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Summer Camp

Japanese and American Campers enjoy activities at the Canadian Farm, Japan, July 2004 (Photo Atsuko Asada)

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Walle's Voice

Akemashite Omedetoo Gozaimasu
All the best for the Year 2005.

With a war still raging and a Tsunami bringing death, disease, and chaos in its wake, but also caring help from a wide range of providers, we are mindful of how lucky we are to be able to ring in the New Year with hope and energy.

The Manjiro Society with help from its many volunteers and members continues its work to contribute to understanding between the American and Japanese cultures and their people.

We have been able to accomplish quite a lot: In 2004 we hosted 18 Japanese people in our homes, arranged the Summer Camp for American students, helped with the McLean/Chiba Youth Orchestra Exchange, and visited the Rosenbach Museum in Philadelphia to see Manjiro artifacts first hand. In 2005 we will participate in the Sakura Matsuri in Washington, DC in April, attend the 15th Summit in the Nagoya area, again promote the Summer Camp in Japan, and hold our annual Fundraiser at the Pembroke Springs Retreat on Sunday, April 24.

Please check out the Events Calendar in this Newsletter for more dates.

It is always gratifying to welcome new members and especially new Volunteers to the Manjiro Family. A warm welcome to Katsuko Clarke and Chieko Franck.

If you are in DC on Sunday April 9, please stop by the Manjiro Society Booth at the Sakura Matsuri. We love to see familiar faces. You will be able to purchase the Book Drifting towards the Southeast at the Manjiro Booth and pick up material about the Nagoya Summit and the Summer camp.

The warm friendship among Manjiro members makes this Society special and brings us hope for a more peaceful future.

Hope to meet and talk with you many times this year.

Walle Hargreaves
President

Homestay in Annapolis, July 2004



At the Boston Summit, Junji Kitadai (R)

Boston Summit Optional Tour in the DC Area

Eighteen participants of the 14th Japan America Grassroots Summit in Boston in July 2004 choose to come to the DC area for their optional tour.

The local host families: Tompkins (they graciously hosted a family of four: two granddaughters and their grandparents), Whitfields, Jetts, Harris's, Aprils, Walsh's and Hargreaves, were all at Dulles airport awaiting the flight from Boston.

Our guests were at first nowhere to be seen at the new domestic arrival area as they all came through a special exit because one of our new friends needed a wheelchair. Then the personal wheelchair of Mr Fuji did not arrive at the baggage belt (it was with the oversized baggage), and some hosts could not find their cars in the new garage (they took the wrong underpass when returning with guests and luggage to the unfamiliar parking garage).

But after that everything went smoothly. The group going to their four hosts families in Virginia Beach (Thomas's, Repperts, Hewitts and Mariners) got a brief tour of Washington DC with Hardy Hargreaves and Naoko Sonoda as chauffeur and guide before flying on to Virginia Beach. The rest of the group, hosts and guests, enjoyed a tour of the New Air and Space Museum aided by Manjiro members Yoshi Yamashita and Bob Whitfield, who as a former Nasa employee could give special inside explanations of early space travel.

The eleven host families took their guests touring in DC, sailing, picnicking, fishing, swimming, a concert at Wolfrap (too bad the picnic got rained out), partying with friends, shopping, a pottery happening. Lots of eating, picture taking, laughing and talking made the time go by much too fast. It was not easy to say, "Good Bye." after those four short days.

"See you soon again," were the last words when they finally walked to the departure gate at Dulles.

We received many kind "Thank You" notes telling us how much they enjoyed their visit and whenever possible they talk about their visit with their friends. Looking at the many photos brings back fond memories for hosts and guests. Having email makes staying in touch so easy.

It was such a successful cultural exchange that the Summit organizers are already planning to put the DC area on their optional tour list for September 2006 in connection with the 16th Summit in Colorado Springs.

The Walsh family writes: "Our first time experience of hosting our Japanese friends was enlightening to us as we had very much in common and felt free to share our experiences with one another. Our guests were very honest in what they wanted to say and do, so it made our job easier. Our biggest complaint is that the visit was too short. We look forward to continuing our friendship via email."

