



Fall Greetings to Everyone!

New Mexico is full of wonderful Fall events. This year we were fortunate to have the 49th Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The sky was covered with many colors and shapes of balloons. Lusaka, Zambia students were able to experience the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta for the first time!

Communication has been a key factor in continuing our long term relationships with ASCF's 10 Sister Cities and their members. Committee Chairs have found creative ways to stay in contact with their Sister City such as; Helmstedt WhatsApp group, Albuquerque Facebook group, Lanzhou WeChat, Ashgabat US Embassy, Rehovot school connections, Lusaka Western University students, Sasebo zoom meetings, Chihuahua calls or emails, Guadalajara weekly calls or emails, and Hualien letters.

ASCF held an onsite/live stream Fall Event at the Albuquerque BioPark for their members to recognize Sasebo - Albuquerque's 55th Anniversary. Everyone enjoyed the Albuquerque Taiko drum group and the Jemez Pueblo Cloud Eagle drum group.

ASCF appreciates the continued support from their members. Please mark your calendar for ASCF Winterfest on Dec 5th. (see information in the newsletter for details).

Enjoy the pictures of Helmstedt's Fall colors and Lusaka students at the 2021 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

***Kind Regards,
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ALBUQUERQUE
SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION

FALL MEMBERSHIP EVENT

ALSO CELEBRATING
55 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH
SISTER CITY SASEBO, JAPAN

PERFORMANCES BY
NM TAIKO
JAPANESE DRUM GROUP
CLOUD EAGLE
JEMEZ PUEBLO DRUM GROUP

2021 Membership Event a Great Success!

The 2021 Sister Cities Fall Membership Event at the Albuquerque BioPark Japanese Garden on September 18, celebrating the 55th anniversary of the relationship between Albuquerque and Sasebo, was a great success.

In addition to the turn out of our members, many families strolling in the garden stopped to hear the Taiko Drum group and the Cloud Eagle Drum group from Jemez Pueblo. The podium was graced with a lovely Ikebana flower arrangement especially prepared by Yayoi Taboada, who is a volunteer at the Sasebo garden.

The finale was a happy anniversary group song to Sasebo from Albuquerque which was recorded and will be used in the Mayor to Mayor virtual visit with Mayor Keller and Mayor Tomonaga on October 18.

If you missed the event it is available on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ABQSisterCities/>

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI450JcFzuRB9I7ucy9AsDg>



SEPTEMBER 18 • 11 AM - 12 PM
ABQ BIO PARK • JAPANESE GARDEN



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More
Scenes
From the
ASCF
Fall
Membership
Event



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*Ikebana Done by Yayoi Taboada for
Sister Cities Biopark event*

ASCF Ashgabat Committee Helps Commemorate 30th Anniversary of Turkmenistan Independence

By Alana McGrattan



The ASCF Ashgabat Committee participated in a video that was posted on the U.S. Embassy website, on Facebook and on Turkmen television.

The video is available under this link: tm.usembassy.gov/30th-anniversary (please make sure you watch both Part 1 and Part 2)

A high-resolution version is available here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1idHbDC5AdlJD9TwdxImgO4GdyAM-wf4B/view?usp=sharing>



Come join ASCF members at

Winterfest

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Sunday, December 5

2-5 PM



Highlights include performances by representatives of several Sister Cities and tasty items from the Pueblo Harvest Kitchen. Details to follow on our Facebook page and membership emails.

Western New Mexico University School of Nursing Hosts First White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2023

By Pam Feather

On Friday, September 10, Western New Mexico University School of Nursing hosted the first White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2023, a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of training. Family and friends witnessed 31 nursing students recite an oath patient care.

Lusaka student Agape Foh-Amoaning was one of the 31 students. Agape was sponsored by ASCF as a teenager to compete at RoboRAVE International Robotics Competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico. RoboRAVE International provided tours of UNM and CNM for the international students. After going on the tours, Agape decided she was going to come back to attend college in New Mexico.

The ceremony was attended by Pam Feather, ASCF President and Richard Buckler, SCI State representative. Dr. Harold Bailey, Lusaka Chair, was able to congratulate Agape during her visit to Albuquerque.

Congratulations Agape!



Dr. Bailey and Agape



Pam, Agape and Richard

SCI Announces Young Artists and Authors Showcase Theme For 2022

Prepare to get your creative juices flowing! Sister Cities International is excited to announce the 2022 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) theme. Next year's theme will be:

Generation Rescue: Sustainable Water for All

Climate change has become an undeniably harsh reality in our lives, making the importance of raising awareness and taking action more essential every day. As temperatures rise, water patterns are disrupted, ecosystems are disturbed, and energy resources are proven to be unsustainable for long-term use. These ongoing changes impact our local and global communities in every aspect and youth are the key to tackle this global reality.

