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Thank You Kay

September 2006 was Kay Carrico's last meeting as secretary to Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation. She has stepped down to devote more time to other obligations. The organization will miss her quality minutes of our meetings. Thank you Kay for your fine work.

Ancient Stone Sculptures

Tuesday August 15, 2006 was the unveiling of the ancient Chinese and Korean stone sculptures on loan to the City of Albuquerque from Mr. Hitoshi Hoshi, a private collector.

The 14 huge pieces were brought by Mr. Hoshi from Japan and are on display at the Albuquerque BioPark. Weighing

a total of 50 tons, the collection includes 2 lions (14 tons in weight), 2 pairs of towers, a shrine (13 tons) and military officers. Carved out of marble, they were made during the Chinese Ming Dynasty (14th Century). The ceremony began with a welcome from Mayor Martin Chavez. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, Japan Minister of Economy, Trade and Investment

spoke next. He said that this exhibit will further relations between Japan and Albuquerque. He added that the sculptures were on loan from Mr. Hoshi. Mr. Hoshi, 92 years old, also



Stone sculptures of military officers.

gave seeds for special lotus flowers to the Botanical gardens. The progeny for these flowers dates back thousands

of years. They will be a part of the new Japanese Garden. The Japanese delegation was then presented with gifts - cowboy hats and festive bags of Albuquerque items. A reception followed - sushi, coconut shrimp, pot stickers, vegetable tempura and other goodies were sampled by the attendees as they admired the sculptures.



Stone Lions

The function of the artist is to bring imagination to science and science to imagination.

Chihuahua Band Visits Albuquerque

A Marching band from Chihuahua, Mexico came to Albuquerque to participate in the celebration of Mexican Independence on September 15 and 16, 2006. The celebration was held at the Hispanic Cultural Center and Euri Plaza. The fifty-five members of the band each received an Albuquerque Sister Cities bag.

FLASH!

Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation is collecting more coats from Balloon Fiesta pilots to be distributed in Chihuahua when the group of pilots from Albuquerque go there November 10-12 for their second annual Fiesta del Globo (Hot Air Balloon Festival). We can take additional contributions from Sister Cities members. Need clean, serviceable coats, preferably small or medium, but will take all donations. Call Dave Bagley at 771-3114 or Alma Solis at 804-5471.

People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

From the President's Desk

In September, the Fall Japanese festival, Aki Masturi was held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. It was outstanding by any measurement, with enthusiastic crowds on both days. Our Sister Cities booth was staffed by students involved in cultural exchanges to Sasebo. Many thanks to Amanda Hartman for displaying her model of the "Albuquerque Bridge" in Sasebo.

We're planning some visits to our sister cities. Sasebo will be hosting a Youth Cultural Exchange in mid-year, 2007. This will be our second group of students to make a visit to Japan. The first group of students traveled to Sasebo in 2003, with a return visit from Sasebo in 2005, and both visits were successful. Many thanks to Kazumi Kawabuko and Pam

Feather for their efforts to design these exchanges. Our 2003 students continue to keep in touch with their friends in Japan.

Another visit to Helmstedt in 2007? Wolfram Krank is hard at work with Helmstedt to come up with an itinerary that will catch your eye and your interest. We're also working locally to involve more people with German backgrounds in our community. Also, Helmstedt has expressed strong interest in starting youth cultural exchanges. I'm sure that we can accommodate them, and work with the next group of Albuquerque students to help them learn about the rich traditions of Germany.

Richard Buckler and OJ Halliyeva of the Ashgabat committee have made a proposal to be a resource partner with International Research and Ex-

change (IREX) for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Turkmenistan. They want to expand our role in Ashgabat and use our unique background and relationship with our friends in Turkmenistan to further our association with our sister city. This proposal can only help us in our relations with Turkmenistan, and we hope to increase our presence in Ashgabat during the next few years.

The summer issue of our newsletter was a sellout! Kudos to our intrepid editor, Carol Dawley. Want more copies? The entire newsletter can be downloaded from our website. The address is: <http://www.albuquerque-sister-cities.org/0607Newsletter.pdf> And it's in color.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Dave Bagley

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Meet Your Board: Betty-Mae Hartman, Immediate Past President

Betty-Mae Hartman is the Immediate Past President of Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation, having served for the six years prior to current President, Dave Bagley. Betty-Mae got involved with Sister Cities when Ruth Hashimoto invited her to a meeting and subsequently to join the delegation visiting Sasebo, Japan. Betty-Mae went on to serve as Secretary and then as President of ASCF.

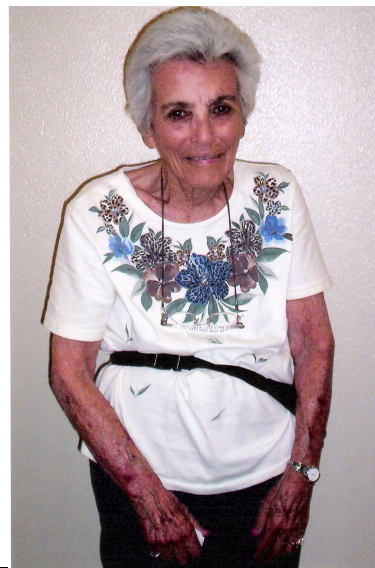
Betty-Mae loves to travel. She has visited all of Albuquerque's sister cities at least once. While in Sasebo, the Albuquerque group (which included musicians and dancers) was part of a parade. The Mayor of Albuquerque was dressed as a Samuri warrior and rode a

horse. Every block or so someone would run out to the group and give them a drink of saki. Betty-Mae really enjoyed that parade!

