



The Bridge

July 2017

Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc. – Friendship & Understanding since 1993 – Roseburg, Oregon & Kuki-city, Japan

The President's Corner



Greetings,

Roseburg is starting to cook with summer heat finally upon us and Roseburg Sister Cities is warming up for our upcoming delegations. Please enjoy this newsletter as a taste of all about to happen.

The middle school students from Kuki-city will be here this summer! The parents have done an amazing job putting together an event list for them. We are very happy to see this wonderful partnership continue with such strength and vitality. I am sure many memories will be made among these youth to last for years to come.

You can say hello to the middle school guests at the Half Shell on July 25th. We will also be hosting a lunch event for them that morning at the Rod & Gun Club. Please contact us if you want to learn more.

I also wish to mention a great group of Roseburg folks are preparing for an adventure to Japan this October. Mayor Larry Rich and Chief Gregg Timm from Roseburg Fire Department will be a part of the group! Everyone in our city should be proud of these delegates who will be representing us abroad.

I want to personally give them a word of gratitude for taking their time to help maintain the bonds of friendship and understanding with our neighbor across the Pacific. The delegation trips are a

major factor in the continued warmth that radiates between our cities.

Remember you can connect directly with us at www.roseburgsistercities.org and always 'Like' us on Facebook and virtually stay in touch there.

Hope to see you soon and please have a safe summer!

Sincerely,

Thomas McGregor
President, Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc.

Board Vacancy

Roseburg Sister Cities is still looking for someone to fill the board vacancy left by Brett Vannatta last fall. If interested please contact Thomas McGregor 541-580-7032.

Calendar of Events

July 22nd 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Japanese cooking class at Phoenix School.

July 24th 6:00 p.m. Middle School Delegation Welcome Dinner at the Old Bailey B & B.

July 25th 11:00 to 1:00 RSC lunch for Middle School Delegation at Rod and Gun Club

Aug 2nd Middle School Delegation returns to Japan.

Aug 14th 6:30 Board Meeting at Berkshire Hathaway

Nov 5th Annual Dinner at Linus Oakes

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Andrea Gray, Connie Kloha, Nancy Pittman, Akiyo Riggs, Paul Whitworth, Chie Furukawa, Steve Erickson



2017 Delegation to Japan

This year's Delegation from Roseburg will travel to Japan on October 19. A group of 21 will make the trip, including Roseburg

Mayor Larry Rich and Fire Chief Gregg Timm. They both have had the opportunity to greet delegates from Japan many times in the past, but this will be the first trip to Japan for them. Our delegates have already met twice to get acquainted and learn more about Japanese customs and culture. A Japanese language class to pick up some basic skills will be offered in September just before they leave.

Our Japanese friends have been busy planning local activities as well as a three day bus trip. One of the local activities will be making soba noodles. The bus trip will travel into the mountains of Nagano and Gunma Prefectures northwest of Kuki. This is an area known for its hot springs and ski resorts. The group will enjoy the hot springs of Kusatsu and Yamanouchi, visit the Haruna and Togakushi Shrines, hopefully see snow monkeys at the Jigokudani Monkey Park, and experience ninjas at the Togakushi Ninja Village. It promises once again to be a memorable trip!



Delegates and Host Families

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| David and Janet Johnston | Sachiko Iwai |
| Kevin Carson and Katherine Elisar | Etsuko Okano |
| Steve and Diana Brown | Utako Morisawa |
| John and Laurel Crouch | Tsutomu and Ginko Yamada |
| Steve Erickson and Bill Mehlhoff | Shoichi and Yoshiko Yamada |
| Andrea Gray | Chizuko Tsuboi |
| Larry and Alpha Rich | Hideko Arai |
| Jon and Akiyo Riggs | Shinichi and Nobuko Imamura |
| David and Anne Soder | Yasuko Koyama/Sumiko Komatsu |
| Gregg Timm and Matt Timm | Chieko Hishinuma |
| Dave and Maureen Williams | Hiroko Kojima |

~~submitted by Kevin Carson~~



Middle School Exchange Update

The student exchange group has held two fundraisers in support of the upcoming Japanese Middle School delegation visit. A pancake breakfast was held on Saturday, May 13th from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's. The event netted \$525.00 which is down from previous years.

