



# WVMSCA

Fall 2016

Upcoming Annual Meeting:  
November 15,  
2016  
7:00 PM  
at  
East Wenatchee  
City Hall

## A message from your president

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### Miss Veedol? Who is She?

As I visit schools in the valley, I'm always surprised that no one seems to know much about the important local history of the Miss Veedol landing. Those of us who've been to Misawa know that it is a BIG deal there. We come home and wonder why so little is said about it here. Yes, there's the Wings/Wheels festival and museum display, but when asked what the Miss Veedol was or how the first flight across the Pacific concerns us, few people know.

It sure would seem that we need to support something to be taught

in our schools about local history. Maybe schools could have a "Misawa Minute" announcement once in a while? How about a 15



Delegates at the Misawa Aviation and Science Museum

minute lesson on the Pangborn-Herndon flight at least once a year? Even lower grades could color pictures of the Miss Veedol. High school students could conduct interviews with the Spirit of Wenatchee pilots to preserve their stories of building the current Miss

Veedol replica. Math lessons could include figuring the time from Misawa to East Wenatchee in 1931 vs current air travel. There are ways to use information about this history in the current curriculum. How about sharing the Wenatchee Valley Museum's film of the Pangborn-Herndon landing at a PTA meeting?

Let's all work together to increase pride in our valley and keep our sister city relationship strong by promoting better knowledge of the Miss Veedol flight! It is much needed.



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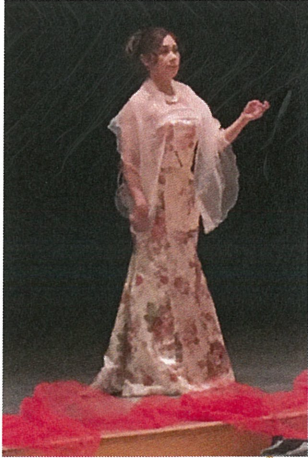
MAKE HAPPY THOSE WHO ARE NEAR,  
AND THOSE WHO ARE FAR WILL COME.

Friendship

### Trivia Quiz

- Which is Japan's national legislature? a) Diet b) Congress c) Duma d) Parliament
- How is Japanese Emperor's Throne known?  
a) Peacock Throne b) Chrysanthemum Throne c) Viceregal Throne d) White Throne
- What is Ikebana? a) Art of flower arrangement b) Game c) Building d) Painting
- Which is Japan's national dress? a) Kimono b) Kilt c) Chador d) Sarong
- What are the native people of Japan called? a) Hindi b) Gaijin c) Ainu d) Chinese

## Hosting the Japanese Delegation in 2016



Hosting the Japanese delegation is both an honor and privilege for our community. The Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association takes great care in making sure our guests see as much of our beautiful valley and experience our lifestyle as much as possible during their short 5 day stay. Instead of visiting our valley twice a year, they have decided to scale back and visit every other Apple Blossom and every other Wings and Wheels. They were just here the last couple days of September, and into October. With their scaled back schedule, it is increasingly important for us to show the delegation how much their friendship means to this valley. With that being said, entertaining foreign dignitaries

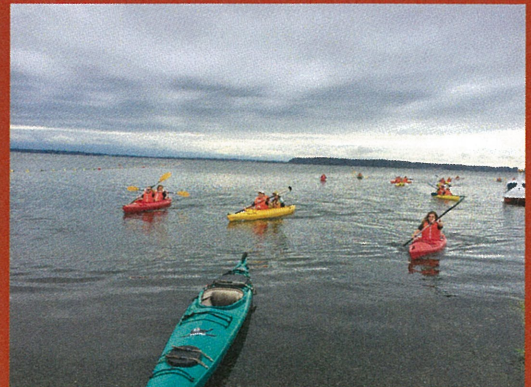
requires funding. This is where your membership dues and donations are so greatly appreciated! This year we spent \$3,261.58 hosting the Japanese delegation (\$53 in donations for the welcome dinner). This expense included delegation gift bags (including t-shirts), the welcome dinner, touring, delegation lunches, and the farewell dinner. We have 8-10 volunteers that donate their time during the delegation visit also. We only took in \$2,250 in membership fees for 2016. It may seem trivial, but this is why we have historically had a fee for the welcome and/or farewell dinners. Those fees/donations help to offset the expenses incurred while hosting our Japanese friends.

