

Exchanges

Japanese Sister
City Committee

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2011-12 Chairman for JSCC: John Seeley

If you have been around the JSCC lately you will recall that John Seeley and his family have hosted four times in the past year and are about to host their fifth child this summer. They have also hosted during the anniversary year when the adults came to America. John has also been very involved in the empowering the alumni who would like to be involved in the Sister City. His two son's Josh and Jared have handled responsibilities ranging from fund-raising to running events. John has volunteered to chair both the host family committee and the activities for the student committee for several years and in 2007 he was the Exchange Student Chaperone. Both John and Bev Seeley work for the government in different capacities and both son's are in college.



Above: Bev, Jared, Shimpei, Josh, & John at the Luau. Left: Josh at the Cherry Blossom Festival, Below left: Bev displaying her mothering skills for her Japanese son, Below Right: Jared & Kento the first day of a very great brother-hood in 2006.



SPECIAL PERSON SPOT

CONNIE MC QUAIN



ONCE school teacher, Connie has a smile on her face almost all of the time. She is very involved in her nieces and nephews and has Sue Valentine as her best friend.

For the JSCC she has had the longest term taking it from Jana Waits, and keeping it an extra year so Joe Gall could take it after her. She planned the Anniversary events at the Truman Memorial Building, had three successful exchanges with a great group of host families. Connie not only went to Japan but planned the adult trips. Now she chairs the officers replacement committee and helps out where ever she can as a JSCC member. Connie has many friends in Japan.

Tea Ceremony 2nd Floor Sermon Center



Susan Peoples (left) dressed the part as she made tea in ceremony fashion, saying and sharing the tea in the same manner she was par-took in Japan and as a friend, Naoko Nagai, taught her here in America. Using Naoko's gifts she had around ten tea ceremonies at the festival. The last one was performed by her college professor.

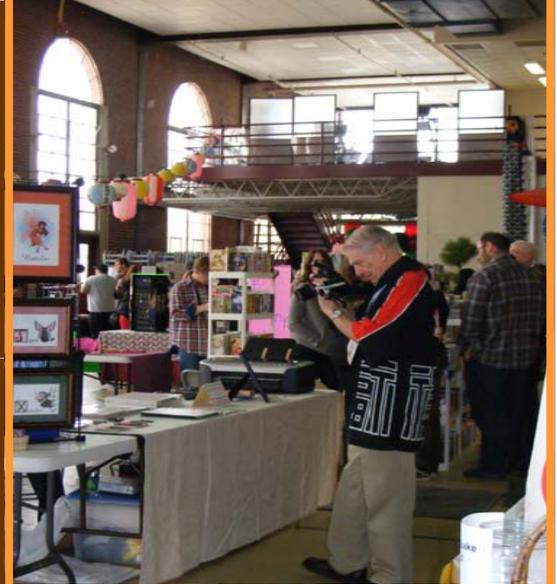




THANKS TO OUR VENDORS!
AT THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



THANKS TO THE MOXLEY FAMILY AND A DEDICATION TO ALL HOST FAMILIES! The Moxley family sent all but one daughter to Japan, hosted a half a dozen years and always gave a fantastic afternoon activity with motor boats, tubing, swimming and a great American example of families in America having a good time at the lake in Blue Springs. They generously opened their home with love and laughter. They are all the richer for it and we are all very thankful for their dedication to being host parents for so many years! Take a vacation in your own town, see it through someone else's eyes and share your life! It is so wonderful!!!



YUMMY
GOOD FOOD
TOO
THANKS



ON STAGE at the Cherry Blossom Festival was a question and answer interview of Bill and Joanne Shaw (pictured to the left with Mr. and Mrs. Ono) Bill was the JSCC chairman during the time that Japan built the Friendship Garden at City Hall. It was a very big blessing to Independence and Bill worked with the gardeners in getting the right rocks from Iowa, getting them set just the way the Japanese wanted them in the garden as well as all the plants and Japanese lanterns. But the biggest story to hear is Bill and Joanne talk about their first visit to Japan. They have been many times since but the first time was the first adult trip to Japan as a Sister City. He has also been the historian and helped put on so many activities.