When not traveling with sister cities, she ventures off with her family. She and her brother cruised on a Russian trawler out of Greenland and sailed north of the Arctic Circle. They also traveled up the Amazon River to Manaus, Brazil. She has been to the South Pacific (Java and Bali), Laos, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, England and Scotland.

At one time she had her own private plane. Being a pilot, she would enjoy flying her grandchildren to Farmington, NM. She has

worked with both the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts (her son is an Eagle Scout) and has worked with the blind. Retired now, she is a past president of La Luz, a women's business organization.



"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."
Abraham Lincoln

"When you think at that moment that it is impossible - then the magic starts."
Siegfried

Nana Ekua of Kwaprow I

On August 31, 2006, Carol Dawley, ASCF newsletter editor, was crowned Queen Mother of Kwaprow. Kwaprow, a small village, is located near Cape Coast, Ghana; being situated next to Cape Coast University.

It all started fifteen years ago when Hanover Park, Illinois became sister cities to Cape Coast, Ghana. The Mayor of Cape Coast at the time traveled to Hanover Park for the official signing, and stayed with Vic and Carol Dawley during his 2 week visit. When he left, he invited them to return the visit. The next year, the Dawleys and 5 others went to Ghana for 2 weeks. During their stay in Cape Coast, they discovered Kwaprow - a small village that was without a chief at that time. Every time Hanover Park shipped a container of supplies (medical, school, clothing, etc.) to Cape Coast, the Dawleys included boxes of items specifically earmarked for Kwaprow. In 2003 the Dawleys again returned to Ghana - this time for the US/Africa Sister Cities conference held in Ghana's capital, Accra. After spending a week at the conference, the Illinois delegation traveled to Cape Coast. Here they discovered that

Kwaprow now had a chief - Nana Kwesi Mensah II. What a wonderful moment when they met the chief. He invited them to the village where a small ceremony was held, installing Carol as the Queen Mother.

Now, three years later, Carol was able to return to Cape Coast with a Hanover Park group and once again visit Kwaprow. It was the time of the Afahye festival and many exciting events were taking place. Kwaprow knew in advance she was coming and planned a formal ceremony for her coronation.

Carol was dressed in kinte cloth and decorative beads. When she and her group arrived, they were greeted by a festively decorated village (strips of bright cloth hung from rope strung between the houses) and a drummer. They exited their vehicle and walked behind the drummer to the pavillion where the chief was waiting. He then took Carol's hand and led her to her stool situated in front of the seated villagers. The elders conducted the ceremony while the chief and Carol were seated on their stools. The chief personally placed the crown upon her head and gave her the sword of author-

ity. Her official name is Nana Ekua of Kwaprow.

Afterwards a few refreshments were served and the chief escorted Carol around the village to the cheers of the residents. Carol plans on returning often to Kwaprow.



Nana Ekua and Nana Kwesi are greeted as they walk through the village of Kwaprow.



Nana Ekua of Kwaprow

National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

There was be a National Day celebration of the Republic of China on Taiwan on October 12, 2006. The Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles Dr. Wu-Lien Wei and several of his staff attended the event.

Ceremonies are different in every country, but true politeness is everywhere the same.

All people smile in the same language.

January 2007 there will be a fashion show featuring the clothes of Ghana. Nana Ekua will be present. There will also be a display of items from Ghana.

Volunteer Recruitment - Recruiting Tips for Boomers

About 15.6 million adult volunteers gave approximately 2.7 billion hours of time at the value of \$40 billion to nonprofit organizations. The expectation is that these numbers would more than double as the "Baby Boomers" reach their mid 60's.

"America's Baby Boomers are an untapped resource of extraordinary proportions. They are the largest, healthiest, best-educated generation in history - and they can leave an incredible legacy through service to others." David Eisner, CEO, Corporation for national and Community Service.

Who are the Boomers? (born 1946-1964) Boomers live to work. They have a general sense of optimism regardless of what happens. They have an unprecedented influence on government policy and consumer products. They are willing to go into debt, betting on future income. They are team and process-oriented, sometimes to the detriment of results. They strive for convenience and personal gratification. And they are very nostalgic about their youth and seek to preserve it.

Some of their cultural icons include bomb shelters, Capt. Kangaroo, TV dinners, Mod Squad, hula hoops, tie-dyed shirts, Ed Sullivan, Peace Symbol, bell bottom jeans.

Boomers have time constraints on

their volunteer hours. They may have increased care giving responsibilities for grandchildren or older parents. They want additional options for leisure.. Many have retirement jobs.

What are the "Baby Boomers" seeking in programs in which they may be volunteers.?

