

Portland-Sapporo

Sister City Association

Membership Newsletter

Spring 2006



From President's Desk

Greetings Members and Friends of the Portland Sapporo Sister City Association! It is a great honor and responsibility to help lead this historic and wonderful organization on toward its 50th Anniversary.

I would like to thank the retiring officers: Past President George Mardikes and Past Secretary Chiyoko Honma. They have served well and worked hard. They continue to work hard on our Board. Welcome Lynn Moyers, who joins our officers as Vice President. Lynn has done a great job of creating, launching and updating our web site, www.pssca.org. Thank you, Lynn!

Thanks, also, to Yoshio Kurosaki who continues his excellent work as Treasurer of our Association. We can thank Kuro for our completing the 45th Anniversary in such good financial shape. Also, we welcome Erik Thorin as our new Secretary. Erik hosted the chaperone of the 2005 Oratorical Contest delegation and organized the successful 2006 delegation. Thank you, Erik!

It is hard to believe it has been over a year since the 45th Anniversary Delegation traveled to the Snow Festival in Sapporo. So much has happened. Last August I visited Sapporo for the first time with the Aloha Breeze softball team. What an experience for these young ladies! Special thanks to Scott Guptill who worked very hard with Coach Ken Hart and his wife Alice to plan this exchange on the Portland side and to the coaches and officials in Sapporo and all of the people at the International Plaza in Sapporo for their hard work as well.

On our first day in Sapporo we were able to attend the closing celebration for the International Youth Fest. It was a special treat to be part of both of these exchanges in one trip!

Since that time we have enjoyed many activities: the great PDXposed shows and DVD Premiere, the Oratorical Contest winners visit to Portland, the

Snow Carvers' and the Women's Exchanges to the Snow Festival this year and there is more to come! Already the 2006 International Youth Festival is planning their August trip and the Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra is leaving this month for Sapporo to join the Sapporo Philharmonic Orchestra celebrate its 35th Anniversary. Again, our thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make these events possible!

We have also been contacted by many other groups looking to set up exchanges with Sapporo. The International Nordic World Championships will be held in Sapporo in February 2007. So, if you or someone you know is a fan of Nordic skiing and wants to go to Sapporo, let us know!

Finally, we are starting to plan for the 50th Anniversary celebration in 2009. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas on the celebration of this important anniversary! Also, share your experiences with our sister city during these past 50 years. Don't forget our annual picnic on July 29th at Mt. Tabor Park!

Doug Lovett, President

Annual Association Barbecue

Sat., July 29, 2006, at Mt. Tabor Park, Site B
SE 60th & SE Salmon St

Starts 5 pm, dinner served until 6:30 pm.

All are welcome. There is no charge.

More information at www.pssca.org

The Barbecue is the Association's way of thanking the community for its support of the Association's activities and provides an opportunity for people with a common interest to get together to rekindle friendships and make new friends.

Sapporo Student Assists City Hall

Arisu Hayashi, aka Alice Landon, visited Portland from for six weeks this Spring and served as an intern in the Office of International Relations, of the Mayor of Portland. Alice is a student at Sapporo International University (SIU) and enjoyed her experience at City Hall. Veronica Valenzuela, Director of International Affairs, was pleased with the help and said Alice was a joy to host. The plans are for this to be an ongoing program with SIU.

Special thanks to Linda McGill and her daughters Megan and Kelley for hosting Alice with a wonderful home stay. Alice experienced her 21st birthday while in Portland and celebrated at a party at Nike.

Alice was able to work with City Hall on the education summit held by Mayor Potter. It was one of the highlights of her stay.

PDXposed Goes Sapporo Premiere

On March 12, 2006 the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association presented a premiere showing of the local special *PDXposed goes Sapporo*. Nearly 200 people attended the special fund raiser event hosted by and held at the University of Portland.

PDXposed is a local cable show on Comcast Channel 14. The crew went to Sapporo in September 2005, then created three shows from their experiences. The shows were run on Comcast for most of the Fall and Winter and were also available On Demand. The crew of PDXposed sampled a wide variety of Japanese culture and scenery during their nine days in the Sapporo area. The resulting shows brought the beauty and diversity of the Sapporo area to Portland viewers.



