

*SANTA MONICA SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION*  
**Sister City News**

**September 2014**

**Our Santa Monica-Fujinomiya Student Ambassador Program**



In Fujinomiya City Hall



At Santa Monica City Council meeting



Alanna's welcome in Fujinomiya



Mai's welcome in Santa Monica



Japanese food



Sharing our American food

## Learning about Japanese culture and customs



## Welcoming our Japanese ambassadors and Alexander Menne from Hamm on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Garrison and Andrea's house



Alexander Menne, age 17, (on left in above picture) lives in Paderborn, Germany, an historic town of 140,000 near Hamm, our German Sister City. His grandmother, Elisabeth Menne from Hamm, has been involved with the Sister City Program since the mid 1960s and has visited Santa Monica many times. Alexander is a senior in high school and plans to study in the Netherlands when he graduates. This is his first trip to Santa Monica and he spent 3 weeks here. Fortunately, he was here at the same time as our Japanese Ambassadors and was able to enjoy many activities with them.

## Sharing our home with our visitors from Fujinomiya



California Science Center



Santa Monica Pier



Dodger game



Getty Museum



And of course, the beach

**Farewell BBQ at Jeanne Payne's backyard on August 16th**



Paul Hekimian presents ambassadors with honey to take home to Fujinomiya



The Old Time String Band entertains us



Roger Goodman and Monika White receive SMSCA Host Extraordinary award



Yumi Yokoyama (middle) presents letter to President, Holly Kiger (left) from FISCA president Miki Kugawa. Nat Trives, SMSCA VP, Japan on right.



Mai Kugawa, Natsumi Ito, Julia Menyhart, Holly Kiger, Alexander Menne, Ian McIlraith, Garrison Finley, Alanna Shepard, Nat Trives, Yuriko Omura, Bob Holbrook, Bella Browning, & Yumi Yokoyama



Mai Kugawa, Alanna, Kathy and Mark Shepard



Andrea Bjornlie, Garrison Finley, Julia Menyhart, Natsumi Ito and Yuriko Omura



Bella Browning, Yumi Yokoyama and Nancy Browning

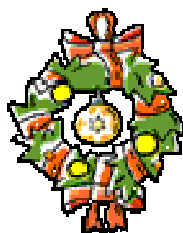
**At LAX on Monday, August 4, 2014--An exciting welcome home of our Santa Monica Ambassadors and a warm welcome to our Fujinomiya student ambassadors.**



A sad farwell at LAX after spending an entire month together.



Save the date  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
And our annual **Holiday Party**



**Monday, December 15, 2005**  
**Home of Helen and Dick Vasak**

## 2014 CALENDAR

Board Meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Jan 21	Fujinomiya Dinner	Riviera Country Club
Jan 27	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Feb 10	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Feb 26-Mar 5	Trip to Mazatlán, Mexico	
March 17	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
April 21	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
May 19	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
June 16	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	
July 12	Yard sale in support of our Japanese Student Ambassador Exchange Program	
July 21	General Membership meeting & Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Aug 16	All American BBQ in honor of our Japanese Student Ambassador Exchange students	
Aug 18	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Sept 15	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Oct 20	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Nov 17	Board Meeting	Ken Edwards Center
Dec 15	GENERAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY	

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