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SUMMER 2015

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David Kelts
WVMSCA
President

The Misawa Delegation visit was a great success. Thank you to the many families who hosted students and adults. Thank you to the city of Wenatchee for hosting the welcome at Pybus Public Market. Thank you to Mayor and Deb Lacy for the wonderful farewell party at their home and Mayor Kuntz for the Pybus Bistro evening. Thank you to those who worked so hard to set up the Welcome dinner at the Wenatchee Valley

Museum, and thank you to the Sister City Board members and spouses who did so much to plan and prepare for all the visit's events. We had outstanding support from many area businesses and volunteer groups. I'm afraid I might miss some, but they included Town Toyota, El Porton Restaurant, Olive Garden, 3rd Generation Pizza, 59er Diner, Dizzy's Burgers, Spirit of Wenatchee Flyers, the Applearians, RiverWest Senior Living, Stifel, Orchard Middle School and Wenatchee Valley College. So, you can understand that it was a community wide

effort.

Now we are preparing our delegation of 26 to visit Japan. We know they will be welcomed in friendship and have many life changing stories to share when they return.

That is why I strongly urge you to continue your support of the Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association.



Trivia Quiz

1. How is bathwater used in Japan? A) Each member uses a fresh tub of water. B) A cup of soy sauce is added to the water to make it smell nice. C) Every member of the family uses the same water.
2. Does Hello Kitty have any brothers or sisters? A) Yes, she has a twin sister. B) Yes, she has an older brother. C) No, she is an only child.
3. How many Shinkansen (bullet trains) lines are there in Japan? A) 1 B) 8 C) 15
4. How is miso soup drunk? A) With a spoon, in a bowl on a table B) From a special hat handed down from the family ancestors C) Straight from the bowl you hold in your left hand
5. What is Kendama? A) A food B) A toy C) A City

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TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

Misawa Connection

Misawa delegation brings showers to Wenatchee Valley

by DAVID KELTS

Our 2015 Sister City delegation from Misawa, Japan recently brought showers to our valley. The showers of tears as they departed were preceded by huge smiles, strong handclaspings, lots of laughter, countless gifts exchanged, and hugs of true friendship during their recent five day visit.

The delegation of 20 was ably led by Ken Yoshida, superintendent of the Misawa City Board of Education, with Yuko Ebina, who works at the Public Works Department for the U.S. Navy, serving as translator. Noriaki Hori, the assistant chief of the International Relations Division for Misawa City, was a tremendous asset to the delegation. In addition to the seven wonderful and enthusiastic adults there were 13 well-behaved teenage girls, who all enjoyed homestays with local families. Most of the homestay families have a son or daughter who will be traveling to Misawa with our Sister City delegation of 26 in August, led by Mayor Steve Lacy. This allows friendships to further grow and blossom.

Some of the highlights for our Japanese friends, according to their comments, were the welcome reception at Pybus Market; getting to meet Jack Graybill, who was present when the Miss Veedol landed; the welcome dinner at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center; the friendliness and hospitality demonstrated by so many, showing that they sincerely cherish our Sister City relationship formed over 30 years; the cheering from the crowds as they rode in the Apple Blossom and Classy Chassis parades; canoeing on the Columbia River; small plane flights over the valley, thanks to Spirit of Wenatchee; fun and adventures with the friendly and kind host families; and the farewell garden party at Steve and Deb Lacy's home, with special foods, a photo booth, and dancing. When Sister City President David Kelts asked the large group attending the welcome reception to stand if they have been to Misawa or will be traveling to Misawa in August, about two thirds of the crowd happily stood up, to much applause.

The Misawa delegation was kept busy touring each day and the adults, sometimes joined by the students, enjoyed meals at the 59er Diner, Pybus Bistro with Mayor Frank Kuntz, Dizzy D's, El Porton, Third Generation Pizza and Olive Garden. They really liked the beauty of Leavenworth, the visits at Orchard Middle School and Wenatchee Valley College, and shopping at Macy's, Liberty Orchards for Aplets and Cotlets, and Fred Meyer to name a few. There were countless comments about the beautiful scenery and perfect weather in Wenatchee Valley. The volunteer Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Board and supporters are already looking forward to the next Misawa delegation visit in 2016. To learn more about the Sister City

Misawa Insight By A World Traveler

By Noriaki Hori

Flying over the beautiful valley; canoeing on the Columbia River flowing endlessly; parading on a fancy sports car along with flowery floats and local marching bands. Everything our delegates, students or adults, experienced in Wenatchee Valley was so pleasurable. But what I was delighted the most about my visiting Wenatchee Valley was that I could meet my old friends and make new friends in Wenatchee Valley, spending time together, wining and dining, joking and laughing, talking about our family, and by doing so we could know better each other and become much closer at the end. I could forget about all my worries or concerns to bond my everyday life and enjoy every moment during my stay in Wenatchee Valley.

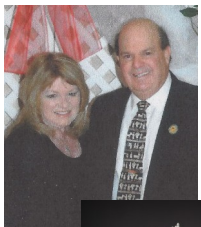
In the meantime, there may be some worries or concerns when you go to a foreign country that you've never been to. When you're in different culture, especially when you cannot speak the country's language, you may feel as if you were a small child with no means to protect yourself. But you don't have to worry at all even if you're tumbled in how to say the words introducing yourself in Japanese, or even if you're not able to pick up food with chopsticks at the welcome dinner. You may feel embarrassed but you don't have to feel so. We just care about you to consider if you're fully enjoying your stay in Misawa with no worry or anxiety.

Here are words of a song titled "Every Woman's Song" by my favorite artist, Angela Aki. It is a song about the bonds of human beings. "We all come from different places in this world. Though we are all strangers when we meet, we are sisters when we are done." We can become brothers and sisters, and fathers and mothers. That's what our sister city relationship is for.

Noriaki Hori is the Assistant Chief of the International Relations Division for Misawa City.

Meet your 2015 Misawa Delegation

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& his wife Debra*



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Grace Orallo



Tyler Seitz



Henry Talbot



Erica Vail

Editor's Note by Jeril Hansen

The clock is ticking down and time is going fast! Our delegation will be off to Misawa in just a few more weeks making memories they will carry with them for a lifetime.

For the last 2 years around this time I am reminded of the anticipation I had for my upcoming trip to Misawa in 2012. This year is no different. I have been looking for a way to stow away in someone's suitcase successfully. No doubt I will be unsuccessful, but you can't blame a girl for trying. It may take some time, but I have every intention of returning to Misawa someday to see my friends, eat shabu shabu and sing some karaoke at Na-kano-san's school. But next time, when it is time to return to Wenatchee, I will hide away in someone's house. 5 days just isn't enough time to take in the beauty, the people and joy you will find on your journey.



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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.



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Thank you very much.
Doomo Arigatoo Gozaimasu.