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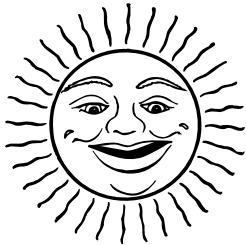
SEATTLE-KOBE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

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Our Fifth Decade of Friendship

August 2000

Kobe Day at the Mariners Coming Soon — Mark your calendar for Sept. 11!!



It's time for the **3rd Annual
Kobe Day at the Mariners!!**

**Monday, September 11, 2000
7:05 p.m. vs Kansas City**

We have Group Seating in sections 340 and 341 off of 3rd base. **Tickets are \$10.00 each.** A portion of the ticket price benefits the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association.

We will have a raffle right after the 7th inning stretch (your ticket seat number is your entry to the raffle) for some great baseball prizes: 4 Orix Blue Wave Neppie and Ripsea sticker sheets, 2 Sasaki posters, a Hanshin Tigers watch (for you Tigers fans!) and one auto-graphed Sasaki baseball!

Make sure to hold on to your ticket stub. You must be present to win. Thanks to the



Learn about new changes to our membership structure inside on Page 4!!

Seattle Mariners!

So, buy a few tickets to the game, come and support the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association and have fun at Safeco Field with the Mariners!

To purchase tickets, please send a check payable to "SKSCA" to Karin Zaugg, 1414 E. Harrison St., Apt. #E, Seattle, WA 98112. You can also contact **Karin** at karin_zaugg@hotmail.com or **Tel: 206-325-6091**.

See you at the game!!



Jazz Alley Kobe Jazz Artist Concert

The winner of the **Kobe Jazz Festival** competition will be coming to play at **Jazz Alley Restaurant and Night Club** on October 9. Additional details will be announced when they become available.

THANK YOU!!

A Big "Thank You" to our Corporate Sponsors!

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JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY BRIEFING:

The Great Hanshin Earthquake: What are the Lessons for Seattle?

Report by *Janet Andree*
*UW English for International Business Professions and
 JET Assistant Language Teacher, Hyogo 1992-95*

This briefing was held on Wed. May 10 and was attended by representatives of both the private and public sectors of greater Seattle and greater Kobe (Hanshin-Awaji) regions. It covered a variety of topics, focusing primarily on disaster preparedness. The presenters and attendees want the people of greater Seattle to learn from the sad lessons forced upon the Hanshin residents by the magnitude 7.2 earthquake. The startling statistics: the quake killed over 6,400 people, injured 40,092 and left 316,678 seeking shelter.

The main speakers at the briefing were **Koichi Kobayashi** and **Junko Anazawa** of **Kobayashi & Associates**, **Roger Williams** of **Mithun Partners**, and **Kenji Nagamune**, Director of Disaster Prevention Planning Division, **Hyogo Prefecture**. A discussion of disaster management in Hyogo Prefecture outlined topics that are especially pertinent for residents of the greater Puget Sound region. The meeting was held as the initial effort to form a network of parties concerned with disaster preparation and crisis management aimed at applying the lessons learned from Kobe here in Seattle.



Are you prepared? See the tips for preparing for an earthquake provided in part by PG&E. Involve the whole family so they'll know where emergency supplies are kept and what safety precautions to follow. Do practice runs to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the case of an emergency.

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Are YOU prepared??

REMEMBER: DO IT NOW!!! START TO PREPARE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE THINGS IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS AND SET A DEADLINE FOR YOURSELF TO FINISH THE REST.

Always have on hand:

- Flashlights with fresh batteries
- Portable radio with fresh batteries
- One week's supply of water and non-perishable foods
- First-aid kit
- ABC multipurpose fire extinguishers
- Medication for those who need prescription drugs.
- Cash in small bills
- Plastic wrap (for avoiding use of water to wash dishes)
- Plastic tarp (for roof leaks, to use as tenting, blankets, etc.)
- A manageable container for carrying water
- A plastic bucket with a lid for use as a temporary portable toilet and lots of toilet paper
- An old pair of shoes under the bed to avoid walking on glass
- A small propane stove for cooking



Remember to:

- Know the location of your gas and electric service.
- Turn off the gas if you smell gas, turn off the electricity if house wires are damaged. Remember, only a qualified service person should turn gas service back on.
- Read instructions for fire extinguishers. Know how to use them before you need them.
- Secure cabinets by installing child-proof latches to keep their contents from falling on someone.
- Anchor water heaters to wall studs with metal straps to prevent them from tipping over and breaking gas lines. Also, water in the tank can be saved for drinking.
- Hang only fabric or other lightweight objects above your bed.
- Bolt heavy objects (shelves) to the walls.
- Keep important papers in a bank vault with copies at home.

Here are several online resources with additional info....there are many others. — **Seattle King County American Red Cross** (www.seattlredcross.org/DisasterInfo.htm). **American Red Cross** - California Earthquake Preparedness Materials (www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/disability.html). **Pacific Gas & Electric** (www.pge.com/customer_services/emergency/emergency.html), **John A. Martin & Associates, Inc., Consulting Structural, Civil, and Earthquake Engineers** (www.johnmartin.com/eqguides/).

