



WVMSCA

FALL 2018

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **President's Message**
- ◆ **WVMSCA ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 20, 2019 6:30PM AT THE EAST WENATCHEE CITY HALL**
- ◆ **Next WVMSCA Board Meeting: Nov. 20, 2018 at 5:30PM**
- ◆ **Tears for Sister City Friends, by Jerrilea Crawford**
- ◆ **Misawa Minute, by John Fairbanks**
- ◆ **Trivia Quiz**
- ◆ **Membership Application**

A Message from Your President



We love being involved with Sister City friends and activities both here and in Misawa, Japan. We highly recommend that you also consider helping the Japanese delegations have a great visit here, and if possible, go to Misawa yourself to experience the incredible Japanese hospitality and kindness there. It will be life changing. You'll gain a new

understanding of all the dedication and effort that's involved on both sides, to keep the genuine friendships and special experiences fresh and continually renewed. This is the 37th year for delegation visits. These friendly visits and continuing relationships have made positive impacts on countless people, including multiple generations within some families.



David Kelts, President



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Tears for Sister City Friends By Jerrilea Crawford

I've attended the farewell dinner for our friends from Misawa a handful of times. The evening is always fun, but a bit tearful as we prepare to say goodbye to our new friends that have been with us for almost a week. However, this year I saw a few more tears after a 16-minute video produced by Charley Voorhis of Vortex Productions. The video highlighted the Wenatchee Valley/Misawa sister city relationship that began in 1981. The tears started welling up in my eyes early in the video, when Jack Graybill, the last surviving witness to the Miss Veedol landing, talked about how his trip built with our Japanese friends

Serving in the military as a hadn't always had the best im- been the enemy, after all. But cracking, he shared how being celebrate the first non-stop most important events in his life. better. We get better," he said. It

East Wenatchee Mayor the video. As a long-time champi- aware of the historic flight, keep the sister city relationship not only did Clyde Pangborn and Ocean and make history, they Misawa, Japan, and our commu- continue to grow through future generations of kids in our two communities.

This Vortex production is just the first phase of a larger project to help communicate the story of the Miss Veedol flight. Charley recognizes that the significance of the flight started with people, and continues with people. Pangborn and Herndon were brave men who accomplished an amazing feat, and we as a community have the privilege of continuing their journey and keep- ing our sister city relationship alive.



to Misawa and the relationships he "changed him."

young man in the 1940s, Mr. Graybill pression of the Japanese—they had with tears in his eyes and his voice invited to go to Misawa, Japan, to Transpacific flight, was one of the "We all make mistakes. But we get was very touching!

Steve Lacy was also interviewed for on of making sure the community is Mayor Lacy feels that it is crucial to going. In the video he explained that Hugh Herndon fly across the Pacific built a bridge of friendship between nity. He'd like to see this friendship

Start Planning Your Trip to Misawa in 2019!

Leave Seattle: Friday, August 16, 2019

Arrive Tokyo: Saturday, August 17, 2019

Days in Tokyo: 3 (August 17-19, 2019)

Arrive Misawa: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 (5 days)

Leave Misawa: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Return to Seattle: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Misawa Minute By John Fairbanks

With the arrival of the buses and the voices of the delegates entering City Hall, we realized it was time to play host to our sister city students and adults.

This day is the culmination of much planning, and you can feel the excitement of everyone in the room as each person is introduced.

Time to grab the luggage and welcome the students into our home. This year, I hosted two young boys from Misawa, Seiga and Hayato.

We had so much fun going to the tourist spots, bowling, shopping, and all the various events that the organization had planned for the visit. The boys enjoyed riding my lawn tractor and playing with my little corgi puppies.

While the visit is a short five days, guests and the hosts will last a lifetime.

I know that at each opportunity, I have my chance to return the hospitality I have now hosted twice.



the impact and memories made on both the

will host future delegates. Will you? Hosting is received while a delegate to Misawa in 2016. I

We have been made aware of a large delegation scheduled to arrive from Misawa for the 100th anniversary of Apple Blossom.

We hope that many of the of the Sister City Association members will be able to host. Please let us know if you are able to host for the 2019 Apple Blossom Festival Delegation by calling Teresa Allen, City of East Wenatchee, at 509-423-3495, or emailing her at tallen@east-wenatchee.com.

A Moment with Teresa

I've been involved with the Sister City program since February 2000.

I love meeting new people from Misawa, and continue to have friendships with them through social media.

As a member of the board, it's very moving to hear the excitement from every delegate that returns from the trip. Sometimes, we are lucky enough to have them serve on our Sister City board.

There is a lot of heart and soul involved in making sure our friends from Misawa are given the same amount of respect while they visit the beautiful Wenatchee Valley.

If you ever want to be more involved, please reach out to the Sister City board. We would love to have you!

Teresa Allen, City of East Wenatchee

Trivia Quiz

1. Japan consists of over 6,800 islands. True False
2. The Japanese eat more fish than any other country in the world. How much?
A) 5 million tons B) 60 million tons C) 17 million tons D) 12 million tons
3. Around 25 billions pairs of wooden chopsticks are used in Japan each year. How many houses could be built from the timber used to make them?
A) 5,000 B) 20,000 C) 30,000 D) 17,000
4. The biggest Japanese community outside of Japan is in what country?
A) USA B) Brazil C) France D) Peru



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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 Transpacific flight by Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon in October 1931.



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☐ Gold Level \$250
☐ Platinum Level \$500

Thank you very much.
Doomo Arigatoo Gozaimasu.