

The 28th Japan-America **Grassroots Summit** in Washington State

September 18-24, 2018



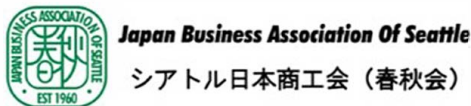
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A Message from the Governor of the state of Washington

I am pleased to express my enthusiastic support for the 28th Annual Japan-America Grassroots Summit and extend a warm hand of welcome to all of the Japanese guests visiting our great state.

Japan and Washington State share a long history of friendship and exchange which has deepened over the years thanks in large part to the work of groups like the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington. JASSW's unique Japan in the Schools program reaches nearly 150 classrooms annually and continues to educate the next generation on the Japanese language and culture, while its newly established America in the Schools program does the same abroad.

Washington State now boasts an incredible 35 sister city relationships. We are excited to have the Grassroots Summit correspond with the 55th anniversary of our treasured Sister State relationship with Hyogo Prefecture. Many consider Washington State to be a gateway between our two countries, and I could not agree more.

As the Evergreen State, we are known for our beautiful natural environment, including pristine lakes, impressive snow-covered mountains, and lush green forests. Many people from around the world are drawn to our thriving tech industry and rich culture, which are well represented among the membership of JASSW. There is something for everyone to enjoy here, and I believe the Grassroots Summit will be a wonderful opportunity for each of you to experience it for yourselves.

Again, welcome to Washington. I hope you will all make many unforgettable memories here.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee
Governor

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October 4, 2017

Dear Grassroots Summit participants,

It is with great pleasure that next year's Grassroots Summit will take place in Washington State. I look forward to welcoming approximately 150 people from Japan participating in this wonderful people-to-people exchange program that began in 1991, and takes place each year, alternating venues between Japan and the US. In 2018, they will have the unique opportunity to experience the natural splendor and technological innovation that characterizes this corner of the United States.

The US and Japan have maintained strong ties, in large part due to the warm exchanges between its people based on common values, and are indispensable partners in the Asia-Pacific. Adding to the active sister-city relationships of which the state can proudly boast, and the economic ties that pull our two nations closer together, I am confident that next year's event in Washington State will solidify this relationship.

I extend my deep appreciation to Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, and its Japan-based partner, the Center for International Exchange, for their collaborative work in making this event a success. I sincerely wish for each participant to experience a memorable stay by engaging with the sights, sounds and the warmhearted people that exemplify this wonderful region.

Consul General of Japan in Seattle

Yoichiro Yamada

October 10, 2017

Dear Potential Corporate Sponsor,

Next year in September, Washington State will be welcoming around 150 people from Japan who will participate in the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit. This event was initiated over 25 years ago by a nonprofit organization, the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE), to further build on the strong and friendly relationship between the US and Japan.

Fully endorsed by both the Government of Japan and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, the Grassroots Summit is a singularly unique opportunity for both participants and hosts. The venue alternates each year between the US and Japan, and we are thrilled that Washington State will be the next destination, allowing visitors from Japan to witness the natural beauty and technological innovation of this diverse state.

The Japan-America Society of the State of Washington is working as the local organizer for next year's Summit. In addition, Japanese and Japanese-American organizations that are deeply embedded in the community, including The North American Post, Keiro Northwest, Japan Business Association, US-Japan Council, NVC Foundation, Japanese Community Service of Seattle, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington, and Densho, along with the Japanese Consulate, have come together to form the Committee Supporting the 2018 Grassroots Summit.

We today have the cooperation of over a dozen cities spread all over the state that have committed to providing homestay opportunities for 10 to 12 participants in each locality. In order to ensure the Summit's total success, and with the goal of raising approximately \$100,000, we are contacting a select few companies and individuals to inquire of their interest to be sponsors. There are several levels of sponsorship that are available, each providing varied opportunities for participation and company exposure. A Sponsorship Information Flyer is attached for your kind consideration.

Besides facilitating friendly exchanges, this event will provide an excellent chance for the direct promotion of Washington State businesses, as the visitors to the state will include prominent VIPs such as the Ambassador of Japan to the United States.

As we are less than a year away from the approaching event, we sincerely hope to soon receive your kind support. For further inquiries, please contact Mr. Dale Watanabe of the Japan-America Society (dwatanambe@jassw.org; CC to Ms. Josephine Hoyne at jhoyne@jassw.org; phone: 206-374-0180).

We thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from you.

The Committee Supporting the 2018 Japan-America
Grassroots Summit in Washington State

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October 4, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Co-Chairs of the Grassroots Committee of the Japan America Society of Washington State (JASSW), we would like to welcome our guests from Japan to the upcoming 28th Japan America Grassroots Summit to be held in Washington State in September of 2018.

This Summit is a collaboration between the Center for International Exchange (CIE) and JASSW. While the CIE has partnered with many other Japan America Societies in the US, this will be the first time such a partnership will take place in Washington State. JASSW has a long history in our State dating back to its founding in 1923. Since its initial years, our Society has been active in promoting business, cultural, and mutual people-to-people understanding in our State. We have helped foster communities throughout the State to support and embrace all things associated with Japan. As a result, there are numerous Japanese companies that have operations in Washington, Washington-based US companies that operate in Japan, and community events throughout the year that help promote mutual understanding between Japan, the US and the State of Washington. Perhaps most telling is the number of sister-city relationships that exist throughout our State. It is this strong network of sister-cities that will be the backbone of this upcoming Grassroots Summit.

The Grassroots Program is unique. During your stay in Washington State, you will have the opportunity to see and experience many of our most significant attractions in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. In addition, the 3-day "home stay," in which a local family will host our guests from Japan in their homes and their respective communities, will be an unforgettable experience. Though these "home stays" are relatively brief, many of these experiences will grow into lasting life-long friendships that both guests and hosts will cherish. It is these lasting relationships at the people-to-people level that woven together will make up the fabric of a strong and mutually beneficial relationship between our two countries and the State of Washington.

We look forward to welcoming you to our great State of Washington. We are anxious to share our communities and our homes with our guests from Japan. We view this Grassroots Summit as a wonderful opportunity to further strengthen our ties with Japan and make many new friends. Until we meet in September 2018.

Sincerely,



Sharon Tomiko Santos
2018 Grassroots Summit Co-Chair
Representative
Washington State Legislature



Tay Yoshitani
2018 Grassroots Summit Co-Chair
Japan-America Society of the State of
Washington



Japan-America Society Dinner at Olympic Hotel in Seattle, January 1929

Connection through Business, Culture and Schools



HISTORY

Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) was founded on July 24, 1923 by Seattle's business, academic, and diplomatic community leaders. Except for a brief period during World War II, our organization has remained active in fostering Japan-Washington State trade, business and cultural activities, and maintains a close relationship with key government and private organizations, such as the Consulate-General of Japan and the Japan Business Association of Seattle. Until the 1980's, JASSW was run entirely by volunteers; today, our staff consists of four full-time professionals.



EVENTS



Throughout the year...

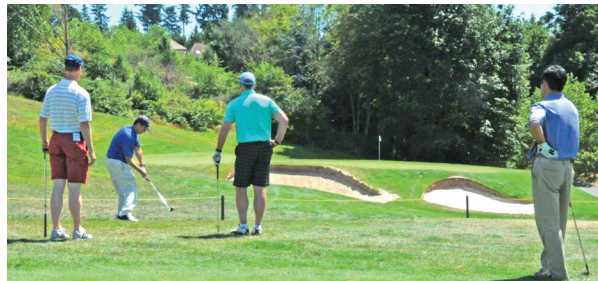
Our staff works with members, volunteers, industry leaders and other Japan-related institutions to bring enjoyable and informative events designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests.

JASSW Programs Include:

- Cultural events including music, film, books and museum exhibitions
- Social events such as picnics and parties
- Business networking events
- Distinguished speakers and trade related seminars
- Japan Young Professionals Group business & social events
- Partnership events
- Holiday Dinner
- Golf
- Annual Meeting

Japan-America Society Networking (JAS-NET)

JAS-NET provides the opportunity for members to expand their professional and personal circles through fun and casual networking events. Students, younger members, and longstanding members have the chance to connect with each other to benefit from fresh perspectives and gain insight on their career goals. It is a forum to meet new friends similarly interested in US-Japan relations.



OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering

Our programs and events offer connections with many business, and volunteers are a large part of its success. JASSW is always looking for members to help out with JIS visits and its many events throughout the year. Upon application either through paper form or online, a JASSW coordinator will contact you with various volunteer opportunities.

Internships

Our internship program offers great experiences and connections in the field of international relations. Interns gain valuable administrative, event planning, presentation, networking, and accounting skills.

Membership

JASSW is supported by membership dues, program fees and contributions from members, corporations, foundations and individuals who share our vision and goals. Your generosity makes our events and programs possible.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The mission of the JASSW is to promote friendship and understanding between the people of Japan and Washington State. JASSW takes pride in the power of youth education programs. For over 20 years, the Japan in the Schools (JIS) program has brought free Japanese language and culture lessons to classrooms around Washington State. America in the Schools (AIS) is a program in Japan that was born from the success of JIS in America.

Japan in the Schools (JIS)

Japan In the Schools (JIS) is a free program designed to educate Washington State students about the language and culture of Japan.

Since 1994, community volunteers have been traveling to local schools, giving children the opportunity to learn about daily life in Japan using real-life props from Japan and role play activities. This unique program attracts many volunteers and exchange students every year who wish to observe schools in the US and share their knowledge of school in Japan.

JIS website ►►► <http://www.japan-in-schools.org>



America in the Schools (AIS)

Mutual Respect

What does an "American" look like?
Why are Mika's cousins blonde?



Student Experience

How do students get to school?
What do classrooms look like?



This new program is the counterpart to JIS and seeks to introduce students in Japan to schools in the U.S. Funded by a grant from the U.S.-Japan Foundation, the AIS lesson is a 45-minute PowerPoint presentation for educators in Japan that follows a real Japanese American girl throughout a day at her elementary school. Students can see and hear her family, friends, classmates, lunch and recess experience, and more! The lesson aims to introduce not only American education, but also the importance of diversity in the U.S. AIS has received endorsements from the U.S. Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and others. Both JIS and AIS are part of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington's effort to promote grassroots international education.

AIS website ►►► <http://www.jassw-ais.org>

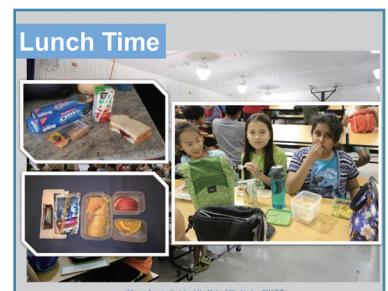
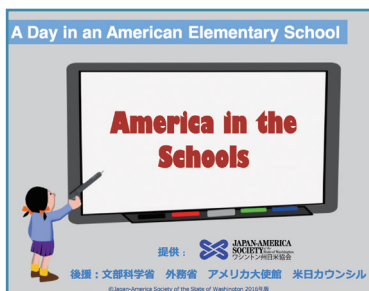
The Pledge of Allegiance

忠誠 (ちゅうせい) の誓い



Cultural Diversity

Why do students say the pledge of Allegiance every day?
Why are there vegetarian options for school lunch?



Executive Summary

From September 18-24, 2018, the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington hosted the 28th Japan America Grassroots Summit 2018 in Washington State. Opening and closing in Seattle, the weeklong Summit spanned the scope of the Pacific Northwest's natural beauty, rich culture, as well as business and technological achievements.

The Japan America Grassroots Summit is an annual gathering of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and the United States. It was founded in 1990 by the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE) to celebrate the historic friendship between John Manjiro Nakahama and Captain William H. Whitfield, which was one of the first friendships between a Japanese and American person. Each year approximately 150 people travel across the Pacific to take part. Over 45,000 people have participated in the exchange. The Summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between the two countries by fostering friendships at the grassroots level.

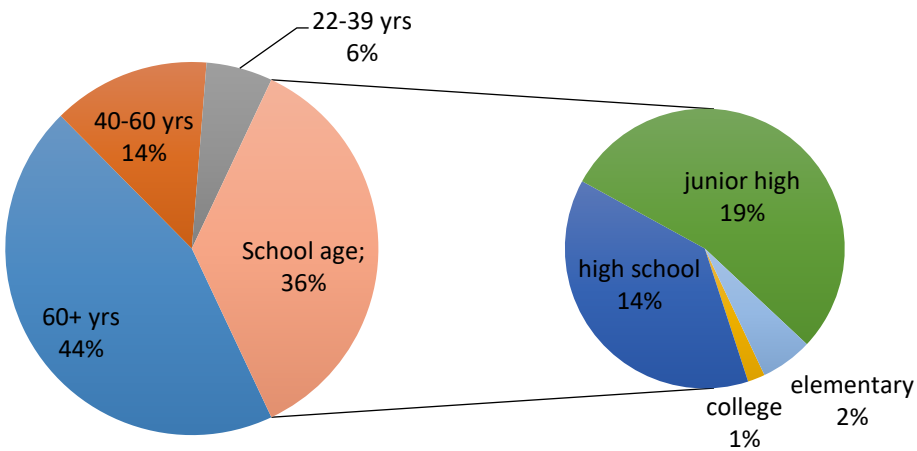
The 28th Grassroots Summit welcomed 139 Japanese guests to Washington State for a week of homestays and local tours. The guests stayed with 114 host families in fourteen "Local Sessions" across Washington State. Approximately 120 people joined as volunteers. Over 300 attendees joined the Opening Ceremony aboard a private Argosy Cruise to Tillicum Village on Blake Island on Tuesday, September 19. This included the descendants of John Manjiro Nakahama, Captain William Whitfield, and Commodore Matthew Perry, who maintain their ancestors' friendships by taking part in the Summit every year. It also included 42 representatives from Japan-America Societies across the United States and Japan who were in town as part of the corresponding Annual Meeting for the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS). At the end of the week, approximately 500 guests, consisting of host families, Japanese participants, Local Session representatives, descendants and volunteers, gathered for the Closing Ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington on Sunday, September 23, making it the biggest Society event of the year.



Descendants photo at Opening Ceremony. Left to right: Matthew Perry, Aya Nakamura, Tomoyasu Nakamura, Kyo Nakahama, Scott Whitfield, Bob Whitfield, Morgan Whitfield, Kathy Whitfield, Wyatt Whitfield

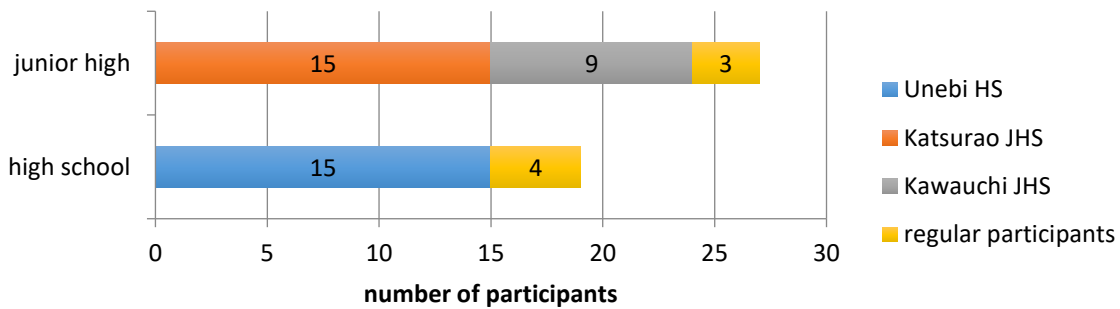
Breakdown of 28th Grassroots Summit Japanese Participants

Breakdown of Ages (139 participants)

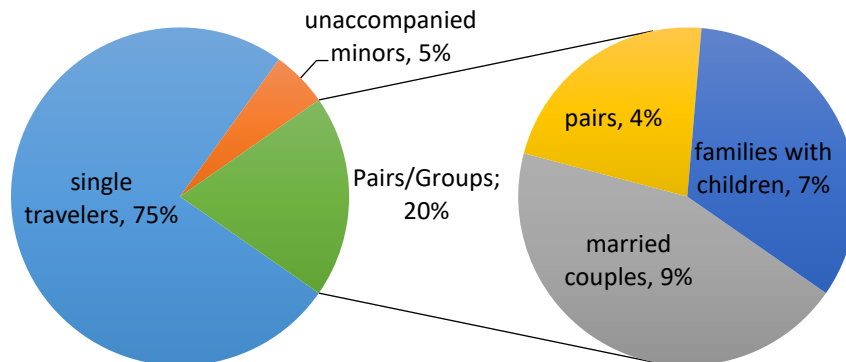


Age	# of guests
60+ years old	62
40-60	19
22-39	8
School age	50
College	1
High School	19
Junior High	27
Elementary	3
TOTAL	139

School Groups vs. Regular Student-Age Participants



Group Breakdown among Regular Participants (90)



Introduction to the Grassroots Summit

What is the Center for International Exchange?

The John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE) is a non-profit based in Tokyo, Japan. Their aim is to promote “Grassroots Exchange,” i.e. the free exchange of opinions between individual citizens of America and Japan, and through this to further mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries. Their primary means of achieving this goal is through holding the Grassroots Summit annually. The CIE was founded in 1990, put on the first Grassroots Summit in 1991, and have continued to do so on an annual basis. See www.manjiro.or.jp/e/ for more information.

What is the Grassroots Summit?

The Japan America Grassroots Summit is an annual exchange of Japanese and American people organized by the CIE. It is held alternately in Japan and America. The Summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between our two countries by fostering friendship at the grassroots level through local activities and homestays.

The Summit honors the friendship between Captain William Whitfield and John Manjiro Nakahama. In 1841, the 14-year-old Nakahama Manjiro joined a fishing expedition off the coast of Usa, Japan. The boat was caught in a terrifying storm and marooned on an island for six-months. The crew was eventually rescued by American Captain William H. Whitfield. Due to Japanese isolationism, they were unable to return to Japan at the time, so Captain Whitfield instead took them to America. Whitfield offered Manjiro his own home in Fairhaven, MA and the opportunity to receive an education there. The relationship they formed along with Manjiro’s rare command of English and understanding of American culture and ideology became pivotal in ending Japanese isolationism and building the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Every two years, the Grassroots Summit is held in the United States in alternating locations across the country. Nearly 150 Japanese visitors join the Summit and participate in homestays to commemorate the way Captain Whitfield opened his home to John Manjiro. Over 45,000 people have participated in the Grassroots Summit.

