



The Bridge

Fall 2010

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

The President's Corner by Janet Johnston

Roseburg Sister Cities has been busy this year with several booths at local events to promote our organization and activities with the community.

The beauty of leaves falling and lending multi-color hues to our landscape, remind me of how fortunate we are to live in such a lovely location in Oregon!

Last June we enjoyed sharing our varied terrain and landscapes as we traveled through the Cascades to Central Oregon and then into the Mt Hood area and the farms of Hood River Valley. Many of the six Shobu visitors and the 15 Roseburg residents who accompanied our guests had the opportunity to discover areas they had not visited before. We were fortunate to have good weather to enjoy the beauty of Oregon – our forests, high desert, river valleys and mountains!



An agreement was reached on request of the Shobu-Roseburg Association to alternate our visits for the next four years, to give them a chance to regroup after their City merger with Kuki City last March. As a result, we will not have a Delegation traveling to Japan this October, but will send a Delegation in October 2011. We will not have a Delegation coming from Shobu next June, but will have a Delegation come from Shobu in 2012. In 2013, we will send a Delegation to Japan and in 2014, we will have a Delegation come from Shobu.

Your Board is working on new events for next year, so be sure to join us at the Annual Meeting on Nov 14th to hear more, and to vote on by-law changes and elect six new Board Members for 2011-2013.

Sincerely,
Janet Johnston, 2010 President

Please join us at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov 14th to hear about upcoming events, vote on by-law changes, and elect six new Board Members for 2011-2013!

Location: Linus Oaks Community Room ~ Time: 4:30 PM

Potluck: Please RSVP, Nancy Pittman (541) 677-7382.

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"A Mother & Her Colt"

Sculptor, Mr. Toshio Ogino, Shobu

Arts, Wine & Music Festival

Roseburg Sister Cities – **Shobu and Aranda De Duero** – shared a booth at the recent Arts, Wine & Music Festival on September 11th & 12th in a lovely setting at Umpqua Community College.

This provided an opportunity for our organizations to share information about our respective Sister Cities activities and hand out informational brochures. We also displayed photos of recent trips to Shobu and Japanese arts and fabrics.

Thanks to volunteers – Nancy Anderson, Mary Armes, Diana Brown, Connie Kloha, Rick & Nancy Pittman, Kellene Soder & Wally Taylor. They were successful in signing up a new member!

~Janet Johnston, Chair



Shobu Gift Quilt Displayed at Community Services Building

The Shobu Gift Quilt was displayed on the Wall in the Reception area of the Roseburg Fire Department when the Shobu Delegation toured the new Community Services Building on their visit in June. This quilt was a gift from the 2007 Shobu Delegation to Roseburg and handmade by Chieko Ohashi, a long term member of the Shobu Roseburg Association who has visited Roseburg many times and hosted Delegates in Shobu.

The quilt depicts Five "Matois" (white flags carried on poles by fire crews back in the Edo period), as well as a row of houses, Fire Tower, the Sumida River in Tokyo, and a weeping willow. We are pleased to be able to share this with our community in the new Fire and Police Building.



Book Club Meeting!

The upcoming Book Club meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30 pm** at **Prudential Real Estate Professionals Conference Room**. The Book being discussed that evening will be "*Across the Nightingale Floor*", the first book of a trilogy by Lian Hearn, set in feudal Japan.



Shobu Delegation 2010!



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June 2010 Shobu Delegation Visit

The 2010 Shobu Delegation visit took place June 24th – July 1st this year. The Shobu Delegation members were:

- ❖ **Eiji Arai** (Shobu-Roseburg Assn President) and his wife, **Hamako Arai** [Hosted by **Dr. Jon and Jeannie Burpee**]
- ❖ **Tsutomo Sato** and his wife, **Toshiko Sato** (Shobu-Roseburg Assn Vice President) [Hosted by **Dr. Jason & Andrea Gray**]
- ❖ **Mieko Hirakawa** [Hosted by **Wally & Yuki Taylor**]
- ❖ **Yuichero Tanaka** [Hosted by **John & Heidi Cozier**]

Twelve Roseburg members traveled to Portland to greet the Delegation: Robert & Gerri Behan; Dr. Jon & Jeannie Burpee; Rick & Nancy Pittman; Rick & Jacky Sohn; Wally Taylor; David (Translator) & Keiko Welker and Janet Johnston. Activities included: a tour of the historic Hull-Oakes “Steam-Driven” Lumber Mill. Special thanks to the Roseburg participants for providing transportation for the group; David Welker, translator; and Rick Sohn for organizing our activities, lunch and snacks for the day.