The PDXposed crew compiled the three shows into one DVD on Sapporo for use by our Association. This DVD was shown on the large screen at the Premiere. Viewers were treated to a fast-paced hour

and 15 minutes followed by a lively question and answer session. The reception that followed the Premiere was a great opportunity for viewers to meet and mingle with the crew, taste Sapporo Beer and enjoy St. Honoré Bakery pastries.



The film follows the PDXposed crew as they go to many of the well known places in Sapporo, such as the Okurayama Ski Jump, Sapporo Hokkaido Brewery, Sapporo Clock Tower and the Susukino District for night life. The show has shopping segments in the Nijo Fish Market, in the underground malls of Sapporo and in Otaru, the historic port of Sapporo. It has glassblowing, dinner with a home stay family and excursions to Jozankei Hot Springs, as well as live music, a visit to the Ainu Museum and a trip to Ramen Alley.

The whole project would not have been possible without the generous support of Sapporo USA, Northwest Airlines and Travel Oregon.

Thanks to all who attended and to our generous sponsors, Sapporo USA, St. Honoré Bakery, JASO, and University of Portland.

PDXposed goes Sapporo DVDs are still available for \$9.95, plus shipping. Contact any officer or email info@pssca.org to order.

PDXposed has been invited to return to Sapporo in February 2007 to cover the Sapporo Snow Festival and the region during the snowy season. Host Jon Olson and PDXposed were also nominated for regional Emmys for their work, including *PDXposed goes Sapporo*. Way to go Jon!

<http://www.pssca.org>

PSSCA proudly announces own web site!

Thanks to our new Vice President Lynn Moyers for building, launching and updating our web presence. Please check for upcoming events, past newsletters, homestay forms and other useful information.

Add this to your favorites today.

2005 Financial Review

We had a very successful year in 2005! The Association spent 89% of total expenditures in Exchange projects and membership events in 2005, achieving our goal to minimize the administrative expenditures and making more funds available to exchange projects.

PDXposed project and sending 45th Anniversary Delegation to Sapporo were the two main events and we broke even these two major projects financially and had excellent results. I want to single out generous cash contribution of \$20,000.00 by Sapporo USA Inc. (Sapporo Beer) for PDXposed project, as well as an in-kind donation by Northwest Airlines of six roundtrip nonstop airline tickets between Portland and Toyko. Without these donations, this project would literally not gotten off the ground.

Our annual cash flow was only \$839.47 negative, which is much better than we have budgeted for this eventful year. The financial information does not show generous in-kind donations by so many people and businesses and generous donation of time and efforts by all the volunteers. We could not have done any of our activities without your kind support and commitment.

We are looking forward to your continued support and donations in 2006 to create savings for the 50th Anniversary in 2009. Thank you very much.

Yoshio Kurosaki, Treasurer

Lecture - History of Japanese Immigrants and Nikkei Post-War Relief Support to Japan

The Association is pleased to co-sponsor this lecture by Dr. Masako Iino, President of Tsuda College, presented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Portland, on Monday, June 26, 2006, 5:00-6:30 pm, at NW Natural, 220 NW 2ndAve, Hospitality Room, 4th Floor. The lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call 503-221-1811

Professor Iino will discuss how the relations between the US and Japan affected the status of Japanese Americans on the West Coast of North America. She will cover the role played by the Nikkei in the relief activities of LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia) immediately after World War II. By examining the role that Nikkei played, she explores the complexity of responses surrounding issues of loyalty, ethnic identity and identification among people of Japanese ancestry who were caught in the cross-fire of international politics.

Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association Profit & Loss Statement For the Year ended 12/31/05

Revenue:	
Membership	\$9,125.00
Contributions	\$23,795.99
Other	\$2,618.18
Total Revenue	\$35,539.17
Expenses	
Project Expenses:	
Hosting English Oratorical Winners	\$79.80
Hosting Sapporo Students	\$469.66
Goodwill Games	\$82.91
Shinnenkai , New Year Party	\$1,292.54
Membership Barbecue	\$675.21
Music Exchange	\$141.64
International Youth Fest. Delegation	\$759.96
45th Anniversary / Snow Festival Trip	\$5,327.20
PDXposed Project	\$20,416.13
Special Projects	\$3,150.00
Total Project Expenses:	\$32,395.05
Administrative Expenses:	
Postage	\$185.90
Newsletters	\$289.97
Gifts	\$741.22
Membership Supplies	\$430.00
Affiliation	\$275.00
Entertainment / Meals	\$1,542.30
Insurances	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$272.39
Total Administrative Expenses:	\$4,086.78
Total Expenses:	\$36,481.83
Net Profit (Loss):	(\$942.66)

Home Stays Needed

The Association is always in need of home stays for delegations traveling from Japan. If you are interested in the hosting a visitor from Sapporo, please call the Association's phone number 503-778-5229 or send an e-mail to info@pssca.org.