The students sold coupons for hanging flower baskets from the Plant Warehouse. Coupons were \$18.00 each. Sales were at \$1400.00 as of the 1st of June but final profits have not been announced at this time.

The student group is in the planning stages of hosting the Japanese delegation. Hosting will take place from Monday, July 24th until Wednesday, Aug 2nd. Fun activities are planned for the delegates. For the middle school students, interaction is the main goal. The plan is shaping up very nicely and our families are currently working out all of the details. We have also received some wonderful donations to offset some of our costs. We are excited this year to have added students from both Oakland and Glide. The Glide community has been especially enthusiastic. We now have 8 out of the 18 students coming from Glide! Our tentative itinerary looks like this:

July 24th afternoon arrival
6:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner

July 25th Roseburg Day
Mill Tour
Lunch at Rod and Gun Club sponsored by RSC adult group
UCC pool
Music on the Half Shell concert

July 26th Glide Day
Muscle cars
Baking
Bucich swimming hole

July 27th Roseburg Day
Umpqua Dairy
Safety center
Bowling/Pizza
Art Center for art projects

July 28th Coast Day
sand rails, beach fun, fair

July 29th and 30th Family Time

July 31st Jet Boats

Aug 1st North Umpqua hiking, Fromdahl Meadow, Farewell Party

Aug 2nd Good bye

~~submitted by Paul Whitworth~~



2018 Adult Delegation

Planning is underway for the 2018 visit from our Japanese friends. The date of the visit is being moved back to June but final dates have not been decided. Debbie Fields is once again the chairman for the visit and is looking for anyone willing to help with the planning. If you can help, please call her at 541-643-7824.

Janet Johnston and Debbie are heading up the three day bus trip which will be to the Northern Coast area. Nancy Pittman and Marliene Swanson will once again plan the farewell dinner. David Johnston is our "City Day" chairman.

We need as much help as possible so please consider volunteering.





Members Experience Japanese Cooking

A Japanese cooking class was put on by RSC member Chie Furukawa, Saturday April 29th at Phoenix School. Assisting her were her husband, Arthur Chaput and RSC

member Akiyo Riggs. The attendees were told ahead of time the items they needed to bring and the class started at 10:00 a.m. After receiving instructions and seeing demonstrations, the attendees proceeded to make their food, one item at a time. The foods they prepared during class time were Chirashizushi (Sushi 1), Inarizushi (Sushi 2), Avocado Rolls (Sushi 3), Agedashi Tofu, Somen (noodles), Vege tempura (tempura), Onion Salad Dressing, and Dorayaki (cookies).

In addition to the instructors, those attending were Diana Brown, Jeannie Burpee, Kevin Carson, Joanie Chambers, Steve Erickson, Debbie Fields, David Johnston, Bev Paulson, Crystal Perez-Gonzales, JoAnn Pico, Nancy Pittman, and Martha Scott, a total of fifteen people.



After the cooking was completed, everyone sat down at pre-set tables and enjoyed the delicious food. All attending very much enjoyed the experience. Chie will be teaching another class on July 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Phoenix School. A notice will be sent out to RSC members. The class is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Please respond to email or call Kevin Carson 541-680-9640 to sign up for the class.



Visitation Lunch – Help Needed

On Tuesday, July 25th RSC will be providing lunch to the middle school students and Japanese students who will be visiting at that time. Our organization does this very other year when the students from Japan are here, which is helpful to those who are hosting and organizing the visitation.

There will be 40 students plus chaperones and volunteers, about 60 people in all. The event will be held at the Rod and Gun Club from 11:00 to 1:00. The menu will be tacos with all the assorted toppings, refried beans, carrots, cookies, and ice cream bars. Water and lemonade will be the drinks. Any interested RSC members are welcome to attend, but need to let us know you are coming. Call phone number below.

Volunteers are needed to provide cookies and also to help set up, serve, and clean up. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Nancy Pittman at [541-677-7382](tel:541-677-7382).



