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Pasadena Homestay Program 2010

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Friendship agreement between the cities of Kasukabe, Japan and Pasadena, California. On alternating years representatives visit each of their respective cities to learn about one another's cultures and to create everlasting bonds. I myself first got involved in this project 7 years ago as a high school sophomore. Though it was not my first experience going to Japan, it was the first time that I was able to obtain lasting friendships that persist till this day. Now 7 years later I have



become the Treasurer of the Pasadena Jaycees and the Co-Chair of the 2010 Homestay Program. Together with Deanna Olsen, we have arranged a series of events that we encourage anyone that is available to come out and meet the representatives of Kasukabe and to possibly make some new friends.

List of Events

July 28th: Welcome Ceremony 6:30 pm at Tournament of Roses House (Wrigley Mansion- 391 S. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA)

July 29th: Welcome Party 6:30pm Jack Smith's Home 237 W State St. Pasadena, CA

July 30th: Community Service Project at Robinson Field @ 10:00 am (1081 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, CA) and Angels Game at Angel Stadium @ 7 pm

August 2nd – 3rd: Overnight Trip to Las Vegas

August 4th: Tour of CalTech (Meet at Jaycee office at 9 am) and meeting with Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard at City Hall (100 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena, CA) @ 3 pm

August 5th: Tour Hollywood and Farewell Party at 6:30pm at the Pasadena Masonic Temple

In an effort to bridge the gap between our cultures and share our American experience with the Kasukabe Jaycees as best we can, we need all of YOU to come and be a part of the Kasukabe Jaycees' visit. Whether you can attend the Welcome Party, or the Angels Game, or the Farewell Party, make sure you make the effort to be a part of this amazing Pasadena Jaycees tradition.



Name: Michelle Lai

Hometown: Alhambra, CA

Board Position: Membership, V.P.

How long have you been a Jaycee: 1 1/2 years

Why did you join the Pasadena Jaycees:

Network, volunteering, and to tell everyone I'm on the board of directors. That makes me feel pretty good about myself.



Hobbies / Interests:

Traveling, eating, drinking, and anything adventurous!

Favorite Jaycee memory:

The Operation Santa's Elf Auction is the most hilarious event I've attended. I bonded with fellow Jaycees and being auctioned off was pretty interesting. Hopefully this event will be repeated this year.

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The Purpose

of the Pasadena Jaycees is to be a positive force in the Pasadena area, determining community needs, providing solutions by planning, and running community service projects. While serving the Pasadena community, our members cultivate great friendships and receive hands-on experience, which translates into personal growth and the development of valuable leadership skills. This is the Jaycee concept.

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www.pasadenajaycees.org

Editor's Note

Welcome to the July 2010 issue of the Commuqué. Any suggestions are always welcome and I will do my best to continually improve our monthly Commuqué.

Membership Fees

New Member:
\$75 individual
\$130 married couple
Renewal:
\$65 individual

Membership Has Rewards...

Expand your social circle
Get involved in community events
Take advantage of networking opportunities
Build your project management and professional skills
Represent the chapter at state and national events

Birthdays!

Laura Wilcox	August 1
Ken Hill	August 3
Robert Santos	August 4
Leslie Lyons	August 9
Laurie Lundin	August 10
Michael Ward	August 14
Jack Lamp	August 31



A Message from the President

As you already know the Pasadena Jaycees are the oldest Jaycees chapter in the State of California, and we have many wonderful traditions.

This month we celebrate our 25th exchange with the Kasukabe Jaycees. The first exchange took place in 1986 when a Delegation from Kasukabe, Japan visited Pasadena for the first time.

I would strongly encourage you all to look at the week's itinerary (found at www.pasadenajaycees.org), and participate in as many events as possible. I would especially hope you will consider putting on your wrangler jeans, flannel shirt and cowboy hat and participate in the Western Themed Welcome Party on Thursday, July 29th and/or the Farewell party hosted by our guests from Kasukabe on Thursday August 5th. Please look at our website or contact the Chairs; David Vivas or Deanna Olsen for more information.



I am also happy to announce that in August we will be hosting a training on Team Excellence. This training is provided by New Leaf and is recommended for all members who will be participating in any committees for our important yearend projects. This training will also be very beneficial if you professionally work in teams. The event is available for all members at a cost of just \$5 – and that includes drinks and snacks! Finally I would like to thank all of you who have donated to my bail-out. I have, as President of the Pasadena Jaycees, agreed to be locked up in the

MDA telethon. If you have yet to donate, please visit: <https://www.joinmda.org/pasadena2010/henrik> and donate to this worthy cause.