What's Happening...

... in Bellevue

Everyone is invited to enjoy a Japanese style Aki Matsuri (fall festival) at the serene Bellevue Community College. A week-end of stage entertainment, booth exhibits, demonstrations, and food stalls featuring Japanese cultural arts.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

(parking is also free at the BCC campus!)

Matsuri highlights will include a treasured Yuzen zome kimono exhibit by **Mr. Sojiro Hoshino** from Japan. A



Mr. Sojiro Hoshino, master of yuuzen-zome, the art of hand-painting & dyeing kimono.

set of antique kimonos will also be on display, sponsored by SCCJ of Kyoto. How about a kimono made of Japanese paper? A shifu artist, **Masayo Miyanaga** will be visiting from Japan to display her artwork, which combines washi and silk fabric to make kimono.

The artwork of the ten (10) finalists from **Sister Cities International's** annual



Eastside Nihon Matsuri

Moves to Bellevue Community College (BCC) for all new Japanese fall festival
Sept. 23 - 24, Sat. 10 - 8, Sun. 11 - 5

At the BCC Gymnasium Complex

nual competition will be on exhibit. The winner this year is a young student from Yao, Japan. In addition, the

Bellevue-Yao Sister City Committee is sponsoring the works of photographer **Ms. Mitsuko Morioka**, illustrating a sample of her work taken from subjects around the world. The photo exhibit will be showcased together with artistic photos of Japanese subjects produced by local photographers.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Exhibitors: 40+ participants will exhibit and demonstrate a sampling of the cultural arts of Japan

Stage entertainment: -- Taka Koto Ensemble (koto music—*See p. 4 for more info!*) -- Seattle Kokon Taiko -- Oyoyo Sisters (vaudeville) -- Tsunami Taiko (drum) -- YushinDaiko (drum) -- karaoke contest -- Urasenke Seattle Shibu -- Fujima Fujimine - traditional dance -- Pork Filled Players -- kimono fashion show

Martial Arts Demonstrations: -- kyudo - archery -- kendo -- naginata - halberd wielding -- shorinji kempo -- shinto muso ryu jo -- aikido -- judo

For information or to find out about volunteering, visit www.enma.org or call **Tom & Katsuko Brooke at (425) 861-9109**.

...on the Internet: Kobe-Related Info

- Japan National Tourist Organization..... www.jnto.go.jp
- Kansai Intl PR Promotion Office..... www.kippo.or.jp
- Kobe Shimbun Web Studio (Japanese only) www.kobe-np.co.jp/
- The Japan Times Online www.japantimes.co.jp
- Kobe International Association..... www.exd.city.kobe.jp/kic/
- City of Kobe Homepage (English) www.city.kobe.jp/index-e.html
- New Industry Research Organization www.niro.or.jp/index-e.html
- Kobe City University of Foreign Studies www.kobe-cufs.ac.jp/index-e.html
- Japan-America Society of the State of Washington www.us-japan.org/jassw/home.htm
- Japanese-American Chamber of Commerce of Washington State..... www.jachamber.com/
- American Consulate General

- Osaka-Kobe Japan www.senri-i.or.jp/amcon/usa_01.htm
- Kobe University www.kobe-u.ac.jp/index.html
- Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Database

www.adrc.or.jp/hanshin/default.asp?lang=en

- Music Web (a collaboration between Kiss-FM KOBE and bayfm) .. www.nifty.ne.jp/musicweb/



...with the **SKSCA**



We are looking for volunteers to help out with our bulk mailings. We send out a quarterly newsletter plus a couple of event update fliers throughout the year. We're looking for a couple of volunteers we can call on for just a couple of hours per mailing (6-8 times/year) to do the following:

Bulk Mailing Preparation - Someone who can pick up newsletters from the printer, apply mailing labels, bundle them for bulk mailing (we'll show you how this is done!), and deliver the mailing to the post office. These tasks could be split up between a couple of people if needed. Applying mailing labels to newsletters takes about 1 hour with two people.
Newsletter Delivery - Someone to deliver stacks of newsletters to various organizations around town.

Volunteer Opportunity!

For more information on helping out with these tasks, contact **Stacey Jehlik at 206-525-7991** or stacers@attglobal.net.

For 2001

Changes to Your SKSCA Membership

The time has come for the SKSCA to make some changes in our membership renewal system and membership dues structure.

Starting in 2001, we're switching to a **calendar year** membership system. We're making this change because of the difficulties involved in tracking each member's individual payment and renewal dates. By implementing this new system we hope that we can streamline our invoicing procedures, and keep our members better informed about the status of their memberships.