Celebration of Literacy Reading Fair

Marliene Swanson and Akiyo Riggs spent Saturday February 25, 2017 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds representing RSC with headbands and Japanese calligraphy (katakana) name writing. Marliene had prepared 180 cotton headbands ahead of time thinking that would be more than enough. However, we had to resort to crepe paper strips at the last. Akiyo had markers and supplies for children to use in writing their names in English and Katakana on the bands and on bookmarks.

We had excellent volunteers who helped implement our activities. They included Debbie Fields and Chie Furukawa (volunteering all day), Janet Johnston, Diana Brown (who did names in calligraphy on bookmarks that she donated), Ikuho Oberman and daughter Tiana, Izumi Vialpando and Faye Andrews who also took shifts. We tried to work on two hour shifts but some worked well beyond their scheduled times. It was very much appreciated.



We have used the headband activity for a number of years and it is one of the most popular booths at the Reading Fair. Children love learning to write their names in "Japanese" and proudly wear the headbands throughout the event.

For clarification, the reading fair is just one part of the month long Celebration of Literacy held each February. There are many events scheduled during that time to engage children from preschool through high school in reading and speaking throughout Douglas County. Maxine Durst and Mary Marshall are co-chairs of the Celebration of Literacy.



NOTE: In the third photo these children were sharing their fun with their father on face time. He was a soldier stationed elsewhere. It was a special moment for us to share!



Notes From the Board...

As you know, the Board of Directors usually meets monthly and each member is actively involved with making things happen. Many decisions have been made as the Board keeps track of the preparation activities of the delegation leaving in October; plans for the arrival of the Japanese students this month and the lunch our RSC group will prepare for them; and has already started planning for the 2018 visitation when we will be taking our guests on the 3-day trip to the northern coast.

In addition to those discussions, it is thought that the Friendship Garden, including the large rocks, behind the library needs to be moved to a more suitable location where we could design another garden. Currently under consideration are two areas, River Forks Park in the garden of the Master Gardeners where Mr. Koyama was actively involved, or start a new one by the Methodist Church. Continuous study and discussion will pursue with Steve Erickson heading up that effort.

The Board has had a couple of money making projects and wishes to continue to do so in order to increase funds for future hosting. Ideas and help would be appreciated.



A creative and fun thing the board did recently was to have potluck board meetings at the homes of Akiyo and Jon Riggs and Steve Erickson. It was a more casual, relaxed way of doing the job. The Board is in need of one more member and if you would like to work with creative, congenial, hard-working people, contact one of us to let us know you would like to be a part of the decision making process.



**B.R.A.V.E World
Building Respect and Values for Everyone**

One way to stop bullying before it starts is to increase understanding of those who are different from us. That was the goal of B.R.A.V.E. World, a program organized and presented on April 24th at Jo Lane by 7th grader Marin Gray, one of our RSC members. "People who are culturally different are often the

target of bullying in schools because of fear and misunderstanding of those differences," said Marin. Marin gathered community members from 17 countries to put on an international tabletop fair at which students could interact with international participants and be shown items from their cultures.



This was followed by an assembly in which Marin interviewed the international participants about their cultures, values, and experiences of assimilating into our culture. They also took questions from students in the audience. Representing Japan were our own members Chie Furukawa, Nancy Pittman, Connie Kloha, Paul Whitworth, and Debbie Fields. RSC member HD Honsheid represented Germany. Marin holds the title of Miss Oregon Jr. High, and the national platform of her pageant is B.R.A.V.E. (Building Respect and Values for Everyone, an anti-bullying program). Marin has traveled to 11 countries, and she wanted to bring her peers a taste of the understanding one gains through experiencing other cultures and being the one who is different.



~~submitted by Andrea Gray~~



Book Club News

Due to busy summer schedules of Book Club members, we are experiencing a short hiatus. Our next meeting will not be until September or October (date to be determined).

Our book under discussion is "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson. The story takes place on a fictional island among the San Juans, in Washington, and is both a mystery story and a depiction of the Japanese American internment experience during WWII.

Our meetings are usually held on a Wednesday evening at 6:30, at Janet Johnston's Berkshire Hathaway office on Mulholland in Roseburg. More information about the next meeting will be available at a later date.