2006 Oratorical Contest Delegation

On March 24th, 2006 the Association welcomed the 37th Annual Oratorical Contest Goodwill Delegation. These are winners of an English speech contest in Sapporo.



This year's delegation was headed up by Mr. Yoshinori Hariya--a teacher of English at Koryo Junior High in Sapporo (Sister School of Portland' Beaumont Middle School). Oratorical contest winners Aoba Niki (Sapporo Fuji Girls High School), Yui Fushiki (Sapporo Fuji Girls Junior High School) and Arisa Miyazaki (Sapporo Junior High School of Hokkaido University of Education) enjoyed a ten day visit to Portland, which included an official welcome at Portland City Hall, where each winner presented their winning speech. In addition the delegation was hosted by Bank of America at their corporate Sky Box to view of Portland Trail Blazers basketball game. The delegation enjoyed spending time with host families who graciously welcomed them into their homes and introduced them to a menagerie of activities.

50th Anniversary PSSCA Membership Drive

With the 50th Anniversary of our sister city relationship less than four years away, it is now time to prepare. To start off our preparation for this Golden Anniversary, we ask that you renew your membership, if you are a current member, and join, if you currently are not a member. The activities of the 45th Anniversary put a strain on our resources and it is time to prepare for the festivities to come.

To join, send in your renewal form. If you are a new member, go to www.pssca.org for a membership form, or send an e-mail to info@pssca.org and request a membership form. Or just ask someone who is a Board member for a form.

OMSI Camp of Interest

OMSI has a great camp this summer of interest to the community - OMSI's Ambassador Program for 14-18 year olds. OMSI's Ambassador Program is a two week long experience that goes from Hancock Field Station down to the Redwoods. It is a great value for a two week camp (\$730 for members) and includes a real variety of activities from rafting, kayaking, backpacking. The Japanese students come from Japan and usually there is a sizable group. It tends to be a fun road trip for two weeks seeing some great sites in the outdoors of the Pacific Northwest. The kids from Japan are to speak English, but as we all know, there will be a lot of Japanese spoken too. Campers can take their non-Japanese speaking friends to this camp!

Oregon Shizen Kyampu will not be held this year, although we hope to see it back in the line up in 2007.

For more information, go to OMSI's web site at www.oms.org or go to OMSI and get one of their camp catalogues.

Aloha Breeze Girls Softball Team Travels to Sapporo and Wins!

In August 2005, the fourteen members of the Aloha Breeze girls softball team embarked for Sapporo to compete in the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Softball Exchange. They were greeted by host families for opportunities to return the favor and for the girls who visited Portland in 2004 to renew friendships.

The "Breeze" played well, and the competition was very challenging. Portland won the tournament with an overall record of four wins and one loss. The players received their first place team trophy, individual medals and three selected individual awards at the ceremony.

After the tournament the team members and chaperones enjoyed seeing the sights of Sapporo and enjoyed many cultural activities including: a Bon dance at a traditional Obon community celebration (the girls received yukatas from their host families), crafts such as calligraphy and fabric dyeing, tea ceremony and much more.

They really enjoyed their visit to Sapporo and wish to thank the many people in Portland and in Sapporo that helped to make this trip possible.

Translators Always Needed

The many volunteer translators that helped out with our 45th Anniversary celebration made these events a very special occasion. We thank you for your hours of help.

If you wish to volunteer with translating, please let us know by calling 503-778-5229 or sending an e-mail to info@pssca.org.

More Events for 2006

Late May - Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra Delegation travels to Sapporo

After hosting the Sapporo Philharmonic Orchestra (SPO) during our 45th Anniversary, it is the Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra turn to head off to Sapporo. The Orchestra will be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the SPO on stage in a joint concert. Best of luck to all and stay tuned for more on their experience.