FESTIVAL FRIENDS Left: Anna Price & Shayla Jarmin in their Alumni Fund Raising Shirts & Right: Patty Schumacher and Penny Kruse, from the Chamber, dish out the desserts. Examples of friends having fun and working at the event & there is room for more friendships.



TALENTS ARE SHARED AT THE FESTIVAL: Gerald Hancock sets up a slide show of all the previous activities while his wife sits at the Ikebana booth. They have made their hobbies profitable for the Cherry Blossom Festival.



ABOVE THE 2012 Exchange Student fund raiser was Cherry-Lime-Aid Floats and Sakura Popcorn. It was GREAT!

EVERYONE worked hard to make the Sermon Center pretty & dressed up in a Japanese fashion as you can see in the two photos to the right.



Japanese Sister City Committee

Committee: Mayor Reimal and
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 Jeannae Segura-Brown
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 Major & Sue Hammett, Joe Gall, Sharon Wilson,
 Lana White, Connie McQuain



THANKS TO JEANNAE Segura-Brown for the two years as a leader in Citizen Diplomacy with the JSCC. She will never forget that she had both H2N1 and the Earthquake/Tsunami happen during her time in office. Jeanne and her friend, Alreda Adams, went to Japan with the exchange students for Sister School purposes. The JSCC started attending the hockey games during her two years and we had parking lot fund-raisers with a clever advertising video she made. She continues with the JSCC as treasurer & the Glendale Sister School Club and Chair of the Festival.



2011 HOST FAMILIES:

Meetings have been going on with the excited host families, who have gotten booklets on their Japanese student and the tentative activities. Lined up are old favorites like Worlds of Fun and the Royals Game plus a new camping trip and returning for a 2nd year Twyla's horse-back riding trip. Some things are open to the Friends of the JSSC, Alumni and 2012 Ambassadors.

COLLECTING TEE SHIRTS!

CONTACT SANDY AT 816-843-1049

Drop off at Glendale while Exchange Students are here. SIZES: CHILDREN'S, ADULT SMALL OR MEDIUM



WITH ENGLISH
 SLOGANS,
 EMBLEMS
 DESIGNS.

SHARE YOUR LIFE !!

Japanese Students Events:

- Students will visit Independence's Puppetry Institute
- Joe Gall's famous pool party is open for Alumni and 2012 Ambassadors
- Students will attend the Fire and Police Stations and they will get to sit in the Mayor's chair!
- The Moxley Family Boating event will take place for students, alumni and 2012 Ambassadors
- Students will visit the Trails Museum, ride the mule pulled wagon and learn about the History of Independence
- Diamond Bowl on the square for Alumni, Ambassadors and Japanese Students

- Students will go to the Negro & Jazz Museum
- Students will go to Kaleidoscope and Crown Center
- Students and anyone that wants to purchase a ticket can go to Starlight Theater to see Mama Mia
- Students and anyone that wants to purchase a ticket can go to Worlds of Fun
- Students and anyone that wants to purchase a ticket can go to see the Royals
- Students will perform for the Glendale Kids Safari
- Teens are welcome to join the students at Chrisman for a fun and games day

- The students are going camping overnight!
- The students are going horse back riding. For a cost alumni and 2012 Ambassadors can go too
- Coffee Shop Chat for Students, Alumni and 2012 Ambassadors
- The students will visit the Japanese Garden at the Temple, hear the Temple organ and visit the Peace Pavilion.
- The Mayors Dinner will be \$15 dollars and anyone is welcome.
- Students will perform at the Sock Hop Pot-luck

GIVE TODAY TO JAPAN!!

JSCC Donation Options

Your gift today will be sent to Higashimurayama. They will be able to distribute the funds as necessary to those in need in Japan.

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 (be sure to designate Japan Disaster Relief Fund)

Donate by check

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 300 N. Osage

Independence, MO 64050

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