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ASCF Members Enjoy German Dinner

On Sunday, February 24, 2008, thirty five ASCF folks gathered for a German dinner. Wolfram Krank, Chair for the Helmstedt Committee, arranged for the meal and entertainment. President Dave Bagley provided the genuine German bratwursts. Wolfram's wife made the delicious seasoned potatoes and tasty red cabbage. And Wolfram himself was responsible for the home-made apple strudel. Dave showed a DVD of a trip down the Rhine River from Frankfort to Koblenz. The scenery (especially the vineyards and the "Lorelei") was what the group who visited Germany this past fall saw. Wolfram also had slides of that trip taken by the participants. A silent auction of a hot air balloon ride netted the German youth exchange trip \$100. All enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Rumor has it that another German dinner is being planned for the fall. It will be held in a larger facility to accomodate all desiring to attend.

Nobuko & Wolfram serve the German dinner.

Albuquerque Youth Visit Sasebo Garden

On Sunday, December 2, 2007, the ASCF youth that visited Sasebo last summer toured the newly opened Sasebo Japanese Garden at the Albuquerque BioPark. They first gathered in the BioPark Educational Building. Here they received their "Mikawachi" porcelin which they designed during their visit to Sasebo. Catherine Hubbard, manager of the Botanic Garden, conducted the tour of the Sasebo Japanese Garden designed by Toru Tanaka. First comes the transition area from the rose garden to the Sasebo Garden. It is designed to "cleanse the palate" and settle the mind. Featuring elements of Japanese design, nature and randomness and abstract symbolism, it is a woodland area with a bell tower and a water basin for cleansing. The lovely gateway was made without nails, using tongue-in-groove method. Its roof is covered with tiles from Japan. Upon entering the Sasebo Garden itself, the first sensation is that of hearing water. Following the asymetric path, the pond can then be viewed. There are beautiful koi in the pond. At one end of the pond is a lovely waterfall. A pathway is located under the waterfall but can only be used when the water is not flowing. Also under the waterfall is a special niche. Here resides a jiro, a special guardian statue. The plantings are in groups 3 or 5 and feature elm trees, cottonwoods and Russian olives. A traditional Japanese garden has a lot of texture, color and groupings but not a lot of variety of plants. The four acre garden is surrounded by a special wood and bamboo fence made by the in-house carpenters of the BioPark. A pavillion will be constructed soon. It will take several years for the garden to be completely finished. Photos page 5.



From the President's Desk

I certainly hope you were able to attend the German Dinner on February 24. I was a sell-out event and everyone had a great time! **Wolfram Krank** put together our "German Dinner" as well as a slide show of our recent trip to Helmstedt and a DVD video of the beautiful Rhine Valley that we toured last October.

Our next cultural event will be a visit from Lanzhou, China in May. Watch your mailbox and the Calendar on our web site.

The annual meeting (scheduled for June 21) is already being planned with entertainment.

We're going to have a Silent Auction, which will benefit our student cultural exchanges. If you have something in your closet that could help raise funds for our young people, please call Betty-Mae Hartman at 344-7083 or Carol Dawley at 883-9516 to arrange to get it into the auction. Of course, it's tax-deductible!

More upcoming cultural events. We're planning a trip to Sasebo, Japan (**Kazumi Kawakubo**), and a trip to Hualien, Taiwan (**Sidney Yen**). Both should happen during

2008. Watch for announcements.

You might wonder if you're really experiencing the cultural opportunities of our Sister Cities. Then watch our newsletters and web site calendar - www.albuquerque-sister-cities.org/Calendar.htm for the next time we can kindle your appetite for adventure. You can also enjoy culture right here by home-hosting guests from our Sister Cities when they visit Albuquerque. All you need is a spare bedroom and the desire to show our guests a sample of our life and cultures. It's as easy as a quick phone call to the Chair of that city.

Want more copies of this newsletter? www.albuquerque-sister-cities.org/Newsletters.htm

Dave Bagley

Meet Your Board: Nathan and Oguljan Young

Nathan Young is Albuquerque Sister Cities 3rd Vice President. His duties include updating the membership list and collecting the annual dues. His wife, Oguljan, is the Committee Chair for Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Nathan has lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico since 1989. His father was in the Air Force and was stationed here. Following in his father's footsteps, Nathan joined the Air Force and served 4 1/2 years. At the close of his duties, he attended the University of New Mexico, double majoring in German and European Studies.

While a student at UNM, he met Ogulijan Halliyeva. She came from Turkmenabat, Turkmenistan and was here as a graduate student. She was working on her Masters in Public Administration. They both received their degrees and were married in Albuquerque. Their daughter, Chemen, will be three years old this March. They both enjoy traveling. Nathan is an avid amateur photographer and Oguljan enjoys arts and crafts (particularly card-making). It was Sally Alice Thompson (former committee chair for Ashgabat) who involved the couple in ASCF.



Nathan and Oguljan Young enjoying the New Year's Luncheon sponsored by the Albuquerque Council for International Visitors, the Retired Foreign Service Officer's Association of New Mexico, Friendship Force and Albuquerque Sister Cities.