Who joins the Grassroots Summit?

The Grassroots Summit is open to anyone and therefore tends to attract a wide range of participants from retired people, to young married couples, to families. The highest percentage of participants are over the age of 60. Many of these participants speak little to no English.

During the 28th Summit, the CIE applied for and received the United States-Japan Council TOMODACHI grant to send students from Unebi High School in Nara to Mount Vernon High School. Unebi acted as one of the host schools during the 27th Nara Grassroots Summit. The entire student bodies of Katsurao Junior High School and Kawauchi Junior High School from Fukushima Prefecture also participated in the Summit at Tyee Middle School.

28th Grassroots Summit Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 09/18/2018	Morning 4:00-5:00 pm	Participants arrive at Sea-Tac Airport Orientation Walking Tours around downtown Seattle Hotel check-in at Westin Seattle [overnight at Westin Seattle]
Wednesday 09/19/2018	9:00 am-2:00 pm 2:30 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	Seattle Tours (with extra tour fee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boeing Factory Tour • Twin Peaks, Beer, & Winery Tour • Underground & Safeco Field Tour • Japanese-American History Tour • Seattle Business Tour Opening Ceremony Participants depart Westin Seattle lobby for Pier Registration opens Opening Ceremony begins Argosy Cruise returns to Seattle [overnight at Westin Seattle]
Thursday 09/20/2018	Morning Afternoon/Evening	Depart Westin Seattle for Local Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus#1: Tyee MS, Mount Vernon HS • Bus#2: Bellevue, Ellensburg, Moses Lake • Bus#3: Vashon Island, Port Townsend, Sequim • Bus#4: Renton, Auburn, Tacoma, Lakewood, Olympia • Westin Seattle pick-up: Seattle Local Session – Itinerary Day 1 [Home-stay]
Friday 09/21/2018	Daytime	Local Session – Itinerary Day 2 [Home-stay]
Saturday 09/22/2018	Daytime	Local Session – Host Family Day [Home-stay]
Sunday 09/23/2018	10:30-1:30 pm 2:30-3:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Bus pick-up from Local Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus#1: Moses Lake, Ellensburg • Bus#2: Sequim, Port Townsend • Bus#3: Olympia, Lakewood, Tacoma • Bus#4: Mount Vernon High School Buses arrive at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington Closing Ceremony Registration Opens Closing Ceremony begins [overnight at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington]
Monday 09/24/2018	Morning	Participants depart from Sea-Tac airport for Narita airport, OR Join Post-Summit Optional Tours (with extra tour fee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Vancouver B. Portland C. Boston and Fairhaven

28th Japan America Grassroots Summit Report

From September 18-24, 2018, the 28th Annual Japan America Grassroots Summit 2018 in Washington State took place. The Society welcomed 139 participants for this program. Ten support staff from CIE and Kinki Nippon Travel (KNT) accompanied them. Approximately 120 volunteers joined the Summit through local community organizations acting as Volunteer Coordinating Groups.

The Summit corresponded with the Annual Meeting for the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS), for which approximately 75 people attended.

Arrival Day – September 18, 2018

The participants arrived on four flights: a direct flight on Delta, a direct flight on All Nippon Airways, an indirect flight through Vancouver, B.C. on Air Canada, and an indirect flight through Portland, OR on Delta. Volunteers and support staff from the Port of Seattle met the arriving participants at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, then accompanied them to the Westin Seattle. Puget Sound Coach Lines provided all bus and van transportation throughout the Summit.



Airport volunteers at the Grassroots Summit desk at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Upon arrival at the Westin, volunteers managed by the Japan Business Association of Seattle (JBA) greeted the guests and directed them to the Elliot Bay Room for orientation. These volunteers were available for the whole day to direct guests, answer questions, and assist as needed.



After orientation, the guests were given the opportunity to join free volunteer-led walking tours managed by the Japan Cultural and Community Center of Washington (JCCCW). The tours went to Pike Place Market (approximately 35 guests) and Seattle Center (approximately 20). A volunteer-staffed luggage storage room was available for guests during their tours.

The groups from Katsurao Junior High School, Kawauchi Junior High School, and Unebi High School were provided separate volunteer-led tours to Seattle Center and Pike Place Market.

In the evening, guests joined volunteer-led dinner groups in the downtown Seattle area managed by the Pacific Northwest JET Alumni Association (PNW JETAA). Groups went to Etta's (approximately 15 guests), Blueacre Seafood (approximately 20), Carlile Room (approximately 6), Tutta Bella (approximately 5), and Pacific Place (approximately 12). The school groups went with volunteers to Uwajimaya.



Top left: Guests take pictures of Pike Place Market sign. **Top right:** John Manjiro Speech Contest winners at the infamous Gum Wall in Pike Place Market. **Bottom:** Unebi High School students with their Walking Tour guides.

Arrival Day Bus and Flight Itineraries

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Buses from Sea-Tac International Airport to Westin Seattle

Bus #1: 48 person coach.... 46 participants + 2 volunteers

Bus #2: 48 person coach.... 46 participants + 2 volunteers

Delta Direct - DL166 (92 participants)

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Time	Activity
9:20 AM	Arrival (DL166)
10:00	Greet participants at baggage claim
10:30	Bus #1 departs Sea-Tac Airport (2 volunteers ride bus with participants)
10:45	Bus #2 departs Sea-Tac Airport (2 volunteers ride bus with participants)
11:00	Bus #1 arrives at Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)
11:15 AM	Bus #2 arrives at Westin Seattle

Bus #3: 48 person coach.... 23 participants + 2 volunteers

ANA - NH178 (21 participants), United - UA389 (1 participant), +overnight at Crown Plaza (1 participant)

Arrival: 11:25 AM

Time	Activity
11:22 AM	United from DC (UA 389) Arrival
11:25 AM	ANA (NH178) Arrival
12:00PM	Greet participants at baggage claim
12:45	Bus #3 departs Sea-Tac Airport (2 volunteers ride bus with participants)
1:15 PM	Bus #3 arrives at Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)

Bus #4 (use Bus #1): 48 person coach.... 25 participants + 2 volunteers

Delta via PDX – DL3632 (8 participants), Air Canada – AC8097 (17 participants)

Arrival: 2:19 PM (PDX), 2:30 PM (AC)

Tour Guide: Mr. Wada, cell 253-228-8059

Time	Activity
2:19 PM	Arrival Delta via PDX (DL3632)
2:30	Arrival Air Canada (AC8097)
2:40-3:10	Greet participants at baggage claim
3:45	Bus #4 departs Sea-Tac Airport (no volunteers)
4:15-4:35	Pike Place Market
4:50 PM	Arrive at Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)



Pictures guest arrivals at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on September 18, 2018.

Seattle Tours – September 19, 2018

Volunteers managed by the Hyogo Business and Cultural Center (HBCC) took participants on five pre-paid optional sightseeing and educational tours around the Greater Seattle area to introduce local business, history, and culture.

A. Boeing Factory Tour – 30 total

26 Japanese participants, 1 Whitfield descendant, 1 CIE staff, 1 JASSW staff, 1 volunteer

Boeing provided a private VIP tour of their Everett site. The facility is home to the 747, 767, 777, and 787 Dreamliner production lines and is the world's largest manufacturing building by volume. As part of the VIP tour, the guests were able to go on the production floor to see the airplanes being built for Boeing's worldwide base.

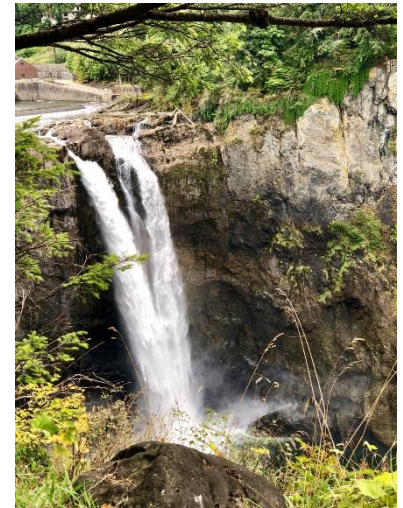


Group picture and the VIP Boeing Factory Tour.

B. “Twin Peaks” and Winery & Beer Tour – 25 total

16 Japanese participants, 4 Whitfield/Perry descendants, 3 CIE/KNT staff, 2 volunteers

The guests went to Snoqualmie to see filming locations from the television drama *Twin Peaks*, including one of the area's most popular scenic attractions Snoqualmie Falls. A paid PSCL Japanese-speaking guide provided information. The guests then went to Matthews Winery in Woodinville. Washington is the second highest producer of wine in the U.S. and Matthews is one of over 100 wineries and tasting rooms represented in Woodinville Wine Country. For lunch, JASSW worked with Hollywood Tavern to provide a special Japanese-language menu while also featuring locally brewed beers and wines from Chateau Ste. Michelle.



Snoqualmie Falls.

C. Underground Tour and Safeco Field Tour – 21 total

16 Japanese participants, 2 Whitfield descendants, 3 volunteers

Bill Speidel's Underground Tour showcases a maze of interconnecting subterranean tunnels, where guests walk the old Seattle sidewalks beneath Pioneer Square. After the Great Fire of 1889, the city was rebuilt on top of itself, creating the entombed underground city. Safeco Field is home to the Seattle Mariners, where Ichiro played for 12 seasons and Hisashi Iwakuma played until this year. JASSW worked with Pyramid Alehouse Restaurant to provide a special Japanese-language menu for guests. Pyramid also provided a free tasting flight of beer for guests.

D. Japanese-American History tour – 59 total

53 Japanese participants, 1 JASSW staff, 5 volunteers

JCCCW is an organization committed to preserving, promoting, and sharing Japanese and Japanese-American culture and heritage. They presented on their organization and gave an overview of Japanese-American history in Seattle and Washington. The Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and Nisei Veterans Committee Foundation (NVCF) then provided tours of

their facility, detailing the history of Japanese internment and Japanese-American service in the armed forces. Lunch was provided by the NVC and NVCF. Lastly, the guests visited the Panama Hotel, which was featured in the bestselling novel *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. The hotel contains the last remaining Japanese bathhouse (sento) in the U.S. and is known for housing the belongings of Japanese families during internment, many of which were never retrieved and still reside in the basement of the hotel.



Unebi High School students looking at old map of the International District at JCCW.

E. Seattle Business Tour – 22 total
20 Japanese participants, 2 volunteers

Amazon provided a tour of the original Amazon tower known as Doppler and their new retail chain Amazon Go, which features technology that allows visitors to purchase items without checkout. Starbucks then provided a tour of their corporate office. Guests ate lunch at the Starbucks Reserve Sodo. Starbucks Reserve is a new type of Starbucks experience that offers a selection of Starbucks’ rarest coffees. Finally, guests went to Microsoft Visitors Center, where two Microsoft employees presented on the company.



Starbucks Reserve Sodo storefront.

Seattle Tours Bus Itineraries

Bus A: Boeing Factory Tour (48 person coach)

Time	Events	Volunteers
8:15	Meet Lobby	EVERYONE HAS PASSPORTS!!
8:30	Leave Westin (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)	Count participants
9:15	Arrive Boeing 44-80, check-in near 3003 Casino Road, Everett, WA 98204, POC: Gary Konop	Get Tickets, help with check-in
9:30	Drop-off Otsuki/Nishitani at Future of Flight (8415 Paine Field Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275) FoF: 360-756-0086	Lynette will pick up tickets from counter
10:00-11:30	VIP Boeing Tour/General Boeing Tour (90 min)	Hiroko/Lynette interpret
11:30	Pick up from Boeing VIP Tour (Building 44-80)	
11:45-12:15	Future of Flight Shopping	
12:15	Leave Boeing	Count participants
12:30-13:15	Alderwood Mall Lunch (3000 184th St SW, Lynnwood, 98037)	Help to order
14:00	Arrive Westin	

Bus B: "Twin Peaks" and Winery & Beer Tour (48 person coach)

Tour Guide: Mr. Wada

Time	Events	JP Guide	Volunteers
8:45	Meet at Lobby		
9:00	Leave Westin (1900 5th Ave, Seattle 98101)	Count guests	
-----10:30	Twedes Café (from windows) DT Snoqualmie /station (photo time) Snoqualmie Falls	Scenery Twin peaks Falls	Assist the guide
10:45	Leave Snoqualmie Falls	count	
11:30	Lunch at Hollywood Tavern, (425) 481-7703 (guests pay separately) (14501 Redmond-Woodinville Rd NE, Woodinville, WA 98072)	Help to order and pay	Assist the guide
12:25	Leave Hollywood Tavern		
12:30-13:15	Matthews Winery Tasting (includes 4 glasses) (16116 140th Pl NE, Woodinville, WA 98072) POC: Carla Darr	Help order (no tasting)	Assist guide (includes tasting)
13:15	Leave Matthews	Count	
14:00	Arrive Westin		

Bus C: Underground Tour and Safeco Field Tour (22 person mini)

Time	Events	Volunteers
8:15	Meet Lobby	
8:30	Leave Westin (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)	Count participants
8:50	Arrive Underground Tour (614 1st Ave, Seattle, 98104)	Get Tickets
9:00-10:15	Underground Tour (pre-paid) Underground: (206) 682-4646	Tala interprets
10:20-10:40	Bus to Safeco Field (1250 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134)	Count participants
11:00-12:15	Safeco Field Tour (pre-paid) POC: Ted Frisk (or Bob)	Tala interprets
12:20-12:30	Walk to Lunch	Count participants
12:30-13:30	Lunch at Pyramid Alehouse (includes beer flight) (1201 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134) POC: William Simeona	Help to order and pay
13:30	Bus Pick up	Count participants
14:00	Arrive Westin	

Bus D1/D2: Japanese-American History Tour (56 person coach D1, and 22 person mini D2)

Time	Events	Volunteers
9:00	Meet at Lobby	
9:15	Leave Westin (1900 5th Ave, Seattle 98101)	Count participants
9:30	Arrive JCCCW (1414 S Weller St, Seattle, WA 98144)	
9:30-10:00	JCCCW POC: Arisa Nakamura	Arisa leads tour with support from Stephanie Ikeda. Interpreters assist
10:05	Leave JCCCW, bus to NVC (1212 S King St, Seattle, 98144)	Count participants
10:15-11:15	NVC 60 min tour POC: Allen Nakamoto and Dale Watanabe	Mari Wilson and Allen Nakamoto lead tours, Joshua and Kasumi interpret
11:15-12:15	Lunch in NVC cafeteria	
12:20	Leave NVC (Mari and Dale also on buses)	Count participants
12:30-13:30	Panama Hotel (605 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98104) POC: Jan Johnson	Jan leads tours, interpreters assist
13:30	Leave Panama Hotel (Mari on bus, no Dale)	
14:00	Arrive Westin Seattle	

Bus E: Seattle Business Tour (48 person coach)

Time	Events	Volunteers
8:30	Meet at Westin Seattle Lobby	BRING PASSPORTS!!!
8:40	Leave Westin (by foot) Walk to Amazon Go	Count participants
8:50	Arrive at Amazon Go, Eguchi gives brief info (2131 7th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121)	Brief info from
8:55-9:20	Free Time to explore Amazon Go	
9:20-9:25	Move to Amazon Doppler (2021 7th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121)	Information by Eguchi Shun
9:25-9:30	Brief intro of Amazon Doppler. End check-in.	
9:30-9:50	Amazon Doppler Tour (remainder of group meets) POC: Eguchi Shun	
9:50	Leave Amazon Doppler, walk to Westin	
10:00	Leave Westin (Westlake Ave side) (by bus)	Count participants
10:20	Arrive Starbucks HQ (2401 Utah Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134)	Check in
10:30-11:30	Starbucks HQ, ask for Kenneth Barron at reception POC: Michelle Heinrichs POC2: Ken Barron	Ken Barron interprets
11:30-12:10	Lunch at Starbucks Reserve (2401 Utah Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134)	Provide info
12:10	Leave Starbucks HQ	Count participants
12:35	Arrive Microsoft VC 92, 15010 NE 36th St, Redmond, WA 98052)	Check in, inform the time to leave
12:45-13:30	Microsoft Visitors Center (425) 703-6214 POC: Kazuki Sawanoi POC2: Lynn Hashimoto	Guided tour by Kazuki Sawanoi and Lynn Hashimoto
13:30	Leave Microsoft	Count participants
14:00	Arrive Westin (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)	



Group photo in front of memorial wall at Nisei Veterans Committee during Japanese-American History Tour.

Opening Ceremony – September 19, 2018

After returning to the Westin Seattle from the Seattle Tours, volunteers accompanied the guests on buses to the waterfront for the Opening Ceremony, which took place on a private Argosy Cruise to Tillicum Village on Blake Island. There were 305 attendees at the Opening Ceremony.

Guests included:

- 139 Japanese participants
- 10 CIE/KNT staff
- 6 Whitfield/Perry descendants
- 5 JASSW staff
- 18 committee members/JASSW board members
- 49 NAJAS/CIE-US representatives
- 74 VIPs/sponsors/sponsor guests
- 5 volunteers



Commemorative globe exchange between the descendants of John Manjiro Nakahama and Captain William Whitfield.

The Tillicum Excursion not only showcased the beauty of the Seattle area from the water, it introduced the indigenous culture and history of the Puget Sound region. Guests were welcomed by greeters in traditional garb, stomped clamshells into the path for luck, and ate traditionally fire-roasted salmon. The Native American storytelling show featured dances from Coast Salish tribes.

Namiko Bagirimvano of Tacoma Community College volunteered as the event emcee and Mari Wilson of the NVCF volunteered as the event interpreter. Photography by Nat Seymour with Be Good Event Photography. Videography by Max Chan.



