



Seattle Hiroshima Club

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President's Message

Season's Greetings! Happy New Year 2023! 新年明けましておめでとうございます。

Almost three years have passed since Governor Jay Inslee issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 23, 2020. Our club's activities have been limited to zoom meetings and newsletters, but we cautiously began to meet face-to-face.

On August 7th, our club and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple co-hosted the Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service in person as shown on page 3. We were thrilled to see so many club members and families participate in the club's picnic at Seward Park on August 20th, enjoying delicious food, greeting and connecting with one another, and playing bingo games (see page 5).

In this issue, we are honored to have a New Year's message from Japanese Consul General Mr. Hisao Inagaki reminding us of the 80th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin Roosevelt and the 120th anniversary of The North American Post. He relates our club to a story of Sadako Sasaki, who was exposed to high levels of radiation from the A-bomb explosion in Hiroshima, and later developed leukemia and died at age 12. Please enjoy reading his message.

Please pay special attention to our high school scholarship announcement by Ms. Andrea Mano on page 4 if you have a high school student. Also, the Hiroshima Governor invites our club members 80 years old and older to receive a certificate of commendation for longevity and hardship. Please look at the application form on page 7.

A friendly reminder: Please remember to pay your membership dues. As always, we welcome and appreciate all donations. Your membership fees and generous donations allow the Club to continue to offer various events and activities.

Our Board unanimously voted to have our New Year Party at Terry's Kitchen in Bellevue on Saturday, March 4th, 2023. Please mark your calendar and make sure to send us your reservations.

Once again, I'd like to share songs and music with you to lift our spirits and put a smile on our faces. Please click or paste the link at google search: bit.ly/SeaHiroMusic (case sensitive) to choose a song or music.

I look forward to seeing you all at our New Year Party. Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Happy New Year!

*We wish you
and your family
a Happy &
Healthy 2023*



Season's Greetings from Consulate General of Japan in Seattle

By Mr. Hisao Inagaki, Consul General of Japan



Happy New Year!

2022 was still filled with challenges, but also progress, as the world tried to turn towards a new normal state of operations.

In June, Ambassador Tomita and Governor Inslee extended the Memorandum of Cooperation on Economic and Trade Relations between the Government of Japan and the State of Washington, which was initially signed in 2016. This renewal aims to further develop cooperation between Japan and Washington State.

Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Seattle and Kobe and the 40th anniversary of the sister state relationship between Montana and Kumamoto, delegations traveled between Japan and the United States to further strengthen cultural and economic ties.

Furthermore, 2022 marked both the 80th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the internment of Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II, and the 120th anniversary of The North American Post. During a critical time in history as formerly incarcerated Japanese and Japanese Americans were returning home from the internment camps, The North American Post was a valuable resource for disseminating news to the local Japanese and Japanese American community. Since my arrival in Seattle, I have learned about the rich history of Japanese Americans in the Northwest. Consequently, my gratitude has deepened for their dedication and sacrifice in laying the foundation for the friendship between the U.S. and Japan that exists today. The North American Post continues to be a valuable resource for sharing news and preserving these important stories from the Nikkei community for future generations.

Shifting to world affairs, Russia's invasion of Ukraine last February was an outrageous act that shook the foundations of the international order that human beings have built after WWII. As the security of Japan and the surrounding region becomes increasingly uncertain, the Japan-U.S. alliance has become more important than ever, as have people-to-people exchanges between Japan and the U.S, one of the pillars of the alliance, together with security and economic relations.

On August 21, 2020, I arrived as a Consul General in Seattle during COVID-19 pandemic worldwide. Since that day, I have folded a crane and posted it on Instagram, one by one every day, to pray for health and peace of everyone who is having a lot of hardships with the pandemic. This spring, Russia's invasion of Ukraine began, and I have been praying for even more daily peace.

As you all know, Sadako Sasaki, who was exposed at the age of two at her home in Kusunoki-cho (Nishi-ku), about 1.6 km from the center of the bomb in Hiroshima, was blown away by the blast but was fine without any trauma. Although she was growing up, she was diagnosed with leukemia in the sixth grade of elementary school and was forced to be hospitalized at the Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital. While she was in the hospital, she received a thousand paper cranes from Nagoya as a sympathy for her, and she started folding her cranes with the desire to "live."

After eight months of hospitalization, she died of myeloid leukemia on October 25, 1955. Three years after Sadako died, on May 5, 1958, at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, the "Children's Peace Monument" was unveiled as a memorial to the deaths of Sadako and other children who were victims of the atomic bomb. The wish for peace has spread to all over the world. I have heard that the number has increased even more since US President Barack Obama visited Hiroshima in 2016.

The devastation that occurred in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the suffering that caused it, should never be repeated in anywhere in the world.

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Season's Greetings from Consulate General of Japan in Seattle Continued

The G7 Hiroshima Summit will be held from May 19 to 21, 2023. The Summit will clearly show a strong commitment to the world that we will never repeat the devastation of nuclear weapons and the firm rejection of military invasion. The Summit will be held in a place where the G7 can demonstrate its will to lead in creating a new order of relations based on the fundamental values and international rules with a historical significance.

