with more information. Friends of the JSCC Matt Weston and Jared Presley.



2010 Student Ambassadors Chosen

Emily Collins, Student Alumni and 2010 Escort has met with the selected students for the summer exchange program and is confident that they will use the vouchers that the JSCC is holding from the prior year. Students had a good experience at the JAPAN Festival, being together in public, at events, eating Japanese food and bonding with each other.

Students come to the JSCC with a desire to see Japan for themselves, learn more about their culture and meet Japanese teenagers. But, they really have no clue as to what it's like to be in the 'lime-light' when they visit schools, city offices and attend large gatherings. The time that they spend together in America preparing for the trip

isn't only about learning how to be polite in a different culture but also about how to work together as a group.

Preparing to present a program for their Sister City, understanding Japanese culture and customs, eating foods they were not sure they would like and listening to Emily as their escort were a challenge for students who did not know one another prior to being selected for the Exchange. One thing they can be sure of is that they will have a wonderful time in Higashimurayama, make good friends in Japan and return home with many wonderful memories. It is well worth all their of their preparation and effort now.



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