



Seattle Hiroshima Club

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President's Message

I hope that all club members and families are safe and well during this corona virus pandemic crisis. Now I feel very lucky to have had the Seattle Hiroshima Club's New Year Celebration at Terry's Kitchen in Bellevue on Saturday, January 25th before Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order (March 23, 2020). Thanks to Terry's Kitchen's well-organized settings and meals, and a great deal of help from our club members, all participants and guests enjoyed good meals and entertainment.

This year, the Board decided to recognize and honor the 2020 high school and college graduates whose parents and/or grandparents are club members by presenting each graduate with a small gift. Please submit the application form included in this newsletter.

Our long-time friend and club member Mrs. Terrie Tanino passed away peacefully in February this year. Please see her life story. We all miss her.

I made a special request to Dr. Mayumi Horibe, a physician at VA Hospital in Seattle, to write her experience in coping with the coronavirus pandemic. We are so glad to hear that one of our club members has been helping patients infected with this nasty virus and saving lives at the front line.

Because of the pandemic, our club's activities are inevitably affected. Both the annual golf tournament and picnic are cancelled. Also, the Board decided to cancel the 120th year anniversary banquet in 2021 at the March board meeting. Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki notified me of conducting the annual atomic bomb victims memorial service through a pre-recorded video on the Temple's website on Sunday, August 9th. You can participate in this special service by visiting www.SeattleBetsuin.com.

At the March board meeting, the board approved of all cabinet positions held by the same cabinet members except Shogo Kusumi (2nd Auditor) who retired. The board unanimously voted for electing Mr. Raymond Kusumi. Congratulations!

I had a family trip in November-December 2019 and want to share photos in Hiroshima showing peace and tranquility. Let's stay safe and healthy and win against this vicious virus.

Nami (Tsukasa) Namekata
President, Seattle Hiroshima Club



Shukkei-en Garden in Hiroshima



Hiroshima Peace Park

2020 SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By Beth Kawahara

In January, 2020, the outstanding recipient of the annual SHC scholarship was presented to the club: Joshua Kai Otake. Josh is the son of Masanori and Jennifer Otake, and a high achieving student at Kentridge High School. Over the past three years, while maintaining a 3.961 cumulative grade point average, Josh has participated and excelled in a wide-range of interests and pursuits, including being an active leader in the Robotics Club, a member of the school's track and field and cross country teams, playing the violin in the school's orchestra, and earning his Eagle Scout rank. In addition, Josh volunteers his time by tutoring students, as well as helping the elderly in his neighborhood with chores. For the last two years, The Seattle Hiroshima Club has also benefitted from Josh's helpfulness and positive attitude as he has assisted with the games at the annual picnic!

At this time Josh is looking forward to beginning his college experience with a possible major in computer engineering.



“What Hiroshima Means to Me”

By Josh Otake

Hiroshima represents peace and forgiveness. It seems every day that I look at the news, I see yet another story about countries fighting over a war between their ancestors, or acts of extreme violence over a simple mistake. Even in my own school, I see students fight over the most trivial things and constantly bring up old conflicts. Yet in Hiroshima,

rather than wasting time holding onto grudges, anger and hatred, the community as a whole puts all their effort into moving forward and overcoming what lies ahead.

Hiroshima also represents family to me. My dad is originally from Hiroshima, but came to the US with my mom for work. Although my grandpa passed away in 2011, my grandma, aunt, uncle and cousin still live there. While my family used to visit Hiroshima every other year, rising ticket prices and other costs have made it too expensive. The last time I visited my family in Japan was Christmas of 2014. When we would visit my grandparents in Akitsu, Obaachan would always make lots of omiyages and food, such as jyagaimo donuts and yasai juice for us, and we would help out with cleaning her house. Now, she lives in an elderly care facility, and I will probably never be able to see her again, but I will always have so many happy memories of spending time with her and the rest of my Japanese family in Hiroshima.

High School Graduating Seniors Scholarships for 2020-21

By Andrea Mano

The applications for the Seattle Hiroshima Club Scholarships will soon be available online. Scholarships will be awarded to qualified High School seniors who plan to pursue their higher education beginning the fall of 2021. Please encourage your child/grandchildren to get their application or to contact Andrea Mano at amano4good@gmail.com. Any high school senior, whose parent is a current member for the 2020 year, and who meets the other eligibility requirements as stated in the cover letter of the application will be considered for the award.

Please see the website www.seahiro.org in late summer for application and other materials. If questions, please contact Andrea Mano, Scholarship Chair.