Group photo from Tillicum Village on Blake Island prior to departure back to Seattle. Photo credit: Be Good Event Photography

Opening Ceremony Bus Itineraries

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Buses from Westin (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101) to Piers

Bus #1 Coach (56)....56 riders

(Use Bus from Japanese-American History Tour, 5H, 9:15-2:00) +7H

Time	Bus	Participants
2:30		Guests Meet in Westin Lobby
2:45	Leave Westin Seattle	
3:05-3:15	Drop-Off at Pier 55	
8:05-8:15	Pick-up at Pier 55	
8:35	Drop-off at Westin Seattle	

Bus #2 Coach (48).....46 riders

(Use Bus from Boeing Tour, 6H, 8:45-2:00) +7H

Time	Bus	Participants
2:30		Guests Meet in Westin Lobby
2:45	Leave Westin Seattle	
3:05-3:15	Drop-Off at Pier 55	
8:15-8:25	Pick-up at Pier 55	
8:45	Drop-off at Westin Seattle	

Bus #3 Coach (48).....37 riders

(Use Bus from Twin Peaks and Winery Tour, 6H, 9:00-2:00) +7H

Time	Bus	Participants
2:30		Guests Meet in Westin Lobby
3:05	Leave Westin Seattle	
3:25-3:35	Drop-Off at Pier 55	
8:25-8:35	Pick-up at Pier 55	
8:55	Drop-off at Westin Seattle	

Bus #4 Mini (22).....20 riders

(Use Bus from Seattle Business Tour, 4H, 10:00-2:00) + 7H

Time	Bus	Participants
2:30		Guests Meet in Westin Lobby
3:05	Leave Westin Seattle	
3:25-3:35	Drop-Off at Pier 55	
8:35-8:45	Pick-up at Pier 55	
9:05	Drop-off at Westin Seattle	

Grassroots Summit Opening Ceremony

Argosy Cruise to Tillicum Village

Timeline

3:30	Board Cruise to Blake Island
4:00	Sailing Welcoming Remarks Presentation by Unebi High School English Speech Contest Winners
5:00	Arrive at Blake Island Buffet dinner
6:00	Native American Storytelling Show
6:20	Grassroots Program
6:45	Ceremony Concludes
7:00	Board Return Cruise to Seattle
7:15	Sailing
8:00	Arrive in Seattle

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

3:30 pm Boarding (4:00 pm Sailing)

Argosy Cruises, Pier 54

1101 Alaskan Way, Seattle 98101

Tillicum Village への旅

Westin ホテルからバスにて船着き場まで移動。(ボランティアが点呼をするので正しいバスに乗って下さい。)

船着き場ではボランティアの指示に従い、スムーズに乗船をお願いします。

乗船後の席は一部の方を除いて自由です。お好きな場所にお座り下さい。プログラムは船が出航する前より Deck2 にて、ワシントン州日米協会次期会長の Karin Zaugg Black さんのウェルカムスピーチで始まります。約 40 分で島に到着。温かいクラムスープが屋外で出されます。(食べ終わった貝殻はその場で地面に落とし砕くのがティリカム式) そしてシアターに入館後は、まずご自身のテーブルを探しましょう。荷物を置いたら(貴重品は自己責任) 地元アルダーの木を使って焼いたキングサーモンのあるビュッフェで夕食をお楽しみください。(バーでは有料でアルコール類もご購入頂けます。)

シアター内のプログラムはステージショーから始まり 6 時 40 分頃に終わる予定です。船は島を 7 時 15 分に出航、シアトル到着後は直ぐボランティアの指示に従いバスに乗車下さい。この際のバスは行きと違い指定ではありません。8 時にはホテルに帰着解散です。楽しい思い出が残るクルーズになりますよう!



about Unebi High School



The school was established in 1896, as the Unebi Branch of Nara Prefectural Unebi Jinjo Junior High School. This year, our school celebrated its rich histories and traditions with its 121th anniversary. We are proud to say that our graduates have been successful in various fields. The school's main building, which still stands today, was erected in 1933. In 2012, it was designated as a tangible cultural asset. We take pride in and value this wonderful school building that has become rooted into our school history. In 2014, Unebi High School was designated as one of the "Super Global High School (SGH)" by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

明治 29 年、奈良県尋常中学校畝傍分校として開校され、今年で創立 122 年目を迎える歴史と伝統のある高等学校であり、「至誠 至善 堅忍 力行」の校訓の下、各界に有為の人材を多数輩出してきました。卒業生や地域の方からも畝高(うねこう)として親しまれています。また、昭和 8 年完成の本館は、平成 24 年、文化庁により登録有形文化財に登録され、昭和初期を代表する歴史的建造物で、教職員はじめ生徒は、日々重厚な学舎を大切にしています。平成 26 年度からは文部科学省よりスーパーグローバルハイスクール(SGH)の指定を受け、世界を舞台に活躍できる創造的で活力のある生徒の育成を本校教育の一つの大きな柱として取り組んでいます。

What to expect



Karin Zaugg Black

Chair Elect of Japan-America Society of the State of Washington
ワシントン州日米協会次期会長



Cyrus Habib

Lt. Governor of Washington ワシントン州副知事



Shefali Ranganathan

Deputy Mayor of Seattle シアトル市助役



Matthew Perry

Descendant of Commodore Perry ペリー提督子孫



John Manjiro Nakahama



W.H. Whitfield

Learning about Japanese – American history leads us to peace

Presentation by Unebi High School 奈良県立畝傍高等学校による船上プレゼンテーション

John Manjiro Speech Contest ジョン万次郎英語弁論大会

"Dream of Manjiro in our hands" by Hiromi Komatsu

"Connecting tracks with invisible thread" by Hinako Osaki

Tillicum Village Stage Show

ピューージェット・サウンドの周りに住んでいるアメリカ原住民一族はコーストサリッシュです。ネイティブ・アメリカンの神話伝説をもとに、信仰と伝統文化などを表現したショーをお楽しみください。



Sharon Tomiko Santos

Washington State Representative ワシントン州下院議員



Yoichiro Yamada

Consul General of Japan 在シアトル総領事



Takehiro Shimada

Public Affairs Minister, Embassy of Japan 広報担当公使



Kyo Nakahama

Descendant of John Manjiro ジョン万次郎直系 5 代目



Scott Whitfield

Descendant of Captain William Whitfield ホイットフィールド船長 6 代目子孫



Masaharu Kohno

Special Representative of the Government of Japan, CIE Chairman 日本国政府代表、CIE 財団理事長

about John Manjiro Speech Contest

The Tosa John Mung Society is active in various projects covering a range of angles including cultural, educational and economic aspects. We operate in the province which was known as Tosa (now called Kochi) that gave birth to "John" Nakahama Manjiro, a pioneer of international exchange. We aim to spread his spirit of exchange and pass on those ideas to nurture globally orientated citizens in the 21st Century.



With these aims in mind, this English language speech contest was held for the first time in 2015.

土佐ジョン万会は、国際交流の先駆者であるジョン万こと中濱万次郎を生み出した土佐の地において、その精神を広く啓蒙し、それを受け継ぎ、21世紀に活躍する国際人を育てるとともに、その精神に基づく事業を文化・教育・経済等あらゆる側面から展開し活動しております。本英語弁論大会もその趣旨に基づき、2015年から第1回大会が開催の運びとなりました。

Opening Ceremony Timeline

Sep 19, 2018 Opening Ceremony	Location	MC/Interpreter	Welcome Reception	
2:30	Westin		GS participants, NAJAS, and volunteers meet in Westin lobby	
2:45	Westin		Buses pick-up at Westin hotel	
	Pier 55		Buses drop-off participants at Pier	
3:10	Westin		Second round of buses pick-up at Westin Seattle	
	Pier 55		Second round of buses arrive at Pier	
3pm	Pier 54		Ceremony registration opens at Pier	JBA
3:30	Pier 54		First Boarding (VIPs, Sponsors, Staff, Committee)	
	2nd deck		Pictures with VIP and set up for Mayor/Governor speech	
3:40	Pier 54		Second Boarding	
4pm		Karin	Welcoming Remarks by Karin, JASSW	1
			Recognition of special guests and sponsors. Introduction of Cyrus Habib in Japanese and English	
4:03			Remarks by LT. Governor Cyrus Habib	2
		Mari	(Interpretation in Japanese)	
4:06		Nami	Introduction of Shefali Ranganathan in Japanese and English	
4:07			Remarks by Seattle Deputy Mayor Shefali Ranganathan	3
		Mari	(Interpretation in Japanese)	
4:10		Captain	Safety Instructions by Captain	4
		Mari	(Interpretation in Japanese)	
4:15			Sailing Time	
4:20		Namiko	Namiko Baggimvano introduces self as emcee, Mari as interpreter and welcomes Japanese guests	
			Introduction of Matthew Perry in Japanese and English	
4:23			Matthew Perry speech (English)	5
		Mari	(Interpretation in Japanese)	
4:25		Namiko	Introduction of Unebi High School	
			Presentation by Unebi High School	6
4:27		Namiko	Introduction of EJohn-Man Speech Contest and Winners	
(5 min.)			Presentation of Ms. Hiromi Komatsu "Connecting tracks with invisible threads"	7
(5 min.)			Ms. Hinako Ohsaki "A letter to John Manjiro"	8
4:50		Captain	Arrival Announcements	
		Namiko	(Arrival Announcements 下船後の案内)	
5pm	Island		Arrive Tillicum Village on Blake Island	
			De-board	
			Greeting by person in traditional regalia, who helps guests line up for steamed lams in nectar. Guests stomp shells into ground in traditional manner.	
~5:25				

~5:35			Guests are directed toward longhouse, where they will be able to see salmon prepares in traditional style of Northwest Native Americans on stakes over alder wood fires and works of art featured throughout the longhouse.	
~5:45			Guests directed to seats. Tables are called to the buffet line one by one, while waiters go to table and take drink orders	
			(Plates cleared by Argosy staff.)	
5:55			Lights dimmed.	
6pm		Mari	Introduce performance in Japanese	
6:05			16 min. Stage performance combining live dancers and 3D projection technology for a dramatic storytelling experience	
6:22			Welcome Remarks and Introduction of JASSW by Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos.	9
			(Translations on screen)	
6:25		Namiko	Introduction of Consul General Yoichiro Yamada	
			Remarks by CG Yoichiro Yamada (Japanese)	10
			(Translations on screen)	
6:34		Namiko	Introduction of Public Affairs Minister, Takehiro Shimada	
			Remarks by Takehiro Shimada (Japanese)	11
			(Translations on screen)	
6:35		Namiko	Introduction of Kyo Nakahama and Scott Whitfield in English	
			Remarks and customary glove exchange by descendants of John Manjiro Nakahama and Captain William Whitfield	
			Kyo Nakahama (Japanese)	12
			(Translations on screen)	
			Scott Whitfield (English)	13
			(Translations on screen)	
6:40		Namiko	Introduction of CIE Chairman Ambassador Masaharu Kohno in English	
6:42			Closing remarks by CIE Chairman Ambassador Masaharu Kohno (Japanese)	14
			(Translations on screen)	
6:45			Opening Ceremony Concludes	
			Guests directed toward boat	
			Japanese-Style group photo (if time available)	
6:59			Fog horn announces time to board	
	Boat		Argosy staff counts participants as they board	
7:15 (45 min.)			Sailing time	
			Sponsor commercials and Local Session intro videos play	
8pm	Pier		Return to Seattle	
			Participant Buses depart for Westin Hotel	
			End	



Pictures from the Argosy Cruise to Blake Island. Presenters included JASSW Chair-elect Karin Zaugg Black (top right), Washington State Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib (second from top right), the descendant of Commodore Perry (middle left), John Manjiro English Speech Contest Winners Hiromi Komatsu and Hinako Osaki (middle), and Unebi High School students (middle right). Photo credit: Be Good Event Photography



Pictures from Tillicum Village on Blake Island. Guests enjoyed clam soup, traditionally prepared salmon, and a Native American storytelling show. Speakers included Grassroots Committee Co-Chair and Washington State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, Consul General of Japan in Seattle Yoichiro Yamada (middle left), Public Affairs Minister for the Embassy of Japan Takehiro Shimada, and CIE Chairman Ambassador Masaharu Kohno (bottom middle). Photo credit: Be Good Event Photography

Local Sessions – September 20-23, 2018

On September 20, volunteers accompanied guests to fourteen Local Sessions across Washington State. The Local Sessions organized tours and a total of 114 homestays for the Japanese guests from September 20-23.

1. Seattle: 10 Japanese participants, 10 host families
2. Bellevue: 13 Japanese participants, 10 host families
3. Auburn/Kent: 5 Japanese participants, 5 host families
4. Ellensburg/Kittitas County: 7 Japanese participants, 5 host families
5. Lakewood: 5 Japanese participants, 5 host families
6. Moses Lake: 7 Japanese participants, 2 host families
7. Olympia: 8 Japanese participants, 7 host families
8. Port Townsend: 7 Japanese participants, 7 host families
9. Renton: 5 Japanese participants, 4 host families
10. Sequim: 3 Japanese participants, 3 host families
11. Tacoma: 8 Japanese participants, 7 host families
12. Vashon: 10 Japanese participants, 9 host families
13. Tye Middle School: 31 Katsurao and Kawauchi participants, 25 host families
14. Mount Vernon High School: 18 Unebi participants , 15 host families



Top right: Olympia Local Session teaches Japan in the Schools to Pioneer Elementary School. Top left: Katsurao student goes to host sibling's ice hockey practice. Bottom left: Guest carves pumpkins with her host family in Tacoma. Bottom middle: Ellensburg Local Session visits Anderson Hay & Grain. Bottom right: Seattle Local Session visits Seattle Space Needle with newly installed glass floor.

Westin to Local Session Bus Itineraries

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Bus #1 56 person coach.... 49 participants

Bus #1 – Northbound (2H): Tyee Middle School (31), Mount Vernon High School (18)
45 students + 6 teachers = 51 passengers (no volunteer necessary with teacher chaperones)

Time	Bus Stop
8:00 am	Depart Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)
8:30-8:45 am	Tyee Middle School (13630 SE Allen Rd, Bellevue 98006)
9:55-10:05 am	Mount Vernon High School (314 N 9th St, Mt Vernon 98273)

Bus #2 48 person coach.... 27 participants + 2 volunteers

Bus #2 – Eastbound (4H): Bellevue (13), Ellensburg (7), Moses Lake (7)

Time	Bus Stop
9:00 am	Depart Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)
9:20-9:30 am	Bellevue Bellevue City Hall at 450 110 th Ave NE
11:10-11:20 am	Ellensburg CWU Starbucks (908 E 10th Ave, Ellensburg, WA 98926)
12:30-12:40 pm	Moses Lake Moses Lake City Hall (1801 Rd K SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837)

Bus #3 48 person coach.... 20 participants + 2 volunteers

Bus #3 – Westbound (4H): Vashon (10) + Port Townsend (7) + Sequim (3)

Time	Bus Stop
9:20 am	Depart Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)
9:45-9:55 am	Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal
10:20 am	Ferry Departs Fauntleroy
10:40-10:50 am	Ferry Arrives Vashon Island (Ferry Dock, Vashon, WA 98070)
11:00 am	Ferry arrive Arrives Southworth
12:00-12:10 pm	Port Townsend and Sequim 7 Cedars Casino (270756 Hwy 101, Sequim, WA 98382)

Bus #4 48 person coach.... 31 participants + 3 volunteers

Bus #4 – Southbound (3H): Renton (5), Auburn (5), Tacoma (8), Lakewood (5), Olympia (8)

Time	Bus Stop
9:40 am	Depart Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)
10:00-10:10 am	Renton Sam's Club Parking Lot (901 S Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057)
10:35-10:45 am	Auburn/Kent Auburn Community and Event Center
11:10-11:30 am	Tacoma + Bathroom Break Tacoma City Hall (747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)
11:50-12:00 pm	Lakewood Lakewood City Hall (6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499)
12:30-12:40 pm	Olympia Winged Victory Monument Circle on State Capitol Campus (302 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501)

Key Persons & Local Session Areas



Seattle シアトル

Ben Erickson

Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association



Bellevue ベルビュー

Gregg Schrader

City of Bellevue Development Services Dept



Tyee Middle School タイー中学校

Cheryl Lee

Tyee Middle School



Vashon Island バシヨン島

Rita Brogan / PRR

Akiko Leonard



Renton レントン

Chris Johnson

**Roger Richert / Renton Nishiwaki Sister
Cities Committee**



Olympia オリンピア

Allen Miller

Olympia Kato Sister Cities Association
Law Offices of Allen T. Miller



Lakewood レイクウッド

Becky Newton

City of Lakewood



Tacoma タコマ

Debbie Bingham

City of Tacoma



Auburn / Kent オーバーン/ケント

Lorraine Chachere

City of Auburn

What are Local Sessions?

Participants leave in the morning for their homestay town and stay with their host family for four days and three nights. Guests pre-select a "local session" of interest to them based on previews they receive in a brochure. During the homestay days, the local town leaders and host families work together to share the best that their community has to offer. This person-to-person exchange and shared enthusiasm for local and cultural experience is the essence of the Japan America Grassroots Summit.