Farewells at Dulles International Airport



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My Trip to the Camp in Japan

By Brittany Weinert

I remember as if it were yesterday. After saying goodbye to my family and friends, Urie, Atsko, and I headed to our plane to fly to Japan and our journey toward the camp, Canadian Farms, began. The first night we stayed in Tokyo and recovered from the long flight.

Upon arrival at the camp the next morning we put our luggage in the dorm and met everyone. Later, we played a fun game of soccer, went to the hot spring (we went every day) and had dinner.

During camp all the meals were served to us, we never got to choose what was on our plates. I tried everything at least once. I am a picky eater, even at home. Every dinner was made from scratch and tasted delicious, at least what I ate, like pizza. The Japanese do something different with their hotdogs, at least the ones I tasted at the camp. They add a slice of pepper to the hotdogs while grilling them and the hot dogs were very spicy. My favorite Japanese dish was the smoked chicken, fresh from the farm and of course rice. I ate a lot of rice during my two weeks. I used chopsticks all the time and became very good with them.

The next few days were very fun. We went hiking up the mountains, built a tree house, and we did some arts and crafts. There was also an art fair where different artists from Japan came to the camp and sold their arts and crafts. Since I was staying at the camp, I could make small trinkets at every stand that taught how to make things. I learned to weave, became very good at origami, and did a lot more craft things.

After the first week, Ro-chan and the other high school students had to leave. The good-byes were sad and full of sorrow, but eventually I got over it with all the new Japanese friends that I made. That day we built a boat out of bamboo and everything we could find that was floatable. A few days later we tested the boats in the river, they floated, but when one or two people were on them, they didn't work so well.

My Japanese friends were great. The Japanese love everything American. Most of the T-shirts the kids wore had something written on them in English. Surprisingly, they didn't know what was written on their T-shirts and would ask me what it said. Another interesting thing was that all the kids at camp had cell phones. The cell phones were decorated with Disney stickers and it was very popular to have key chains attached to the cell phone antennas. The girls in my tent, used the cell phones to send and receive email messages from their mothers and friends.

The day in Tokyo before returning home was set aside for sightseeing and shopping. Ah, that was one of my favorite parts of the trip. We went to Kiddy Land, Smile Alley, and an old shrine. I mostly bought school supplies, and a pink yukata. All the shops had so many neat things. I wish I had more money, so I could have bought a lot more. It was so much fun to go shopping.

On the flight home I slept most of the time. Although the memories I had in Japan were some of the best memories I've had this summer, it was great to be home. I do wish to thank The Manjiro Society and the Canadian Farm for making one of my dreams come true.



Summer Camp in Japan! ***For Students between ages 13 to 15***

Again, the Manjiro Society for International Exchange is organizing a group of young people to attend a two-week summer camp in the cool mountains of Nagano (Japan Alps). This is a unique opportunity for American and Japanese students to share their way of life, culture, and language in a natural camp setting. They will experience various activities around the camp which will include special Japanese crafts, building a tree house, hiking, sightseeing, and daily use of the near by hot spring. There are English speaking counselors at the camp.

Date: Depart Dulles IAD, Saturday, July 23
Return Dulles IAD, Sunday, August 7

Cost: \$2,900 including airfare, ground transportation, camp fees and activities, sightseeing, meals, three-night stay in Tokyo. The Manjiro Society pays the travel expenses of an adult bilingual volunteer who will travel with the group to and from the camp and during their stay in Tokyo.

Deadline: May 31, 2005 — apply with \$100 deposit.

This camp is operated by the Canadian Farm, Japan, an ecologically oriented organization. A director of the camp was a counselor at a similar camp in Virginia operated by Manjiro members.

For information, contact the Manjiro Society: manjiro@manjiro.org; www.manjiro.org

Contact for the Camp:
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Visit to the Rosenbach Museum and Library, Philadelphia

In November a group of Manjiro members and friends ventured to Philadelphia to visit the Rosenbach Museum and Library. The Museum is housed in an old townhouse and displays wonderful furniture, manuscripts, and special exhibits. There is a wonderful staff to assist visitors.