My Recent Experience in Coping with COVID-19 in VA Hospital in Seattle

By Mayumi Horibe, M.D.



Born in Hiroshima, Japan

1984 MD from Hiroshima University School of Medicine

1997 Research Fellowship, Residency & Faculty, Cleveland Clinic

2007 - Present: Attending Anesthesiologist, VA Puget Sound Hospital

2017 - Present: Associate Professor, Dept of Anesthesiology, UW

I started working at the VA Puget Sound hospital as an anesthesiologist ever since I moved to Seattle from Cleveland in 2007.

COVID-19 has been an unimaginable crisis beyond anything that I have experienced in my 35-year career as an anesthesiologist in both Japan and the US.

When COVID-19 began increasingly spreading in our community, the VA hospital immediately stopped performing all elective surgeries. The surgical staff and equipment were quickly repurposed to meet the immediate need. The operating room nurses were trained as ward or ICU nurses. In a few days, the hospital established a drive-through COVID test center. The clinics were remodeled to be ICUs in anticipation of overflow COVID-19 patients from regular ICUs. We, the anesthesia team, started taking emergency airway management calls on a 24/7 basis.

When we noticed the empty shelves in COSTCO, reality hit us that we are in an unprecedented public emergency. When we heard about hospitals elsewhere in dire and overwhelmed situations, we froze with fear. Every day, we were emotionally stressed and physically drained, but together prepared to accept COVID-19 patients.

In the medical field, there is a term “Crisis Standards of Care,” different from “Standard of Care,” that is reserved for extraordinary circumstances. If you have two patients who need ventilators, but you have only one, which patient should get it? The choice becomes

driven by medical ethics - how to make the “right” yet difficult triage decision to withhold life-sustaining treatment. More so, medical resources have become scarcer than ever, forcing us to even think how we can connect a single ventilator to two patients. None of us ever imagined that we would be forced to adopt the “Crisis Standards of Care” in our lifetime.

Seattle was the first COVID-19 epicenter in the US, but fortunately, it averted the chaos and tragedy other places have seen. Based on UW data, there were over 100 COVID patients in UW hospitals in April, but now there are less than 20 patients, showing that we are taking right steps as a community. Let us hope we can keep the pandemic under control and avoid a second surge. Let us also hope reasonable treatment options will become available soon to get us out of this crisis.

In the meantime, dear members of Hiroshima-kenjinkai, all of you please stay safe and well.

(Note: Dr. Horibe has been a SHC member since 2017.)

Annual Seattle Hiroshima Club Picnic

By Curt Nakayama

The annual Seattle Hiroshima Picnic has been canceled for 2020. The picnic committee felt there is too much uncertainty because of Covid 19 and other social issues to guarantee a safe gathering. We hope to be able to have a picnic in 2021.

2020 Annual Seattle Hiroshima Club Golf Tournament Update

By Russ Akiyama

After discussion with the Golf Tournament Committee members, it was decided that, in the interest of safety, this year's tournament will be cancelled due to the Corona Virus. We are sorry that we will not be able to host the 2020 tournament but are looking forward to next year. In fact, we have reserved the course for Monday, July 19, 2021. When that date approaches, we will be in contact with you so you can register. Meanwhile, please stay safe and healthy. Thank you.

Life of Mrs. Teruyo “Terrie” Tanino

By Family & Friends of Terrie

Mrs. Teruyo "Terrie" Tanino was born on November 3, 1928 in Fresno, California to Shoroku & Masayo Arakawa. She spent her childhood in the Fresno area with her 3 brothers and 3 sisters. During World War II, the family was sent to the Fresno Assembly Center, Jerome Arkansas and finally the Tule Lake Internment Camp in 1943. There she met her future husband, Katsumi "Kats" Tanino. In 1951, she received a Bachelor of Science from the California State University at Fresno, Department of Public Health. She married Kats in 1953 and moved to Seattle, Washington. She began her career as a microbiologist at the Seattle King County Health Laboratories which lasted 43 years. She was honored by Fresno State University in 2007 for her accomplishments and as being one of their first graduates to receive a degree which led to a Medical Technician career. Terrie was an active member of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. She served as the first female President of the Temple and was President of the Temple's Women Association. She had a passion for music and was the Temple's choir



Wedding of Terrie & Kats



Terrie (held by dad) and family

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Terrie & Kats with friends in Europe



Seattle Hiroshima Club expressed their great appreciation

director for many years. When she was younger, she enjoyed playing the violin and also learned to play the Japanese koto. Also, she and husband Kats were long-time board-directors of Seattle Hiroshima Club. She and Kats enjoyed traveling around the world. At every new destination, she added to her unique collection of kitchen magnets. Terrie passed away peacefully on February 15, 2020. Terrie is survived by her husband Kats Tanino, her brother Kiyoto Arakawa (Jeanette), and numerous nieces and nephews. All Seattle Hiroshima Club members remember and miss her.

