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Our Fifth Decade of Friendship

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27th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Kimono Dress-Up Booth

April 19-21, 2002 (Fri – Sun)
Seattle Center

The SKSCA's annual Kimono and Yukata Dress-Up Booth, presented in cooperation with the **Japan-America Society** is coming again to the annual Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival at the Seattle

Center. Come enjoy a weekend of stage entertainment, booth exhibits, demonstrations and food stalls featuring Japanese culture and arts at the 27th Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival! The festival will be held at the Seattle Center Pavilion and the Center House from **April 19-21 (from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)**. Our Kimono and Yukata Dress-Up Booth is a major highlight of the festival for many families and children.

Visitors to the booth get to dress in traditional Japanese kimono and yukata, and may have a Polaroid photo taken to remember the day! A fun and crazy time will be had by all! We need genki volunteers to help staff the booth during the three day festival.

We are currently looking for volunteers for two-hour (or three-hour) time slots to help people dress up, take photos, organize the people in line, and distribute information about our organizations. You can sign up

for as many time slots as you wish. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to experience Japanese culture and to teach/present Japanese culture to those who come to our booth.

Don't worry – **we will train you!** All volunteers will also

receive a free Cherry Blossom T-shirt, courtesy of the SKSCA.

TO VOLUNTEER: Please contact **Nami Nakamura** or **Toshie Ando** at the Japan-America Society at **206-**



Kobe Bell Rededication and 2002 Earthquake Remembrance in January



Members and friends of SKSCA gather after the bell rededication.

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Message from the Chair

Karin Zaugg

Welcome to the season of the Cherry Blossoms! We are pleased to participate in the 27th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival this year with our Kimono and Yukata Dress-Up Booth with our co-sponsor, the Japan-America Society. This yearly event brings great joy to many children, big and small, as they experience Japanese culture.

I have been hearing great reports from various SKSCA members who have been traveling to Kobe, and we are looking forward to hosting the 45th anniversary delegation from Kobe, led by **Mayor Tatsuo Yada**, in July. It will be fun to renew friendships and make new ones this year as we host and send delegations.

Thanks to all those companies and individuals who have renewed their support for SKSCA, and to those who have joined as members for the first time. We greatly appreciate your contributions! Your support allows us to continue promoting our sister city relationship with Kobe and hosting visitors from our sister city.

I look forward to seeing you this summer during our 45th anniversary celebration events!

Karin Zaugg



DID YOU KNOW???



Hasegawa Was Born in Kobe



Shigetoshi Hasegawa, the new Japanese pitcher for the Seattle Mariners, was born in Kobe and played for the Orix Blue Wave with Ichiro. Last year the two faced each other in the States; at the April 13, 2001 game Hasegawa pitched to Ichiro, making Major League history with the first time a Japanese-born pitcher faced a Japanese-born batter.

We Have Two Anniversaries!

There are two anniversary dates for the official signing of the sister city agreement, one in Seattle and one in Kobe. In 1957, Seattle and Kobe agreed to become sister cities, a first for both cities. The official signing with a group in Kobe happened on **October 21, 1957** and another signing took place in Seattle on **November 12, 1957**.

Dr. Makoto Iokibe, professor at the Graduate School of Law, **Kobe University**, came to speak to Seattle audiences about "US -Japan Relations and China after the Sept. 11th

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Sasaki Supports SEAFAIR Ambassadors

Beth Wojick traveled to Kobe for a press conference about the SEAFAIR - Sasaki Challenge program supporting the SEAFAIR Ambassador youth program. Beth commented, "SEAFAIR is honored to receive support from Starbucks Japan and Kazuhiro Sasaki."



Beth Wojick, President of SEAFAIR, Mayor of Kobe Tatsuo Yada, Kazuhiro Sasaki of the Seattle Mariners and Mr. Tsunoda, President of Starbucks Japan celebrate the generous Starbucks Japan donation for all of Sasaki's saves last year to support this meaningful sister city student exchange.

"Terrorist Attacks" at the invitation of the Consulate General of Japan in March.

