

Salem Ota Cultural Exchange
Monthly Meeting: January 27, 2014

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Pamela Myrie	Keiko Thayer	Dr. Joe Salerno
Constance Arlander	Olivia Bracken	Ben Arlander
Elizabeth Emery	Elayne Alexander	

Ota News

We've received some wonderful care packages!

Changing of the Guard:

- Atsuko Ebisawa has stepped down; a new secretary was appointed.
- Fujiwara is now the treasurer.

Art Exchange:

- We have received the student artwork from Haneda. It is on display at Nathaniel Bowditch School. We will be sending Salem students' art as soon as possible.

Atsuko Ebisawa will be arriving on June 24th:

- With whom is she staying?
- What are her plans?

A former student is visiting Ben Arlander.:

- Age 22-24, male
- Can anyone else host him? (Elayne?)
- February 7th-24th

Treasurer Report (Steve):

Steve was looking for a co-treasurer. Jerry has accepted the position.

Trips Update:

Adult Trip:

- November
- Welcome Party
- Expecting 16 people
- Can anyone host them for two nights?

Japanese Student Trip:

- July 26th – August 3rd
- Start talking up hosting.

American Student Trip:

- August 3rd – August 13th
- Julie and Peter to chaperone
- No responses; deadline February 1st
- Need 7 to go
- Students must be in high school.

Changing of the Guard

- Erin; President

- Constance; Vice-president
- Steve and Jerry; Co-treasurers
- Julie; Clerk

Tea Party:

We would like to subtly honor Sharon by having themed tables about her life.

- The March 31st meeting will be the “Tea Party Meeting”. Tickets will be distributed.
- Three person sub-committee
 - Venue; Elayne
 - ✓ Saint Thomas Parish
 - Entertainment; ???
 - ✓ Ben has a sound system.
 - ✓ Caricature artist?
 - ✓ Local famous person? Giles Laroche?
 - ✓ Japanese Toy Table?
 - ✓ Calligraphy?
 - ✓ Midori story-telling?
 - ✓ Bring a book for Ota?
 - Ticket Design & Distribution; Erin

Meeting Format:

Does the new format work? Unanimous yes!

Notes:

Thank you, Sharon, for all that you did for the club. It was a beautiful service/celebration of life. So that her main concerns are not forgotten, let us focus on the website and finding host families.

**Next Meeting
Monday, March 31st**

7:00 p.m. Meeting – Salem State, South Campus

Please submit all omissions and/or corrections to Julie Goldstein (goldstein.julie.m@gmail.com).