They are looking for: increasingly organized and well-managed volunteer experiences; new and innovative programs; camaraderie; learning opportunities; and personal and professional development.

Top tips for working with "Baby Boomer" volunteers:

1. Respect their schedule
2. Treat them as colleagues
3. Develop opportunities that really matter
4. Remember that volunteering is optional
5. Make sure you are organized and professional
6. Train with relevance
7. Reach out to "Boomers" through their peers
8. Recruit "Boomers" at work.

Are you ready for the "Baby Boomers?" Do you offer:

1. Flexible opportunities with short timelines?
2. Intergenerational assignments (i.e. volunteering with grandchildren)?

3. Promotional volunteer opportunities (i.e. to leadership positions)?

4. Meaningful and challenging assignments?

5. W.I.I.F.M. (What's in it for me?)

6. Opportunities for increased education and training?

7. Partnerships with other community agencies?

Promotion of your volunteer program: Promote the volunteering to the Boomers as consumers over civic-engaged citizens. Target to the individual, focusing on individual benefits. Volunteering strengthens overall health and longevity .

The biggest inducement to volunteer is being asked by someone with whom they have an established relationship.

What can you do?

Speak up - Speak with others - Talk about the broader impact of our work - Be open to change, remember flexibility is the key to endurance.

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

Coach John Wooden

Note: Article based on notes taken at a VAVS convention.

New Mexico Facts

The State Animal is the black bear, chosen in 1963 because of New Mexicans' fond memories of a cub found in the Lincoln National Forest after a forest fire. The cub was later named Smokey Bear.

The roadrunner, which can race along at nearly 20 miles an hour, is the State Bird. The bird is also known as the chaparral, and is a species of cuckoo.

The State Fish is the New Mexico Cutthroat Trout, which is native to the streams and lakes of northern New Mexico.

The New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs chose the pinon as the official State Tree.

The Blue Grama grass, a low-growing bunch grass found in all areas of New Mexico, is the State Grass.

The yucca, called "Our Lord's candles," was selected as the State Flower in 1927 when a survey of school children showed they preferred this plant .

The first airplane flight in New Mexico was on October 11, 1911. Charles F. Walsh flew his Curtiss biplane dur-

ing the Territorial Fair.

Four flags have flown over New Mexico - the flags of Spain, the Republic of Mexico, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America.

On February 19, 1920 New Mexico became the 32nd state to approve the suffrage amendment, giving women the right to vote.

Japanese Fall Festival

The annual Aki Matsuri Japanese Fall Festival was held September 30 and October 1, 2006 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The festival was sponsored by the New Mexico Japanese American Citizens League.

The Sasebo Committee of the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation and their youth group had a booth where they displayed art works donated by a Sasebo artist, Mr. Baba. They also promoted the youth trip to Sasebo planned for the summer of 2007.

The many attendees at the festival enjoyed a variety of activities and booths. Food offerings included, but was not limited to, shaved flavored ice, sushi, and cold noodle salad (soba). Two stages featured various martial art performances as well as musical presentations, including Taiko drummers. There was a bonsai demonstration and bonsai trees were for sale. a tea ceremony was performed. Vendors sold art work, T-shirts, and small handicrafts. Gene Kimura, an art teacher from Rio Rancho High School was there with his students, displaying their art which has a Japanese influence.

The New Mexico Japanese community would like to build a Japanese Cultural Center, and the cost of admission to the festival went towards this project.

Upcoming Events

November 10 -12 - Fiesta del Globo
Hot Air Balloon Festival in
Chihuahua, Mexico

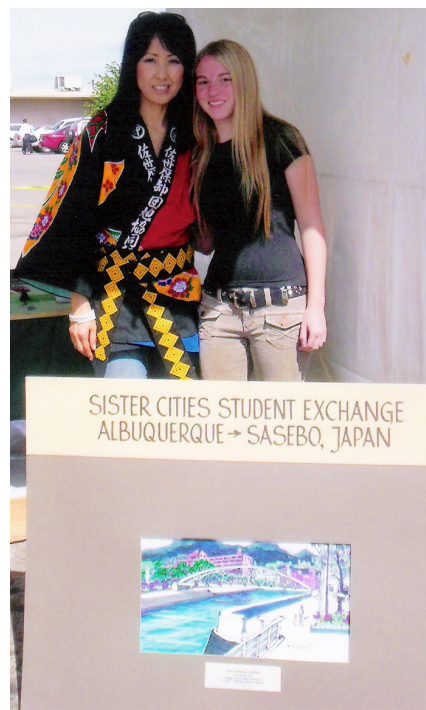
November 15 - 5:15 pm - ASCF
Board Meeting- Compass
Bank - 505 Marquette NW -
14th floor - all welcome

January 2007 - African Fashion
Show

June 10, 2007 - Annual Membership
Meeting



Kazumi Kawakubo and Michelle Lawson, a student going to Japan summer of 2007.



No endeavor that is worthwhile is simple in prospect; if it is right, it will be simple in retrospect.



Tuty Quinton and friends selling their handicrafts at the Japanese Fall Festival

No man or woman is a failure who has a friend.



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