



# The Bridge

Fall 2008

**Roseburg Sister Cities, Inc.** – Friendship & Understanding since 1993 – *Roseburg, Oregon & Shobu, Japan*

## The President's Corner with Janet Johnston

Thank you to all who participated in our June Delegation visit this year! We had over 90 in attendance at the Welcome Reception at the Roseburg Country Club, and an excellent turnout at the Farewell Potluck, as well. With this being the 15th Anniversary of the founding of the Adult Exchange program between Roseburg and Shobu, Japan, we were pleased and honored to have as Speakers at the Welcome Reception... Akio Egawa, Consul General of Japan from Portland; Susan Morgan, State Representative; Ross Tomblin, Vice President at Umpqua Community College; and Stacey Crowe, Roseburg City Council...to help us celebrate.



This year we started a new tradition with regard to gifts between our Cities. The Shobu Delegation presented us with a framed photo of the 2007 October Delegation to Shobu at the Welcome Reception in June. Jon Burpee then took a photo of the 2008 June

Delegation from Shobu and Roseburg Sister Cities members when they were here in June. We are having the photo framed and I will present it to the Shobu Association at the Welcome Reception in October during our Delegation visit.

Special thanks to the following Committee Chairs: Katherine Elisar, Welcome Reception; Larry Shipley & Don Duerfeldt, Farewell Potluck; Jon & Jeanne Burpee, North Oregon Coast Delegate Excursion; and Diana Brown, Publicity. They all did a great job and I greatly appreciate their efforts on behalf of our Sister City program!

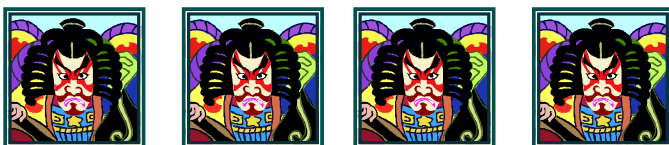
We had 100% participation in the June events from your 2008 Board of Directors too!

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### SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure to attend our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 16th at 5:00 pm at Linus Oakes** to hear reports from the *October Delegates* on their visit and our *Election of the 2009 Board of Directors*.

There will also be an opportunity for those who may have an interest in participating in our events next year, to sign up at the Annual Meeting. *Invitations have already been sent out; please RSVP by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to Jon & Jeanne Burpee, 672-2536, or email, jcburpee@msn.com*



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**"A Mother & Her Colt"**  
Sculptor, Mr. Toshio Ogino, Shobu

## 'President's Message' continued...

I was pleased to help welcome the Middle School Student Exchange group who visited Roseburg from Shobu from July 31st to August 8th. Our Adult organization sponsored a lunch for the students while they were here, and I attended the Welcome Reception, the lunch we sponsored and the Farewell Dinner on behalf of our Organization.

The 2008 Delegation just returned from Shobu. There were 15 Delegates in the Delegation this year (a list is provided elsewhere in this newsletter). The visit was from October 21 through 30, 2008. This year, the Delegation visited the Mt. Fuji area, in addition to home stays and local activities in and around the Shobu area. Join us at the Annual Meeting for our Trip Reports.

Sincerely,  
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## Letter of Appreciation to RSC

*Dear Board Members and Friends:*

*Enclosed is an email from Tomoko Shimazaki, on behalf of the June 2008 Shobu Delegation, thanking us for the great time they had this year for their trip.*

Dear Roseburg Sister Cities,

We, the Shobu Delegation, had a very good time with you. The plans you made were wonderful and exciting. We especially enjoyed meeting the Japanese consul in Douglas county at the 15th welcome party, the Dean of U. C. C and the mayor of Roseburg at the farewell party.

Although it is probably very typical for locals, as foreigners, we especially enjoyed the gorgeous scenery of the Oregon coast on the trip you took us on. The beautiful drive along the coast, the wonderful port towns of Florence and Newport, the large aquarium, the thrilling dune buggy ride, the bonfire on the beach and the magnificent view from the seaside hotel will forever remain in our memories.

Thank you so much again. We are looking forward to seeing you in Shobu this October.

Warm regards,  
Tomoko Shimazaki

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## Celebration of Literacy '09

RSC has participated in the Celebration of Literacy activities for several years. That activity will be

held February 21<sup>st</sup> of '09 at the Boys and Girls Club. Contact Marliene @ 672-1014 for more info or to help.



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## June '08 Delegation Visit!



## ***'Book Club' Nook!***

All is confirmed: Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:30pm** at Janet Johnston's office at Prudential Real Estate. Our book is, **THE TALE OF LADY MURASAKI**, by Liza Dalby.

Anyone interested may contact Georgia or Jeannie. Now, nothing left to do but read it! See you in January. Hope to be talking books with you soon!

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## ***2008 Delegation- Shobu Host Families***

Suzie Armstrong Mary Huber	Kunio and Yoshie Arai
Steve & Diana Brown	Utako & Sayuri Morisawa
John & Heidi Cozier	Tatsuo & Tomoko Shimazaki
Mary Giddens Norah Roadman	Chieko & Kazue Takahashi
Martha Scott	Tomoichi & Shizue Komine
David & Janet Johnston	Katsumi & Kazue Shibuya
David & Kellene Soder	Chiaki & Yasuko Koyama
Jake & Jo Wanner	Takashi & Fumiko Hirasawa



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## **Fun Had by All; June RSC Japanese Delegation Coast Trip!**

What fun it is to share a special place with those who haven't been there! That's the way the June Sister City trip for 19 Japanese delegates and 11 "Roseburgers" was for us.

We took in sights of the Northern Oregon Coast from Reedsport to Astoria. We experienced the wind in our faces as we rode the dunes, after which we tasted the clam chowder at Mo's. (Some hurried to a Florence leather shop and bought a number of purses.) We saw the colorful sea life at the Oregon

Coast Aquarium, and shopped on Broadway in Seaside. Historic Fort Clatsop and the long bridge over the Columbia River with a stop at "Dismal Nitch" were our focus in Astoria. 18 Mile Camp with its logging theme and spectacular Multnomah Falls filled out our itinerary. We had our final dinner at the Rheinlander where everyone enjoyed the German atmosphere.

***A great time was had by all!! ~ The Burpees***

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**Check Below to let us know your areas of special interest.**

**Friendship Garden** (behind Do. Co. Library)

Committee     Helper

**June Hosting** - Help w/visitor events, dinners, sightseeing, etc.

(usually 4-7 days in June)     Serve as Host Family

Helper

**Annual Visit To Japan:** (usually Oct.; 9-12 days)

Delegate selection help

Travel as Delegate

**Special Committees:**                     Future Board

Member     Membership

Speaker Bureau member     Displays-help do

Sushi Night

Japanese Lang./Interpreter     Japanese Film

Festival     Newsletter

Nov. Annual Dinner-helper

Historian/Scrapbook     Storage Room

**Liaisons:**  Japanese students UCC/RHS     City Hall/Chamber Commerce

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*The next newsletter publication is Feb. 2009. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or submitting articles, please contact Jonna Wagner at 430-2325 or e-mail [scrappinrealtor@yahoo.com](mailto:scrappinrealtor@yahoo.com) (Also contact to be removed from mailing list.)*

**June 2008 Delegation Visit!**



**Akio Egawa**  
Japanese Consul General

**Minoru Kasahara**  
Shobu Vice Mayor