Fred Taucher traveled to Kobe to greet some of our Kobe friends in the city. He brought our greetings to longtime sister city supporter **Kiyoyuki Kanemitsu**, former Kobe Trade Information Office Directors **Toshihiko Ono** and **Kyoji Ueda**, the International Department Staff and **Akio Kishimoto** at the **Grand Vista Hotel**.

Early Blooming Cherry Blossoms

Japan's cherry blossoms surprised everyone this year by blooming earlier than usual. The blossom-opening in Tokyo on March 16 is the earliest opening on record since 1953 when record keeping began. They were scheduled to bloom in Kobe this year on March 23 - last year they weren't scheduled to open until March 30. Cherry blossom season in Japan is a time for family and friends to gather for "hanami," or "flower-viewing parties."



Maiyim Baron visited Osaka and Kobe in March, when she was working at the American Consulate in Osaka on the Bridgestone-Firestone-Ford depositions. Maiyim visited with **Andy and Cece Frank**, long time committee members and Kobe residents. They are both very genki and look forward to joining us in November for our 45th anniversary celebration.

45th Anniversary Celebration 45th Anniversary Celebration

Here's an update on 45th anniversary events! In late July we will be hosting a delegation of 50-100 people led by Mayor **Tatsuo Yada** from Kobe.

Please mark your calendars to join the delegation in attending the **5th Annual Kobe Day at the Mariners** event on **Friday, July 26, 2002** and the **SEAFAIR Torchlight Parade** on **Saturday, July 27, 2002**. As we get more information from Kobe about the delegation, we will let you know. The delegation will be a mix of government and business leaders and will include a women's group. In addition to main events like the Kobe Day at the Mariners and the SEAFAIR Torchlight Parade, our plans for the Kobe delegation will include some business meetings related to the biotechnology industry (an industry currently being promoted in Kobe), lunches at private homes for delegates, and some sightseeing.

We will then be sending an exchange delegation to Kobe this fall. The dates we are currently considering are:

45th Anniversary Events Update Mark Your Calendars!

1st choice: Nov. 6-16 time frame
2nd choice: Oct. 8-16 time frame
We will let you know as soon as the final dates have been nailed down!

Another celebration event will be our 3rd Annual Kobe Jazz Day at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley on Monday Sept. 16. We hope you can join us for a fun evening of great jazz music!

TO VOLUNTEER to help with the planning of the anniversary activities, to be a luncheon host for some of our guests during their stay, or to get more information about traveling to Kobe with the Seattle Delegation in the fall, please contact **Karin Zaugg (206-389-7241, karin_zaugg@hotmail.com)**.

One volunteer opportunity already scheduled is a work party to prepare signs for our cheering section at the Kobe Day at the Mariners event. The work party will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 1 p.m. Contact **Stacey Jehlik (206-525-7991, stacers@attglobal.net)** if you're interested in helping out!

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Kobe Bell Rededication and 2002 Earthquake Remembrance in January

Over 50 people braved the cold to participate in the rededication ceremony for our beloved sister city symbol, the Kobe Bell and to commemorate the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake on January 16. We thank **Rev. Koichi Barrish** of the **Tsubaki Grand Shrine** who led us in a wonderful Shinto ritual. It was wonderful to mark the 7th anniversary of the earthquake event with a celebration of rebuilding and renewal. After the ceremony, **Kobe Trade Information Office** Director **Takaaki Matsuda** said, "I think the bell will ring more loudly today." It certainly did! It was great to celebrate all the work that the **Seattle Center**, **Takumi Company**, **KPFF Consulting Engineers and Quiring Monuments** have done



Rev. Koichi Barrish blesses the four corners of the Kobe Bell structure with the help of Virginia Anderson of Seattle Center, Yoshiharu Araki of the Consulate General of Japan, and Paul Diedrich of KPFF.

to rebuild the base of the bell. We thank **Kathleen McLaughlin** at the Seattle Center for all her work coordinating this important project.

