



WVMSCA

FALL 2017

SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- **President's Message**
- **ANNUAL WVMSCA MEETING NOV. 9TH AT 6:00PM AT THE OLIVE GARDEN RESTAURANT**
- **Trivia Quiz**
- **Membership Application**

A message from your president



Sister City Friendships Flourish

Konnichiwa! Another special local Sister City delegation of 20 shared an amazing and life-changing adventure visiting Japan from August 18 – 27. For more than 85 years Misawa, Japan and Wenatchee Valley have shared a strong and ever deepening bond, initiated by the first non-stop transpacific flight by Pangborn and Herndon in the Miss Veedol in October, 1931. The famous flight began in Misawa, and ended with the landing at Fancher Field in East Wenatchee.



Mayor Steve Lacy led the delegation, and the group which included Mayor Frank Kuntz enjoyed tours in Tokyo and a great trip to Nikko, along with travel on the shinkansen (bullet) train; a first for most. In addition to staying with homestay families in Misawa, the delegation visited Sabishiro (Miss Veedol) Beach and a local school, had a tea ceremony; and learned to write in calligraphy, play the koto and roll sushi. They enjoyed Japanese

dancing and were gifted with colorful kimono and jinbei. They harvested Misawa burdock, a unique vegetable, and especially loved being special guests at the BBQ at Misawa Mayor Taneichi's home, and participating in the awesome summer festival parades.

The group toured Misawa Air Base and spoke with several Air Force personnel about the 35th Fighter Wing, and the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Apple Blossom Queen Amy Sand was amazed by the close relationship between the base and Misawa, and expressed her deep debt of gratitude to the Japanese people and the U.S. service members who shared their time with the delegation. "The whole experience has been just really cool. Thank you so much for everything you do every day. We really appreciate your service and sacrifice – you mean so much."

Michael Haerling, a WVC student, says "the time I spent with the Taima family in the countryside city of Misawa will forever be imprinted in not only my memories, but also in my character." He experienced "the great hospitality the Japanese are well known for," and he is certain "the connection I have made with them will last a life time. The wonderful lifestyle and culture displayed in Japan removed any doubt in my mind that Japan is where I want to live and work. By the end of my stay in Misawa, I knew that Japan was where I was meant to be."



Sister City Friendships Flourish (continued)



Kelley Kennedy exclaimed “the Japanese truly love this program, and we felt loved! The parade response was awesome! We loved our time with the middle school students. They were so fun to meet and interact with, and they seemed to truly care about us and our time with them! The Youth Hostel in Tokyo was better than I expected; comfortable and quiet, with dinner options and stores very close by.”

Macyn Templeton, an Eastmont student, thanked David and Judy Kelts for hosting the Japan Evenings, and for “preparing me for the best experience of my life.”

Dr. Maria “Chio” Flores, of Wenatchee Valley College, had “a fabulous time! I was not expecting the graciousness and generosity that we received. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have experienced the people, culture, food and sites that only Japan can offer! My host family was loving and generous beyond belief.”

John Fairbanks shared that “We were more than happy with our trip. It was more than we imagined. We are ready to go back now. Our family was a perfect match.”

LaVerne Bergstrom expressed “My host family stay was wonderful. They were perfect hosts – gracious, accommodating, spoke some English; wonderful cooks who tried to find out what we liked, and the list goes on. The welcoming ceremony was so memorable. I have very seldom felt like royalty, but then I did.”

For more information about your Sister City Association and next year’s trip to Japan in August, contact WenatcheeValleyMisawa.org or Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association on Facebook, with many wonderful new pictures. You may also contact Teresa Allen at East Wenatchee City Hall.

David Kelts, President WVMSCA



Start planning your trip to Misawa in 2018!

Depart from Wenatchee on August 17, 2018.

Arrive in Tokyo on August 18, 2018

Train ride from Tokyo to Misawa August 21, 2018

Leave Misawa on August 26, 2018

Arrive in Wenatchee on August 26, 2018

Applications are available on our website:

wenatcheevalleymisawa.org



Trivia Quiz

1. Japan has the highest life expectancy in the world. True False
2. Japan has the highest number of centenarians of any country. True False
3. Japan is the safest and least violent country in the world. True False
4. 90% of all cellphones in Japan are waterproof. True False
5. English is the only foreign language taught in public schools in Japan. True False
6. Black cats are considered to bring good luck in Japan. True False
7. People with tattoos are barred from entering Japanese hot springs and public bathhouses. True False



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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.
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