I hope that through the paper cranes, what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki will spread to the world and lead to world peace, and I wish for peace with the crane.

In 2023, I am optimistic about overcoming the challenges of the past two years and ready to get back to pre-pandemic levels of activity related to economy and culture. Two celebrations that will hopefully increase opportunities to boost these sectors are the 60th anniversary of the sister state relationship between Washington and Hyogo and the 100th anniversary of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington. Further bolstering the economic front, APEC-related ministerial meetings will be held in Seattle in August.

While making the most of these opportunities, we will keep striving to promote Japan in Washington State, Northern Idaho, and Montana, and help further strengthen ties through exchanges in business, culture, tourism, and education. I wish you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous year.

The 77th Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service

Reported by Tsukasa Namekata

Our club co-hosted the 77th Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service with Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple on Aug. 7th. A PowerPoint presentation of utter destruction and human casualties in Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the first and second atomic bomb explosions in August 1945, was shown reminding us of its enormous and instantaneous destructive power. The interview video of Mr. Gene Fujita, an A-bomb survivor in Hiroshima, was presented. We were honored to listen to a special peace message by Japanese Consul General, Mr. Hisao Inagaki. Hiroshima Governor Mr. Hidehiko Yuzaki sent us his peace message which was read by Dale Kaku (in English) and by Namekata (in Japanese). We also appreciated Rev. Don Castro's thoughtful message. We thank Betsuin Temple staff, particularly Temple's president Ms. Leanne Nishi-Wong, for preparing and organizing this important event. Please watch this atomic bomb victims memorial service recording on the Temple's YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=du9XvYroMd4>



Photo taken at the 77th Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple by Mrs. Ayano Kusunoki. From left, Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki (Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple), Tsukasa Namekata and Dale Kaku (Seattle Hiroshima Club), and Ms. Leanne Nishi-Wong (President, Seattle Betsuin). Senba-zuru (a thousand paper cranes) were made by Japanese Consul General Hisao Inagaki wishing world peace.

High School Graduating Seniors Scholarships for 2022-23

By Andrea Mano

The SHC is taking applications for up to three Scholarships of \$3,000 per student for seniors who are graduating from high school during the 2022-23 school year. What started as a \$75 Scholarship in 1964, the Scholarship has been awarded to over 170 students, descendants of Seattle Hiroshima Club members.

The current applications for the scholarship are on the SHC Website Scholarship page (<https://seahiro.org/scholarships>). The deadline for the scholarship is postmarked on or before February 11, 2023.

Eligibility Requirements:

- One of the student's parent(s), grandparent(s), great-grandparent(s) or relative must be from Hiroshima Prefecture.
- Applicant's parent or guardian or applicant must be a Seattle Hiroshima Club member with dues paid by February 11, 2023.
- Membership applications are available from PO Box 94083-9483, Seattle, WA 98124, from the SHC website, or through the email at the bottom of this page.
- The applicant is graduating from high school and the latest high school transcript reflects a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Scholarship recipients must be present at the Club's annual general membership meeting, on March 4, 2023 in Bellevue.
- Application with all required documents to be postmarked on or before February 11, 2023.

Please contact Andrea at amano4good@gmail.com with questions or to request an application and cover letter.

Hiroshima Club Honorarium

By Andrea Mano

Similarly to 2020 and 2021, Seattle Hiroshima Club awarded a monetary honorarium to those graduating in 2022 from high school or college. The honorarium was \$500 and was awarded to Brayden Tanaka, grandson to Don and Karen Akira. We asked Brayden to share a photo and some information about himself for our newsletter.

Brayden Tanaka

In high school I was very involved in my academics as I knew that high school grades were the foundation of getting into a good college. I kept my grades high and stayed on top of my stuff while also balancing out my social and athletic side. I had a very



tight group of friends that helped me grow into the person I am now and I thank them so much for everything they had done. I played baseball throughout all of high school, playing on varsity for all four years and loved everyone that I ever got to play with throughout the years. Baseball was basically my life outside of school and it taught me many lessons that I brought into college with me.

As of now, I am attending the University of Washington and am in the School of Engineering. Though it's been pretty hard so far, I am hoping it pays off later on, as I hope to graduate with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering and continue on in life as an engineer.

Though I have only been to Hiroshima once, I feel that my connection with it is quite strong. I still remember visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the impact it had on me, even though I was only seven at the time. I have been wanting to go back to Japan very badly and hope that I will be able to go back soon. I am very fortunate to be in a school with many

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other Japanese students and recently went to an NHS (Nikkei student union) meeting with my sister and got to meet many other people to talk about Japanese related things.

It was very fun to connect with others and have familiar subjects to talk about with people I had never met.

Thank you so much to the Seattle Hiroshima Club for selecting me to receive a check for my academics! I am honored to be chosen by a club that represents my cultural background and I hope to participate in future activities, as I would love to meet more people with Japanese backgrounds from around the area! Thank you!

