

Denver Takayama Sister City Committee - 2019 Retrospective

- January 12 - **Shinnenkai at home of T.R. Reid;** (T.R. Reid, Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Sachiko Nakahira, Jon Wilkerson, Donna Ries, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Hiromi Mochizuki, Takaaki Matsumoto, Lori Matsumoto, Hiroki Matsumoto (15), Colleen Thumm, Kay Fahlberg, Roger Fahlberg, Kimihiko Okazaki, Yumi Okazaki, Yasushi Oshima, Kaori Oshima, Midori Takeuchi, Aimi Tura, Kathy Ajisaka, Clarence Low, Kathy Fuchigami, Tomie Eilers, Glenn Eilers, Jessica Moy, Jacob Moy, Elia Moy, David Hoskins, Paul Hoskins, Kevin Lance, Shoko Jenkins, Akeem Jenkins, Akari Jenkins, Eiko Fisher)
- January 15 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Kay Fahlberg, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Paul Nogeura, Debbie Kacik, Kevin Lance, David Hoskins, Matt Weller, Susan Weller)
- January 21-23 - **Delegation from Takayama (4 people);** (view yatai: Steve Comstock (2), Charlene Thai (2), Roger Fahlberg, Matt Weller (2), Tom Harvey, Tak Kida; consul general dinner: Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Susan Weller, Matt Weller, Kay Fahlberg, Roger Fahlberg, Charlene Thai, consuls - Takeuchi, Kondo, Ishizaki)
- January 24 - **DSCI annual meeting;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Robin Post, Kay Fahlberg)
- January 26 - **Attend Kohaku at the Buddhist temple;** (Steve Comstock, Machiko Federochuk)
- February 11 - **Setsubun;** (Steve Comstock, Debbie Kacik, Jay Kacik, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Fred Kaplan, Jane Scofield, Rob Scofield, Gail Jackson, Vanessa Nodine, Matt Weller, Susan Weller, David Hoskins, Craig Korn, Linda Matarrese, Rose Tanaka, Jeannie Johnson)
- February 19 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Kay Fahlberg, Kevin Lance, Gail Jackson, Colleen Thumm, Claire Magrath)
- March 19 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Wayne Berve, Kevin Lance, Gail Jackson, Colleen Thumm, Debbie Kacik, Paul Noguera, Charles St. John, Sherry Cree)

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- April 16 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Kay Fahlberg, Kevin Lance, Gail Jackson, Wayne Berve, Claire Magrath, Sherry Cree, Teri Galvez, Debbie Kacik, Paul Noguera, Jenae Sanchez, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Charlene Thai, Ryan Leong)
- May 4 - **Japanese meal + movie, at JCC;** (Cody Bennett, Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Sherry Cree, Shannon Holmes, Ed Schwartz, Debbie Kacik, Kevin Lance, Allison Lance, Ryan Leong, Claire Magrath, Sophie Magrath, Misty Newton, John Newton, Charles Ozaki, Stephan Papa, Patty Prevost, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Elaine Stepner, Stacey Shigaya, Stacey Shigaya guest, Gayle Stallings, Erica Taylor, Chip Taylor, J Taylor, Max Taylor, Myrna Ann Adkins, Gary Yamishita, Deb Yamishita, Manfred Chemek, Rick Spoor, Akemi Spoor, Beryl O'Dowd, Gail Jackson, Rodger Hara, Jeanna Beard, Kevin Mann, Cole Struhar, Sally Loomis, Craig Korn)
- May 18 - **City of Takayama Park work day** (Claire Magrath, Steve Comstock, Kevin Lance, Dan Scherzer, Takaho Scherzer, Gail Jackson)
- May 21 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Devron McMillin, Manfred Chemek, Matt Weller, Susan Weller, Dan Scherzer, Mike Lammens, Janet Lammens, Kevin Lance, Jenny Mae Samson)
- May 26 - **City of Takayama Park work day #2** (Steve Comstock, Maiko Ishizaki, John Newton, Misty Newton, Jenny Mae Samson, Brian Ross, Kent Sellers)
- June 18 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Susan Weller, Dan Scherzer, Jenae Sanchez, Sherry Cree, Debbie Kacik, Jack Kacik, John Newton, Misty Newton, Kay Fahlberg, Vivi Chen, Troy Delaplain)
- June 22-23 - **Cherry Blossom Festival;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Susan Weller, Kevin Lance, Sherry Cree, Huseen Sufi, Jenny Mae Samson, Gail Jackson, Rick Brown, John Newton, Misty Newton, Lilija Shuger, Machiko Fedorchuk, Greg Fedorchuk, Devron McMillan, Manfred Chemek)
- July 9 - **Travel To Japan seminar;** (Sherry Cree, Kevin Lance, Steve Comstock, Kay Fahlberg, Stacey Shigaya, Lisa Fukuhara, Niall O'Connor, Maureen Phillips, Devron McMillin, John Newton, Misty Newton, Mike Lair, Sarah Lair, Eden Lair, Mike Rosenlof, Manfred Chemek, Rita Shirley, Alan Crandall, Fred Kaplan, Karl Todd, Dan Scherzer)
- July 16 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, John Newton, Misty Newton, Kevin Lance, Gail Jackson, Dan Scherzer, Jenny Mae Samson, Debbie Kacik, Claire McGrath, Sophie McGrath, Susan Weller, Matt Weller)