Sequim セクイム

Charlie Bush
City Manager, City of Sequim



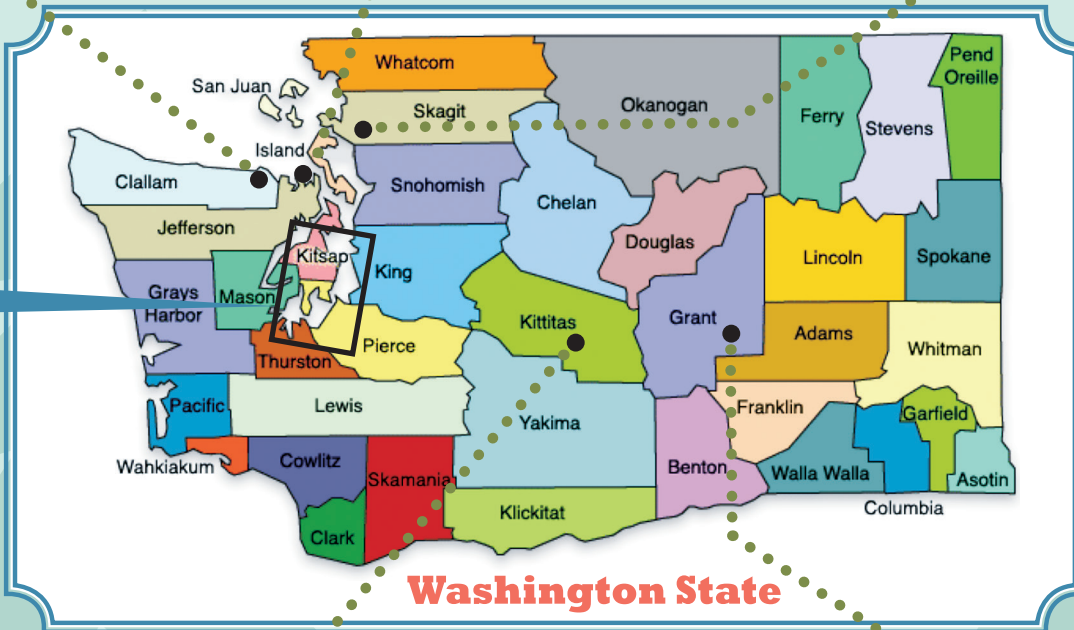
Port Townsend

ポートタウンゼンド
David Timmons
City Manager, City of Port Townsend



Mount Vernon High School

マウントバーノン高校
Nate Shepherd
Mount Vernon High School



Ellensburg / Kittitas County

エレンズバーグ/キティタス郡
Paul Jewell
Commissioner, Kittitas County Board of Commissioners



Moses Lake モーゼスレイク

Deb Langshaw
Langshaw Investments

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Thursday, September 20, 2018

9:00 AM	Seattle Center/Duck Ride	SKSCA Picks up hosts from Westin Hotel
10:00 AM		
11:00 AM		
12:00 PM		
1:00 PM		
2:00 PM		
3:00 PM		
4:00 PM		
5:00 PM		
6:00 PM	Jazz Concert Nineteenth Annual Kobe Day with Ami Latte	<-- Optional Guest Pickup Window
7:00 PM		
8:00 PM		
9:00 PM		
		2033 6th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121

Friday, September 21, 2018

9:00 AM	Choose-your-own-adventure: Ballard Course UW Course Pike Market & Downtown	Meeting Locations
10:00 AM		Ballard Locks (Ballard Course)
11:00 AM		3015 NW 54th St, Seattle, WA 98107
12:00 PM		UW Flag Circle (UW Course)
1:00 PM		At the end of Memorial Way on UW Campus
2:00 PM		Rachel the Pig (Pike/Downtown Course)
3:00 PM		Pike street and Pike Place, by the Fish Throwers
4:00 PM	Potluck Party	516 21st Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
5:00 PM		
6:00 PM		
7:00 PM		
8:00 PM		
9:00 PM		



2018 Grassroots Summit September 20-23, 2018 Auburn Itinerary



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Thursday, September 20, 2018

Bus arrival at approximately 10:30am at Auburn Community and Event Center.

10: 30AM – 10:45AM

Guest Arrival & Luggage Storage

11AM

Travel Time

11:15AM

Visit to Soos Creek Botanical Garden and Heritage Center

Pairing the experience of strolling amid peaceful, mature gardens with the fascinating local history of the Soos Creek Plateau, the garden makes for capturing Instagram worthy moments. Inspired by international, regional, and historical gardens, the Soos Creek Botanical Gardens is lovingly maintained by local volunteers dedicated to promoting the enjoyment, understanding and conservation of plants and the natural world.

12:15PM

Travel Time

12:30 – 2:30PM

Afternoon Tea at the Neely Mansion

An elegant restored Victorian home that was constructed in 1894 by pioneer Aaron Neely whose family arrived via the Oregon Trail, the Neely Mansion was home to Swiss, Japanese, and Filipino immigrant families. The Hori Furoba Bath House was built in 1930 and recently restored to give visitors a glimpse of Japanese traditions and lifestyle during the ensuing decades. The original owner, Sarah Neely, loved to serve tea to her friends at the mansion and in this same spirit we wish to offer a tea experience to you, our welcomed guest.

2:45PM

Travel Time

3PM – 4:30PM

Shopping at The Outlet Collection Seattle

Find all of your favorite stores at the largest indoor outlet center in the Pacific Northwest.

4:45PM

Retrieve Luggage at the Auburn Community and Event Center

Meals and Accommodations

Lunch at Session. Dinner to be Provided by Host. Overnight at Homestay

Friday, September 21, 2018

9AM MEET AT CITY HALL

Autumn Arts and Crafts

Because Auburn neighbors the Muckleshoot tribe, we will visit the gorgeous murals, designed by local Muckleshoot artists, outside of the Muckleshoot Casino.

10AM

Guided Tour of Public Arts program in Downtown Auburn

11AM

Chocolate Tour and Tasting at Gosanko Chocolate

Since 1987, Gosanko Chocolate is a family owned Auburn institution that creates delicious artisanal chocolates. You can find Gosanko Chocolate in the Pike Place Market, yet you will be able to visit its original Auburn location and savor these much sought after chocolates that make for wonderful gifts to take back home.

11:45AM

Travel Time

NOON – 1:45PM

Picnic Lunch and Visit to Mary Olson Farm

Nestled in a private canyon, the farmhouse is surrounded by forested hillsides and two meadows. Japanese immigration and farming has a cherished place in Auburn history. From about 1910 and peaking in 1942, Auburn's Japanese population was 22% of the community. You will be able to see artifacts of this time period as well as visit the resident farm animals at this intact 1880s family farm, and enjoy a picnic lunch.

1:45PM

Travel Time

2PM

Craft Brewery Tour

The Pacific Northwest is the epicenter of craft brewing. We will visit a prominent brewery, Geaux Brewing. Sample some of the beers and spirits that are popular with the locals!

2:45PM

Travel Time

3PM

White River Valley Museum Tour

4PM – 5PM

BBQ Dinner at one of Auburn's Beloved Parks- Les Gove Park

After working up your appetite from a visit to the White River Valley Museum, enjoy a typical American BBQ at one of Auburn's many beloved parks (weather dependent).

Meals and Accommodations

Breakfast to be Provided by Host. Lunch and Dinner provided during sessions. Overnight at Homestay



Saturday, September 22, 2018

Spend Day With Host Family

This day is left to the discretion of the Host. See the **Inspiration** section for some ideas.

Meals and Accommodations:

Breakfast and Dinner to be Provided by Host. Guests are prepared to pay their share if Lunch is eaten outside the home. Overnight at Homestay.

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Closing ceremony at Lake Washington Hyatt Regency. *Meals: Breakfast is provided by the host. Guests are prepared to pay their share if Lunch is eaten outside the home. Transportation: Host is requested to take guests to the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington in Renton for the Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony (begins at 4PM) of which Host Families receive two complimentary tickets for entry and a parking voucher for their use. Dinner and Accommodations arranged by JASSW*

Inspiration

Since this day is a dedicated day to get to know your guest, please feel free to give a glimpse of life in Western Washington. Whether it's a side trip or your favorite hangouts in the community, here's where you get to share a part of your life with them.

- ❖ A Visit to WA's beloved icon - Mt. Rainier
- ❖ Devorah Creek Winery for wine tasting
- ❖ Flaming Geyser State Park for recreation and a picnic lunch
- ❖ *A Day of Play* at Dave & Busters
- ❖ *A Day at the Races* at Emerald Downs
- ❖ *See the Sound*—The Puget Sound, that is: Visit Dash Point State Park, Salt Creek Recreation Area; Lincoln Park or Alki Beach in West Seattle
- ❖ *Take Me out to a Ballgame* to see the Mariners
- ❖ *A Quintessential Experience* Ferry Boat Ride (e.g. Bainbridge Island; Vashon Island; West Seattle to Downtown Seattle and Back, etc.)
- ❖ *Ask your Guest* – Maybe they have some sights they wish to see before leaving. 😊



Bellevue Local Session Itinerary

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Time Block	Activity	Lead Coordinator	Departments	Presentation Content	Assigned Interpreter(s)	Location
09:15-09:30	JASSW bus delivers guests	Gregg Schrader, Kyra Olson	DSD	JASSW bus delivers guests	Yuriko So, Daryl Glatz	City Hall oversize vehicle parking outside employee garage
09:30-11:15	Welcome + PCD	Gregg Schrader, Emil King	PCD & DSD	Comprehensive Plan & Economic Development	Yuriko So, Daryl Glatz	City Hall Conference Room 1E-121
11:30-12:30	Lunch	Kyra Olson	DSD	Lunch	Yuriko So, Evan Glatz	City Hall Concourse
12:45-03:00	Downtown Development Tour	Gregg Schrader, Tom Miller	DSD	Walking tour of downtown	Yuriko So, Evan Glatz	Downtown Bellevue
03:00-04:30	Shopping at Bellevue Square Mall	Gregg Schrader, Kyra Olson	DSD	Shopping at Bellevue Square Mall	Yuriko So, Evan Glatz	Bellevue Square Mall
04:30-04:45	Walk to Bellevue City Hall	Gregg Schrader, Kyra Olson	DSD	Walk to Bellevue City Hall	Yuriko So, Evan Glatz	Walk back to Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE
05:00-05:15	Local host families pick up guest(s)	Gregg Schrader, Kyra Olson	DSD	Local host families pick up guest(s)	Yuriko So, Evan Glatz	City Hall Visitors Garage (enter off 110th Ave NE)

Friday, September 21, 2018

Time Block	Activity	Lead Coordinator	Departments	Presentation Content	Assigned Interpreter(s)	Location
09:00-09:15	Local host families drop off guest(s)	Gregg Schrader, Kyra Olson	DSD	Local Host Family drops off guest(s)	Tatsu Komada, Brannon Glatz	City Hall Visitors Garage (enter off 110th Ave NE)
09:30-10:30	Meet Councilmember Zahn & City Mgr Miyake	Kyle Stannert, Gregg Schrader	Clerk's Office	Informal meet and greet	Tatsu Komada, Brannon Glatz	City Hall Conference Room 1E-121
10:30-11:30	Tour of City Hall	Ian Toms	Civic Services	Tour of CH Facility (Police, Traffic, 911, etc.)	Tatsu Komada, Brannon Glatz	City Hall Conference Room 1E-121
11:45-01:00	Lunch (Parks van transport)	Kyra Olson, Cynthia Welte	DSD, Parks	Lunch	Tatsu Komada, Brannon Glatz	The Gathering Place, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
01:15-04:15	Parks Tour	Pat Harris, Cynthia Welte	Parks	Tour Bot/Yao Garden, DT Park, Marina Pk	Tatsu Komada, Brannon Glatz, Mayumi Ohata Stafne	Botanical Garden, Yao Garden, & Downtown Park
05:00-05:15	Local host families pick up guest(s)	Gregg Schrader, Kyra Olson	DSD	Local Host Family picks up guest(s)	Tatsu Komada, Brannon Glatz	City Hall Visitors Garage (enter off 110th Ave NE)

Kittitas County (Ellensburg) Local Session Itinerary

Th. Sept. 20	Schedule	Guide(s)	Location	Transportation
11:10 – 11:20 a.m.	Pick up guests – Starbucks near CWU	All host families	Starbucks near CWU	Host Families
	Evening with host family			
Fri. Sept. 21				
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Tour of Kittitas County Event Center/Frontier Village & Rodeo Grandstands http://kittitascountyfair.com/Frontier-Village.asp	Julie Kjorsvik Mandy Buchholz	Meet at the Armory Building (Event Center office)	Host Families to drop off guests for the day.
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Tour of Anderson Hay & Grain https://www.anderson-hay.com/	Julie Kjorsvik Mandy Buchholz	Anderson Hay & Grain	Julie/Mandy
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch – Rodeo City BBQ https://rodeocitybarbq.com/menu	Julie Kjorsvik Mandy Buchholz	Rodeo City BBQ	Julie/Mandy
12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Ellensburg Walking Tour & Shopping http://www.ellensburgwa.net/	Robyn Hull-Arango	Meet at the Ellensburg Bull & then travel to STRC	Walking
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Spirit Therapeutic Riding Center http://www.spirittrc.com/home.html	Julie Kjorsvik Mandy Buchholz	1051 Sorenson Road	Julie/Mandy
5:00 p.m.	Host family to pick up guests at Starbucks near CWU		Starbucks near CWU	Host Families
Sat. Sept. 22	Host Family Day			
Sun. Sept. 23	Depart Ellensburg to Hyatt Regency Lake Washington			Host Families (if you cannot make it let us know and we can arrange for carpooling)
	Closing Ceremony – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.			

Lakewood Itinerary

9/20 – Guests arrive (2pm)
 Meet group at City Hall & introduce host families
 Visit the Planetarium at Pierce College (3-4pm)
 Welcome Reception and Entertainment at Pierce College (4-6pm)
 Presentations: College President, Mayor, Sister Cities
 Evening with host family

9/21
 Grand Tour of Lakewold Gardens (\$10 per person)
 10:30am (90-120 minutes)
 Lunch (Panera box lunches delivered)
 Tour of Lakes High School 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.
 Evening with host family

9/22
 Tour of Cheney Baseball Stadium (10:30am)
 Lakewood Historical Society Tour (3-4:30pm)
 Oakbrook Golf Course, Oakbrook Restaurant (6-8pm)
 Farewell Buffet (cost \$25 per person all inclusive)
 End day with host family

9/23
 Meet visitors at City Hall for departure

Moses Lake Itinerary

Thursday, September 20

Time	Activity
12:30-1:00	Bus arrives at Moses Lake City Hall Guests are greeted by the mayor and store bags to be picked up later (bathroom break)
1:00-2:00	Lunch to be provided by Local Session (Walk to Michael's Market and Bistro for lunch)
2:00-5:00	City Tour
5:00	Pick-up by host families at City Hall Return home- Dinner BBQ at Todd Smith's house at 5:30-6:00 (timing to be determined)

Friday, September 21

Time	Activity
9:30	Host families drop-off participants at Moses Lake City Hall
9:45-10:00	Drive to Flight Test Center
10:00-11:00	Mitsubishi Tour
	Drive to Deb's property -All interested parties are invited
12:00-4:00	Hiking and site-seeing Lunch will be sandwich box lunch at the property
	Return to Moses Lake
5:00	Pick up from Moses Lake City Hall -Dinner possible pizza at Todd Smith's house.

Saturday, September 22 (Host Family Day)

Farmers Market-Drive around Moses Lake sites (Japanese Gardens, Yonezawa Blvd., Agricultural tour)
 Host Family's favorite restaurant-lunch?
 Kid's soccer games
 Tour Moses Lake by boat
 Mexican feast at Wendy Parks house (poolside, I have 3 grandchildren aged 9,10, and 12-children activities) Time to be determined

Sunday, September 23

Host Families drop off guest at Moses Lake City Hall at 11:30
 Bus Pick-up from Moses Lake City Hall at 11:50

Olympia Kato Sister City Association – Grassroots Visit, September 20-23, 2018
Itinerary

Thursday, September 20 – Arrival Day, Meet Host Families, Welcome Party

12:30 PM	Guests arrive by bus from Seattle	Winged Victory Circle, Capitol Campus
1-3 PM	State Capitol Campus tour	Former Senator Karen Fraser will lead
6:00-8:00 PM	Welcome Party Potluck	Miller home, 908 East Bay Dr. NE, Suite 306, Olympia, WA 98506

Friday, September 21– Olympia touring

10AM-1PM		Allen Miller will lead
	Downtown, Percival Landing, Farmer’s Market, Yashiro Garden	
2PM-4PM	Harbor Tour(weather dependent)	Karen Fraser’s boat
6PM-8PM	Dinner/Picnic/Potluck	Fraser home, 7806 Cooper Point Rd. NW, Olympia 98502

Saturday, September 22 – Host Family choice

4-8 PM	Grub Gala Dinner	Albees Gardens 4127 20th Ln NW, Olympia, WA 98502
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Sunday, September 23 – Return to Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton for Closing Ceremony

12:45 PM Bus Departure

Winged Victory Circle, Capitol Campus

SUMMIT 2018 -PORT TOWNSEND ITINERARY

Day	Events	Place
Thursday	Leave Seattle	Seattle ferry to Bainbridge
Sept 20th	Arrive 7 Cedars Casino	7 Cedars Casino Sequim
Activities with Sequim	Tour Totem Carving Shed & facilities	Jamestown/S'kllam Tribes
	Lunch	Sequim
	Tour Lavender Farm	Sequim
	Tour Nash's Organic Farm	Sequim
	Welcome Party	Sequim Community Center
	Go to Host Family	Host Family
	Friday	Breakfast with Host Family
Sept 21	Tour Maritime Center	Maritime Center http://nwmaritime.org/
Activities w/ Sequim	Cruise the waterfront in sailboats	Port Townsend Bay
	Lunch at Commons	Fort Worden Commons
	Free time to tour downtown	Downtown
	Or Golf	PT Golf Course
	Or Horseback riding	
	Dinner with Host Family	Host Family
	Outdoor Movie at Film Festival	Downtown PT
	(They may show a Japanese movie)	PT Film Festival
	Dessert at Elevated	Downtown PT
	Go to Host Family	Host Homes
Saturday	Breakfast with Host Family	Host Family
Sept 22	Farmer's Market	Uptown PT
	Home Stay Family Outing	Homestay's Choice
	Or Clamming/touring oyster farm	Marrowstone or Quilcene
	Tour Marrowstone Winery	
	Lunch on the beach or Finn River	
Sunday	Depart local area for the Lake	Lake Washington Hyatt Regency
Sept 23	Washington Hyatt Regency	

Renton Local Session Itinerary

Day	Contents	Place	Cost
Thursday	Leave Seattle Jimi Hendricks Memorial The Landing for shopping and lunch 4pm (opens) 8-bit Arcade	Seattle -> Renton Renton	
Friday	10am Renton History Museum Renton Shopping Center for lunch Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park	Renton	Adults \$5, Children \$2
Saturday	Home Stay Family Outing	Renton	
Sunday	Depart for Sea-Tac area hotel Closing Ceremony	Seattle	

Japan-America Grassroots Summit
Information Packet for Sequim, WA
September 20-23, 2018



SEQUIM
WELCOMES YOU



ITINERARY

Thursday, September 20

12:00-12:10 PM: Arrival by bus (#2 Westbound 4H) at 7 Cedars Casino
12:15-1:45 PM: Lunch at House of the Seven Brothers
2:00-2:30 PM: Tour of Jamestown House of Myths
2:15-3:30 PM: Jamestown History Presentation
3:30-4:30 PM: Totem Tour
4:30 PM: Return to Civic Center

Friday, September 21

Free day with host families
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception and Dinner with the Mayor

Saturday, September 22

10:00-11:30 AM: Master Garden Tour at Woodcock Demonstration Garden
11:45 AM-3:00 PM: Saturday Market, Lunch at Jose's Famous Salsa, Friendship Garden at Carrie Blake Park, Pickleball Tournament
Potluck Dinner in Port Townsend

Sunday, September 23

Breakfast with host family
12:45 PM: Bus departure (#1 Eastbound 3H) from 7 Cedars Casino for Closing Ceremony

Thursday, September 20, 2018

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe has called the North Olympic Peninsula home for over ten thousand years, and possesses rich art and culture based around Washington’s abundant natural resources. The tribe contributes to the local community through its various business entities such as the Jamestown Health Clinic, restaurants, art gallery, casino, and more!