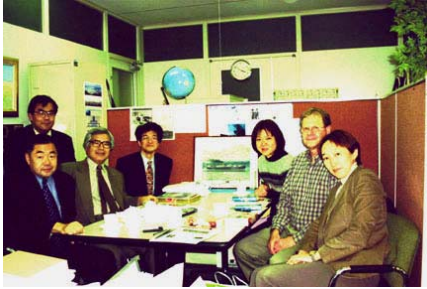
Thanks also to the community leaders that participated with **Rev. Barrish** in the rededication ceremony: **Virginia Anderson**, Director, **Seattle Center**, **Yoshiharu Araki**, Senior Consul, **Consulate General of Japan**, **Paul Diedrich**, Engineer with **KPFF**. Also in attendance were representatives from the **City of Seattle**, **Port of Seattle**, **Cherry Blossom Festival**, **Shunju Club (Japan Business Association)**, **Kobe Trade Information Office** and the **Hyogo Business & Cultural Center**, and of course numerous members and friends of the **Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association**. To learn more about the **Tsubaki Grand Shrine**, visit www.tsubakishrine.org.



Director of the Seattle Center Virginia Anderson greets the participants in the bell rededication ceremony

Travels to Kobe

In December 2001, board member **Katsuko Brooke** and her husband **Tom Brooke** traveled to Kobe and met with the City's International Department staff.



From the left are **Takahiro Yamada**, Assistant Manager, **Toshihiko Ono** (former Kobe Trade Information Office Director), **Toshio Kusumoto**, Director of the International Dept., **Kyoji Ueda** (former Kobe Trade Information Office Director), **Katsuko** and **Tom Brooke**, and **Motoko Tsuji**, staff member.

Update from Andy & Cece Frank

"I assume that you know that Cece is a TV celebrity. Three years ago she was a prominent figure in a commercial for Akafujimai rice. That commercial is still running on TV, and she is often recognized. Well, I'm joining her! I've just finished participating in two NHK historical dramas that will be shown nationally in February. In one I portray the Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary. In the second one, I am George Clenceau, Prime Minister of France at the Versailles Peace Conference of 1919. We gaijin are needed for the Caucasian bodies, but we have to act out the lines to carry the meaning of the body movements. Our English will be dubbed over in Nihongo, which should be interesting to watch. Since there are not very many older gaijin to play these parts, I may have a new career in Japan." — Andy



Katsuko Brooke with former SKSCA President Andy Frank and wife Cece at the Kobe Club.



Regional Sister Cities Workshop

Saturday, April 13, 2002

North Seattle Community College
Student Events Center

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Seattle's Sister Cities Program and the City of Seattle's Office of Intergovernmental Relations

We invite you to join us for a one-day workshop dedicated to building skills that will help you improve your sister city program. We are delighted to have expert presenters on subjects of great importance to all of us involved in sister cities, including the following:

"Art of the Ask" by **Amanda Madorno**, Principal Owner of ROAM Consulting; "The Basics of Grantwriting" by **Sarah Neilson**; Developing Effective Leadership in Community Groups" by **Randy Wiger**; and "Recruiting and Maintaining Volunteers" by a panel of three presenters. **Karin Zaugg**, President, Seattle-Kobe (Japan) Sister City Association; **Andy Okinczyc**, President, Seattle-Gdynia (Poland) Sister City Association; and **Karen Johnson**, Vice Chair, Tacoma-George (South Africa) Sister City Committee

The cost of the workshop is \$20/person and includes breakfast and lunch catered by Seasonal Goods Catering. To register, please send a check payable to Seattle Sister Cities Association along with your name, organization, address, phone number, and email address to: c/o Tsering Yuthok, International Programs Coordinator, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 Fourth Ave., Room 210, Seattle, WA 98104.

For further information, please contact **Tsering Yuthok** at 206-684-8262 or Email: tsering.yuthok@ci.seattle.wa.us

Lucky SKSCA Reps Win Prizes at the 2001 Sister Cities Reception

Fred Taucher, Kathleen Whitmore, Tish Johnson, Marcy Edwards and Jon Edwards enjoying the Sister Cities Reception at the Arctic Dome Room in November 2001. Fred, Tish, and Marcy are all former SKSCA Presidents!