July 29 - PSSCA Membership Barbecue

This Annual Membership BBQ will be held Saturday evening, July 29, 2006, at Mt. Tabor Park. Move information on the first page of the Newsletter and www.pssca.org.

Early August – International Youth Exchange

The International Youth Exchange will be held again in Sapporo this summer. Sapporo hosts a week long international summer camp, inviting middle school students from all over the world. Portland is sending five students and a teacher chaperone, to the festival this year.

Late September - Festival Japan

This festival is organized by the Japan America Society of Oregon. PSSCA will participate by having a booth at the festival promoting sister city programs. Some volunteers will be needed.

Fall - Visits by Sapporo City Grant Winners

Grant recipients from Sapporo travel to Sapporo's sister cities to study areas of interest. We usually host three grant recipients. Please contact Association pssca@hotmail.com for hosting Sapporo guests at your home.

Another Great Experience at International Youth Exchange in Sapporo

Five students and a teacher joined in the trip last August to Sapporo. Shared thoughts on the experiences:

Brianna Woodside-Gomez, Student:

IYE was the best experience of my life. I really enjoyed meeting all the students from other countries and the students from Hokkaido made us feel very welcome. I made friends for life and I correspond with them over the internet. All the activities were fun. Thanks for giving me this opportunity of a life time.

Katie Gillard, Chaperone:

The International Youth Exchange was a fabulous opportunity, and I feel very lucky to have been a part of it. The Japanese were wonderful and gracious hosts, and I think the integrity of the program was phenomenal. They brought together teenagers from nine different countries and developed a program that fused the participants into a community. The program was fun, educational, and global. I wish there were more programs like it. I think if there were, then there would be a more global consciousness.

Ruby Hoyer, Parent:

This was truly a wonderful opportunity for all kids to experience in their youth. It most definitely promotes friendships that can have an effect on our world in the future. I'm glad that my daughter was a part of this.

Another delegation leaves this Summer.

New Slate of Officers

Doug Lovett, President
Lynn Moyers, Vice President
Yoshio Kurosaki, Treasurer
Erik Thorin, Secretary

Joining Them on the Executive Committee:

George Mardikes, Immediate Past President
Jim Kennedy
Thompson Faller

Newer Board Members:

Toshimi Edagawa	Charley Scott
Jon Olson	Erik Thorin
Stu Sawai	Matt Weadick

Japanese Garden

Don't forget to visit the Japanese Garden in Washington Park during the spring!

Thank you to the Japanese Garden Society for hosting our Association's Shinnenki in January.

"Women's Delegation" an Enjoyable Success

The 45th Anniversary Women's delegation of seven women traveled to Sapporo for the 2006 Snow Festival, meetings on topic such as Domestic Violence and Divorce and experiencing a home stay and Sapporo. What follows is the final report via e-mail from their host in Sapporo on the last day.

February 13th (Mon). At 7AM, we all got together at Sapporo Station. Mr. Komatsu and I from Sapporo City accompanied the delegation members to the airport. Diane Bushelle went to the airport with her host family so there were 5 members of the delegation at the station.

There was a little snow in the morning but the weather was fair and the plane departed on schedule at 9AM. When we scheduled this trip we were worried that it might not depart on schedule due to weather.

The train ride from Sapporo station to the New Chitose airport was about 40 minutes. It was crowded with commuters but everybody was enjoying the ride. We met Diane at the airport and checked in their luggage. It seems like all the suitcases were full compared to when they arrived. After checking in, they took pictures with their host families. Everybody seemed to have hard time saying goodbye. I am sure they will sleep well on board since they all had to wake up very early.

Yesterday, 5 members went to Noboribetsu Onsen by themselves. They all had a great time. They said that it was great to have time to get to know each other and have time to talk. Susan Rustvold spent time with her host family instead of going to the Onsen with other members. She went to Otaru with her host family and enjoyed shopping.

At the airport, Portland women's delegation members expressed their appreciation to us and host families. I was deeply moved. Impressive remark was that they said that this trip changed their view of life.

Some of them will stay in Tokyo for couple of days, some will go other places . . . they are going to enjoy their trip a little more.

