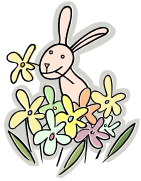


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SEATTLE-KOBE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

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## 2nd Annual Jazz Audition a Huge Success!!

The SKSCA held its second annual Seattle-Kobe Female Jazz Vocalist Audition at Seattle's premier jazz club, Dimitriou's Jazz Alley, on March 27, 2006. This year's event was an overwhelming success, with excellent vocalists participating and over 325 appreciative audience members.

The winners were chosen after inspired performances by the three high school semi-finalists and six adult semi-finalists, and intense deliberation by the judges.

In the adult division, first place went to **Gail Pettis**,



*Courtney Fortune, Courtney Cutchins, Gail Pettis and Valerie Joyce*

one of the top performers in the local Seattle jazz scene and the adult special mention from our audition last year. Gail gave a flawless, romantic rendition of Jimmy van Heusen's "I Thought About You." Special Mention went to **Valerie Joyce**, whose debut CD "New York Blue" was released this year. With

her unique vocal style she gave a touching interpretation of Miles Davis' classic composition "Blue in Green."

First place in the high school division went to Bel-lingham High School senior, **Courtney Fortune**. With her low, sultry voice, Courtney captivated the listeners with her rendition of Bart Howard's "Fly Me to the Moon." **Courtney Cutchins**, Mount Si High School senior, captured the high school division special mention award with her interpretation of Thelonious Monk's "Round Midnight." The panel of judges

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## 31st Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival April 21-23, 2006

- Friday, April 21: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Opening Ceremony on Friday at noon, public invited
- Saturday & Sunday, April 22-23: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The 31st annual free-admission Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival will be held at Seattle Center on April 21-23, 2006.



The Festival concludes its two-year celebration of its 30th anniversary with contemporary art and culture and a regional Japan theme of Hokkaido.

Spend the weekend at the Cherry Blossom Festival and see the fun things going on with hands on activities for the whole family! The traditional beauty and grace of the festival will include traditional dance and music, colorful costumes, martial arts, tea ceremonies and entertaining educational activities. SKSCA will continue its tradition of a kimono-yukata dress-up booth in cooperation with the Japan-America Society. A number of exciting events are planned, including:

- "Hokkaido, Images from the North of Japan," a selection of photos and posters introducing Hokkaido (from the Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C.)
- "Major Japanese Design Today 100 Exhibit" of contemporary products opens April 8 at Seattle Center Pavilion B

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## A Big THANK YOU To Our Corporate Sponsors!

We greatly appreciate the support of the following businesses and organizations:

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# THANK YOU!

## Message from the Chair



Happy Spring!

As the weather warms up, we're gearing up our planning for next year's 50th anniversary of our sister city relationship!

Already in the works for the 50th anniversary are a trade mission delegation to Kobe in May 2007 in conjunction with the **Trade Development Alliance**, and a large exhibition of art from the Kobe Museum scheduled to open at the **Seattle Art Museum** in October, 2007. We're now working on a calendar of events for 2007. If you have an idea or a program your group is already working on and would like to connect it to the Kobe 50th celebrations, please let us know.

We are also working on our anniversary history book project. If you are a part of a group or organization that has photos and memories to contribute to the history book, please make sure to contact us.

As always, we could not continue our exchanges and programs without your support. Membership invoices are being mailed this month. We thank you in advance for renewing and donating to SKSCA! All donations to SKSCA are tax-deductible. SKSCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. You can see on the back of the newsletter and invoices being mailed this month that we've added some additional membership gift levels for corporate and major supporters. We thank you for considering an increase in your support of SKSCA.

Spring and summer will be a busy time for SKSCA – we hope to see you at the Cherry Blossom Festival, the Sister Cities Reception or another event soon!

Warmly,

*Karin Zaugg Black*

## Shinenkai – Happy New Year Party a rousing good time!

Thanks to all who joined the SKSCA Shinenkai New Year's Party on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at the home of Tish Johnson at the Glen Acres Golf & Country Club. What a great way to kick off the year!

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## 2006 Japan-America Society Annual Meeting Honors Former Mayor Gordon Clinton and Griffith Way

The Japan-America Society's 2006 Annual Meeting on March 22, 2006, at Bell Harbor International Conference Center featured the **Honorable Thomas S. Foley**, former Ambassador to Japan and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the keynote speaker.