Did you know?

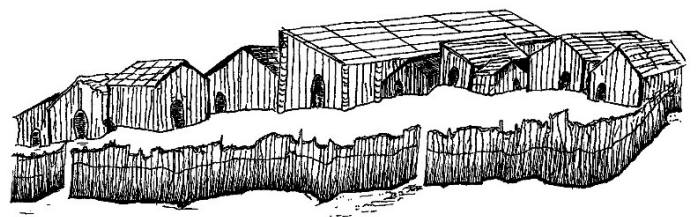
The totem pole displayed in the Civic Center Plaza was generously donated by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe in 2015. The 30-foot-tall pole was carved from a 900-year-old cedar tree, and tells the story of “Why the Sun Always Shines in Sequim”

12:00-12:10 PM: Arrival by bus (#2 Westbound 4H) at 7 Cedars Casino in Blyn. Meet up with host families and Port Townsend group.



12:15-1:45 PM: Lunch at House of the Seven Brothers (7 Cedars Casino)

2:30-3:30 PM: Presentation on local S'Klallam History and the Village of *sx^wčk^wíyən* by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer David Brownell (Red Cedar Hall/Community Center)



2:00-2:30 PM: Tour of Jamestown House of Myths (Carving Shed) where the master carver Dale Faulstich and team carved and / or restored more than 50 totem poles.

3:30-4:30 PM: Totem Tour (Jamestown Campus, Health Clinic, Sequim City Center). The tour will start at the Jamestown Campus in Blyn, travel to the Jamestown Family Health Clinic at 808 N. 5th Ave. and will end at the Sequim Civic Center at 152 W. Cedar.



Families will need to provide transportation to the event, on the tour and from the event.

A photograph of a waterfall in a dense forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls over dark, moss-covered rocks. The surrounding vegetation is thick and green, with many ferns and trees. The scene is captured with a long exposure, giving the water a soft, ethereal appearance.

Friday, September 21

Free day with host families!

**5:30 PM: Welcome Reception with Mayor and
Dinner at Paradise restaurant at 703 N. Sequim
Ave.**

Saturday, September 22

10:00 – 11:30 AM Master Garden Tour

The Clallam County **Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden** showcases a broad range of plants that grow well in our area and vegetables that can be grown and harvested throughout the year. Visitors can learn recommended planting practices and overall garden care.



11:45 AM-3:00 PM: Market, Lunch, Friendship Garden, Pickleball Tournament



The **Sequim Saturday Market** is a center for locally grown produce and handcrafted items, created to boost interest and support of products from the Olympic Peninsula.

Lunch will be held at **Fortune Star** a Chinese restaurant located in downtown Sequim at 145 E. Washington St.

Friendship garden at Carrie Blake Park

The **Friendship Garden** symbolizes the relationship between Sequim and its sister city, Shiso, Japan. The garden was approved in 1995 and has since transformed into a peaceful area with ginkgo trees, cherry trees and multiple artfully designed pedestrian bridges that complete a path around the pond at the center of the garden.



Pickleball Tournament (Optional)

Watch the “Blue Hole Bash”, a regional pickleball tournament on the newly constructed Carrie Blake Park Pickleball Courts! Several hundred pickleball enthusiasts are expected to attend the event.

This is the first large tournament to be held on the new courts, which were completed in the summer of 2018.



Optional Potluck dinner at “Boy Scout House” in Port Townsend

The Goodbye Potluck Party will be at the Fred Lewis Scout House at 3075 Discovery Rd., Port Townsend at 6:00 PM. Please bring a potluck dish to share and anything you would like to drink be that beer, wine, sake, soft drinks or juice. Help us celebrate our special friendship with Japan while partaking in tasty food, good company and be entertained by our local dancers as they demonstrate the Tango. Please RSVP to cmcnabb@cityofpt.us.

**Japan America Grassroots Summit
Itinerary for Vashon Local Session
September 20 – 23, 2018**

Day 1 - September 20

10:20am~10:40am: Ferry ride from West Seattle to Vashon

10:50am~11:10am: Meet the host families @ Ober Park parking lot



Settle in at host family's house and lunch

*The guest will be hosted by another family if the host family is not available during the day.

1:00pm~2:00pm: Pt. Robinson Light House Tour

* Meet at the Light House @ Pr. Robinson. Captain Joe will meet us all there @ 1:00pm.

2:20pm~3:50pm: Downtown Stroll

* Time for the guest to have free time to explore in town. Downtown map (in Japanese) is provided to each guest. Host family can accompany the guest. Assistance in town available.

Freshen up @ host family's house



Mukai Farm & Garden Visit

5:00pm~ Tour **6:00pm~9:00pm** Welcome BBQ

Day 2 - September 21

10:00am~11:45am: Vashon High School Visit. *Meet at the front entrance @ 9:50am

12:00pm~1:45pm: Nashi Orchards Picnic

2:00pm~4:00pm: Puget Sound Boat Tour

Freshen up @ host family's house



Vashon Heritage Museum Tour & Reception

5:00pm~ Joy and Heartache Exhibit Tour **6:00pm~9:00pm** Reception

Day 3 - September 22: Enjoy the Host Family Day!

Day 4 - September 23: Closing ceremony @ Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton

3:00pm~ Registration, **4:00pm~** Closing Ceremony, **5:40pm~** Buffet Opens **~7:00pm** (Finish)

Tacoma Itinerary

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Time	Activity	Description
11:00	Arrive at City hall	Put luggage in storage for day
11:30	Meet with Mayor	Meet and greet welcome by the Mayor
12:15	Ride Link to UWT	
12:30	Lunch	Lunch at the Harmon restaurant
	Walk across the Bridge of Glass from downtown	The Chihuly Bridge of Glass is Tacoma's stunning link to the Thea Foss Waterway and the Museum of Glass. The 500 foot pedestrian bridge holds three amazing Chihuly glass installations, open to the public 24 hours a day. Linger at sunset on a date, and you'll see why it's one of the most romantic places in Washington.
1:30	Visit the Tacoma Museum of Glass	Visit the museum and the Hot Shop Amphitheater, located inside the 90-foot tall steel cone while learning about glass art. Artists from the Pacific Northwest have played a major role in the Studio Glass movement as it developed around the world. In particular, Dale Chihuly, who grew up in Tacoma has influenced the movement. The Museum of Glass in Tacoma serves as a beacon to a stunning contemporary art museum as well as a symbol for the restoration of a waterway and the revitalization of a city.
3:00	Visit the Washington State History Museum	The Washington State History Museum, in downtown Tacoma, Washington, is one of two museums owned and operated by the Washington State Historical Society under the official approval of the Washington State Legislature. The museum maintains three permanent exhibits. One is about the history of Washington State and relation to the Pacific Northwest with artifacts from Women's Suffrage, Industrialization and Native American Tribes.
4:30	Tour the University of Washington Tacoma and the Japanese Language School Memorial	Between 1911 and 1942, a Japanese Language School known as Nihongo Gakko served a thriving Japanese community in Tacoma. The children from this community attended public schools, and after school were out each day came together at Nihongo Gakko. Here they learned the language, arts and cultural traditions of Japan, the homeland of their parents and grandparents. After World War II, the Language School building stood mostly vacant for decades. By the time the university arrived and acquired the property toward the end of the 20th century, the building had deteriorated to a degree that it couldn't be restored with historic integrity. The university has promised to commemorate the history of Tacoma's Japanese community with a permanent memorial. For generations to come, the memorial will tell the story of Nihongo Gakko through public outdoor sculpture and an interpretive plaque that will honor, celebrate and remember the school, the community that supported it and an important chapter in the history of our nation.
5:15	Ride Link back to City hall	
5:30	Connect with Host families at City Hall	Pick up luggage and head to host family for evening

Friday, September 21, 2018

Time	Activity	Description
	Breakfast with host families	
9:30	Pt. Defiance Park, Zoo and Aquarium	This 760-acre park is a popular destination for more than 3.1 million people each year. Natural forest, saltwater beaches and spectacular views offer numerous possibilities for recreation, education and communing with nature. Visit the Zoo and brand new Pacific Seas Aquarium.
12:00	Picnic lunch at Owen Beach	
1:30	Visit Fort Nisqually Living History Museum	To promote knowledge and understanding, Fort Nisqually Living History Museum preserves, interprets and teaches the diverse mid-19th century story of Fort Nisqually bound within the history of Puget Sound.
4:00	Visit Point Ruston, Tacoma's newest waterfront community	Point Ruston, a waterfront resort-inspired village with panoramic views of the South Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier, will be a place to experience the best in Pacific NW living, dining, shopping, recreation, and entertainment.
4:30	Ice cream at Ice cream social	
5:00	Pick up by host family	Home to host family for evening

Saturday, September 22, 2018

All Day	All Day with host families	
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Tyee Middle School Itinerary

Day	Time	Activity	Translator Helpful	Notes / Action Items
Thursday, September 20th	8:30 - 9:00	Kawauchi and Katsurao Middle School students + staff arrive at Tyee Middle School		Bring luggage to store in library
	1st Period	WELCOME CEREMONY - Library 1. Quick Introductions and Short Welcome Speech by Tyee, Katsurao, Kawaguchi Principals 2. Student to Student Quick Introductions 3. Icebreaker Activities 4. Review / Explain Tyee Activity Schedule; Pass out Lunch Tickets		All Tyee Host + Ambassador students are excused from class
			X	Pass out nametags; coffee / snacks / tea available
			X	Tyee students will have script to follow
			X	
	2nd, 3rd, 4th Periods	Japanese students shadow Tyee Ambassador student in morning classes		<i>we couldn't offer a homestay option to, but loves cross-cultural opportunities and leadership</i>
	1st, 2nd, 3rd lunch	Cafeteria Lunch - Get in Line with Tyee-provided Lunch Tickets Japanese adults --> bring lunch to library Japanese students --> lunch w/ designated Tyee Ambassador student	X	Susan, Layden, Burke, other teachers are welcome to join
	5th, 6th, 7th Periods	Japanese students shadow Tyee Host student in afternoon classes		
	TBD	Campus Tour and Classroom Visits	XX	Classrooms to visit specifically: Wright, Layden, Burke
	1:50 - 2:45	ALL-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY + OPENING CEREMONY - Gym Guest procession coming into gym - All Tyee students already seated; WEB + ASB leaders in welcome tunnel 1. Welcome Speeches - Susan and both Kawauchi and Katsurao Principals 2. Student speeches - Tyee ASB President + Kawauchi and Katsurao Student Reps 3. Performance A - Drassal: USA + Japan National Anthems and/or other music; Mechling - Student Song Performance 4. Performance B - Japanese Yosakoi Dance 5. Tyee Students introduce his/her designated Japanese exchange student 7. Closing Speech - ASB President		Burke - Pictures
			To be sent to Susan	
3:00	Tyee Host Students + Ambassador Students + Japanese Students + Japanese teachers gather in Commons; Final review of emergency procedures, reassurances, and goodbyes		All Tyee Students are encouraged to attend tutorial AND activity in order to maximize Japanese students' school experience	
3:05 - 3:35	Tutorial			
3:40 - 4:25	Tyee vs. Kawauchi / Katsurao Badminton Match @ Tyee Gym		Mr. Pearson will coordinate	
Friday, September 21st	7:45 AM	Tyee host students and his/her Japanese exchange student arrive at Tyee		
	1st - 6th Period	Japanese adults --> Visit Classrooms		
	1st, 2nd, 3rd Periods	Japanese students shadow Tyee Host student in morning classes		
	4th, 5th, 6th Periods	Japanese students shadow Tyee Ambassador student in morning classes		
	1st, 2nd, 3rd lunch	Cafeteria Lunch - Get in Line with Tyee-provided Lunch Tickets Japanese adults --> bring lunch to library Japanese students --> lunch w/ designated Tyee Ambassador student	X	Susan, Layden, Burke, other teachers are welcome to join
7th Period	CLOSING CEREMONY - Library 1. Speech by Tyee Host / Ambassador 2. Look at the Sky by Yoko Ono - Performance by Japanese students 3. Exchange of Certificates + Gifts 3. Closing speech by Mrs. Thomas + Student Host/Ambassador	X	Only Tyee Host + Ambassador Students attend Choose student + prep	
			Gift bags and Certificate of Participation for all	
		X	Give Susan speech	
3:35 - 4:25	Tutorial / Activity Time			
Saturday, September 22nd	All day	Tyee host family + Japanese student spends whole day in activities around town with host family		
Sunday, September 23rd	3:00	Registration / Networking - Host Student + 1 Family Member + Japanese student arrive at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (Renton)		
	4:00	Grand Ballroom Opens		
	4:30	Program Begins		
	5:40	Buffet Opens		
	7:00	Ceremony Concludes		
Monday, September 24th	All Day	Kawauchi and Katsurao students + staff return to Japan		

Mount Vernon High School Tentative Itinerary

Day One:

10 AM	Unebi High School students arrive at Mount Vernon High School
morning	Mt. Vernon HS greets students at entrance Welcome reception/assembly with host siblings, parents, school administrators, and potentially students from the local middle school Unebi High School gives presentation at reception/assembly School Tour
Lunch	Unebi students try Mt. Vernon HS school lunch
afternoon	Unebi students shadow host siblings classes
after school	Unebi students join host siblings in after school clubs and activities, such as Future Business Leaders of America, band, choir, or K-pop club Pre-game BBQ hosted by parents' group (tentative) Mt. Vernon High School football game
evening	Students go to homestays

Day Two:

Morning	Unebi Students shadow host sibling classes
Lunch	Unebi students try Mt. Vernon HS school lunch
afternoon	Unebi students shadow host siblings classes
after school	Unebi students join host siblings in after school clubs and activities, such as Future Business Leaders of America, band, choir, or K-pop club
evening	Students go to homestays

Day Three:

Unebi students spend the day with their host families. Possible programming include attending the Saturday Farmers Market, going on a hike, or eating local Mexican food.

Additional tentative programming:

Tour at the Washington State University Agricultural Center in Mt Vernon, WA

Tour of a local farm, such as Taylor Shellfish





Various photos from Local Sessions and homestay activities across Washington State.

Closing Ceremony – September 23, 2018

Participants returned to the Greater Seattle area for the Closing Ceremony and to stay at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington on the south port of Lake Washington in Renton. Japanese guests, host families, and Local Session representatives came together to reflect on their experiences while enjoying American and Japanese speakers and cultural entertainment. Approximately 500 guests joined.

Guests included:

- 139 Japanese participants
- Approximately 200 host family members
- 26 Local Session representatives
- 5 CIE/KNT staff
- 4 JASSW staff
- 18 committee members/JASSW board members
- 75 VIPs/sponsors/sponsor guests
- 45 volunteers/entertainment

Volunteers managed by JBA worked the registration desk. Photography by Nat Seymour with Be Good Event Photography. Videography by Max Chan.



Top: Local Session Key Persons are welcomed to the stage to receive Japanese dolls and certificates from the Grassroots Summit committee as a thank you for all their hard work. **Bottom left:** Hyogo Prefecture’s mascot, Habatan, comes to the stage to promote the 2019 Grassroots Summit there. Emcee and King5 Anchor Lori Matsukawa takes a selfie with Habatan and JASSW Chair-Elect Karin Zaugg Black. **Bottom right:** Students of Katsurao Junior High School and Kawauchi Junior High School perform the “YOSAKOI” dance from their home prefecture of Fukushima.