2022 Seattle Hiroshima Club Picnic

By Curtis Nakayama

On the morning of August 20, 2022 over 30 Club members and guests made their way to shelter # 3 in Seward Park for the Club's annual picnic. The day was sunny and warm and the shelter had parking and restrooms within easy walking distance. We began the picnic with an opening greeting by our President, Nami Namekata. Then a bingo game was started and prizes awarded. At noon, we stopped playing and had lunch. The Club provided hot dogs, hamburgers (both beef and vegan), condiments, water, soda, and watermelon and the attendees provided excellent side dishes for everyone to share.

Near the end of the picnic, those that wanted to speak, were encouraged to speak and we heard about some of our members. It was great to hear the stories and we encourage more stories being told at future events.



SHC Members and Families Participated in Demonstrations at JCCCW on Japan's Cultural Day Events on November 5, 2022

We can learn about these rich Japanese cultural traditions with the following links.

裏千家 - [Wikipedia](#) in Japanese and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urasenke> (in English).

藤間流 - [Wikipedia](#) in Japanese and no English site. Founded in 1704 as the oldest Japanese Dancing School.

柔道 - [Wikipedia](#) in Japanese and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judo> in English.

和太鼓 - [Wikipedia](#) in Japanese and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiko> in English.



Tea Ceremony by Naomi Takemura(Somi) 竹村朴美(宗美)さんの茶道実演
(Photos by Ms. Takemura)



Classical Dance by Fujima Dance Ensemble
藤間流日本舞踊
(Photos by Mr. Ray Kusumi)



Judo by Budokan Judo Dojo 武道館柔道道場の実演
(Photo by Namekata)

Taiko (Japanese Drums) Performance by Northwest Taiko
ノースウェスト太鼓の演奏 (Photo by Mr. Ray Kusumi)



Application to Receive Certificate of Commendation for Longevity and Hardship from Hiroshima Governor

The Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture has given a certificate of commendation to SHC members 80 years old and older each year to honor them for their longevity and hardship. Its eligibility criteria are:

- (1) Seattle Hiroshima Club members who are 80 years old on or before March 4, 2023; and
- (2) lived in the United States for 30 years or longer; and
- (3) never received a certificate of commendation before.

Even if some members and/or their ancestors were not from Hiroshima Prefecture, they are qualified if they satisfied the three criteria above. If anyone is interested in receiving the governor's certificate of commendation, please fill out the form below and return it to our club as soon as possible. The deadline is January 25, 2023. The certificate will be presented during our club's new year party on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

高齡者表彰候補者 Nominees for Receiving Koreisha Hyosho (Certificate for those 80 years and over)					
No.	氏名 Name		年	生年月日	在留年数
	日本語 Japanese (Kanji & Kana)	アルファベット Alphabet	Age	Date of Birth	Length of residence in the US (in years)
Example (例)	浦島次郎	Urashima, Jiro	93	3/20/1930	93 or all of life
1					
2					

Mail to: Seattle Hiroshima Club, P.O.Box 94083, Seattle, 98124-9483, or email to: namekata@comcast.net

2023 SEATTLE HIROSHIMA CLUB NEW YEAR PARTY 新年会

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Registration and seating starts at 11:30 am, Program starts at 12:00 noon

Terry's Kitchen
5625 – 119th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006
Phone: (425) 590-9545

Banquet fee \$25.00 per person, annual membership dues \$10.00
(If you are 90 years old or older in 2023, your meal is complimentary.)

Please respond by February 18, 2023

謹賀新年

来る3月4日(土)午前11時半よりテリーズ・キッチンに於いて広島クラブ 2023年度定期総会、新年親睦会
及び奨学金授与祝賀会を開催致します。御家族、友人同伴の上、御参加の程、お待ち申し上げます。

宴会費 25ドル (一人分) 1年間会費 10ドル (一人分)

高齢者の方々への敬意と感謝の意を表し 90 歳以上の方々には、宴会費を無料とさせていただきます。

準備の都合上、年齢の如何をとわず、出席の有無を**2月18日までに**御願ひ致します。

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Return this form with payment by February 18, 2023 to: Seattle Hiroshima Club
P.O. Box 94083
Seattle, WA 98124-9483

<u>Name of person(s) attending:</u>	<u>Age as of 3-4-2023</u>	<u>\$10 Dues/person</u>	<u>\$25 banquet/person</u>
1. _____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. _____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. _____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. _____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
DONATIONS WELCOME			\$ _____
Total Enclosed			\$ _____

Name of member(s): _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Do you need a ride to Terry's Kitchen? ___ No ___ Yes. Can you drive a member(s) to event? ___ Yes

I wish to sit with:

Comment _____

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. Please remit membership dues for 2023. We appreciate any additional donations to help cover our club's activities. Thank you!

Check your amount:

☐ Membership Dues \$10 per person x ____ = ____

☐ Donation

____ \$25 ____ \$35 ____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$200 ____ \$500 \$ ____

List all members: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone _____

Comments:

Please send a check to:

Seattle Hiroshima Club Treasurer

PO Box 94083

Seattle, WA 98124-9483



On behalf of Seattle Hiroshima Club members, the cabinet members greatly appreciate all the persons who contributed their articles 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 2022 - 2024 Officers

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