On Friday, June 25th, the Delegation & Roseburg members – Dr. Jon & Jeannie Burpee; Rick & Jacky Sohn; Wally & Yuki Taylor; Connie Kloha; Robert & Gerri Behan; and Janet Johnston, traveled about Roseburg for the day. Activities included: Douglas County Library- Shobu Artists art work on display; Roseburg Sister Cities Garden; tour of the new Public Services Building with Gregg Timm, Division Chief of Operations, followed by greetings from Jim Burge, Roseburg Police Chief; Mike Lane, Roseburg Fire Chief; and Larry Rich, Roseburg Mayor; Umpqua Dairy Tour; catered lunch & tour at the Douglas County Museum. Special Thanks for preparing lunch & set up to Diana Brown & Fine Things Catering- Marilyn Giles; Connie Kloha - translator for the day, Umpqua Dairy Tour Leaders, and our City officials for meeting with our group.

Friday evening the Welcome Reception was at the Roseburg Country Club, with greetings provided by the Japanese Vice-Consul from Portland; Susan Morgan, Douglas County Commissioner and Tom Ryan, City Council. Special Thanks to Diana Peterson and her committee for organizing the Welcome Reception; and to Yumi Castle & Connie Kloha for serving as our Translators for the evening.

The Host families entertained the Delegates on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, the Farewell Potluck Dinner was held at the home of John & Suzi Armstrong, in a beautiful wooded setting on the Main Umpqua River in Umpqua

On Monday, following a Group Photo and ‘send off’ from Roseburg members, the Bus Tour left from Umpqua Community College. In addition to the Shobu Delegates, the following Roseburg members joined the Tour: Jon & Jeannie Burpee; Diana Brown; HD & Una Honscheid; Janet Johnston; Rick & Nancy Pittman; David Roady (Translator); Stan Roberts & his friend Diane Rivas; Rick & Jacky Sohn; and Wally & Yuki Taylor. Stops on Monday included – Slick’s Que Restaurant in Sisters for lunch & tour; Bend Factory Outlet Stores, including NIKE; Peter Skene Ogden State Park overlooking Crooked River. We stayed at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Warm Springs Indian Reservation, overnight with a “Bird In Clay” dinner followed with entertainment by the “Indian Dancers”.

Tuesday’s travels took us to Government Camp, over Mt. Hood to the Hood River valley “Fruit Loop” with stops at Kiyokawa Family Orchards for a hayride tour; lunch at 3 Rivers Grill in Hood River, Apple Valley Country Store, Cascade Alpaca Ranch of Oregon & Foothills Yarn & Fiber Shop, Rasmussen Farms; Panorama Point County Park. Dinner and overnight hotel was at Best Western Hood River Inn on the Columbia River.

Wednesday, the group headed to Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles for a tour and lunch, with a stop at Mayer State Park viewpoint overlooking the Columbia River Gorge, then east for a tour of Bonneville Dam and Fish Hatchery, followed by a stop at Multnomah Falls. Dinner was at Beaches Restaurant in Vancouver, Washington and overnight at The Clarion Hotel by Portland Airport.

Thursday, the delegation was shuttled to the Portland Airport from the Hotel and we gathered for a farewell lunch at Beaches Restaurant at the Portland Airport before seeing the delegates through Security to depart for Japan.

Special thanks to David Roady, who served as our Translator for the Bus Trip; Rick Sohn, who purchased and provided our snacks & drinks for the visit and informational & educational handouts for our bus trip; Jon & Jeannie Burpee, who also provided informational & educational handouts for the bus trip; and the other members from Roseburg who assisted with ‘hosting’ at our meals and assisting with bus ‘duties’ to make our trip go smoothly.

Thanks to all for making this a successful visit!

Janet Johnston, President and 2010 Delegation Chair



Shobu Delegation June 2010



Please Join or Renew Membership!

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Name(s): _____

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

Friendship Garden - (behind Douglas Co. Library)

Committee Helper

June Hosting - Help w/events, dinners, tours, etc.

(usually 4-7 days in June)

Serve as Host Family Helper

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

Travel as Delegate

Special Committees:

Future Board Member

Membership

Speaker Bureau member

Displays-help do

Newsletter

Japanese Lang./Interpreter

Japanese Film Festival

Storage Room

Nov. Annual dinner-helper

Historian/Scrapbook

*The next newsletter publication is **Feb., '11.** Ideas, comments, suggestions, or submitting articles, please contact Jonna Wagner at (541)530-3184 or e-mail scrappinrealtor@yahoo.com*

(Also contact to be removed from mailing list.)

June 2010 Delegation



Delegates at Viewpoint overlooking Columbia Gorge.



Farewell Lunch –Beaches Restaurant at Portland Airport.