In Jaycee Spirit,
Henrik Helgesen
Proud Member & 81st President

The Chairmen's



Top 10

Your honorable chairman has just returned from a raucous weekend in the big apple, and so in lieu of the traditional top ten list that I do every month, I am taking this opportunity to write the ten best things to do in New York City. Here's to you, the city that never sleeps...

10. John's Pizzeria on Bleecker St. – Greenwich Village. The pizza that is so good that toppings almost ruin it. The long line intimidates, but will actually pass by pretty fast. Large plain with a cold beer, it's like a match made in heaven!

9. Café Luluc – Brooklyn. If you are nursing a bit of a hangover, check out Café Luluc in Brooklyn. All the breakfasts are delicious, and get this, they serve fries with every item on the breakfast menu. You can request something else like fruit, but they will look at you funny.

8. Times Square late at night – Midtown. Sure, this is where all the tourists hang out, but if you are getting out of an 8 pm Broadway show, you will want to see the monstrous ads and the spectacle of lights that is Times Square at night. Some of the ads will blow you away, and it is so lit up that it almost feels like day.

7. Corner Bistro – West Village. If you are in the mood to fill up on the best burger in the city, go to the Corner Bistro on 4th and Jane in the West Village. Just that perfect blend of tender beef, lightly toasted and seasoned bun, and some strange concoction in the mayo, and voila, perfection!

6. Arthur's Tavern – Greenwich Village. If you are in the mood for some good bar chow, awesome live music, and a well-stocked tap of beers from around the world, head to Greenwich Village to Arthur's Tavern on Court St., near Sheridan Square. Unusually friendly bartenders, great tunes of all genres, and an amazing beer selection will send you into a trance!

5. Central Park – Manhattan. Clearly the crown jewel of the city, this expanse green and lush oasis in the middle of the density will give you a badly needed breather from the madness. Every Saturday you can enjoy a free show of Shakespeare in the Park, via every subway line that runs through Manhattan.

4. Lombardi's Pizzeria – Soho. Tucked in the middle of the district that stands for "south of Houston," Lombardi's Pizzeria is the oldest standing pizzeria in the city. Original tile, a very classic décor, and an amazingly fresh mozzarella will make you feel lost! Also, it's so awesome to walk through Soho from the subway stop to Lombardi's, almost as if the neighborhood has won you over before your pizza pie has even arrived!

3. The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met) – Upper East Side. I kept telling my girlfriend I didn't want to spend three hours locked inside a building while the city was bustling outside. Sure enough, we get in, and I am reminded that the Met is NEVER a bad idea. Picasso was on exhibit this particular weekend, the main entrance will stun you, and the steps outside are the perfect place to order a street dog with mustard and relish and enjoy some sunshine.

2. Phantom of the Opera @ the Majestic Theatre – Broadway. The longest running musical in the history of Broadway... John Cudia's voice is profound. Something about seeing a Broadway show sends chills up your spine, and to leave New York without seeing one should be a misdemeanor.

1. Bill's Place – Harlem. Tucked in a residential neighborhood on 133rd St. is an unassuming brownstone building that looks like any house on the block. Once you enter, you are in a cave of New York's rich jazz history, only topped by its enigmatic proprietor, Bill Saxton. For a fifteen dollar cover and BYOB, it truly is the best hidden gem in the big apple!



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 28th - Friday, August 6th

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Kasukabe Visitation! We are expecting 6 Jaycees and 3 students will be visiting us this year. While here, they will be living with families. For more, contact Henrik Helgesen at 818-662-5020

Thursday, July 29th

That's right. We have a Western themed Welcoming Party for our friends from Kasukabe Japan! \$15 entrance fee gets you drinks, food and entertainment, and a chance to meet up with Jaycees from an other country! See you there! Contact Deanna Olsen at deanna.m.olsen@gmail.com for more info.

Thursday, August 5th

We will miss them when they are gone but at least they will leave us with a party to remember. Come say good-bye to our fellow Jaycees from Kasukabe, Japan at the Farewell party. It's all fun and all free! Contact Deanna Olsen at deanna.m.olsen@gmail.com for more info.

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Enjoy reading this publication, and please contribute any news, photographs, or other notices that would be of interest to our members! You'll notice regular features, and timely news articles in every issue. Every effort is made to ensure quality and accuracy of the content. Submissions may be edited or omitted without notice, at the discretion of the Editor.

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Call (626) 792-5146



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