Upcoming Events



- Apr. 13 – Regional Sister Cities Workshop, North Seattle Community College
 - Apr. 19-21 – 27th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Kimono Dress-Up Booth
 - June 15 – Preparation meeting for Kobe Day at the Mariners. Come help us make signs to cheer on our Japanese players. Contact Stacey Jehlik (206-525-7991, stacers@attglobal.net) for details.
 - July 26 – 5th Annual Kobe Day at the Mariners
 - July 27 – SEAFAIR Torchlight Parade
 - Sept. 14-15 – Eastside Nihon Matsuri at Bellevue Community College. Visit www.enma.org for more info.
 - Sept. 16 – 3rd Annual Kobe Jazz Day at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley.
 - Fall (November or October) – Anniversary Delegation to Kobe [Currently we are exploring two windows of time: 1st choice is November 6-16 time frame, and 2nd choice is October 8-16 time frame.]
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Located on 4th at Spring in the financial district of Seattle, the Executive Pacific Plaza Hotel offers a delightful discovery for business and leisure travelers alike. Built in 1928, the Executive Pacific Plaza Hotel pays homage to Seattle's European heritage. The hotel offers an intimate and charming refuge in the heart of the Emerald City.

Unlike many of its neighbors, the hotel is a smaller (160 room) boutique bed and breakfast, offering personalized service to its mainly Japanese and British guests. It has a variety of room types, from Business King Rooms for those who need work space, to rooms with two beds for those on a budget wishing to spend more time away from the hotel visiting Seattle. All rooms have a 25-inch color remote TV, iron and board, tea/coffee maker, hair dryer and data port for Internet access. A Japanese-speaking staff is available year round at the front desk, concierge's desk and in the sales department. All check in information, maps and breakfast room menus are available in English and Japanese. A special welcome packet is given to all Japanese



EXECUTIVE HOTELS & RESORTS

guests at check in.

The hotel is located within 15 minutes from Westlake Shopping Center and Pacific Place, home to Tiffanys, Cartiers and Nordstrom. It is 10 minutes from Pike Place Market and 15 minutes from the Waterfront. Safeco Field is within a 30-min. walk or a 10-

min. cab ride. The International District is just a 15-minute walk away. The hotel is located in a safe area of town and is surrounded by many restaurants, theatres, concert halls and art galleries. A Seattle's Best Coffee shop is located just off the lobby.

The hotel is offering Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association Members a special rate of \$69 until April 30 and \$99 until October 30, 2002.

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CORPORATE MEMBER PROFILES



March 2002 marked the 19th anniversary of this small travel agency which opened above Elliott Bay Bookstore as Fuji Travel.

The founder and president, **Kazuo 'Kaz' Arai**, had already been running travel agencies for nine years with the help of his wife **Jan (Cook) Arai** and her 16-year airline career, and their own little agency took off! Maintaining a philosophy of integrity and high service standards, the agency, renamed J. D. Cook Travel, grew through several office moves.

Actively promoting tourism and internationalism through participation in city and state projects, J. D. Cook today is well-known and respected in the international community. Over the years, Kaz has brought TV and journalism media to Seattle from Japan. As a team, the Arais have assisted and encouraged sister-city organizations, school tour events, special interest groups and individuals from both shores of the Pacific to travel, learn and enjoy each other's countries and cultures. J. D. Cook Travel was deeply involved in promoting and making arrangements for the **Seattle Sounders** Soccer Team's special Earthquake Relief Friendship Challenge to **Vis-**

sel Kobe after the Kobe Earthquake.

Also, as the largest independently owned and operated Japanese ethnic agency in the Puget Sound region, the staff is ready and able to assist individuals, groups, and corporations with all their travel needs. Less known but equally important, they are adventure and cruise specialists, meeting and incentive planners, and Alaska experts, and are currently working with one of the nation's top Russia adventure tour operators.

This year J.D. Cook predicts that airfare prices will be all over the board as airlines try to regain their lost revenues and their traveling public. There will also be lots of great cruise deals available. Travelers need to be flexible in their plans and of course especially early and patient at airports and customs. The team at J.D. Cook Travel looks forward to assisting you in your travel plans.

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_____ I am interested in volunteer opportunities. Please send me more information.

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