2020 New Year Celebration at Terry's Kitchen

By Tsukasa Namekata

Thanks to Terry's Kitchen and assistance from the club members, we had another successful New Year Party. Namekata shared the last year's events and activities shown by PowerPoint. Then, current cabinet members were introduced on the stage (see photo 1). Also, newly elected board-directors were introduced on the stage (see photo 2). Scholarship Committee Chair Beth Kawahara presented the 2020 scholarship award to Mr. Joshua Kai Otake (parents Mr. Masanori and Mrs. Jennifer Otake and grandparents Mr. Koji and Mrs. Akemi Tachibana Otake). Please see the article by Beth. Commendations for longevity and hardship were awarded to members 80 years old and over by Hiroshima Governor Hidehiko Yuzaki (see photo 3). Namekata presented a certificate of Special Appreciation to Mr. Shogo Kusumi for his long-time contribution to the club (see a separate article).



New Year Party MC Mr. Terry Nakano announced the deceased members in 2019 as follows: Ms. Mitsuko Fukuhara, Ms. Morie Furukawa, Ms. Helen Gota, Ms. Fumiyo Hanada, Mr. Hiroshi Kajimura, Ms. Amy Nikaitani, Ms. Dorothy Nishimura and Mr. Bob Yoshihara. We sincerely express our condolences to their families and did a silent tribute (Mokuto).

Terry introduced honored guests: Consul Mr. Katsuya Tomishima (富嶋勝哉領事), Consulate General of Japan; Mr. Hiroshi & Ms. Mitsuko Eto, Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai; Mrs. Patsy & Mr. Dennis Yamada, Seattle Fukushima Club; Ms. Chika Yamamoto, Kumamoto Kenjin Kai; Rimban Katsuya, Mrs. Ayano & Yuiya-chan Kusunoki, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple; Mrs. Lillian and Mr. Roy Hayashi, Shizuoka Kenjin Kai; Mrs. Ritsuko Kawahara, Japanese Community Services; Ms. Misa Murohashi, North American Post Publishing; and Ms. Mari Wilson & Ms. Mikiko Amagai, Shamisen players for Japanese traditional dance.

Curt Nakayama introduced new members who joined the club in 2019: Ms. Karen Ishii, Ms. Loraine Jacobs, Dr. Stephen Sumida, Ms. Nina Tomita-Kato and Ms. Char Yoritsune. We hope that they can participate in many events and activities to be hosted by the club.

Dale Kaku honored the members having turned 85 years old for their long-life achievement and gave a small gift to them: Ms. Jane Fujimoto, Ms. Aiko Fujii, Ms. Kinue Kuwahara, and Mr. Tom Kuramoto. Congratulations!

Namekata honored members 90 years old and over for their longevity and survival from their hardship and presented a small gift to each: Ms. Miyoko Kaneta, Ms. Amy Kato, Ms. Ethel Nayematsu, Mr. Mickey Hiroo, Ms. Michi Hirata, Ms. Toshiko Hayashi, Ms. Rosie Kato, Mr. George Mano, Mr. Ken Sato, and Ms. Sarah Sato. Many congratulations!

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment:

- (1) Sing-along "Sukiyaki" or "ue wo muite arukou" (上を向いて歩こう)
- (2) Japanese traditional dance performance "Kiku no sakae" (菊の栄) by Miss Kira Kusumi and Miss Michaela Kusumi
- (3) Traditional Japanese performance "Tamagawa" (多摩川) by Ms. Kimie Kuramoto with shamisen played by Ms. Mari Wilson and Ms. Mikiko Amagai
- (4) Minyo (民謡) performance (Dai Hiroshima Ondo) by Miss Emily Ko, Mrs. Tomiko and Ms. Donna Zumoto
- (5) Bingo game by Mr. George Shimizu, Mr. Dale & Mrs. Shizu Kaku

2020 New Year's Celebration

Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Mr. Shogo Kusumi for His Long-time Dedicated Service to the Club

By Tsukasa Namekata



Mrs. Fusako & Mr. Shogo Kusumi and Namekata

Mr. Shogo Kusumi was born in Bellevue, WA in 1930. In 1932, he moved to Japan with family and lived in Hiroshima Prefecture. During World War II, he was a middle school student and was sent to a factory in Kure City, known as one of the largest Japanese Navy Bases. In the summer of 1945, Kure City was heavily bombed by American B29 bombers and he miraculously survived. Unfortunately, his older brother was killed by the Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima City. Thanks to another older brother who lived in the United States, he was able to move to Seattle and attend high school and college. He got a job at the Boeing Company. He met Fusako-san, got married, and they had 3 sons. He was elected as a Board-Director of Seattle Hiroshima Club in 1984 and has since been on the board for the past 36 years! He even served as President of the club for 1996–1998. We thank him for his wonderful service and great contribution to the club. We all wish for his healthy, long, and good life.