It was a historic gathering. Kyo Nakahama, fifth generation descendant of Manjiro Nakahama, was among our group along with Junji Kitadai, one of the translators of the book *Drifting toward the Southeast*. Originally titled *Hyoson Kiryaku*. The book was prepared for Shogunate officials after Manjiro's return to Japan after his 10 years in the US and on whaling ships. The four part report was written and mainly illustrated by an artist called Kawada Shoryo. For the first time a descendant of Manjiro was able to look at and admire the original pages of this important and beautifully illustrated report (some of the pictures are by Manjiro himself).

We are grateful to Judy Gunston and the staff of the Museum for arranging for us to see these valuable original writings and also giving us some background about how the books were obtained, and how such fragile items are handled and preserved.

A relaxing dinner rounded out this perfect day in Philadelphia.

It was a most fitting trip for the Manjiro Society.



*Judy Gunston & Kyo Nakahama at the
Rosenbach Library*

Sunday, April 24 - Annual Manjiro Fundraiser and Membership Meeting

It will be the 7th year that Walter and Taeko Floyd are opening their beautiful place, “Pembroke Springs Retreat,” to the annual Manjiro fundraiser. The committee is already talking about the food and yes, there will be plenty of Yaki Soba and Sushi plus the other picnic fare and who knows, maybe Walt’s famous venison. Activities will include Tennis and a leisurely walk around the place and for the kids there will be games and a Piñata. As always we will have our raffle, silent and live auctions. Profits from this event will again help students age 13-15 to attend the Summer Camp in Japan.

We are all looking forward to seeing everybody again, rain or shine. Keep an eye out for our flier and email reminding you to participate.

Sakura Matsuri, Saturday April 9, DC

This will be the first time that the Manjiro Society will participate in the Cherry Blossom Street Festival on Pennsylvania Ave in Northwest, DC.

The festival, with its wonderful Japanese atmosphere will start right after the Cherry Blossom Parade and will go until 6 PM. Many stands sell Japanese type food and goods. There will be Taiko Drum music and other entertainment.

The Manjiro Society will talk to interested visitors about the Society’s goals and events. Bob Whitfield, 5th generation descendant of Captain Whitfield is planning to be there and we will sell the book, *Drifting Towards the Southeast*, a description of Manjiro’s experience in the US. Please come and enjoy the day and visit our booth.

15th Grassroots Summit 21-23 June 2005

There is still time to sign up

.1) Local Sessions (different topics) with two nights homestay will be at 11 towns and villages in Aichi Prefecture, Mie Prefecture and Gifu Prefecture. (Toyota City, Takayama City, Iga Ueno City, and many more)

2) The Opening Ceremony will be held at the 2005 World Exposition where you will be able to tour the exhibits. The closing Ceremony will be at Meiji Mura Village.

3) You will stay three nights at the Grand Court Hotel (Nagoya) and the last night at the Kyoto ANA Hotel. This will give you a chance to visit Kyoto following the Summit.

4) Costs, including transportation to and from Narita with ANA, all transportation in Japan, Hotels, registration and most meals (applicable taxes will be added to the final invoice):

East Coast, Mid West: \$ 1,990.00

Colorado Springs : \$ 2,100.00

West Coast : \$ 1,890.00

Single room \$ 50.00 per day per room (Hotel)

Children 11 years and under \$ 200.00 discount. Infants 2 years and under are 10 percent of adult fare.

5) Right after the Summit six optional 4 days – 3 nights homestay tours are offered: from \$ 300.00 (Tokachi/ Hokkaido) to \$250.00 (Yamagata, Shizuoka, Hiroshima), and \$ 200.00 (Nikko, Chiba). The fee includes transportation to destination and to Narita airport. Or for \$ 450.00 you can spend 4 days and 3 nights in either Kyoto (ANA Hotel) or Tokyo (Asakusa View Hotel) and do sightseeing on your own. Again transportation to Narita is included. Return date for the optional tours is July 1.

6) Deadline for registration is March 31, 2005. A \$ 100.00 deposit is required with registration.