By Deanna Walter, Treasurer

## Feed Back from a 2016 Delegate

I honestly loved the entire trip. Every part of it was fantastic and phenomenal. I loved the city lights at night in the city hall building, which I think was a very good addition to the trip. I think the host families were all wonderful and the hostel was a great deal! The hostel is also in a good location with shops and restaurants located throughout the building. I would highly recommend this trip to anyone debating about going. There was no disappointments. I do have one suggestion: I enjoyed the kayaking but maybe if next years group had the choice between different water activities such as choosing between kayaking or using the paddle boats, etc... This would give everyone a chance to pick something else if they do not prefer to kayak, but definitely keep the kayaking if this cannot be done. The new cultures and friendships that you experience will be absolutely unforgettable and make the trip all the more worth going. This is going to forever be one of my most memorable traveling experiences! I am so glad I decided to go and I am sure I will remember it for the rest of my life.

*Trivia Answers:*  
 1. a) Diet 2. b)  
 Chrysanthemum  
 Throne 3. a)  
 Flower  
 arrangement 4.  
 a) Kimono 5. c)  
 Antinu



## Sister City Summer Trip to Japan Changes Lives

Our local Sister City delegation of 21 experienced life-changing adventures and friendships while visiting in Japan from August 12 – 21. Brandy Brown, an Eastmont High School Junior, says “This is going to forever be one of my most memorable traveling experiences. The new culture and friendships are absolutely unforgettable.” Maureen Holmes, the royalty chaperone, said “Just seeing and experiencing the clean, exciting and friendly city of Tokyo was a once in a lifetime event. It was fun practicing our newly learned Japanese language skills before meeting our host families in Misawa. We built relationships and special friendships as a strongly bonded delegation, clicking well, even though our group was from different backgrounds, and we were different ages.”

Maureen was one of several moved to tears by the Kindergarteners songs and the warm reception at the Welcome Ceremony in Misawa. “All the Japanese people in Misawa were very giving, warm, and most welcoming. Host family friendships were also very strong, and were very apparent while watching the tears flow from both sides during the farewell ceremony and final goodbyes.”

David Kelts, the Tokyo tour guide and local President of the Wenatchee Valley/Misawa Sister City Association, is happy to report that several delegates enjoyed everything so much they say they're going to start saving money now, around \$2,300, and sincerely hope to participate again next year! Felix Slette said the home stay family for him and his wife Randi was a joy to be with, and made their time in Misawa truly outstanding.

It's always a thrill for the group to ride the shinkansen bullet train to and from Tokyo. Some new activities this year were observing the night view from the 45<sup>th</sup> floor of Tokyo City Hall, cooling off by kayaking on Lake Ogawara in Misawa, and seeing the aviation exhibits at Misawa's Aviation and Science Museum. Everyone especially enjoyed the movie and different displays involving Pangborn and Herndon, who flew Miss Veedol Oct. 4 and 5, 1931, taking off from Sabishiro Beach in Misawa, and landing in Fancher Field, in East Wenatchee.

This year at Daichi Jr. High, the delegates watched a Ken do demonstration, and participated by whacking the well padded, helmeted Ken do students over the head. Delegates loved the BBQ at Mayor Taneichi's home and garden, where the sun suddenly came out after raining all day. Because of this, Mayor Taneichi's special powers were praised, which brought many smiles. On the free day with families several went to beautiful Lake Towada, some to the ocean beaches, and some to Aomori, to see the famous rice fields that were cut into colored pictures to show huge samurai warriors, etc.

The delegation and members of the Sister City group are excited about the upcoming visit from the Misawa delegation, for Wings and Wheels the first weekend in October. Many of the students who hosted our delegates for home stays will be coming, and most will stay with the same person they hosted in August! For more information about the Sister City organization, and next year's trip to Japan, contact [WenatcheeValleyMisawa.org](http://WenatcheeValleyMisawa.org) or Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association on Facebook, with lots of new pictures. You may also contact Teresa Allen at East Wenatchee City Hall.

Article submitted by David Kelts



## 2016 Wings & Wheels Success



We've just enjoyed a successful visit from our Misawa Delegation. They arrived on September 29 and left October 4<sup>th</sup>. During their stay, the 9 adults had rooms at the Cedars Inn and the 12 students were hosted by home stay families. The true indicator of how well the visit went was the flood of tears as farewells were said and the bus pulled away.

