

Salem Ota Cultural Exchange |MINUTES

July 1, 2019 |7 pm | 98 Washington Street City of Salem Offices *New Location*

Attendees

Chris & Denise Granniss
Constance Arlander
Abigail Clark
Steve & Janis Manning
Deb Jackson
Yvonne Mertz

Joe Salarno
Pamela Myrie
Mary Gardner
Hugh Stewart
Kathleen Salas
Ben Arlander
Elizabeth Emery

Agenda topics

Agenda topic Japanese Students and Host Families Update

We have placed all 28 students, including many taking 2 students -some of whom are new families.

We are waiting to get student forms and will be emailing family information sheets this week; please complete it & send back asap to help us match students and families! A meeting will be set up for *next week* to give new families information, for experienced families to share their wisdom, and for everyone to pick up their student folders.

Agenda topic July Student visit!

We need help throughout the week, including at 3:30 on Sunday, July 21 for the 5:00 Welcome Party at the House of 7 Gables. *Please reach out to let us know if you can help at the party, for the English Round Tables, or other happenings!*

The Tentative Program as of JULY 1 is as follows.

- Monday July 22: 9 to 9:40 English Roundtables at PEM. *We ask hosts and volunteers to stay and sit with 2-4 students prompting basic conversations about family, home, etc.*
- House of 7 Gables, Friendship, & Witch Museum; *also seeking volunteer help 2:30 to 3:30 for Salem shop/walking tour. 3:45 to 4:00 pickup at FRIENDSHIP.*
- 7 to 9 PM Basketball & swimming at the Marblehead YMCA. **WE NEED HELP.**
- Tuesday: 8 AM departure to Boston State House (including lunch with Paul Tucker & Joan Lovely); 1:00 Fenway Park. **PICKUP TIME TBD.** 7 PM Navigators Game.

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- Wed. 9 -9:40 English Roundtables (potentially at Salem Academy?). Harbor Sweets Tour. 1:00 to 3:00 Boston Children's Museum. PICKUP APPROX 5 PM.
 - Thursday 9 to 11:00 PEM Museum Tour, Mayor's Office/City Hall & Winter Island City Hall, 2 to 4:00 Scrimshaw activity. PICKUP 4 PM.
 - Friday: 8 AM ferry departure for MFA Tour; Fanieul Hall lunch, 2:30 ferry back to Salem.
 - Dinner Evening Party at McKay's house in the Willows. Look for a Signup Genius forthcoming!

 - Saturday Salem 5 Bank 10 AM drop off for Noon luncheon event, followed by 3:00 at the PEM with Taiko drummers and community dance until 4:00. 7 PM Optional Bowling evening.
 - Sunday free day with host families!
 - Monday July 29 early (7:30?) goodbye and departure from Salem High School. Before they leave Boston, students will visit the Hagashi School in Randolph and tea at the Japanese Consulate.

Agenda topic College Scholarship

The winner of the high school student scholarship/essay for \$500 was Geddy Kaelunas, who has travelled to Japan and whose family has hosted over the years. Congratulations!

Next meeting: TBD