Manjiro Members may take \$ 20.00 off the application fee (up to \$ 40.00 per family).

If you and your friends are interested, please let me know and I will send you a brochure with full details. Please register as soon as possible for your best choice. Local sessions and optional tours have limited numbers of participants. I hope we will have a great Manjiro member turnout at the next summit. See you there, **Manjiro@manjiro.org, 703 471-5466**

Upcoming Events in 2005

Ongoing: A Japanese Circle of Friends

Exhibit at the National Building Museum. (February 16, last day)

February 22, Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Asia Networking Night

Washington Plaza Hotel (Thomas Circle, Washington,DC)

March 11-13 Honolulu Festival

In Honolulu, with special events regarding Manjiro. Bob Whitfield and Kyo Nakahama will be there.

March 18 - 26

Members of the McLean Youth Orchestra will attend the Sixth Exchange concert with their Sister Orchestra the Chiba Youth Orchestra. 36 musicians and adults will enjoy a stay in Chiba and sightseeing in Tokyo and Kyoto. All students will have homestay with their musician counterparts.

April 9, Saturday, 11 AM - 6 PM, Cherry Blossom Matsuri Street Festival on Pennsylvania Ave & 12th Street, NW.

The festival with many performances, vendors and lots of food will start right after the Cherry Blossom Parade. The Manjiro Society will have a booth there. Please come and participate and visit the Manjiro Stand.

April 24, Sunday, 1-5 PM, Annual Manjiro Fundraiser and Membership Meeting

At Pembroke Springs Retreat.

April 24, Freer Gallery of Art

Sawai Koto Ensemble, 2:30 demonstration, 4:00 PM concert

June 21 - June 28, 15th Japan America Grassroots Summit in the Tokai (Nagoya/Aichi region), Japan.

Homestay, interesting sessions, visit to the World Expo in Aichi, sightseeing and opportunities for optional tours after the summit.

July 21- August 7, Summer Camp in Japan (Nagano Mountains)

Boys and girls age 13-15. No Japanese language knowledge necessary, just an interest in Japan, its people and its culture.

October 2, Sunday, 10th Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notes: The Manjiro Society has the Manjiro book, *Drifting Toward the Southeast* for sale. Member price \$ 18.00, nonmember \$ 20.00

Interesting Web sites: www.manjiro.org
www.manjirosommit.org
www.amazingjapan.info
www.manjiroship.org

Information about Asia: www.springfieldlp.com



Fundraiser Volunteer

“A Japanese Circle of Friends” 2月16日まで 会場: National Building Museum

2月22日 午後6時 火曜アジア・ネットワーキング・ナイト 会場: ワシントン・プラザ・ホテル

3月11日-13日 ホノルル祭り (於: ホノルル) 万次郎特別企画 Bob Whitfield氏とKyo Nakahama氏 出席

3月18日-26日 第6回交換コンサート (於: 千葉) マックリーン・ユース・オーケストラ、姉妹オーケストラの千葉ユース・オーケストラと共に第6回交換コンサートに出演 アメリカ側から36名参加。千葉滞在中に東京と京都の観光予定。生徒全員は千葉ユース・オーケストラのメンバーの家にホームステイ

4月9日 午前11時-午後6時 桜まつり ペンシルバニア通りと12番通り 桜まつりパレードに引き続き沢山の屋台開店 マンジロー・ソサエティの展示会場開設

4月24日 午後1時-5時 2005年度マンジロー・ファンドレイザー&メンバー例会 会場: ペンブローク温泉

4月24日 箏演奏会 (演奏: 沢井箏アンサンブル) 午後2時30分 デモンストレーション 午後4時 コンサート 会場: Freer Gallery of Art

6月21日-28日 第15回日米草の根サミット 会場: 名古屋 ホームステイ、愛知国際博覧会、観光など

7月21日-8月7日 サマー・キャンプ 会場: 長野県 日本文化や日本人に興味ある13歳から15歳の男女を対象にしたキャンプ。日本語の知識は問わない。

10月2日 第10回 マンジロー・フェスティバル 会場: Fairhaven, MA

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Name: _____ o New

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