Highlights of the visit are almost too many to mention, but I'll try to point out a few. They first stopped at the 59er Diner in Cashmere for club sandwiches and shakes – a delicious start. The welcome dinner at the Wenatchee Valley Museum was exceptional and the entertainment provided by the Sanders and Misawa singer, Satomi Yamagami, was first class. Many thanks to those who stepped up to help with arrangements when our dinner chairperson, Jeril Hansen, broke her leg!

Friday morning all joined in on canoe rides on the Columbia, thanks to the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club. They toured Columbia Fruit Packers and tasted apples fresh off the packing line. After a lunch a Wenatchee Valley College, hosted by Miko Stephens, they attended Japanese classes to give some individual tutoring to our students. The adults then took off to join the Wings/Wheels cruising of the valley ending up at Hot Rod Café.

Saturday, the students enjoyed time with their new American families and the adults "worked" judging cars at Eastmont Park. They toured the Pybus Market and the

Aplets/Cotlets store before joining the "shoot out" drama at Pioneer Days at Cashmere Museum. All was topped off when they split into 3 groups and had wonderful dinners and evenings in the homes of Deanna Walter, Steve Currit, and Suzanne Helgerson.

The Spirit of Wenatchee provided airplane rides over the valley on Sunday morning for all 21 delegates and many of the students' host families. The students then had free time with their hosts and the adults toured sites around the valley after pictures at the Pangborn/Herndon monument and lunch at the Kelts'. They made it to the Wenatchee valley Museum for the opening of the "Beacon of Friendship" display and ended the evening as guests of the Olive Garden Restaurant.

School visits began the Monday plans. Several adults were moved to tears by the warm reception in Ms. Kane's kindergarten class at Grant ES. Misawa students taught origami to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes and were interviewed by the American students who added the information gained to their social studies reports. The afternoon was spent in Leavenworth and at Smallwoods' petting zoo. The farewell dinner was held at Eastmont Jr. High. Thanks to Deb Lacy and her students, all was set up beautifully.

Tuesday morning, as their bus left for Seattle, we all knew they had experiences that will never be forgotten. Many thanks to Town Toyota for the use of vans and to our van drivers, Tim Patrick, Rosalinda Martin, Teresa Allen, and Judy Kelts. Also thanks to those who worked to make sure the visit was successful, Karen Breeden, Linda Herald, Deanna Walter, LaVerne Bergstrom, Bryan Campbell and Jeril Hansen. Finally, to those who hosted students a special DOMO ARIGATO GOZAIMASU!

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## Summer 2017 Trip to Misawa

Twenty-one Wenatchee Valley residents are preparing to visit Tokyo and our sister city, Misawa, Japan, August 18—27. This yearly trip is sponsored by the Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association and is open to students (7th grade and older) and adults. This year the cost for everything, flights, tours, trains, food, and rooms, will be about \$2300. The highlight of the trip is always the 5 day homestays in Misawa and making friends in our sister city. The delegation is taking orientation lessons at the home of East Wenatchee residents, Judy and David Kelts. They are brushing up on Japanese customs and learning basic Japanese phrases to help with communication. They are also making sure they know all the facts of the Pangborn/Herndon Miss Veedol flight - the first non-stop trans-Pacific flight which took off from Misawa and landed at Fancher



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**Mission Statement:**  
*The mission of the Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association is to strengthen the climate of friendship between the cities of Misawa, Wenatchee and East Wenatchee by promoting cultural exchange. The Association is dedicated to furthering the historical significance of the first non-stop Trans Pacific flight by Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon in October 1931.*

### 2017 Apple Blossom Delegation

The next Misawa delegation visit will be May 3-May 8 for Apple Blossom. The sister city board will start planning soon. If you'd like to host a student for the stay, host a dinner for a group of adults, or just get more involved with the events, please contact Teresa Allen at [tallen@east-wenatchee.com](mailto:tallen@east-wenatchee.com) or David Kelts at [DKeltsj@aol.com](mailto:DKeltsj@aol.com).

## JOIN WVMSCA TODAY!

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New Member  Renewal

### Annual Business Membership

- Bronze Level \$100
- Silver Level \$150
- Gold Level \$250
- Platinum Level \$500

*Thank you very much.  
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