



## **2008 - 2009 MSSCC Calendar of Events**

### **2008**

**Dec 10:** Annual Holiday Dinner at Mana, 6 p.m.

### **2009**

**March:** Camellia Show

**March 6:** Matsuyama Sakura Matsuri at Matsuyama Elementary School

**April:** Cherry Blossom Festival at Japan Town, San Francisco

**May:** Pacific Rim Street Festival

**June:** General Meeting Dinner

**July:** Matsuyama Jr. High visit

**August:** State Fair  
Matsuyama Boy Scouts visit

**Oct (?):** Matsuyama Delegation visit



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November 12, 2008

Members and Friends:

Greetings, everyone! We made it back from Japan a week and a half ago, and are looking forward now to our holiday dinner on December 10, 2008. Yes, the holiday season is upon us with Thanksgiving and Christmas on the immediate horizon.

We left for Japan on October 21<sup>st</sup> with a delegation of 8, including, besides Hiroko and me, our Vice Mayor Steve Cohn, Midori Iwata (2008 Cherry Blossom Princess), Dana Tobiassen (Foothill High School teacher), Motoshi Kosako (harpist) and his jazz ensemble Darren and Peter. We visited Tokyo for two days, Imaiama (our favorite resort) for two days, Kyoto for two days, Hiroshima for one day and Matsuyama for four days. In Matsuyama, we were invited to our sister schools (Sakura Shogakko, Matsuyama Commercial High, Dogo Jr. High and Matsuyama Technical High Schools) and were treated to some outstanding performances by their students. We also celebrated the one-year anniversary of our sister street cars with the Iyo Railway people. Of course, we were treated to a mini-concert featuring Motoshi and his Jazz trio, the traditional and delicious welcome dinner and a luncheon sponsored by the Camellia Family (composed of family members of the Jr. High students who had visited Sacramento). Needless to say, the hospitality and people of Matsuyama were outstanding and second to none.

Our upcoming calendar would include our annual holiday dinner, this year again at Mana's Japanese Restaurant on Alta-Arden, off Fulton Avenue. The cost is \$25 per person for the gourmet dinner. A flyer for this event and reservation request is included in this newsletter.

I would like to keep my message short, as usual, so, on behalf of the MSSCC board of directors, I would like to thank you all again for your support throughout the year (you members are "ichiban" with me), and we look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. Our membership chair, Calvin Oshiro, reminded me to plug our membership which is vital to the survival of our organization. So, again, if you have not yet renewed, please renew, and, if you have any friends who may be interested in our programs, please pass this newsletter to them. Our membership application is included in this newsletter. Of course, the holiday dinner is always a good venue to renew your membership.

Peace, and have a wonderful and safe holiday season,

Ralph

# Traveling to Japan

by Mirodi Iwata,



As a young Japanese-American woman, traveling to Japan for the first time was an amazing experience for me. From the moment I stepped off the plane, I couldn't believe that I was really in Japan. I was so excited and couldn't wait to walk around and see everything. We visited five cities total, Tokyo, Kyoto, Shimoda, Hiroshima,

and Matsuyama. Every city had its own individual highlights, ranging from the strikingly beautiful shrines, to the fast-paced bustle of life in a busy city, to the wide range of shopping available. I went shopping in the Ginza district in Tokyo. I loved going to the beach in the resort town Kawazu and seeing where Commodore Perry first landed in Japan. In Kyoto, I had the opportunity to dress up as a professional maiko and also visit the famous Fushimi Inari shrine.



Hiroshima presented a sobering yet moving experience in visiting the Peace Memorial Museum and presenting one thousand cranes of peace. Our trip only got more exciting once we arrived at Matsuyama. The reception we received showed me just how warm and kind the members of our fellow sister city corporation. I made some wonderful new friends, and I can't wait to see them again.

I truly believe that any interested in seeing Matsuyama for themselves should go, and experience the superb hospitality and magnificent sights of the city and the rest of Japan.



## from Club Matsuyama

Club Matsuyama is up and running this year with our third meeting. We have 26 members this year meeting on every other Wednesday. We certainly miss Kyoko Ando, but we have a very enthusiastic group with two students who have lived in Japan and who are Japanese speakers. We have learned a bit about the country of Japan and compared the daily life of a family in Japan with a family here in Sacramento. Because of parent teacher conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday, we have only one more meeting before our winter break. The students are looking forward to doing some origami Christmas trees at our December meeting.

Ginnette Messick,  
Matsuyama Elementary School

# HOLIDAY DINNER

**At Mana Japanese Restaurant  
(2580 Alta Arden)**

**with Bingo, Door Prize, Slide Show, Food and GOOD COMPANIES!!**

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008**

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**cost: \$25.<sup>00</sup> per person**

For reservation, please mail the reservation form below  
and a check to MSSCC, PO Box 22534, Sacramento, CA 95822  
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Kaoru Hooker at 332-6368  
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## 2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is again time to renew your student, individual, family or corporate membership in Matsuyama-Sacramento Sister City Corporation if you have not done so already.

### MSSCC PROGRAMS

Camellia Show  
SF Cherry Blossom Festival  
Matsuyama Jr. High School  
Annual Holiday Party

Pacific Rim Street Festival  
Boy Scout Exchange  
Matsuyama Dignitaries  
Fun Fund Raising Events

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