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New Mexico Sister Cities Statewide Meeting - April 25-26

A statewide meeting of New Mexico Sister Cities will be held on April 25-26, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It will begin Friday night with a reception hosted by the Albuquerque Sister Cities foundation from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. This will provide an opportunity for those traveling from out of town to meet other conference participants and the local member of Albuquerque Sister Cities. ASCF has also offered to provide home stays for participants. For more information on home stays, contact ASCF President Dave Bagley. Dave's phone number is 771-3114. His email is: dave3114@gmail.com

On Saturday morning, registration will begin at 8:00 am with the program starting at 8:45 am. In addition to registration, this time can be used for sister cities groups to set up table displays of their programs. During breaks, attendees can view the displays. Prizes will be offered for the best displays.

Saturday's program includes 2 workshop sessions with choices of topics. It culminates in a luncheon with a keynote speaker and door prizes. All events will be held at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy NE (near Wyoming and Academy). The registration cost which covers all activities and lunch is \$20.00.

For more information please contact Carol Robertson Lopez, New Mexico State Coordinator at NMsis-tercities@comcast.net

Hosts Needed: Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation is hosting the statewide meeting of New Mexico sister cities. Hosts are needed for out-of-town guests who will need a place to stay in Albuquerque April 25, 2008. Guests will provide their own transportation. Please call Dave Bagley at 771-3114 to volunteer.

Update on Computers for a High School in Mexico

Last fall, you were told about how Vic and Carol Dawley, along with their friends Jim and Donna Kunkle, had taken two computers to a high school in San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, Mexico. At that time Vic and Jim committed to obtaining a total of 16 computers for the school. Since then another 8 have been delivered. Right now the last 6 computers are in "final test" in the Dawley garage, and should be in Mexico sometime in April.

All this has been made pos-

sible by the generosity of ASCF members, employees of Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union, members of the Computer Club at Bear Canyon Senior Center, friends and neighbors. If you would like to learn more about this and other similar projects, and how you can get involved, please talk to Vic Dawley. Phone # 883-9516 Email: crdawley@juno.com

Vic Dawley at work on the computers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19 - ASCF Board Meeting - Compass Bank - 505 Marquette NW - 14th floor - 5:15 pm

April 25-26 - New Mexico Sister Cities Statewide Meeting - Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church 8600 Academy NE

May - visit from Lanzhou, China delegation

May 21 - ASCF Board Meeting - Compass Bank - 505 Marquette NW - 14th floor - 5:15 pm

June 21 - ASCF Annual Meeting

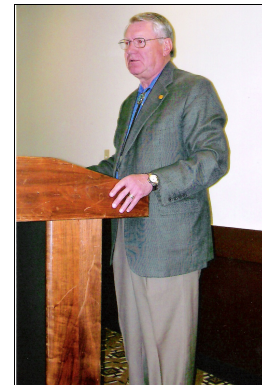
Fall - tentative trips to Sasebo, Japan and Hualien, Taiwan.

UNM President Speaks at a Luncheon

The Albuquerque Council for International Visitors in cooperation with the Retired Foreign Service Officers' Association of New Mexico, Friendship Force and the Albuquerque Sister Cities sponsored a special New Year's Luncheon on January 12, 2008 at the Hotel Albuquerque. The guest speaker was Dr. David Smedley, President of the University of New Mexico. In his lively talk, Dr. Smedley stressed the importance of expanding international relationships and related how the university encourages students to study abroad. All present enjoyed the tasty meal and the good camaraderie.



ASCF attendees at luncheon:
Front L to R: Carol Dawley, secretary; Tuty Quinton, 2nd Vice President; Betty-Mae Hartman, Past President
Back L to R: Carol Lopez, NM State Coordinator; Oguljan Young, Ashgabat Committee Chair, Nathan Young, 3rd Vice President; and Richard Buckler, 1st Vice President.



Dr. David Smedley, President of UNM addressing luncheon participants.

IN MEMORIAM

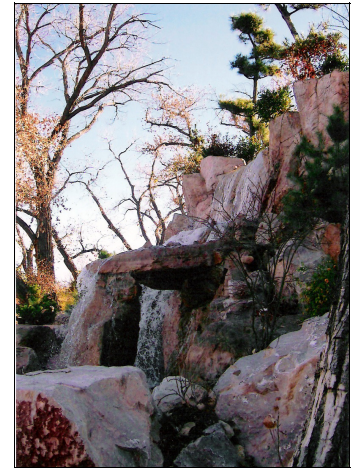
It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Cipriano Sanchez Gonzalez, a dear friend from Albuquerque, Spain. He came here with the first delegation. As the owner and operator of a Graphics, Art and Publication business, he helped make the "R" from cork that was presented to Albuquerque's mayor.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on January 4, 2008 of Kenji Fukutomi, a dear friend from Sasebo, Japan. He was part of the 2006 delegation from Sasebo.

Silent Auction Donations Needed

Donations are needed for the Silent Auction at our annual meeting in June. All proceeds will go toward Youth Cultural Exchanges. Call Betty-Mae Hartman at 344-7083 or Carol Dawley at 883-9516



Have you toured the Sasebo Garden at the Albuquerque Botanic Garden? If not, there's no time to waste! With the recent opening last September, the garden is well on the way of becoming the finest formal Japanese garden in the USA. More information at: www.cabq.gov/biopark/garden/japanesegarden.html



ASCF youth and Kazumi Kawakubo, Sasebo Chair, with their "Mikawachi" porcelain

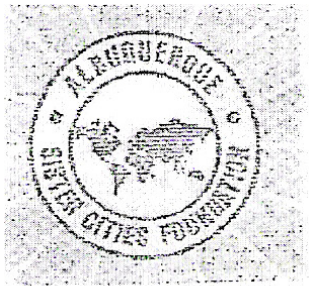


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