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MARIA UMEDA TALKS ABOUT HOME

By Tom Coley

Our Rotary Exchange Student, Maria Umeda, was introduced by President Susie Ledford. We also welcomed Maria's host parent, Shelly Maslin, who assisted Maria with her program presentation. Maria's home town is Kitakyushu, Japan. It is located on Japan's west coast, population 963,051, and is about 3 hours by car to Tokyo. Although Kitakyushu was targeted as the first major Japanese city to be bombed by allied forces in WWII, a heavy cloud cover over the city on the day of the bombing raid prompted the planes to fly on to their alternate target, Tokyo. Thus, Kitakyushu was spared. Maria shared that her home is a thriving cosmopolitan city with many cultural and natural attractions such as scenic waterfalls and ancient bamboo forests.



At the end of her school year here in Franklin, she will return home and attend Kokirra High School. The school was founded in 1908 and has about 1000 students. Maria's daily routine at Kokirra is quite different from her experience here at Franklin High School. In Japan, their school day runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday and their school year is from April to March compared to the typical American school year of August to June.



Another interesting contrast is in American high schools, students rotate from classroom to classroom to receive instruction on various subjects. In Japan, their classes typically have about 40 students that remain in the classroom and teachers rotate to the classes to teach various subject matter throughout the year. Also, the students wear uniforms with slippers of specific colors to designate each grade level. In addition to Maria's eight hour school day in Japan, she has a 25 minute walk to school and 3 to 5 hours of homework. If a student adds an extracurricular activity such as baseball, they could add another 4 hours a day of practice to their schedule.

To be selected for the Rotary Student Exchange program exemplifies Maria's success as a quality person and her discipline as a student in a demanding school environment. We are thankful for the time we could share with this exceptional young lady and wish the best for her when she returns home to Japan.



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Youth Protection



Youth Services Director Larry Hollifield led the club members present through the annual RI sexual harassment and abuse program required by District 7670. A short video outlining the need to be diligent in following RI's youth services leadership requirements when dealing with youth

programs was presented. The course outlined what a member should do when confronted with a possible sexual abuse or harassment situation. A Rotary member is to always have another Rotary member or adult present when involved with a youth program. After the viewing of the video Larry led the members through a short exam on situations covered in the video.

Rickman Planning Meeting 2015!

We will be having our next Rickman Planning in March..more details to follow! If you are interested in helping to organize our one and only fundraiser please plan to attend. Also it's a make-up opportunity too!

Make-Ups Needed!

Our Rotary year is flying by and we have accomplished a most impressive list of things so far! I am very proud that we have initiated a new hunger project with the packing of back packs at CareNet, brought eight new members into the club, continued with the valuable Community Care Clinic and Read2Me pro-



grams, and had many volunteers participate in the Four Way Test program this year. We had a very successful fund-raiser for our Rickman Scholarships, and continue to succeed in our goals for PolioPlus and CART. That just names a small portion of our accomplishments!

I do want to remind all members that attendance at our meetings is very important. A recent District report shows that The Rotary Club of Franklin had only 56.05% attendance the past month. Please remember that all members are required to attend at least 50% of all meetings. I know you all are very busy and can't attend every meeting, but please be aware that you are expected to do make-ups. There are several ways to do that. Our Rotary make-up website is www.rotaryeclubone.org or you can go to our club website which is www.franklinrotary.com and click on Make-up a Meeting on the left side of the page. Other ways to make-up meetings include attending another meeting (DayBreak meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays), or participating in a Rotary activity, or Board Meeting. You can also count volunteering at the Community Care Clinic or Care-Net as a make-up.

Together we can achieve our goals and finish strong!



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Caribbean Cruise for 2016

PDG Dennis Sanders announced that he has information on a Caribbean Cruise for January 2016. A fellow Rotarian friend of Dennis fro Sarasota, FL has organized the cruise



for family and friends. It will be on a Norwegian Cruise liner and will leave port from Miami, FL. If you place a deposit by the end of March, there are perks added to your cruise package. For more information please see Dennis.

67 Years of Rotary!



JC Jacobs will talk about his 67 years in the Franklin Rotary Club next Wednesday. This should be a very interesting talk since he's seen a lot of change in our Club over the years,

RI Anniversary Celebration Rescheduled

On Thursday evening March 5th at 6:00 PM our club will be joining the Daybreak club in the 110th anniversary celebration of the founding of Rotary. The Highlands and Sylva clubs have been invited to join our two clubs for the event. The celebration will be held at the Post & Beam Restaurant at Mill Creek Country Club for a cost of \$14 per person plus tax. There will be a cash bar and heavy hors d oeuvres will be served.

March Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be on March 10th. 5pm fellowship /530pm start. Location to be announced. Great way to make-up a meeting!

Next Planning Meeting '15-'16

PE Sean's next board planning meeting will be Thursday, March 5th 830am at the Franklin Chamber conference room. Also a great way to make-up a meeting!



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Clayton's Corner

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- ADAGES AND STUFF
- Lord help my words to be gracious for tomorrow I may have to eat them.
- After Monday and Tuesday, even the calendar says WTF.
- I didn't climb to the top of the food chain to be a VEGETARIAN.
- My wife said "It's me or the cat." I miss her sometimes.
- To be OLD AND WISE you must first be YOUNG AND STUPID.
- MARRIAGE IS A COMPROMISE He makes the money and she spends it.



March is Rotary Literacy Month

Despite rising literacy rates for youth and adults, 897 million people around the world are still illiterate* and 57 million children of primary school age are not in school. In March, Rotary Literacy Month, let's reaffirm our commitment to meet basic education and literacy needs locally and abroad. The Rotary Club of Franklin continues its

work in eliminating literacy locally with the Read2Me project. For more information on Read2Me and how you can get involved, see club champion Karen Kenney.



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1 Ticket —\$1.00 3 Tickets —\$2.00 5 Tickets —\$3.00 10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets-\$10.00



Upcoming Events

O4 Mar– J C Jacobs on 67 years in Rotary. Prayer/ Pledge— TBA



05 Mar- 2015-16 Planning Meeting— Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 AM.

05 Mar- RI 110th anniversary celebration at Post & Beam at Mill Creek at 6 PM

10 Mar- Board Meeting-Location TBA

11 Mar- Member Vocational Talks-Mario LaPoma and Jim Wilson

We're now on Twitter! Franklin Rotary@RotaryFranklin. Check it out and follow us!







Sandy Frazier did not pick the winning card so the \$13 pot rolls over to next week with 13 cards in the deck.

Next Meeting 3/4—JC Jacobs on 67 years in RotarySee you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!