(Photo 1) 2018-2020 cabinet members from left: George Shimizu, Shogo Kusumi, Shizu Kaku, Dale Kaku, Beth Kawahara, Curt Nakayama, Nami (Tsukasa) Namekata. Russ Akiyama & Kimie Kuramoto were absent.



(Photo 2) Board-Directors: Standing from left, George Shimizu, Naomi Takemura, Frances Palmer, Terry Nakano, Ritsuko Kawahara, Aiko Fujii, Irene Mano, Shizu Kaku, Andrea Mano, Beth Kawahara, Curt Nakayama. Kneeling down from left, Sharon Kosai, Lynn Miyauchi, Tsukasa Namekata and Tina Ko. Sorry that we cannot see Linda Ishii and Dale Kaku behind others. Absent or missing are Karen Akira, Russ Akiyama, Kimie Kuramoto, Kinue Kuwahara, Patty Hiroo Mastrude, Gloria Shigeno, Elsie Taniguchi, Katsumi Tanino and Midori Kono Thiel.

(Photo 3) Recipients of Commendations for Longevity and Hardship received from Hiroshima Governor Hidehiko Yuza-ki: from left, daughter of Ms. Rosie Sugahara, Ms. Aiko Fujii, Mr. James Zumoto, Ms. Tomiko Zumoto, Ms. Katie Komoto, Ms. Jane Fujimoto, Ms. Frances Palmer and presenter Tsukasa Namekata. Mr. Mickey Hiroo and Ms. Fusako Akimoto were absent.



2020 New Year's Celebration



Consul Mr. Katuya Tomishima delivered New Year's greetings on behalf of Consulate General of Japan.



Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki gave Shokuzen and Shokugo no kotoba (words) expressing thank-you for the meal. It was nice to meet lovely wife Ayano-san and Yuiya-chan.



Performed by Kira & Michaela Kusumi



Performed by Kimie Kuramoto with Shamisen by Mari-san & Mikiko-san



Dai-Hiroshima Ondo by Emily Ko, Tomiko & Donna Zumoto



Sing-along: Uye wo muite arukou

2020 New Year's Celebration



Bingo game by George Shimizu,
Dale & Shizu Kaku



To 2020 High School and College Graduates

The Seattle Hiroshima Club Board has voted to provide an honorarium to 2020 high school and college graduates to congratulate them on their accomplishment and honor them for the hardships they have endured during this covid-19 pandemic. The graduate must be a member of Seattle Hiroshima Club, or a child or grandchild of a current member. The amount of the honorarium will depend upon the number of applications received. Please complete the form and mail to our P.O. Box.

**Seattle Hiroshima Club
Honorarium Application
For High School or College graduates in 2020**

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ email _____

School attended _____

City, State, Zip _____

Seattle Hiroshima Club Member(s)

Please share something about your future plans, your family, your thoughts on the pandemic, atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, etc.

Please return this application to:

**Seattle Hiroshima Club
P. O. Box 94083
Seattle, WA 98124-9483**

Seattle Hiroshima Club Donation Form

(シアトル広島県人会献金依頼フォーム)

Seattle Hiroshima Club is a non-profit organization and operates based on annual membership fees and donations by elected officers as volunteer basis. Please remit membership dues for 2020. We appreciate any additional donations to help cover our club's activities. Thank you!

Check your amount:

☐ Membership Dues \$10

☐ Donation

___\$5 ___\$10 ___\$20 ___\$30 ___\$50 \$___

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send a check to:

Seattle Hiroshima Club Treasurer

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On behalf of Seattle Hiroshima Club members, the cabinet members greatly appreciate Mr. Bill Kawahara for taking excellent photos at our New Year's Party and Mrs. Sharon Kosai for her wonderful job formatting and laying out articles and photos in this newsletter issue. Thank you very much.

Seattle Hiroshima Club 2020 - 2022 Officers

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Shizu Kaku	Corresponding Secretary	George Shimizu	Auditor

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