Local Session to Hyatt Bus Itineraries

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Participants may likely to change

No Volunteers

Bus #1 22 person minibus....10 participants

Westbound (4H)

Moses Lake (6), Ellensburg (4)

Time	Bus Stop
11:50 pm	Pick-up Moses Lake (6) Moses Lake City Hall (1801 Rd K SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837)
1:05-1:15 pm	Pick-up Ellensburg (2-4) CWU Starbucks (908 E 10th Ave, Ellensburg, WA 98926)
3:00 pm	Drop-off Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056)

Bus #2 12 person van... 6 participants

Eastbound (3H)

Port Townsend (6)

Time	Bus Stop
12:45 pm	Pick-up Port Townsend and Sequim (6) Depart 7 Cedars Casino (270756 Hwy 101, Sequim, WA 98382)
3:00 pm	Drop-off Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056)

Bus #3 22 person mini....10-11 participants

Northbound (3H)

Olympia (5), Lakewood (1+1 host), Tacoma (3-4)

Time	Bus Stop
12:50-1:00 pm	Pick-up Olympia (5) Winged Victory Monument Circle on State Capitol Campus (302 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501)
1:30-1:40 pm	Pick-up Lakewood (2) Lakewood City Hall (6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499)
2:00-2:10 pm	Pick-up Tacoma (3-4) Tacoma City Hall (747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)
2:45 pm	Drop-off Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056)

Bus #4 22 person mini....8 participants

Southbound (2H)

Time	Bus Stop
1:10 pm	Pick-up Mount Vernon High School (8) (314 N 9th St, Mt Vernon 98273)
2:45 pm	Drop-off Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056)

Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony

Timeline

3:00	Registration and Networking
4:00	Grand Ballroom Opens
4:05	Musical Entertainment
4:30	Program
5:15	Local Session Recognition
5:45	Buffet Opens
6:00	Musical Entertainment
7:00	Ceremony Concludes

Sunday, September 23, 2018

3:30 pm Registration (4:00 pm Doors Open)

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington

1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton 980561

閉会式の流れ

地域分科会を終えたあとは、予定の交通を利用して、閉会式の行われるホテルまで移動していただきます。会場となるのは、レントン市にあるハイアット・リージェンシー・レイク・ワシントンホテルです。草の根サミットの最終日はこのホテルに宿泊となりますので、午後3時にロビーに集合してサミットの係員から部屋の鍵を受け取ってください。各自の部屋に荷物を置いたあとは、1階のボールルームへ移動していただき、参加者とホストファミリーの交流・歓談の時間となります。閉会式は午後4時開始の予定です。



席次は特に決まっておりませんので、この1週間でできた友達とお好きな席にご自由にお座りください。シアトルニュースキャスター Lori Matsukawa さんの司会のもと、フェアウェルスピーチが始まります。食事の時間になりましたら、ビュッフェ料理をお楽しみください。式は午後7時に終了予定です。部屋に戻られましたら、良い思い出を胸に、ごゆっくりお休みください！

Musical Performances by:

■ Navy Band Northwest

Navy Band Northwest's current mission is to provide musical support for official Navy functions and Navy Recruiting efforts, as well as community outreach performances for the Pacific Northwest in AK, WA, OR, N. CA, NV, ID, MT, WY, UT, CO, W. NE, and W. KS. The 35 rated Navy Musicians are called upon today to perform in various musical units, including the Ceremonial and Parade Bands encompassing both military and civilian events.



Photo by Tero Patana

■ School of TAIKO

CHIKIRI & The School of TAIKO was established by Ringtaro and Asako Tateishi in October 2009, based in Seattle & Bellevue. They provide performances and programs with Taiko Drumming & other traditional Japanese musical instruments to develop the strong relationship of the community beyond the boarder with sharing Japanese Culture.

■ Seismic Sound

Under the direction of James Vu, Seismic Sound is a newly formed percussion group under the umbrella of Seattle's All City Band. They are a collection of young musicians from high schools and colleges around the greater Seattle area. Seismic Sound mainly participates in drumline competitions, but also performs for other public and private events.



What to expect



Lori Matsukawa

Seattle KING5 News Anchor
シアトル KING5 ニュースキャスター



John Chelminiak

Mayor of the City of Bellevue
ベルビュー市長



Courtney Gregoire

Port of Seattle Commission President
シアトル港湾局委員長

"YOSAKOI" Dance Performance

Kawauchi Middle School and Katsurao Middle School
川内中学校、葛尾中学校によるよさこい踊り

Yosakoi (よさこい) is a unique style of dance that originated in Japan and that is performed at festivals and events all over the country. The first Yosakoi festival was held in 1954 in Kochi. Yosakoi-style dancing has spread throughout much of Japan. Yosakoi is also a popular event during the sports festivals held by Japanese elementary, junior, and senior high schools.



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**Grassroots Summit is
coming to Hyogo Prefecture
in 2019!**



Tay Yoshitani

2016-2017 Chair, Japan-America Society of the State of Washington
Former CEO of the Port of Seattle
ワシントン州日米協会理事長 2016-2017
元シアトル港湾局最高経営責任者

about Kawauchi and Katsurao Middle Schools

Both located in villages in Fukushima Prefecture, they were evacuated in 2011 after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster. Kawauchi Middle School was reopened in 2012 and Katsurao Middle School was reopened in 2018. They have been participating Grassroots Summit in US since last year.

All of the students are excited to perform a traditional "YOSAKOI" dance at the closing ceremony!

川内村立中学校と葛尾村立中学校は、東日本大震災に伴う福島第一原子力発電所事故の為、全村に避難指示が出され中学校は閉鎖となりました。川内中学校は翌2012年に帰村許可が、葛尾中学校は2018年4月に避難指示が解除となり、授業が再開されました。葛尾中学校では2016年ワシントン州日米協会の America in the schools のプレゼンテーションが行われました。全校の児童たちはアメリカの小学校の一日を学びました。

生徒達は皆、日本の伝統的なよさこい踊りを発表できるのを楽しみにしています。



Katsurao Middle School received an "America in the Schools" presentation in 2016 to learn about Elementary school life in America!





Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony Timeline

- 2:00 p.m. JASSW staff arrive, set up registration- tables with nametags and tote-bags, step and repeat banner
In the ballroom, the first 7 tables are reserved for sponsors; the front row is reserved for VIPs and speakers:
Speakers: Courtney Gregoire, Lori Matsukawa, Tay Yoshitani, Jamie Kelly, Admiral Gray and wife, Consul General Yoichiro Yamada, Karin Zaugg Black, Bellevue Mayor John Chelminiak, Yasutaka Katayama, Kyo Nakahama, Aya Nakahama, Tomoyasu Nakahama, Matthew Perry, Mayor Cheryl Selby (Olympia), Mayor Victoria Woodards (Tacoma)
Set up table with dolls for local sessions
- 3:00 p.m. Registration Opens- JBA handles everything
Japanese Participants check into their bedrooms / host families get registered walk around, check out coulon, enjoy appetizers, take pictures
- 3:15 p.m. Navy Band arrives, gets settled, gets into uniform, sees the stage, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. Hotel staff starts leading people into the ballroom with their trays of food Navy Band gets set-up on stage, gets into position for playing at **4:05pm.**
- 4:05 p.m. Navy Band starts playing patriotic hits/marches, people begin finding their seats. Chris and Jane lead speakers to their seats in the front.
- 4:20 p.m. **Lori Matsukawa** asks everyone to please stand for the American and Japanese National Anthems.
- 4:25 p.m. *Anthems end, Navy Band stands up and brings their equipment off of the stage, volunteers and staff take the chairs off of the stage, Navy Band leaves*
- 4:27 p.m. **Lori Matuskawa** introduces herself as the emcee and:
 1. Thank the Northwest Navy Band Ceremonial Band for their performance.
 2. Welcomes the Japanese guests and Washingtonian Host families
 - a. 140 Japanese participants (including Unebi High School, Katsurao Junior High, and Kawauchi Junior High) and 114 host families!
 3. Introduces JASSW Chair Elect, Karin Zaugg Black
- 4:33 p.m. Karin Zaugg Black gives welcome remarks, recognizes special guests & sponsors. (attached list)
- 4:36 p.m. **Lori** introduces Consul General of Japan in Seattle, Yoichiro Yamada
- 4:38 p.m. Consul General Yamada gives his remarks.
- 4:41 p.m. **Lori** introduces Bellevue Mayor John Chelminiak.
- 4: 43 p.m. Mayor John Chelminiak gives his remarks.
- 4:46 p.m. **Lori** introduces Port of Seattle's Commision President, Courtney Gregoire

- 4: 48 p.m. Courtney Gregoire gives her remarks, translations on the screen
- 4:51 p.m. **Lori** introduces Katsurao and Kawauchi Junior High Schools.
[Background of Kawauchi Junior High School (G7 – G9)]
- 4:53 p.m. Combined “Yosakoi” Dance Performance
- 4:58 p.m. Lori introduces Yasutaka Katayama.
- 5:00 p.m. Presentation (powerpoint) by Yasutaka Katayama. Translations on the screen / possible interpreter
- 5:07 p.m. *Committee Members line-up by the side of the stage to get ready to go up with the dolls:*

1. *Tay*
2. *Barbara*
3. *Kawachi-san*
4. *Jane*
5. *Dan*
6. *Lynn*
7. *Murazawa-san*
8. *Kawachi-san*
9. *Karin Zaugg Black*
10. *Chris Helm*
11. *Yokosawa-san*
12. *Josephine*
13. *Dale*
14. *Akiko*

When Josephine goes up on stage, committee members follow and line up behind her.

- 5:10 p.m. Dale asks the following key people to come to the stage (no particular order)
1. Seattle: Ben Erickson (possibly Karin Zaugg Black, depends on Ben’s family emergency), Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association
 2. Bellevue: Gregg Schrader, Bellevue-Yao Sister City Association
 3. Auburn: Lorraine Chachere (cha-shur-ee)
 4. Olympia: Allen Miller, Olympia-Kato Sister City Association
 5. Port Townsend: Jamie Kelly
 6. Chris Johnson: Renton-Nishiwaki Sister City Association
 7. Tacoma: Debbie Bingham
 8. Vashon Island: Rita Brogan
 9. Tyee Middle School: Cheryl Lee
 10. Kittitas County: Julie Kjorsvik (Kuh-jors-vik)
 11. Mt. Vernon: Nate Shepherd
 12. Sequim: Janine Pfeffer-Taggart (Fai-fur Tag-gart)
 13. Moses Lake: Jimmy Kamada/Shirley Miller
 14. Lakewood: Becky Newton

Josephine thanks everyone for their help in English and Japanese. She explains the dolls and then everyone passes them over to their key contact. (numbers correspond)

5:22 p.m. Closing Remarks from Rear Admiral Jamie Kelly (Ret.), President of the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange.

5:27 p.m. **Lori** thanks all the speakers again and gives some housekeeping about the buffet:

- Please wait until the hotel staff tells you to go, and then it will be located in the foyer.

5:30 p.m. Reception begins, buffet is in the foyer. First two rows and tables 1-7 are released to the buffet, then work backwards. Podium is removed from the stage.

5:55 p.m. School of TAIKO sets-up the stage for their performance

5:59 p.m. **Lori** announces School of TAIKO and their performance

6:00 p.m. School of Taiko begins their performance

6:10 p.m. School of Taiko ends their performance, takes their equipment off the stage. Seismic Sound comes in while playing their instruments. Performs for 5 minutes

6:15 p.m. **Lori** thanks Seismic Sound for playing

6:45 p.m. Podium is replaced.

6:50 p.m. **Lori** announces Tay Yoshitani, Co-Chair of the Grassroots Committee.

6:52 p.m. Tay does the final speech

6:57 p.m. **Lori** thanks Tay, adds any last minute housekeeping, and brings up Chika Aoki to make final housekeeping remarks in Japanese for the participants.

7:00 p.m. **Lori** thanks everyone for attending and wishes everyone a safe journey home.



Group photo of Katsurao Junior High School students with host families at the Closing Ceremony.



Pictures from Closing Ceremony. Speakers included JASSW Chair-elect Karin Zaugg Black, Consul General Yoichiro Yamada (top left), Mayor of the City of Bellevue John Chelminiak (second row left), Port of Seattle Commission President Courtney Gregoire (second row right), CEO of the Hyogo Prefectural Government Office of Industry, Employment & International Affairs (third row left), and Tay Yoshitani. Entertainment by the Navy Band Northwest (second row middle), School of TAIKO (bottom left), and Seismic Sound drumline (bottom right). Photo credit: Be Good Event Photography.

Departure Day – September 24, 2018

Volunteers accompanied participants to the airport to return to Japan or to join Post-Summit Optional Programs to Vancouver, B.C.; Portland, OR; or Boston and Fairhaven, MA. There were 12 participants that joined the Vancouver program, 8 for Portland, and 11 for Boston. Support staff from the Port of Seattle and Delta Air Lines were available at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to assist.



Unebi High School students doing sunrise radio taiiso at the Hyatt before returning to Japan.

Departure Bus and Flight Itineraries

#1 (Taxi)

Delta via PDX#1 – DL5706 (3 participants), Delta to SAN - DL5751 (1) (includes Yuuri Sawada)

Time	Activity
5:00 AM	Guests meet in Hyatt Regency Lake Washington Collect keys for hotel check-out
5:10	Load taxi
5:40	Guests arrive at Sea-Tac Airport Staff assist guests with airport check-in and lead to security gate
7:45 AM	Departure (DL5706 to PDX)
7:50	Departure (DL5751 to SAN)

Bus #2 (A): 48 person coach.... 15 participants (includes Ojima Yuzuru)

Air Canada – AC8090 (15 Japanese participants)

Time	Activity
5:55 AM	Guests meet in Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056) Check-in participants to bus and collect keys for hotel check-out
6:15	Bus loading, count participants
6:35	Guests arrive at Sea-Tac Airport Volunteers assist guests with airport check-in (no JP available) and lead to security gate
9:00 AM	Departure (AC0890)

Bus #3 (B): 48 person coach.... 21 participants (includes Chika Aoki)

Delta PDX #2 – DL3763 (8), Delta Boston – DL1811 (11) United SFO - UA698 (1), Delta PHL – DL815 (1)

Time	Activity
6:40 AM	Guests meet in Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056) Check-in participants to bus and collect keys for hotel check-out
7:00	Bus loading, count participants
7:30	Guests arrive at Sea-Tac Airport Volunteers assist guests with airport check-in (no JP available) and lead to security gate
9:40	Departure to Portland
9:41 AM	Departure to Boston

Bus #4A (A): 48 person coach.... 47 participants (includes Matsuda Eiko)

Bus #4B (C): 48 person coach.... 31 participants + 2 volunteer

Delta Direct – DL167 (77 participants)

Time	Activity
7:40 AM	Guests meet in Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056) Check-in participants to bus and collect keys for hotel check-out
8:00	Bus loading, count participants
8:30	Guests arrive at Sea-Tac Airport Volunteers assist guests with airport check-in (no JP available) and lead to security gate
11:27 AM	Departure (DL167)

Bus #5 (B): 48 person coach.... 25 participants (includes Yukari Aoki)

Bus #5 (B) ANA – NH177 (23 participants), United to DC – UA260 (1)

Time	Activity
9:45 AM	Guests meet in Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056) Check-in participants to bus and collect keys for hotel check-out
10:00	Bus loading, count participants
10:30	Guests arrive at Sea-Tac Airport Volunteers assist guests with airport check-in (no JP available) and lead to security gate
1:20 PM	Departure (NH177)



Japanese guests saying goodbye to hosts and Seattle at the end of the Closing Ceremony.

Volunteers

Approximately 120 volunteers were available throughout the Summit to assist, including a group of seven students and one chaperone from Atomi University that decided to volunteer for the entire Grassroots program as part of their tri-annual sister city exchange program in Longview, WA. The Society also worked with outside community groups and businesses to help recruit, coordinate, and manage additional volunteers.

Introduction to Volunteer Coordinating Groups

The Port of Seattle

Founded in 1911, the Port of Seattle is a special-purpose municipal corporation serving the citizens of King County; its mission is to create good jobs here and across the state by advancing trade and commerce, promoting manufacturing and maritime growth, and stimulating economic development.

The Japan Business Association of Seattle

The Japan Business Association of Seattle has three pillars at the core of its duties – 1. Proper education of our children, 2. Maintaining relations with local groups, and 3. Building strong ties among members. In enacting these duties, JBA seeks to deepen understanding of each other, discuss shared issues, and drive everyone to greater heights. These goals are supported by our three committees; 1. Education 2. Community Affairs, and 3. Business / Culture. As the governing body of the Seattle Japanese School, the education committee supports the education of the children of members through proper management. The Community Affairs committee builds deeper ties with local groups such as the Japan America Society through attendance and support of events. It brings together these ties in order to improve relations between USA and Japan. The Business and Culture committee builds closer ties between members through the planning and operation of various events and seminars.



Atomi University students at the Closing Ceremony on September 23.



Left: Port of Seattle representative and JASSW Chair-Elect Karin Zaugg Black (far left) prepares for guests' arrival with volunteers at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. **Right:** JBA volunteers managing the registration desk at the Closing Ceremony.

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington (JCCCW)

The mission of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington is to build and grow a lively, intergenerational gathering place in the Pacific Northwest for sharing and promoting Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage. People of all backgrounds gather to learn the Japanese language and traditional arts, celebrate Japanese and Japanese America history and culture, and build intercultural understanding.

The Pacific Northwest Japan Exchange Teaching Programme Alumni Association (PNW JETAA)

PNW JETAA is an alumni association serving the alumni of the Japan Exchange Teaching (JET) Programme in the Greater Puget Sound Region and throughout the Pacific Northwest. JETAA engages in grassroots activities to support JET alums and local Japanese organizations, promote Japan and its culture, and to continue serving as a bridge between Japan and their local communities.



Kawauchi and Katsurao students on Link light rail during volunteer-led dinner group to Uwajimaya through PNW JETAA.



Volunteer Kasumi Yamashita interprets JCCCW presentation during Japanese-American History Tour on September 19.

Hyogo Business and Cultural Center (HBCC)

The Hyogo Business and Cultural Center is an organization devoted to facilitating the sister-state relationship between Washington State and Japan's Hyogo Prefecture. Since opening in 1990, it has served thousands of people furthering mutual understanding and international relations between these regions. The organization builds connections between Washington and Hyogo by supporting language education, offering cultural workshops, assisting student and teacher exchanges, hosting a Japan-related library open to the public, providing business development services, and supporting sister-city relationships between Washington and Hyogo cities. The Hyogo Business and Cultural Center also collaborates with a number of community organizations on events that increase awareness of multicultural issues, Hyogo Prefecture, and Japan as a whole.



Left: Atomi University volunteers check-in guests at Sea-Tac Airport. **Right:** NVC provides lunch for participants of Japanese-American History Tour.

Arrival Day

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

1. Airport Greeters (shifts available from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm)

We will have support from the Port of Seattle, but need volunteers to welcome the guests and ensure that all of the guests know make it on the buses to the Westin Seattle. This job is perfect for international students or students of Japanese.