What this means is that **membership dues for ALL MEMBERS will be due as of January 2001.** We will send out invoices reminding you of this change in late December. As a result of this change all membership renewals received after September 2000 will be applied to the 2001 calendar year membership. **Memberships paid prior to September 1, 2000 will come due again as of January 1, 2001.**

We understand that for some of you who renewed your memberships in July and August this will mean another payment in 6 months rather than one year after your last membership renewal. We ask for your cooperation and understanding in this matter, as it is one of the inevitable challenges that we must face in making

the administrative change to a calendar year membership system. **And don't forget, your membership dues are tax deductible!!**

Our membership dues structure is also changing. The amounts have not been raised for many years and we now find it necessary to increase dues slightly to cover the mailing costs of our newsletters and event fliers, to prepare for general membership meetings and other events for members, and to prepare for the upcoming 45th anniversary of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City relationship in 2002.

As of Jan. 1, memberships will be priced as follows:

Corporate: \$125
Family : \$50
Individual : \$30
Student/Senior : \$15

Dues paid at the current membership rates between September and December 2000 will still be applied to the entire 2001 calendar year. Dues paid after January 1 should be paid at the new rates.

Did you Know???

Longtime SKSCA members **Dorothy and Chet Sprinkle** send their greetings to SKSCA. Dorothy commented that she and Chet really enjoyed attending meetings and events, and she hopes that everyone is well. They read the newsletter with great interest and are sorry that their health does not allow them to travel to Japan anymore. You can email them at sakura2@prodigy.net.

After a long battle with cancer, Mr. **Akihiro Yamashita** passed away on August 8th at the age of 59. Mr. Yamashita was the Senior Deputy Mayor for the **City of Kobe**. Kobe newspapers have been quoted on a number of occasions as saying that he was the best candidate for the next

Mayor of Kobe should Mayor Sasayama decide to one day retire.

SAVE THE

The **Taka Koto Ensemble**, under the directorship of **Elizabeth Falconer**, has released its first CD entitled "Taka." Its members are committed to expanding the world of koto sounds as well as

promoting appreciation of Japanese culture through performing the koto, an ancient 13-string instrument from Japan. The ensemble is made up of Americans, Japanese-Americans, and Japanese players living in the U.S.

The CD is \$15 (plus \$1.50 S&H) and can be purchased at www.kotoworld.com or by sending a check to Koto World, 15722 SE 166th Pl., Renton, WA 98058. For more info see the above web site or contact **Elizabeth Falconer** at 425-430-1972.



Upcoming Events



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| September 1 | Kobe Day at the Mariners |
| September 23-24 | The Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association's Fall Festival (<i>see Page 3!</i>) |
| October 9 | Jazz Alley Kobe Jazz Artist Concert. The winner of the Kobe Jazz Festival competition will be coming to play at Jazz Alley Restaurant and Night Club. |
| December 2 | Holiday party and general membership meeting. |
| May 6-8, 2001 | Asia Pacific Cities Summit. |

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Odyssey, The Maritime Discovery Center is a contemporary, interactive maritime museum located at the Bell Street Pier on Seattle's Central Waterfront. Designed to introduce Seattle residents and visitors to its modern working waterfront, Odyssey offers the unique opportunity of seeing the waterfront on the outside and experiencing those activities on the inside.

Three thematic galleries feature more than 40 state-of-the-art, high-tech exhibits. **Sharing the Sound** features environmental and recreational activities around the Puget Sound area and **Harvesting the Sea** introduces the commercial fishing industry and discusses sustainable fishing practices. Finally, **Ocean Trade** is where visitors can study the trade routes between Puget Sound Ports and Asian port cities and learn about the important role Seattle plays in international trade.

In addition to its interactive exhibits, Odyssey offers a wide variety of programs and special events ranging from a Visiting Vessel program to lectures and Art installations. We reach out to the Seattle area schools and offer field trips, career fairs and internships to help young minds begin thinking about

career opportunities in the maritime and fisheries industries.

Odyssey is a shining gem on Seattle's waterfront where people can play, learn and have fun. We hope you'll come visit us soon!

ODYSSEY



The Maritime Discovery Center

2205 Alaskan Way, Pier 66
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 374-4001
www.ody.org

Summer Hours: 10 to 5 daily.

Admission prices: Adults \$6.50, Students 5-18 \$4.00, Seniors 62+ \$4.00, Children 4 and under free. Group rates available.

Driving Directions: From Interstate 5 or Interstate 90, take the Kingdome exit. Turn right onto Fourth Ave S. and right again onto Royal Brougham St. Go several blocks and drive under the elevated highway (the Alaskan Way Viaduct). Turn right on to Alaskan Way, which is the surface street just beyond the viaduct. Drive north on Alaskan Way about 15 blocks until you see the second overhead pedestrian bridge. This is Pier 66, the Bell Street Pier, site of Odyssey.

New Membership/Membership Renewal/Volunteer Form

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please enclose your mailing label if there are any changes. Thank you!!

SKSCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, IRS tax identification # 23-7034425.

Membership dues are a tax deductible donation.

Individual \$30 Family: \$50 Senior/Student: \$15 Corporate: \$125

_____ I am a **current** member renewing my dues and I have enclosed \$_____.

_____ I am a **new** member and I have enclosed \$_____.

_____ I am interested in volunteer opportunities. Please send me more information.

Please mail this form and a check to:

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