

Exchanges

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Peggy Hausheer Recognized

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The honoree of the 33rd Anniversary, Peggy Hausheer, was the first president of the JSCC after the official signing of the City's Sister City association with Higashimurayama in 1978.

Known as Peg by those that know her well, she is an initiator, a planner, an administrator, an educator, a collaborator— all excellent and important qualities for leadership. Beyond just being a pleasure to work with under good and bad circumstances, she is tenacious and tough; determined to get the job done. A quality sometimes necessary to initiate and fire up a new program such as the Sister City between Independence and Higashimurayama.

In the early 1960's and 70's, Peg and her husband, Dr. Herman Hausheer, were involved with the People to People hosting program. In 1962 Lana was appointed by the governor to organize a Japanese Sister State/Sister City program in the Kansas City area. She also was working under the auspices of the Japanese Consulate in San Diego. Somewhere in that space of time, two of the Hausheer children,

now both doctors in Japan, decided to travel on one of the first student exchanges sponsored by the new Sister City program. This is how Peg and Lana became acquainted. Together they worked with the city officials of both Independence and Higashimurayama to establish By-Laws, programs, and a friendship that has lasted over three decades.

Peggy has participated in all past anniversaries, dedication parties, adult visitations, exchanges and fund raising events. She has been a good friend to Lana in the past years and together they set a standard of friendship.

Carolyn Weeks, Secretary of the JSCC for over two decades, knows Peggy's history and took the time to write about her accomplishments, now on the city web site. www.ci.independence.mo.us/sistercity.

Special thanks to Peggy for so many great years of dedication and passion as an Ambassador for Independence and the

Special Person Spot!

Rosie "Chiyoko" Smith

If you have ever wondered why the food area at the Cherry Blossom Festival is named after a rose then you haven't met Rosie, who for many years directed the cooking of Japanese food. Though she has retired from the commission Rosie has not stopped serving her wonderful food at different functions. She is best known for her wonderful cakes and their decorations.

Recently, she and Sharon Wilson planned and prepared for the 33rd Anniversary party. She is also known for teaching Country Line Dancing at the Western Parties, and always sharing a big smile and lots of hugs as her family supports her. Above Mallory Flippin is enjoying her friendship with Rosie.

Alumni Meet During the Holidays



While students take a break from studies, alumni gather at the Independence Diamond Bowl on the Square. There, Josh Seeley, Paloma Segura and Susan Peoples (left) share a greeting . Right, Shayla Jarmin, red ball in hand, aims for the pins. Lower left: Jared Seeley



plans for a spare since he left a few pins standing on his prior throw. Center: Marie Mader, after enjoying her stay in Japan, befriends the St. Mary's High School, AFS student from Thailand. It was an international occasion too, with three such teenagers joining the crowd.

Right: Lizzie Polina is glad to be with her friends. Far right, are Anna Price and Dana Masters, alumni and host to many Japanese students, joined in the fun by taking part in the burger bar that Diamond Bowl provided for everyone . Below Anna Price is very pleased with the event.



Right: Emily Tanner stops in for a friendly visit. Left: Anna Price is excited about future possibilities. Going to Japan did so many things for everyone that it has created a common bond between the students, Student's work and studies are put out of mind for a few hours of fun and relaxation..



Sharon Wilson and Rosie Smith took the responsibility of setting up the Truman Memorial Building for the 33rd Anniversary event. Pictured to the right is Sharon, Rosie and Peggy Hausheer, Lois Anderson, Carolyn Weeks, Bill Shaw, Joanne Shaw, Lana White, Sue Hammett, Major Hammett and Gerald Hancock. Sharon and Rosie spent Saturday having tables and chairs set up, white lacy table cloths spread on the banquet tables and lugging in coffee, hot tea, cold tea, wa-

Count On It– Anniversary Party In January



ter, ice and all the condiments and paper products to serve a large gathering of friends of the JSCC. To top the day off Rosie baked and decorated not just a chocolate cake but a special lemon cake as well. She froze mint ice cubes for her punch and then directed Debbie Lovewell and Sandy Peoples into assembling all the drinks in their proper places. Lovely decorations were brought out of storage from Glendale for the tables and walls so that the environment had a spe-

cial Asian touch. Each member of the JSCC brought very nice dinner foods such as meatballs, roll-ups, onigiri, sushi, vegetable trays, cheese/cracker and fruit trays etc... until each persons plates were overflowing with tasty foods. After the group photograph left was taken by Sandy Peoples, cake was served with the punch. Gerald Hancock had a slide show set up and it ran during the whole party. Prior committee members, adult trip attendees, host families, and alumni attended the event as well as over half of the students for the 2011 trip. Carolyn Weeks performed the dedication to Peggy Hausheer and as Jeannae Segura-Brown filled everyone in on what had happened in the year. Alreda Adams shared Sister City Jr. High news.



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Below: Dana Masters Talks to
Our 2010 Japanese Guest!



Ayami Sakurai, former Exchange Student with the Moxley Family, came to see them and Host Sisters while staying with the Lovewell Family who had earlier hosted her sister Norimi. Their mother is active in HIFA .



Shiwori Katayama will be featured in a Japanese magazine (left) for her new monochrome baby photographs . (above)

2010 Japanese Students Send a Collective Journal

The exchange students returned to Higashimurayama and wrote a collective journal. It is full of photos of their trip and memories and comments, and the student dedicated pages to their family that they stayed with. The exchange allows for ten Japanese students to get to know ten American students for four weeks as they participate in a wide variety of activities to understand each others culture. In the process, a true heart connection develops. Staying in a hotel would never suffice for all that is gained by belonging to a family from another country. Thanks goes to the families of 2010 who shared their home, food, transportation and hearts with the students. The 2010 Host Families were: Caudillo Family, Trotter Family, Jeffries Family, Snethen Family, Thompson Family, Seeley Family, Longstreet Family, Moxley Family, and the Gall Family, (Gall family hosted the escort: Hiromi Tanguchi pictured below in white & royal blue) .



Sister School Jr. High (Above) Mr. Ngaoka, Kohei Yoshikawa, Moeka Shimizu, Chiharu Sasagawa, Yukino Hachisuka, and Ms. Taniguchi reported in a newsletter that they went skiing for three days. (below) The newsletter is attached to our Web site on the Pioneer Ridge Sister School page. Look it up!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for exchange student fund-raising events to come up in the next months as they prepare for their trip this summer. Exchange will happen the middle of July to the middle of August.

April 17th, Sunday, 11:00 to 4:00 join us for the CHERRY Blossom Festival at the Sermon Center at Noland and Truman Roads. Contact Jeannae Segura-Brown for more information, 816/833-3109

Host a student this year! Join in the fun parties, pot lucks and events and see your hometown through the eyes of someone else. It is a vacation like none others. Contact John Seeley 816/796-6316

Learn Japanese on Monday nights at Glendale School 6 PM to 8 PM

