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A Year In Japan!

Ever wanted to move to a foreign land, become immersed in the culture of that land and it's people, maybe learned the language well enough to be fluent, and get paid for the opportunity by teaching the local population the language you grew up speaking and writing (English)? There is a way to do that and Japan is the country providing the opportunity! The Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET) seeks "to enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other nations". The programme "aims to enhance foreign language education in Japan and to promote international exchange at the local level through fostering ties between Japanese and foreign youth". This program has been around in 1987 and each year about 6,000 JET teachers are in Japan from about 40 different nations. Their duties include teaching English to school children of all ages and adults as well. Recently Japan made teaching English to elementary children nationwide mandatory. The JET program teachers help local communities and local schools provide this requirement. The programme provided each JET with a salary that covers housing, food and most daily expenses and enough extra to provide them with extra funds for travel around Japan. JT

Mendenhall was our program today and has been in Japan for 1 year working in the JET program. His town in Awa in the prefecture of Tokushima on the eastern end of the island of Shikoku (the 4th largest of the 4 main Japanese islands). He lives in a small apartment by himself and owns a small Japanese car that looks like a mini-van but actually is



much smaller. He teaches in 4 different schools in and around his city and teaches elementary age kids as well as some middle school grades. He also teaches a night class for adults one day a week. One of his jobs is to teach the children about American holidays such as Halloween and

Christmas and to show them how we celebrate them. The JET teachers also put on a musical in the spring each year and entertain the local population while including some Japanese cultural events in these musicals. Last spring they did Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. JT was a co-director and set manager. He helped write the script and participated in the shows which were held in 5 different cities in the local area! JETs also participate in local sporting events with teams that include co-ed rugby, soccer, and ultimate Frisbee! During school breaks he has been able to visit a number of places in Japan including Okinawa (he saw the world's 2nd largest aquarium there), the northern island of Hokkaido for the winter ice and snow carving festival, and the peace parks in both Nagasaki and Hiroshima. It sounded like he has had a great adventure and returns Saturday for year 2 of his life in Japan.





August: Membership and Extension Month

R I. 2009-2010 Theme

President Diane L. Karcz

"The Meal Fights Hunger" Event Update

The Carnegie-Collier Rotary *"The Meal Fights Hunger"* program will next be in action on Saturday, August 29th at the Hillside Presbyterian Church, 1050 Campbells Run Road, Carnegie, PA 15106. There will be two sessions, 9 to 11 AM and 11:30 to 1:30 PM. **Jeff Tindal** and the Carnegie Area Ministerial Association is co-sponsoring the Meal Packing event with the Carnegie-Collier Rotary. **Jeff** and **Cindi** are expecting 100 people for this event. Cindi passed around a sign up sheet for this two time slots for those who wish to help. Remember we are asking for at least a \$25.00 donation to offset the costs of the supplies. There is a goal of 50,000 meals packed on this Sunday event. **Cindi** says that the 2nd shift is still in need for some volunteers. Please check your schedules and help **Cindi** and **Jeff** and the Churches of Carnegie on the 29th and we re-evaluate as the bills for this event get paid!

Announcements:

Collier Township's annual "Rock the Quarry" event will take place Friday and Saturday, August 28th and 29th on the Panhandle Trail in Collier. There will be music, food, games, raffles, a bonfire, and fire trucks. Friday is 5:30 to 11pm and Saturday in 12 Noon to 11pm. They will also have blood pressure screenings on Friday and Cave Tours on Sat. Admission and parking is free. Bring a chair to sit in and enjoy the entertainment. All profit will go to support Collier Friends of the Panhandle Trail. For more information check out their web site at www.panhandletail.org.

Leigh White sent a sign up sheet around today for the Carnegie Arts and Heritage Festival being held Thursday 9/10 to Saturday, 9/12. As a club we will be helping by manning a beer truck during the Thursday evening session. The Steelers start their regular season that night at home so there will be a break in the music so the game can be seen on big screen TV's and then the last musical acts will be one. Please see **Leigh** if you want to sign up. Although we as a Rotary Club are specifically helping on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday are also in need of volunteers in a number of jobs. If you have the time and interest, see **Leigh** and sign up to help out!

The President, officers, and the Board of Directors will meet Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 11:30 AM BEFORE the regular Club Assembly meeting. Be sure to note this change and mark your calendars!

Visiting Rotarians:

Dana Craig from the **Pittsburgh Club** (who is joining our Club)

Guests:

Janet and JT Mendenhall with **John Mendenhall**

You Were Missed:

George Adams, Mark Brilmyer, Rick Hess, Ed LaBruna, Mary Ann Paff, Bob Schuler, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, & Ollie Weiss

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in August:

Curt Henry – 8/16/59 (50 years)
Cindi Hewitt – 8/16/52 (57 years)
Diane Karcz – 8/20/52 (57 years)
Leigh White – 8/24/72 (37 years)
Gail Neustadt – 8/30/44 (64 years)

Rotary Anniversary in August:

Diane Karcz – 8/2/04 (4 years)
Frank Verri - 8/14/01 (8 years)
Leigh White – 8/21/08 (1 year)
Rick Hess – 8/25/84 (25 year)
Jeff Tindall – 8/28/08 (1 year)

Wedding Anniversary in August:

Leigh & Wesley White – 8/17/01 (8 years)

Future Greeters -

September 3 – Kientz, LaBruna
September 10 – Losego, Meyer
September 17 – Neustadt, Paff
September 24 – Petkovich, Phanse

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 13: Curt Henry won but was gone. He will pull a card next week. The Pot is \$229.00 with 38 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

Mary Lou Kientz
Ed LaBruna

Calendar of Events -

August 28-29 – Rock the Quarry to support the Panhandle Trail in Collier
August 29 – "The Meal Fights Hunger" packing event at Hillside Christian Community Church
September 10 - Board Of Directors Meeting before regular meeting
September 10-12 – Carnegie Arts and Heritage Festival
October 27 – District Interact Conference
November 6 – District Foundation Dinner
December 11 – Christmas Party, Nevillewood
April 17, 2010 – 27th Annual Big Event
May 13-16 – District Conference, Oglebay, WV
May 22 – Relay For Life
June 20-23 – RI Conference, Montreal Canada

Future Programs -

September 3 – US Women's Open Golf at Oakmont 2010
September 10 – Club Assembly
September 17 –
September 24 -