JASSW also proudly announced the first annual Thomas S. Foley Award. The award was designed to recognize persons or companies who have contributed to building the foundation of the strong relationship between the state of Washington and the people of Japan. The four individuals who were honored for their contributions are:

- **Mr. Gordon Clinton:** A former mayor of Seattle who was instrumental in establishing the Seattle-Kobe Sister City relationship 49 years ago.
- **Ms. Eleanor Hadley:** An economist who served with General MacArthur's staff in Tokyo after World War II to bridge the two countries.
- **Mr. Edward Tsutakawa:** A civic visionary who bridged Washington State and Japan by providing academic support, including the establishment of the Mukogawa - Ft. Wright Institute (the U.S. campus for Mukogawa Women's University).
- **Mr. Griffith Way:** An attorney who was instrumental in resuming trade between Washington State and Japan after World War II by assisting Japan with trade shows in the U.S. in the 40's to 50's.



*Mayor Greg Nickels presents the Ambassador Thomas S. Foley Award to Former Mayor Gordon Clinton*

Both **Former Mayor Gordon Clinton** and **Griffith Way** were instrumental in the establishment and early development of our sister city relationship, and are long-time members of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association. We sincerely thank them for their long years of passionate efforts for our program, and congratulate them on this wonderful honor!

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 21-23 .. ..... Cherry Blossom Festival
- April 26 .. ..... Sister Cities Reception
- May 15-20 .. ..... International Children's Festival
- Sept. 10-11 .. ..... Aki Matsuri, Japanese Fall Festival

## SKSCA Holds Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony

SKSCA held its 10th annual Kobe Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony at the Kobe Bell on Monday, January 16, 2006, to commemorate the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.



Andy and Cece Frank with KTIO's Yamamoto-san. Yoko Sueyoshi is in the background.

Following brief remarks by SKSCA Chair **Karin Zaugg Black**, **Consul General Kazuo Tanaka**, and Kobe Trade Information Office Director **Takeshi Yamamoto**, participants lit candles for a moment of silence and rang the Kobe Bell in memory of those who perished in the 1995 disaster. The moment of silence was held at 12:46 p.m., corresponding to the minute of silence and ceremonies taking place in Kobe in the early morning of the 17th. Thanks to the over 30 people who gathered in the cold and rainy weather!



SKSCA Board member Takumi Ono and husband Thai Nguyen and SKSCA Board member Katsuko Brooke and husband Tom Brooke.

## KTIO's Yamamoto-san and Family Return to Japan

We are sad to say goodbye to **Takeshi Yamamoto**, who has served as the Director of the Kobe Trade and Information Office (KTIO) for the last three years. He and his family, wife **Atsuko**, and sons **Kentaro** and **Shinji**, have lived on Mercer Island and enjoyed life in Seattle to the fullest, including lots of baseball games both here in Seattle and at spring training down in Phoenix. All the Yamamoto "boys" were able to participate in ceremonial first pitches at Mariners' baseball games — quite an amazing feat!

We thank Yamamoto-san for all of his hard work, and wish him well as he returns to Kobe. SKSCA board members **Nathan Eddings**,



Takeshi, Atsuko, Kentaro and Shinji Yamamoto with Chair Karin Zaugg Black at a Seattle Mariners' Spring Training game in 2004.

**Tish Johnson**, **Mari Maruyama Carpenter**, **Steve Queen**, and **Karin Zaugg Black**, joined by KTIO's **Devin Tokizawa**, surprised Yamamoto-san with a goodbye lunch and presented him with a **Starbucks** gift card for the Kobe Starbucks stores, so the Yamamotos can enjoy a little taste of Seattle in Kobe!

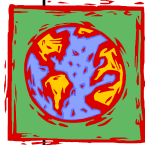
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consisted of **Gordon Todd**, local announcer and jazz music director for radio station KCBS, **Tish Johnson**, SKSCA board member, and **William Montgomery**, jazz musician, educator and composer.

We thank **Consul General Kazuo Tanaka** for starting our event and welcoming everyone, and last year's adult division winner, **Kelley Johnson**, for sharing her impressions of Kobe.

Needless to say, the two winners are excited and looking forward to their trip to Kobe to perform as guest vocalists at the seventh annual Kobe Jazz Queen Contest on the weekend of May 6-7, 2006.

