

***Salem Ota Cultural Exchange
Monthly Meeting: November 30th, 2015***

Constance Arlander	Antonio Ciruolo	Sandy Sheckman
Jerry Sherman	Olivia Bracken	Janis Manning
Pamela Myrie	Nancy Nadeau	Ben Arlander
Steve Manning	Rebecca Curran	Julie Goldstein

Meeting at City Hall:

We requested money and support from the City. It was explained that we have been fostering the sister city relationship for 20 years and need support. Topics discussed included:

- Destination Salem Group involvement
- Website placement
- Schools' involvement
- Transportation for visitors
- Meal/Hotel Tax exemption
- 25th Anniversary (1991) next year. Perhaps a party?

The Mayor would like to assist with the City Council and School Committee

- Peter is organizing these presentations. Who can help?

Follow up for next meeting -> We need firm details of exactly what we want/need. Concrete details.

Cash Calendar Drawing Results:

November 2015				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 \$25 <i>Matthew Sanderson</i>	3 \$25 <i>Sue Roche</i>	4 \$25 to Bertucci's <i>Rebecca Arlander</i>	5 \$25 <i>Pat Ranen</i>	6 \$25 <i>Keisha Myrie</i>
9 \$25 <i>Nicole Goetz</i>	10 \$25 <i>Brian Egan</i>	11 \$50 <i>Robin Nadeau</i>	12 \$25 <i>Getty Kaulenas</i>	13 \$25 to Bertucci's <i>Lisa Lavoie</i>
16 \$25 <i>Missy Manning</i>	17 \$25 to Bertucci's <i>Eileen Runser</i>	18 \$25 <i>Katherine Palmer</i>	19 \$25 <i>Jean Arlander</i>	20 \$25 <i>Henry Arlander</i>
23 \$25 <i>Carolyn Herman</i>	24 \$25 <i>Ben Arlander</i>	25 \$25 <i>Amanda Gorey</i>	26 \$25 to Bertucci's <i>Stephanie Myrie</i>	27 \$25 <i>Erik Rodenhiser</i>
30 \$50 <i>Claire Brown</i>	THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!			

Fundraisers (Progress):

Sandy and Erin: Proposal for Japanese Embassy Grant?

Mary: Regrettably, Mary Gardener will be stepping back from the Ota-Salem Cultural exchange meetings for the foreseeable future. Her contribution included:

- Whole Foods Buying Day
- Landing Restaurant, Marblehead

Would anyone like to pick up where she left off?

Denise: Uno's of Swampscott

- She plans to ask for a date in January or February (NOT school vacation). Perhaps on the same day as our Annual Meeting?

Tea Party:

- Sadly, as it was impractical to have the Tea Party in October, we cannot proceed with the original plan.
- They do have the Atrium at night. Perhaps we will have a night party instead? (Erin to look into dates/times/restrictions)
 - Perhaps we could collaborate with Symphony by the Sea? (*Sandy*)
 - Perhaps Craft Beer Tasting (*Julie*)
 - Perhaps Desserts and Wines

Misc.:

Vote: Should we move the membership mailings to July 1st? Yes: 10 No: 0 - Motion Passed.

It was asked whether or not students from other towns could participate in the American Student Exchange. The answer is ABSOLUTELY, but if we have an overabundance of students other factors will be taken into consideration as to which students attend.

January 25th is our Annual Meeting. If you are only going to attend *one* meeting a year, *this is the one to attend.*

Welcome Antonio (Tony) Ciruolo!

**Next Meeting
Monday, January 25th**

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

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