Location: Sea-Tac International Airport (17801 International Blvd, Seattle, 98158)

Number of spaces: 20 volunteers (or volunteers who can work multiple shifts)

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate, 4-6 intermediate-high

Additional Requirements: Should be able to lift heavy objects and walk distances. Preferably friendly and outgoing. Those riding the bus with guests should have some knowledge of Seattle.

Duties include: Greeting guests at Sea-Tac International Airport, checking-in guests, guiding guests across the airport to buses, assisting with loading buses, (4-6) riding bus to the Westin with guests and offering info on Seattle in Japanese

2. Hotel Grassroots Summit Information Desk (shifts available from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm)

We will have an information desk in the Westin lobby to help organize participants into their different tour and dinner groups, answer questions about the surrounding area in Japanese, and pass out Japanese language materials.

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101)

Number of spaces: 10 volunteers

Japanese language ability: intermediate-high

Additional Requirements: Should be somewhat familiar with area around Westin Seattle. Preferably people who are organized, familiar with all the goings on, and able to answer detailed questions about the Summit.

Duties include: Greeting guests at the hotel, assisting with participant Orientation, directing guests, familiarizing self with Grassroots Summit schedule and being able to answer questions

3. Luggage Storage (shifts available from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Many participants will arrive before hotel check-in and will need to store their bags. We will have a designated Grassroots luggage storage area to keep the participants' luggage safe and organized.

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101)

Number of spaces: 12 volunteers

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate

Additional Requirements: Should be able to lift heavy luggage. Should be organized and good with large crowds.

Duties include: Assisting guests with luggage storage

4. Walking Tours around Downtown Seattle (shifts available from 10:45 am – 4:30 pm)

Participants will arrive at the Westin Seattle at 11 am and 1 pm, but Westin Check-In is not available until 4 pm. We are offering walking tours during this time so participants have the options to explore the nearby area with assistance.

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101) → Pike Place Market, Westlake Shopping area and Seattle Center

Number of spaces: 14-18 volunteers (or volunteers who can work multiple shifts)

Japanese language ability: intermediate

Additional Requirements: Should be familiar with local area and landmarks. Should be able to walk distances. **Duties include:** Guiding guests to/from nearby areas from Westin Seattle, pointing out various landmarks and giving quick tour of the area, designating a meet-up point, assisting guests as need be (some guests have very low English ability and may hope to stick with volunteers for help with ordering food, etc.)

5. Dinner Groups (5:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Similar to the walking tours, we would like to give participants the option to receive assistance with dinner their first night, as well as meet locals who will give them a good impression of Seattle.

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101) → Nearby food courts and restaurants

Number of spaces: 14+ volunteers

Japanese language ability: intermediate (but friendliness and helpfulness is more important)

Duties include: Guiding guests to/from nearby restaurants and food courts, assisting guests in ordering food, showing guests a good time for dinner (guests are expected to pay for their own food)

Seattle Tours + Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6. Seattle Tour Assistance and Interpretation (shifts available 7:45 am – 2 pm)

Looking for people who speak Japanese at a high level and can help act as volunteer guides and interpreters for the following tours. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in the tour at no charge. JASSW is willing to reimburse the costs of lunch with receipt (limit TBD).

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101) → following locations

Restrictions: Family, friends, and children may NOT accompany volunteer. Age restrictions apply.

Additional Requirements: Briefing for all volunteers from 7:30-8:00 am. Tour times listed below. Volunteers with later tour times will be asked to assist with tour check-in

Boeing Factory Tour (8:30 am – 2 pm)

Location: Boeing Factory (8415 Paine Field Blvd, Mukilteo, 98275)

Number of spaces: 2 volunteer (16+)

Japanese language ability: intermediate-high (should be able to offer information on Boeing, but fluency not necessary because tour is mostly visual)

Duties include: Checking in and counting guests, assisting bus guide, translating Boeing Factory Tour for participants, assisting guests in ordering food

Twin Peaks and Winery & Beer Tour (8:45 am -2 pm)

Location: Snoqualmie Falls (6501 Railroad Ave SE, Snoqualmie, 98024), Wine/Beer TBD

Number of spaces: 1-2 volunteers (21+)

Japanese language ability: intermediate (there will be a Japanese speaking guide, no interpretation necessary)

Duties include: Checking in and counting guests, assisting bus guide, assisting guests in ordering food and wine

Underground Tour and Safeco Field Tour (8:15 am – 2 pm)

Location: Underground Tour (614 1st Ave, Seattle, 98104), Safeco Field (1250 1st Ave S, Seattle, 98134)

Number of spaces: 2 volunteers

Japanese language ability: high (should be able to interpret tours)

Additional requirements: Should be familiar with Pioneer Square and Sodo

Duties include: Checking in and counting guests, guiding participants between locations, interpreting tours for participants, assisting guests in ordering food

Japanese-American History Tour (9:00 am -2 pm)

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101) → JCCCW (1414 S Weller St, Seattle, 98144), NVC (1212 S King St, Seattle, 98144), Panama Hotel (605 S Main St, Seattle, 98104)

Number of spaces: 4+ volunteers

Japanese language ability: bilingual fluency preferred

Additional Requirements: High knowledge of International District and Japanese history

Duties include: Checking in and counting guests, guiding participants between locations, giving information on NVC and Panama Hotel in Japanese

Seattle Business Tour (9:15 am – 2 pm)

Location: Amazon Go (2131 7th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121), Starbucks Corporate Office (2401 Utah Ave S, Seattle, 98134), Microsoft Visitors Center (15010 Northeast 36th Street Building 92, Redmond, 98052)

Number of spaces: 2 volunteers

Japanese language ability: high (should be able to interpret Starbucks Tour)

Duties include: Checking in and counting guests, assisting bus guide, interpreting Starbucks Tour for participants, assisting guests in ordering food

7. Opening Ceremony

We need people to help load buses at the Westin Seattle and assist with registration at the Pier.

Location: Argosy Cruise to Tillicum Village (1101 Alaskan Way, Seattle, 98101)

Restrictions: Opening Ceremony volunteers jobs are invite only due to boat capacity issues.

Guiding guests to Pier (2:30 pm – 3:45 pm)

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101) → Argosy Cruises, Pier 54

Number of spaces: 6-8

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate

Duties include: Checking in guests, riding buses with guests to Pier for Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremony (shifts available from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Number of spaces: 4-6 [preferably staff or committee members]

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate

Duties include: setting up for registration/check-in, running registration table, checking-in guests, setting up, guiding guests where to go

Local Session Send-Off

Thursday, September 20, 2018

8. Local Session Send Off (7:00 am – 10:00 am)

We need volunteers who will ensure all guests are on their proper buses to their local sessions in a timely fashion.

Location: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, 98101)

Number of spaces: 6-8 [preferably staff]

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate, some intermediate-high

Additional Requirements: Briefing for all volunteers from 7:00 – 7:30 am

Duties include: assisting guests with check-out, collecting keys, ensuring all guests are on their proper buses to their local sessions, volunteers will be needed to ride the buses with participants

Closing Ceremony

Sunday, September 23, 2018

9. Closing Ceremony

We will need volunteers to help manage the check-in and Closing Ceremony Registration desks throughout the day. Guests will have the opportunity to meet people from Japan and practice Japanese.

Location: Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, 98056)

Hotel Check-in (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Number of spaces: 3-4 volunteers

Japanese language ability: intermediate

Duties include: Set-up check-in desk, assist guests with hotel check-in and hand out keys, assist early arrivals with luggage storage

Closing Ceremony Registration (1:00 pm – 5:00 PM)

Number of spaces: 3-4 volunteers

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate

Duties include: Set-up registration, assisting early arrivals, managing event registration

Departure Day

Monday, September 24, 2018

10. Send Off at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (shifts available 5:30 am – 10:15 am)

We need volunteers to give guests a happy send-off and ensure an easy check-out and that all the participants are on their proper buses to the airport.

Location: Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, 98056)

Number of spaces: 3-4 volunteers

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate

Duties include: meeting guests in Hyatt lobby, assisting with check-out and collecting keys, checking-in guests to buses

11. Airport Helpers (shifts available 6:30 am – 12:00 pm)

We will have support from the Port of Seattle, but need volunteers to give guests a happy send-off and ensure that all of the guests make it through security safely and without issue.

Location: Sea-Tac International Airport (17801 International Blvd, Seattle, 98158)

Number of spaces: 3-4 volunteers

Japanese language ability: low-intermediate

Additional Requirements: Should be able to lift heavy objects like luggage.

Duties include: helping guests with airport check-in, guiding guests to security gates

Grassroots Summit Promotion

Website and Social Media Promotion

updated: 10/17/2018

Website	16-Apr-17	Publish preliminary Grassroots Summit page
Website	15-Sep-17	post announcement of Grassroots Summit coming to Washington State
Website	22-Sep-17	post announcement of Holiday Dinner Theme: It All Starts at the Grassroots
Website	12-Dec-17	post Grassroots Sponsors
Website	22-Jan-18	post thank you to newest Grassroots sponsors: FUJIFILM Sonosite, Inc
Website	1-Feb-18	post Grassroots Sponsor updates: Mitsubishi & JBA
Website	5-Feb-18	post Grassroots Sponsor updates: ANA
Website	6-Feb-18	post Grassroots Sponsor updates: Davis Wright Tremaine
Website	9-Feb-18	post Grassroots Sponsor updates: Uwajimaya
Website	13-Feb-18	post Grassroots Sponsor updates: Jamco
Website	13-Feb-18	Update to Grassroots Summit page
Website	16-Mar-18	Publish official Grassroots Summit website and link to main JASSW page
Website	23-Apr-18	post thank you to new sponsor Port of Seattle
Website	21-Jun-18	post press release on website
Website	18-Sep-18	28th Annual Grassroots Summit 2018 Day 1: Welcome to Seattle!
Website	20-Sep-18	28th Annual Grassroots Summit 2018 Day 2: Seattle Tours and Opening Ceremony
Website	23-Sep-18	28th Annual Grassroots Summit 2018 Day 3-6: Local Sessions
Website	24-Sep-18	28th Annual Grassroots Summit 2018 Day 6: Closing Ceremony
Website	24-Sep-18	28th Annual Grassroots Summit 2018 Day 7: Send Off
Website		
email	4-Apr-18	Send out e-flyer on UW Volunteer Info Session
email	3-May-18	e-blast with link to host family application
email	14-May-18	email to WATJ and JIS contacts on hosting CIE representatives for Grassroots
email	25-May-18	e-blast: Volunteer for the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit
email	6-Jul-18	email to WATJ and JIS contacts on having Matthew Perry speak at their schools
email	17-Jul-18	e-blast: RSVP: Orientation for Grassroots Summit Host Families on Tues 7/31
email	27-Jul-18	e-blast: Reminder + Parking Info: Host Family Orientation for Grassroots Summit on Tues 7/31
email	27-Jul-18	e-blast: Grassroots Summit Volunteer Prep Session date and times
email	1-Aug-18	e-blast: Hosting and Volunteer Opportunities with the Grassroots Summit
email	1-Aug-18	e-blast: Reminder: Host Family Application for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit
email	6-Aug-18	follow-up email to WATJ and JIS contacts on having Matthew Perry speak at their schools
email	15-Aug-18	PNWJETAA August Newsletter announces Grassroots Summit volunteer opportunities
email	28-Aug-18	e-blast: Important information of Hosting for the Grassroots Summit
email	4-Sep-18	e-blast: Board Update and Invitation to Grassroots Summit and NAJAS Meeting
email	5-Sep-18	e-blast: Event Announcement on Volunteering for the 28th Grassroots Summit
email	13-Sep-18	e-blast: RSVP for Grassroots Closing Ceremony by Monday!!
email	14-Sep-18	e-blast: Event registration confirmed for 28th Japan America Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony
email	15-Sep-18	e-blast: Volunteers still needed on Tuesday, 9/18
email	21-Sep-18	e-blast: Update regarding your registration for Closing Ceremony
email	28-Sep-18	e-blast: Survey on hosting for the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit
email	28-Sep-18	e-blast: Survey on volunteering for the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit
email	28-Sep-18	e-blast: Survey on the Opening Ceremony of the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit
email	28-Sep-18	e-blast: Opening and Closing Ceremony Surveys -- Grassroots in Review for the Board of Directors
email		
Facebook	7-Dec-17	update the profile photo
Facebook	7-Dec-17	update the address
Facebook	7-Dec-17	Thank you note for following city and school supporters with the photo of locations
Facebook	7-Dec-17	add the event of opening ceremony(Sep 19, 2018) with the description
Facebook	7-Dec-17	add the event of closing ceremony(Sep 23, 2018) with the description
Facebook	7-Dec-17	17 photos and description of holiday dinner on Nov 28, 2017
Facebook	13-Dec-17	Thank you note for new sponsor, ANA and additional donors, Tom & Yoko Sasaki and Gobo Enterprises with the updated sponsorship
Facebook	21-Dec-17	post video on Japan-America Grassroots Summit
Facebook	23-Jan-18	Thank you note for new sponsor, FUJIFILM SonoSite Inc with the updated sponsorship photo

Facebook	25-Jan-18	Thank you note for new additional donors, Corporate member Bellevue Children's Academy and Board Member Sara Sandford of Garvey Schubert Barer with the updated sponsorship photo
Facebook	30-Jan-18	Thank you note for new sponsor, Japan Business Association and increasing sponsorship of Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas) with the updated sponsorship photo
Facebook	1-Feb-18	update the cover photo of sponsorship
Facebook	5-Feb-18	shared the thank you note for new sponsor, Achilles USA and increasing sponsorship of ANA with the updated sponsorship photo
Facebook	5-Feb-18	update the cover photo of sponsorship
Facebook	6-Feb-18	shared the thank you note for new sponsor, Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP with the updated sponsorship photo from Jassw Washington
Facebook	9-Feb-18	shared the thank you note for new sponsor, Uwajimaya with the updated sponsorship photo from Jassw Washington
Facebook	13-Feb-18	shared the thank you note for new sponsor, Jamco with the updated sponsorship photo from Jassw Washington
Facebook	21-Feb-18	post link for registering to become a host family
Facebook	2-Mar-18	Thank you to new donor Sojitz Corporation
Facebook	5-Mar-18	post on Atomi University visit referencing their return as volunteers for the Grassroots Summit
Facebook	26-Mar-18	movie ticket giveaway: like Grassroots page for a chance to win tickets to Ramen Head
Facebook	2-Apr-18	post link for registering as a volunteer
Facebook	2-Apr-18	post link for registering as a host family
Facebook	23-Apr-18	upload new cover photo and profile pic to Grassroots page featuring Port of Seattle as a silver sponsor
Facebook	23-Apr-18	Thank you to new sponsor Port of Seattle
Facebook	23-Apr-18	post on Annual Meeting features Grassroots poster
Facebook	9-May-18	post link for registering as a host family
Facebook	15-May-18	call for ASL speakers to volunteer per request of participant
Facebook	6-Jun-18	announcement of 130 Japanese applicants received and link to Grassroots website
Facebook	20-Jun-18	post on meeting with Consulate General to prepare for Grassroots
Facebook	21-Jun-18	mass invitation to all Japan America Society Facebook profile friends to like Grassroots Summit Facebook page
Facebook	21-Jun-18	share Grassroots Summit page to JASSW page to increase likes and followers
Facebook	1-Aug-18	added event to JASSW page, "28th Japan America Grassroots Summit"
Facebook	2-Aug-18	Michelle Kato posts to PNWJETAA page announcing JETAA led Grassroots volunteer opportunities
Facebook	14-Aug-18	merged Grassroots 2018 page into JASSW page
Facebook	14-Aug-18	shared article from North American Post to JASSW page, "The 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit Comes to Washington State"
Facebook	15-Aug-18	Adam Ledyard posts to PNWJETAA page about JETAA led Grassroots volunteer opportunities
Facebook	15-Aug-18	Thank you to Tomio Moriguchi on JASSW page for donation to Grassroots Summit
Facebook	23-Aug-18	shared article from North American Post to JASSW page, "Sharon Tomiko Santos Co-Chairs Grassroots Summit 2018"
Facebook	23-Aug-18	posted photo of Ceremonies Sub-Committee meeting with Lori Matsukawa on her emcee role for Closing Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	24-Aug-18	Josephine Hoyne posts to PNWJETAA page about host family opportunities for Grassroots Summit
Facebook	4-Sep-18	Adam Ledyard posts to PNWJETAA page about JETAA led Grassroots volunteer opportunities
Facebook	10-Sep-18	Konnichiwa Seattle posts about volunteer opportunities for the Japan America Grassroots Summit on their page
Facebook	15-Sep-18	Josephine Hoyne posts to PNWJETAA page about additional volunteer opportunities for Grassroots Summit
Facebook	18-Sep-18	posted photo to JASSW page of volunteers at Sea-Tac Airport preparing for guests from Japan to arrive for Grassroots Summit
Facebook	18-Sep-18	Posted on JASSW page to thank volunteers and announce completion of day one
Facebook	19-Sep-18	Posted photos of Opening Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	19-Sep-18	Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib posts on Grassroots Summit and tags Japan-America Society
Facebook	20-Sep-18	Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association posts photos of Seattle Local Session activities
Facebook	20-Sep-18	Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association posts photos of Seattle Kobe Jazz show which was attended by Seattle Local Session guests
Facebook	21-Sep-18	shared to JASSW page: photos from Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association post of Seattle Local Session activities
Facebook	21-Sep-18	Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association posts more photos of Seattle Local Session activities
Facebook	22-Sep-18	shared to JASSW page: more photos from Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association post of Seattle Local Session activities
Facebook	23-Sep-18	Posted photos of Closing Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	23-Sep-18	Seattle-Kobe shared JASSW post of Closing Ceremony photos to Seattle-Kobe page
Facebook	23-Sep-18	Seattle-Kobe posted photos from their activities at Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony
Facebook	23-Sep-18	Olympia-Kato Sister City Association posted photos to page from JIS visit to Pioneer Elementary with Grassroots guests as part of Local Session activities