A big thank you to sponsors **Dimitriou's Jazz Alley**, **Sankei Travel**, and supporters **Kobe Trade Information Office**, **Hyogo Business and Culture Center**, and all the volunteers who helped make this audition possible. In Kobe, we thank the **City of Kobe**, **Shinkaichi Music Street**, **Art Farmer Company**, **Dentsu**, and especially **Yoshio and Yumi Imai**, organizers in Kobe and creators of the original idea for this exchange!



## 2006 Seattle Sister Cities Reception

April 26, 2006 (Wed.)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bertha Knight Landes Room, New City Hall  
600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104  
(Access from 5th Ave. entrance only.  
No access from 4th Ave.)

Please join Co-Chairs **Mayor Greg Nickels**, Seattle City Council President **Nick Licata**, members of the Seattle City Council, and **Doug Kemper**, Director of Trade Services, The Commerce Bank of Washington at the 10th Annual Seattle Sister City Reception.

Enjoy international entertainment and a program honoring the representatives of Iceland, Ireland, New Zealand and Taiwan. The cuisines of the four honored sister cities will be featured, along with a no-host bar, raffle and a silent auction. Come enjoy the fun, food and prizes!

Each of Seattle's four honored sister cities this year — [Reykjavik](#), Iceland; [Galway](#), Ireland; [Kaohsiung](#), Taiwan; [Christchurch](#), New Zealand — will present a lively program of entertainment.

Tickets are \$20 per person for any sister city member and \$25 for non-members. To purchase tickets, please send (1) a check **made payable to SKSCA** and (2) a self-addressed stamped envelope to the following address: Alex Parle / SKSCA, 7804 200th Street SW, Edmonds, WA 98026. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of your check. If you have any questions about obtaining tickets, please contact **Alex Parle** at **206-499-0309** or [aparle@gmail.com](mailto:aparle@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting Seattle's sister city programs! We look forward to seeing you at the reception!

## Seattle's Cruise West Names Kobe as Home Port for the Spirit

Seattle company Cruise West's Spirit of Oceanus made a commemorative first call at the Port of Kobe on March 10, 2006, the first stop of an 11-day Japan cruise. In the welcome ceremony by the Kobe Port delegation, Kobe Mayor Tatsuo Yada welcomed the passengers and crew and presented a plaque to Mr. Richard G. West, Chairman of Cruise West. Mr. West said, "I hope Japan cruises by Spirit of Oceanus will be a great success. We have already sold Japan cruises for 2007 and they are nearly fully booked. As Seattle and Kobe are sister cities, we are very pleased to call the Port of Kobe as a home port of Spirit of Oceanus." Mr. West also delivered a letter of greetings from Mayor Greg Nickels to Mayor Yada. After the ceremony, passengers and crew enjoyed performances of Japanese dances.

*Cruise West's Spirit of Oceanus*



*Kobe Mayor Tatsuo Yada welcomes Cruise West Chairman Richard West to Kobe.*

## New Corporate Dues Structure

Thanks to the generous support of our local community, the SKSCA has decided to update its dues structure starting with the 2006 calendar year. Individual dues rates will remain unchanged:

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

The new Corporate and Major Gift levels will be as follows:

Supporter: \$125-\$249  
Patron: \$250-\$499  
Benefactor: \$500-\$999  
Founder: \$1,000 plus

Corporate and major gift level members will be recognized by category in future issues of the newsletter. Membership invoices for 2006 will be mailed out soon. Thank you for you ongoing support of the Seattle-Kobe sister city relationship!



*(CHERRY BLOSSOM continued from page 1)*

- Ice carving demonstration by Seattle Central Chef Instructor **Keijiro Miyata** on Saturday
- Bon music and dancing on Sunday
- Origami Plane Contest - Build and fly a plane off the Fisher Pavilion roof, co-sponsored by BAAPA/Boeing
- A contest to build a device with ingredients to make Sapporo noodle soup

The festival is presented by the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival Committee, which founded the festival in appreciation of the gift of 1,000 cherry trees to the city by **Prime Minister Tadeo Miki** on behalf of the Japanese government in commemoration of the nation's bicentennial in 1976.