In line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, Sister Cities International will adopt climate change as the overarching theme for its Young Artists and Authors Showcase in both 2022 and 2023. For the 2022 competition, SCI is proud to invite all its youth members to create submissions that highlight the importance of climate change and its impact on water resources. The official 2022 Young Artists and Authors Showcase theme is Generation Rescue: Sustainable Water for All. Visit the SCI website to see more details about the 2022 YAAS program, www.sistercities.org

Additional information about the categories, guidelines, requirements, and more will be announced soon.



ASCF Participates in SCI Annual Meeting

BOTS on the Field:
The Future of
Sports and
Robotics

Breakout session

Host: Mildred Vanderpuije

Facilitator: Richard Buckler



ASCF President Pam Feather and Treasurer Richard Buckler participated in the Sister Cities International (SCI) "virtual" Annual Meeting July 15 - 16, where Richard was asked to coordinate a break-out session on "Bots on the Field: The future of Sports and Robotics".

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sure to check out our
webpage at
www.abqsistercities.org



Western University Students Take a Balloon Fiesta Break

By Richard Buckler

The Lusaka-Albuquerque Committee reports that six students involved with Albuquerque's sister city program were able to recently take a break from their studies at Western University in Silver City, New Mexico, and attend the first day of the 2021 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Taking the Park N Ride into the venue, the students enjoyed the spectacular view from their first mass ascension, while enjoying the unique breakfast fare at the Park.

To make sure that they were ready to go at 4 in the morning on Saturday, the students along with two friends from school — Abigail Cushman, Esther Stephenson —drove up the day before. Pam and John Feather gave home-stays to the gentlemen, while Kazumi Kawakubo (our Sasebo Chair) housed the ladies.



After the Mass Ascension the students were the featured guests at the home of Richard and Mary Hope Buckler. Dion's Pizza, home-made brownies, ice-cream bars were just some of the items that were served. Activities included trampolining, cornholing, and croquet.

Lusaka-Albuquerque Committee Chair, Dr. Harold Bailey attended and thanked the students for all of their hard work at school, as they pursue being the leaders of tomorrow.

Pictured in the top right photo from left to right in the Buckler's back-yard are:

Row 1: Abigail Cushman, Esther Stephenson, Dr. Bailey, Agape Foh-Amoaning, Natasha Chapuma, Gloria Umotoni.

Row 2: John Feather, Ezra Chikama, Prince Nkumbula (King Chitimukulu's son), Richard Mubanga.

Taiwan's 2021 International Balloon Festival a Success!

The 2021 Taiwan International Balloon Festival was held 8/14 - 9/9/2021 in Taitung County, south of our sister city Hualien. Due to the pandemic it was a somewhat scaled-down event compared to previous years. Nevertheless it was a big success. (Photo credit: Taitung County Government, Taiwan)



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Sasebo Committee Participates in 2021 Fall Festival (Aki Matsuri)

By Kazumi Kawakubo-Todman

ASCF Sasebo committee participated in the annual Japanese Fall Festival (AkiMatsuri) on Sunday, September 26th, held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Albuquerque.

The Sasebo Committee shared a booth with the Albuquerque Botanical Garden - Sasebo Garden team. We have always shared a partnership with the Botanic Garden team whenever we are involved with Japanese cultural events. We lost count of the many people who came to visit our booth.

As always, we shared about Albuquerque Sister Cities, and about Sasebo Sister City Committee's activities last year as well as future plans.

Of special interest was the youth exchange program that has been taking place between the Nishi (west) High School in Sasebo and the Japanese Language Classes at the APS Career Enrichment Center (CEC). Quite a few of these CEC students came by our booth and shared how excited they are to participate in the cultural exchange project with the Nishi High School in Sasebo. We are also excited about the exchange program and can't wait to see what all entails in the project.

Here are some pictures from the event.

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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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- ART EXHIBIT
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- JAPANESE HOT DOGS
- JAPANESE DANCING/ SINGING
- VENDORS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- ANNUAL COSPLAY CONTEST
- BEER AND SAKE BOOTH

AKI MATSURI
Japanese Fall Festival

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A Japanese American Cultural Celebration
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 | 10AM-5PM

NM Veterans Memorial Park | 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE



ABQ BioPark Team



Nobiko and Wolfram Frank (Former Helmstedt Chair) with Kazumi Kawakubo -Todman



ASCF Sasebo Committee Chair Kazumi Kawakubo-Todman and Co-Chair Denise Terrazas