

Salem Ota Cultural Exchange
Monthly Meeting: August 24th, 2015

Erin Dolan	Olivia Bracken	Constance Arlander
Hugh Stewart	Mary Gardner	Ben Arlander
Joe Salerno	Denise Granniss	Janis Manning
Pamela Myrie	Nancy Nadeau	Steve Manning
Julie Goldstein		

Treasurer Report:

We are doing well, but membership money is declining.

Erin distributed the Cash Calendar for final review. We must sell 37 to break even.

We *must* consider larger fundraisers.

- Something similar to the Food for Thought Raffle?
- Whole Foods Buying Day? - Mary Gardner
- Pizzeria Uno, Swampscott? - Denise
- Landing Restaurant, Marblehead?- Mary Gardner
- Tea Party - Postponed to Spring. We need someone willing to organize it.

Denise would like to hold a "We Miss You" night for Student Hosts of the past.

Student Trip:

Huge success! We had nice weather, and received two booklets; one with last year's students' essays, and one with this year's presentation.

Senator Lovely and Representative Tucker sent hard copies of the State House photos; one for each student! We had pizza and Rep. Tucker spent a lot of time showing us around! Thank you!

Thank you Salem State University and First Church for allowing us to use space for the parties!

Thank you, Connie and Midori!

Thank you, Host Families!

Thank you, Volunteers!

Thank you, Mayor Driscoll!

Perhaps next year:

- decorate cookies at Henry's in Beverly. They will tour and learn about grocery stores.
- Metrorock, Newburyport - Before noon with Raffy

Adult Trip:

70 and drizzle! It was very comfortable and great for photos!

The side trips went well and the group was very happy together. The homestays were great! The adults made the local news. There was a 4 minute segment. They sent us a copy, which Ben (perhaps with the help of Denise's husband) will be putting on the website: salemotace.org

We made the annual Peace Festival Donation. We even made the publication.

Potentially next year:

- Toyota Showroom. The Dolan girls did it and it was amazing!

Meeting Schedule: September 28th, November 30th, January 25th (Annual), March 28th

Next Meeting
Monday, September 28th

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

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