~~submitted by Una Honscheid~~



Members Support AFS

Roseburg Sister Cities' members filled a table for the annual AFS fund raising dinner. Those participating included Nancy Pittman, Chie Furukawa, Arthur Chaput, Janet Johnston, Akiyo Riggs, Art and Marliene Swanson, and Debbie Fields. The dinner was very much enjoyed by all and there was lively competition for the silent auction items that were donated by many people and businesses. Presentations by each of the exchange students including slide shows were informative and very much enjoyed.

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## Fund-Raising

This year our RSC Board of Directors determined the need to hold some money making activities to build up our funds for the exchange programs with the Japanese delegations. RSC members have been actively fund-raising to increase the coffers for RSC.

Chie Furukawa's cooking classes, selling RSC name tags, and having a yard sale are the three events we have sponsored so far. Individually, these events do not generate a large sum of money but together so far we have earned about \$635.00 for the treasury.

One of the events we held in April was the Japanese Cooking Class under the direction of Chie Furukawa. The two recipes in this newsletter are dishes that were made in the class. Thanks to those who participated. The second class is coming up July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks in advance for those who sign up for the class.

A huge thank you is also in order for all who donated, participated, and purchased at the yard sale. The members working at the sale included Joanie Chambers, Nancy Pittman, and Marliene Swanson. Debbie Fields organized the sale and allowed the use of her yard for it.

For those who ordered name tags, thanks. We apologize that they have not yet been delivered. The first try at the name tags was rejected and the store is currently redoing them so they should be available very soon.

If you have any suggestions for other fund-raising events please contact Debbie Fields 541-643-7824.

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This and That

Congratulations are in order for Chie Furukawa on receiving her Permanent Registration Card AND passing her driver's exam! We are happy for you!

Remember we have a new website www.roseburgsistercities.org for information on the organization. We have a committee appointed to work at expanding the site to cover all our needs. The committee led by Kevin Carson, has members Connie Kloha, Paul Whitworth, Janet Johnston, Akiyo Riggs, and Toshie Anderson.

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## Japanese Salad Dressing



Prep Time 3 min

Cook Time 3 min

Serves 2

- ¼ Onion
- ½ tsp Salt
- 2 tsp Sugar
- 3 tsp Rice Vinegar
- 3 tsp Olive Oil
- 3 tsp Soy Sauce
- 1 tsp Dry Basil

Mince onion as small as possible, mix all ingredients, and wait half an hour before serving.

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Kakiage



Prep Time 5 min

Cooking Time 15 min

Serves 2

- ¼ Carrot cut into very small strips
- ¼ Onion cut into small strips
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 1 Tbsp All Purpose Flour or 3 Tbsp Tempura Flour
- 1 Tbsp Katakuriko (***If use All Purpose Flour**)
- 2/3 Tbsp Baking Powder (***If use All Purpose Flour**)
- 1Tbsp Water

Mix all ingredients in bowl. Drop mixture by spoonful into hot oil (oil temperature must be at 180°C/356°F). Turn so all sides of fritter are lightly browned.



Please Join or Renew RSC Membership!

New Membership Renew Membership (Tax Deductible 503-C3)
 Family \$30 Single \$20 Student: \$5 (with School ID)
Business: \$75 (1 yr.) Business: \$125 (2 yrs.)

Make checks payable to: Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc.

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Name(s): _____
Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ Email _____

Check below to let us know your areas of special interest.

Friendship Garden (behind Douglas Co. Library) Committee Helper
Delegation Hosting: Help w/visitor events, dinners, sightseeing, etc.
(usually 4-7 days in June) Serve as Host Family Helper
Visit to Japan: (usually October, 9-12 days) Travel as Delegate
Special Committees: Future Board Member Membership
 Speaker Bureau member Displays-help do Plan activities
 Japanese Language Interpreter Japanese Film Festival
 Annual Dinner helper Newsletter Helper Historian/Scrapbook



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- ... ***Volunteers needed for 2018 Delegation visit***
- ... ***July 22nd cooking class. First come first served!***
- ... ***Roseburg Delegation visit to Japan October 21st - 28th, 2017***