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Japanese Ambassadors Coming to Wenatchee Valley

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President's Note

As I write this message, we are all still shocked by the tragic earthquake and tsunami in northern Japan, the horrific events continuing to unfold at the nuclear power plants, and the powerful and frightening nearly daily aftershocks. When we first tried contacting our Sister City friends in Misawa it was very difficult, due to power outages and phone disruptions. Thankfully things are a bit easier at present.

We now gratefully understand that our beloved Misawa has been spared the worst of the destruction. Still we remain deeply concerned about the long term effects and stress created by this disaster.

I can't help but think that it is valuable and important that we can truly feel a part of something happening so far away. To great numbers of us with dear friends there, it feels very near, indeed. Many of our Wenatchee Valley citizens have close Japanese friends, and have visited Misawa, hosted visiting Student Delegates, sponsored meals in their homes for our Japanese friends, etc.

This isn't just a media event. We FEEL genuine concern and grief for our friends and what they're experiencing. That is the great thing about being involved in a meaningful Sister City relationship. My wife Judy gains personal strength and courage as she watches northern Japanese citizens survive, help one another, and calmly and stoically move forward in their "new lives."

I want to personally thank you for continuing to support our Sister City Association. We'll continue to share our life experiences with Japanese friends of all ages from Misawa, for countless years to come. We are all better and more compassionate world citizens, because of the unique perspective and understanding we gain.

David Kelts, President of the Board

2011 Apple Blossom Delegation

We received notification that our Sister City Misawa is sending an 18 member delegation for the Apple Blossom Festival. They will be here from May 3rd to Monday the 9th. the delegation consists of 15 students and three adults. If you would like to share a talent or cultural activity with them, please contact David Kelts at 884-7218 to talk about that. Or if you would like to host a meal for an adult (s) that you might already know, that would be a perfect time to return their hospitality and reconnect as friends.

We welcome your ideas, comments and input since this is a community event.





Board members on March 18th. Bill Stewart, owner of the Wenatchee Wild, his staff and players have donated to Misawa Relief Fund.



Past student delegates as well as new candidates volunteering their time passed the buckets to the crowd for donations to Misawa. Other students who participated are not pictured.



A HUGE Thank You to our wonderful giving community! We collected \$1,506.

YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Plan to Attend The Following APPLE BLOSSOM ACTIVITIES with our JAPANESE FRIENDS!

WELCOME RECEPTION

TUESDAY May 3rd 3:30 PM @ Wenatchee Community Center
504 South Chelan Avenue

WELCOME DINNER

TUESDAY May 3rd 6:00 PM @ Wenatchee Valley Museum

\$15.00 ea., RSVP with Payment by Apr. 27 886-6102

Dinner includes: Salmon, Baked Chicken, Caesar Salad, Baked Potatoes, Rolls, Ice Cream Cake

DINNER AFTER CLASSY CHASSIS PARADE

FRIDAY May 6th, 7:00 PM @ Mayor Lacy's
1018 Fairview Pl. East Wenatchee

FAREWELL POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY May 8th 5:00 PM @ Judy and David Kelts'
2338 Grand Ave, East Wenatchee

FAREWELL

MONDAY May 9th 10:00 a.m. at the AIRPORT

Meet one of our New Board Mem-



Pauline Sweeney, Board Member Pauline is married to John, and they have been living in the Wenatchee area for 20 years. She works at the Wenatchee Valley Museum. She enjoys traveling, genealogy, gardening, cooking, biking, and snorkeling. She and John were 2010 delegates to Misawa.

Misawa Relief Fund. On March 31, David and Judy Kelts hosted a potluck dinner at their house as a fundraiser. Over \$735 was donated at the meal! On Saturday, April 16, a lunch is scheduled at their house, too. A beautiful wedding kimono from Sister City is being raffled off, and will be on display again during the lunch. Please contact David Kelts at DKELTSJ@aol.com if you'd like more information about the kimono raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 and the drawing will be on April 30th. This money will be for the fund.