	23-Sep-18	Lori Matsukawa posts photos and video from Closing Ceremony
Facebook	24-Sep-18	Posted video to JASSW page of Grassroots participants from Unebi High School doing sunrise rajio taiso at Hyatt before departing back to Japan
Facebook	24-Sep-18	Olympia-Kato Sister City Association posted photos of Olympia Grassroots activities
Facebook	26-Sep-18	shared Olympia-Kato photos from Pioneer Elementary visit to JASSW page
Facebook	26-Sep-18	shared Olympia-Kato photos to JASSW page from Olympia Local Session activities
Facebook	26-Sep-18	Olympia-Kato posted additional photos from Olympia Local Session
Facebook	26-Sep-18	shared Cyrus Habib's post on Grassroots Summit to JASSW profile
Facebook	26-Sep-18	shared additional Olympia-Kato photos to JASSW page from Olympia Local Session activities
Facebook	27-Sep-18	Olympia-Kato shared photos from Closing Ceremony
Facebook	28-Sep-18	shared Olympia-Kato Closing Ceremony photos to JASSW page
Facebook	28-Sep-18	shared Instagram photo from Opening Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	28-Sep-18	shared Instagram photo from Closing Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	29-Sep-18	Posted photo album of Opening Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	29-Sep-18	Posted photo album of Closing Ceremony to JASSW page
Facebook	4-Oct-18	Posted photos from Bellevue Local Session
Facebook	10-Oct-18	shared Northwest Asian Weekly article on JASSW page
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Twitter	26-Jul-17	public subscription for logo of Grassroots Summit
Twitter	14-Dec-17	Thank you note for donors, Tom & Yoko Sasaki and Gobo Enterprises with the poster
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Twitter	23-Apr-18	Thank you to new sponsor Port of Seattle
Twitter	9-May-18	post link for registering as a host family
Twitter	23-Aug-18	post with Lori Matsukawa in office during Grassroots Closing Ceremony meeting
Twitter	23-Sep-18	Announcing arrival of Japanese visitors to Sea-Tac airport the next day
Twitter	26-Sep-18	post on Grassroots Closing Ceremony
Twitter	29-Sep-18	post on Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony photos being released on Facebook
Twitter		
instagram	29-Nov-17	11 photos of holiday dinner on Nov 28, 2017 including 3 photos of keypersons
instagram	5-Mar-18	post on Atomi University visit. Atomi students will return to Seattle as volunteers for the Grassroots Summit
instagram	26-Mar-18	movie ticket giveaway: like Grassroots page for a chance to win tickets to Ramen Head
instagram	29-Mar-18	post on Sakuracon booth asks people to visit to hear about Grassroots
instagram	21-Apr-18	post on Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival featuring Grassroots poster and flyers
instagram	23-Sep-18	post on Grassroots Closing Ceremony
instagram	23-Sep-18	second post on Grassroots Closing Ceremony
instagram	23-Sep-18	third post on Grassroots Closing Ceremony
instagram	24-Sep-18	post video of Unebi High School students doing sunrise rajio taiso at Hyatt before departing back to Japan
instagram	28-Sep-18	post on Atomi students visits to Distant Lands Coffee and Gobo Enterprises
instagram	28-Sep-18	post on Opening Ceremony
instagram	28-Sep-18	post on Closing Ceremony
instagram		
Youtube	16-Jun-17	upload Washington State intro video from Nara Closing Ceremony
Youtube	18-Oct-17	upload Grassroots Summit intro video
Youtube	TBD	Opening Ceremony video
Youtube	TBD	Closing Ceremony video
Youtube	TBD	Video on Vashon preparations
Youtube		

Promotion Through Publications

updated 11/14/2018

Date	Publication	Publication type	Topic/Title	Link
7/26/2016	North American Post	Seattle Japanese/Asian-American Media	Seattle Summit Being Held in 2018 for U.S.-Japan Grassroots	https://napost.com/seattle-summit-held-2018-u-s-japan-grassroots/
6/15/2017	Kusanone Tsushin vol. 91	CIE physical and online newsletter	Announcing the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit's location of Washington State and dates	http://www.manjiro.or.jp/foundation/communication.html
12/26/2017	Kusanone Tsushin vol. 93	CIE physical and online newsletter	Messageds of welcome from Governor Jay Inslee and Consul General Yamada. Introduction to Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.	http://www.manjiro.or.jp/foundation/communication.html
1/1/2018	CIE Grassroots Summit brochure	travel brochure	Travel brochure and application for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Washington State released throughout Japan	
3/15/2018	Kusanone Tsushin vol. 94	CIE physical and online newsletter	Introduces the Panama Hotel, Twin Peaks, and Seattle to promote the 28th Grassroots Summit in Washington State	http://www.manjiro.or.jp/foundation/communication.html
5/11/2018	Tyee Middle School website and e-newsletter	school e-newsletter	Tyee Middle School 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit Exchange & Homestay	https://bsd405.org/tyee/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/05/Japan-Grassroots-Homestay-Application.pdf
5/18/2018	City of Bellevue website	City website	Host Families needed for Japanese visitors	https://www.bellevuewa.gov/archived-news/city-manager-archived-news/grassroots-summit-hosting
6/22/2018	Kusanone Tsushin vol. 95	CIE physical and online newsletter	Introduces JASSW's Japan in the Schools and how it may be used as part of the Grassroots Summit	http://www.manjiro.or.jp/foundation/communication.html
8/10/2018	North American Post	Seattle Japanese/Asian-American Media	The 28th Japan America Grassroots Summit Comes to Washington State	https://napost.com/the-28th-japan-america-grassroots-summit-comes-to-washington-state/
8/17/2018	City of Lakewood website	City website	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://www.cityoflakewood.us/communications/blog/2280-volunteers-needed-for-japanese-america-grassroots-summit-visit-to-lakewood
8/17/2018	City of Lakewood: City Manager's Weekly Bulletin	City website	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://www.cityoflakewood.us/city-manager/weekly-info-bulletins/2281-city-manager-s-weekly-bulletin-aug-17-2018
8/24/2018	City of Lakewood: City Manager's Weekly Bulletin	City website	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://www.cityoflakewood.us/communications/blog/2289-city-manager-s-weekly-bulletin-aug-24-2018
9/7/2018	City of Lakewood: City Manager's Weekly Bulletin	City website	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://www.cityoflakewood.us/city-manager/weekly-info-bulletins/2300-city-manager-s-weekly-bulletin-sept-7-2018
8/24/2018	The Suburban Times: City Manager's Weekly Bulletin	Lakewood newspaper	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://thesubtimes.com/2018/08/24/lakewood-city-managers-weekly-bulletin-aug-24-2018/
8/19/2018	The Suburban Times	Lakewood newspaper	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://thesubtimes.com/2018/08/19/volunteers-needed-for-japanese-america-grassroots-summit-visit-to-lakewood/
8/21/2018	North American Post	Seattle Japanese/Asian-American Media	Volunteers needed for 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://napost.com/volunteers-needed-for-28th-japan-america-grassroots-summit/
8/23/2018	North American Post	Seattle Japanese/Asian-American Media	Sharon Tomiko Santos Co-Chairs Grassroots Summit 2018	https://napost.com/sharon-tomiko-santos-co-chairs-grassroots-summit/
9/--/2018	Mapado.com	Event announcement website	Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony	https://www.mapado.com/en/renton/grassroots-summit-closing-ceremony
9/13/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Grassroots Summit Event Announcement	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/14/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Grassroots Summit Event Announcement	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/15/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Grassroots Summit Event Announcement	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/16/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Grassroots Summit Event Announcement	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/16/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Interview with Karin Zaugg Black on Grassroots Summit	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/19/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Interview with Karin Zaugg Black on Grassroots Summit	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/19/2018	Sakura Radio	National Japanese language Radio	Interview with Karin Zaugg Black on Grassroots Summit	http://www.sakuradio.com/
9/30/2018	The Suburban Times	Lakewood newspaper	Japan-America Grassroots Summit	https://thesubtimes.com/2018/09/30/japan-america-society-grassroots-summit/
10/1/2018	North American Post	Seattle Japanese/Asian-American Media	The Grassroots Summit ensures friendship across the Pacific	https://napost.com/the-grassroots-summit-ensures-friendship-across-the-pacific/
10/5/2018	Northwest Asian Weekly	Seattle Japanese/Asian-American Media	Grassroots Summit Closing Ceremony	http://nwasianweekly.com/2018/10/bridging-japan-and-america-in-the-pacific-northwest/

Events Promotion

updated: 10/3/2018

Date	Event	Grassroots Promotion	Number of visitors	Category
4/14-4/16/17	Sakura-con 2017	Grassroots posters at booth and announcements about when it will be in WA	About 25,000 people passed through Sakura-Con (visitors from across PNW including ID, MO, OR, and BC)	Culture
4/19/2017	Annual Meeting 2017	Grassroots information announced and included in program	72	Business
4/21-4/23/17	Sakura-Matsuri 2017	Grassroots posters at booth and announcements about when it will be in WA	Josephine estimates 20,000 people pass through Seattle Center during Sakura-Matsuri	Culture
4/30/2017	Celebrate Washoku 2017- Cha - kaiseki at Cha-ji	Grassroots information announced	64	Culture
5/23/2017	Art in the US-Japan Relationship: Preserving the Floating World	Grassroots information announced	135	Culture
7/8-7/9/17	Japan Fair 2017	Grassroots posters at booth and announcements about when it will be in WA	About 15,000 people passed through Japan Fair	Culture
7/16/2017	JBA/JASSW Summer Social BBQ	Grassroots information announced	153	Culture/ Business
7/21/2017	57th Annual Golf Tournament	Grassroots flyers available, information in program, Grassroots hole, auction item received from Nara in relation to Grassroots	117 (97 golfers, 13 dinner only, 8 volunteers)	Business/ Fundraiser
9/10/2017	Beyond Reconciliation: Celebrate Japan-US Alliance and Honor Nisei Veterans	Grassroots information in program	185 (100 Military)	Culture
9/14/2017	Empowering Women in the U.S. and Japan	Grassroots information in program, Grassroots flyers available, Grassroots posters and letters or support displayed	53	Policy
10/7-10/8/17	Japan Week	Grassroots posters and flyers at booth	Josephine estimates 10,000 people pass through Japan Week	Culture
10/19/2017	Business Round Table: Aerospace Cooperation between Japan and Washington State	Grassroots information in program, Grassroots flyers available, Grassroots posters and letters or support displayed	70	Policy
10/21/2017	JETAA Transitions	Grassroots posters and flyers at booth	about 60	Networking
11/2/2017	Nikkei Community Network Meeting	Present on Grassroots Summit	20	Networking
11/28/2017	2017 Holiday Celebration Dinner & Auction	Theme related to Grassroots. Brochure, posters, host family applications. Table for Grassroots. Information in program. Auction items related to Grassroots (5).	370	Business
1/6/2018	Washington Association of Teachers of Japanese Meeting	10 minute presentation on JASSW including information on Grassroots for teachers to dispurse to contacts and students, brochure and host family applications	about 25	Education
11/2/2017	Nikkei Community Network Meeting	Present on Grassroots Summit	20	Networking
1/12/2018	JBA Shinnenkai	Grassroots posters and brochure at booth	about 300	
1/24/2018	Shinnenkai Social	Grassroots brochure, host family applications	63	Business
2/8/2018	Seattle - Tokyo - Tel Aviv: Innovation, Cyber-Security, and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games	Grassroots brochure, host family applications, information in program	113 signed up, about 80 actually attended	Policy
2/20/2018	Japan Update Series -- Immigration and Workforce Diversity: Consulting Issues for Japan and the United States	Grassroots brochure, host family applications, information in program	70	Policy
2/21/2018	トヨタ自動車副社長 石坂芳男氏との日本語Q&A	Grassroots brochure, host family applications	22	Business
3/1/2018	US - China - Japan Trade Relations in the New World Order	Grassroots brochure, host family applications	53	Business
3/3/2018	Bellevue Taiko Festival 2018	Grassroots flyers available	about 200	Business

3/30/2018	Sakura-Con 2018	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, volunteer info, posters available	About 25,000 people passed through Sakura-Con (visitors from across PNW including ID, MO, OR, and BC)	Culture
4/12/2018	Grassroots Volunteer Informational Session at UW	Will have brochures, host family applications, volunteer sign-up sheets, posters, volunteer packets	40	Informational
4/14/2018	Seattle Children's Festival	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, volunteer info, posters available	About 20,000 people pass through Seattle Center during Children's Festival	Culture
4/19/2018	Annual Meeting 2018	Will have brochures, host family applications, volunteer sign-up sheets, posters	100	Business
4/21-4/23/17	Sakura-Matsuri 2018	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, volunteer info, posters available	About 20,000 people pass through Seattle Center during Sakura-Matsuri	Culture
5/16/2018	Valhalla Multi-Cultural Night	Grassroots brochure, host family application, volunteer info, poster available	100	Culture
5/20/2018	Gaming Event	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, information in program	65	Business
5/21/2018	JIS Visit to Broadview Thompson with CIE Program Director, Chika Aoki	Introduce Grassroots to teacher and JIS to CIE	60	Education
5/22/2018	JAS-NET event	Will have brochures, host family applications, volunteer sign-up sheets, posters	35	Networking
6/30/2018	Salmon Meister II	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, information in program	80-100	Culture
7/7-7/8/18	Japan Fair 2018	Will have brochures, host family applications, volunteer sign-up sheets, posters	About 15,000 people pass through Japan Fair	Culture
7/13/2018	57th Annual Golf Tournament	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, information in program, posters, Grassroots hole	120	Business/ Fundraiser
7/21-22/18	Natsu Matsuri	Will have brochures, host family applications, volunteer sign-up sheets, posters	About 8,000 people pass through Natsu Matsuri	Culture
7/31/2018	Grassroots Summit Host Family Orientation at Bellevue City Hall	Host Family handbooks, information on the Summit and hosting, orientation powerpoint	18	Informational
8/14/2018	Grassroots Summit Volunteer Prep Session at JCCCW	Volunteer handbooks, information on the Summit and volunteering	2	Informational
8/19/2018	Grassroots Summit Volunteer Prep Session at Fremont Library	Volunteer handbooks, information on the Summit and volunteering	3	Informational
8/21/2018	Grassroots Summit Host Family Orientation at JCCCW	Host Family handbooks, information on the Summit and hosting, orientation powerpoint	10	Informational
8/25/2018	Hai, Japan Town! 2018	Grassroots brochures and volunteer information available at Konnichiwa Seattle table	2000	Culture
8/28/2018	Grassroots Summit Volunteer Prep Session at JASSW	Volunteer handbooks, information on the Summit and volunteering	8	Informational
9/2/2018	Grassroots Summit Volunteer Prep Session at Northgate Library	Volunteer handbooks, information on the Summit and volunteering	1	Informational
9/4/2018	Grassroots Summit Host Family Orientation at Bellevue City Hall	Host Family handbooks, information on the Summit and hosting, orientation powerpoint	3	Informational
9/9/2018	Beyond Reconciliation: Celebrate Japan-US Alliance and Honor Nisei Veterans	Grassroots brochures, host family applications, information in program	200	Culture
9/10/2018	Grassroots Summit Seattle Host Family Orientation by Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association	Host Family handbooks, information on the Summit and hosting, orientation powerpoint	18	Informational
9/18-24/2018	28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit		800	
11/27/2018	2018 Holiday Celebration Dinner and Auction	Follow-up information on Grassroots available.	350-450	Business

Not hosted by JASSW

Testimonials

Host families

“It was a Wonderful experience for our family. Our kids truly enjoyed it very much. Learning about another culture and showing our student around. It was a lot of fun!!!”

“We actually had the best experience ever. Hosting the teacher was such a pleasure. We both loved sharing stories, experiences and touring the local area together. We felt that she was one of the family and it was an invaluable experience- life changing. Thank you for the opportunity!”

“My Japanese mother and our guest totally hit it off - and they acted like sisters teasing each other and having a lot of laughs. We laughed all weekend.”

“I enjoyed it immensely and frankly wish it had been longer.”

Volunteers

“The overall event was great and there was a lot of intercultural communication between the guests and volunteers. [It] was a wonderful opportunity. It is especially nice to see a variety of ages join.”

“As someone still trying to become fluent in Japanese, it was a wonderful opportunity to talk with people from Japan and practice with them, and I was also happy to practice their English with them.”

“I just loved meeting all the people! Getting to give them a tour of the city on their first day here in America was really enjoyable. There were a lot of interesting stories some people had and I enjoyed listening to them.”

What did you like about the Opening and Closing Ceremonies?

“The chance to meet with the Japanese participating in the Summit, the wonderful cruise, both to-and-from the island, and energy and goodwill everyone felt once boarding the ship.”

“That we could see the breadth of the groups - would have been fun to have the groups themselves recognized, and the coordinators.”

“Great energy & lots of smiles.”

Unebi High School Students *(See full student testimonials at <http://jassw.org>).*

“The best thing about taking part in the grassroots summit was to experience a homestay for the first time. At first, I was worried whether I could communicate in English. However, such worries disappeared when I met my host family. [...] I was moved by their warm hearts. I found the most important thing is not English skills. The few days that I spent with my host family became memories of a lifetime.” – Miku Sakaguchi

‘Before arriving in America, I had mixed feelings about going because I am a student studying for a university entrance examination and I had to be absent from school for a week during this grassroots summit. However, I have no regrets and I even think I made a good decision. This is because I was able to find my answers to the question, “Why I should study.” [...] I used to learn a language (English) passively without thinking about why I had to study. I had never imagined foreign people studying Japanese. However, through the summit, I learned that there are many people around the world who like Japan and study Japanese to connect with Japanese people. While some Japanese study English, some Americans study Japanese. As a result, we can talk with each other by using them. This led me to be convinced that I could connect with foreign people. I think connecting with foreign people is not only knowing them but also knowing their country and cultures.’ –Ayumu Hanafusa

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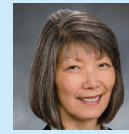
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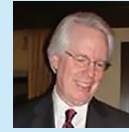
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