### Help support the Cherry Blossom Festival!

The Cherry Blossom Festival offers a wide variety of arts, culture, and educational interactivity on a grassroots basis, free to the general public. The festival is managed entirely by volunteers and nonprofit groups who care. The festival committee seeks continued support of its programs through fundraising. If you would like to make a donation, please mail checks or call

## 50th Anniversary Book Project



The SKSCA would like to compile a commemorative 50th anniversary book that will include a chronology of major Seattle-Kobe exchanges as well as stories shared by those who have been involved in our sister city exchanges over the years. To do this, though, **we need your help!** We need some volunteers who can help us organize the vast amount of materials we have collected, compile the information into a book format, and prepare and layout the book for printing. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact **Stacey Jehlik** at **206-523-2220** or **stacers@speakeasy.net**.

## Kobe Airport Opens

The new Kobe Airport, a domestic airport serving destinations across Japan, has opened. It is located beyond Port Island and Port Island Stage II.



*Kobe Airport*

## Dimitriou's Jazz Alley

Celebrating its 27th year, Dimitriou's Jazz Alley is the third longest-running Jazz restaurant and nightclub in the country following Blues Alley in Washington, D.C. and The Village Vanguard in New York. Bringing the greatest national names in jazz and blues to Seattle for over two decades, Jazz Alley has become the West Coast's premiere jazz venue. Audiences enjoy weekly performances by artists of international stature such as Taj Mahal, Nancy Wilson, McCoy Tyner, Pat Metheny, Dr. John, Eartha Kitt, Michael Franks, Spyro Gyra and Tower of Power. Jazz Alley also had the pleasure of hosting past greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Art Farmer, Stan Getz, Dexter Gordon, Betty Carter, Ray Brown, Gene Harris, Lionel Hampton, Joe Henderson and many others.

Equally popular among college students and die-hard jazz aficionados, the warm color scheme and original artwork adorning the walls of the club have created an urban, yet comfortable setting. Jazz Alley offers mouth-watering Northwest Cuisine featuring fresh seafood and has an extensive wine selection. Located in the heart of downtown Seattle, they are a short walk or cab ride from the city's major hotels. They offer

free parking across from their restaurant entrance, 20% discounts to Seniors 62 and over on Wednesdays and Sundays, as well as two-for-one student discounts for first sets on Wednesdays and second sets on Thursdays. It's best to call ahead to make reservations and verify discount availability as restrictions may apply.

While Jazz Alley is the finest of nightclubs, by day it's also the perfect meeting space for conventions, private luncheons, parties and seminars. With flexible seating for approximately 350, a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system, appealing banquet menus and stylish ambiance, Jazz Alley is both elegant and unique.

To make reservations or learn more about Dimitriou's Jazz Alley, call 206-441-9729 or visit them online at [www.jazzalley.com](http://www.jazzalley.com).

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Credit: Joshua Trujillo, Seattle PI

*Owners Michelle Steele and Scott Simpson with two of their popular dishes, the pork tenderloin and the duck. It's a pleasure to see their pride in the place, and being able to honestly say you like it feels like telling new parents their baby is beautiful -- and meaning it.*  
- Rebekah Denn, Seattle PI

Fine food without fine dining! THE JONES is casual, affordable and impossibly delicious.

Much of what THE JONES offers is completely unique. Appetizers like the Blue Cheese & Carmelized Onion Sandwich along with entrees such as the Tagliata, help THE JONES stand out from the sea of new restaurants in Seattle.

THE JONES strives to give you a fresh and sensational dining experience. The chefs make everything on the menu, from the breads and pastas to the irresistible desserts, in house.

Provincially trained head chef Jason Jones (formerly of The Herbfarm) has spent years perfecting his culinary craft. His menu is unpretentious and unfussy yet elegantly executed.

And with everything so reasonably priced, THE JONES stays true to its casual, neighborhood feel, but will surely draw attention from far outside of Maple Leaf.

For more information and full menus, visit THE JONES online at [www.thejonesbistro.com](http://www.thejonesbistro.com)!

# New Membership/Membership Renewal/Volunteer Form April 2006

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

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Membership dues are a tax deductible donation.

**Individual: \$30    Family: \$50    Senior/Student: \$15**

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**Supporter: \$125-\$249    Patron: \$250-\$499    Benefactor: \$500-\$999    Founder: \$1,000-plus**

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

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

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