This trip will conclude our event for 45th anniversary of Portland Sapporo Sister City Association. Next will be 50th anniversary.

Please let everybody with Portland Sapporo Sister City Association know that we appreciate our friendship very much.

Thank you very much !!!!

Portland Bakery Opens in Sapporo

One of our newest Association members is St. Honore Bakery's owner, Dominique Geulin. He opened in October of 2005 a sister French bakery in Sapporo. The grand opening was a success.

The store is located in the basement of Sapporo Terminal Bldg., B1, and is named the Dominique Geulin Bakery. Visit when you go to Sapporo!



Those attending the PDXposed Premiere earlier this year were able to sample Dominique's delicious pastries from St. Honore Bakery. His web address is www.sainthonorebakery.com.

Thanks, Dominique!

The Association

The Association is a non-profit, volunteer organization. We no longer receive city funding and are funded through memberships, donations and grants. For membership and volunteering opportunities call the Association at 503-778-5229, write to the Association at P.O. Box 1898, Portland, Oregon 97207, or e-mail the Association at info@pssca.org.

This newsletter was edited by Chiyoko Honma and George Mardikes.

Welcome, Consul General Egawa

We are so pleased to welcome and have the opportunity to work with Consul General Akio Egawa, of the Consulate General of Japan Portland Branch..

Richmond Spring Festival

The Association participated with a booth at the First Annual Richmond Elementary School Spring Japanese Festival. It was a fundraiser for the Japanese Magnet Program.

World Convention and Ikebana Show of Sogetsu Ryu Held in Portland

This international convention was held in October of 2005 and provided a wonderful opportunity for our Association to host six (6) women participants from Sapporo.

A beautiful flower arrangement show was held at the Japanese Garden

50th Anniversary Project

In preparation for the 50th Anniversary in 2009 our Association is interested collecting and recording the experiences and memories of Portlanders during the past 50 years.

If you would like to share your experiences, volunteer for the Anniversary, or keep abreast of the activities and delegations, please let us know. Call the Association at 503-778-5229, write to the Association at P.O. Box 1898, Portland, Oregon 97207, or e mail the Association at info@pssca.org.

If you have ideas for a delegation to travel to Sapporo, whether educational, arts, sports, music, business or governmental, please let us know.

Also, please consider joining the Association, if you currently are not a member, or increasing your level of support, if you are a member.

The 50th Anniversary will be an incredibly special time, and please start saving so that you can go to Sapporo with the 50th Anniversary Delegation!

Welcome Mr. Edagawa

When The Hokkaido Shimbun Press in Sapporo was looking at where to open an office on the West Coast, they sent Toshimi Edagawa. His recommendation, Portland!

His advice was followed and Edagawa-san was assigned the job of launching the Portland Branch of The Hokkaido Shimbun Press.

When you see Edagawa-san, ask him about one of his first stories, the flooding of New Orleans.

It is also an honor to have Edagawa-san join the Board of our Association.

Congratulations Ambassador Nagai

We are pleased that former Consul General Nagai has been appointed The Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro.

Annual Dues Time Again

The Finance Committee advises that the Annual Membership Renewals should be in your possession. Renewals are being mailed with the newsletter. Like all similar organizations, our Association needs more individual members and corporate members. Help your Association by inviting your friends, family and business associates to become members.

Another Successful Snow Sculpture Team and Delegation

For the 20th time, Michael Smyth has organized a delegation to join the Portland Snow Sculpture Team. Once again new board member Charley Scott led the team that competed at the Sapporo Snow Festival. As usual, the delegation and team had a great time.

Guptill Honored at Shinnenkai

At the annual Shinnenkai party that the Association held in January 2006 at the Japanese Garden, Board Member Scott Guptill was recognized for his many years of service to the Association in support of the Sister City Relationship.

Scott has served as President at two different times for the Association, most recently for 2002 and 2003. In addition, he has been on the Executive Committee numerous times, has organized many delegations to Sapporo, hosted many delegations from Sapporo and has hosted many students and adults from Sapporo in his home.

As anyone who has traveled to Sapporo with Scott knows, everyone knows Guptill-san! Some in Oregon observe that he may actually be a resident of Sapporo.

Consul General Nagai presented the award to his wife Ellen, since Scott had to do the play by play at a high school basketball game.



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