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July 24 - **Host family orientation at Daniels Fund;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Gail Jackson, Tim Jafek, Julie Jafek, Eric Bevins, Ann Fazzini, Heidi Bennett, Cody Bennett, Rory Yonts)

July 24-25 - **Visit from Takayama (Akila Tanaka, Ikihuro Ono);**
various meetings and entertaining (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Sherry Cree, Dan Scherzer, Kevin Lance, Kay Fahlberg, John Newton, Misty Newton, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Sachiko Nakahira, Gail Jackson)

July 27 - **International Youth Baseball Tournament;** booth representing DTSCC (John Newton, Misty Newton, Chris Wanifuchi, Micahel Frank, Todd Cornell, Niall O'connor)

August 1 - **Students arrive;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, host families (18 people), delegation (12 people))

August 2 - **Students tour Denver;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, host families (18 people), delegation (12 people))
additional driver: Kevin Lance

August 3 - **Students with hosts;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, host families (18 people), delegation (12 people)); Kevin and Robin take Manaka riding)

August 4 - **Students with hosts;** (host families (18 people), delegation (12 people)) Carol-Lynne Moore and daughter entertain Manaka)

August 5 - **Students tour Mountains;** (Steve Comstock, host families (18 people), delegation (12 people)) additional driver: Donna Altieri, Gail Jackson, Julie Jafek, John Newton); **farewell dinner: 60+ people**

August 6 - **Student tour leaves;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, host families (18 people), delegation (12 people)) 1/2 day

August 11 - **Tanabata;** (Kent Sellers, Rolayne Sellers, Hiromi Mochizuki, Kay Mochizuki, Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Curt Santiago, Lydia Santiago, John Newton, Misty Newton, Alex Carihfield (15), Midori Takeuchi, Juichi Takeuchi, Liliane Brantes, Christian Brantes, Peter Vanicek, Anna Christy, Julia Christy (10), Andrew Christy (4), Jenny Mae Samson, Chiho Minami, Kokomi Kakenaka, Yura Kato, Brian Ross, Takeshi Yamauchi, Chiharu Yamauchi, Carol-Lynne Moore, Kaoru Yamamoto, Kiyomi Moore, Debbie Kacik, Jay Kacik, Brooke Lee, Yun Lee, Dilyn Lee (8), Greyson Lee (3.5), Dennis Grogan, Tina Proctor, Beryl O'Dowd, Marilyn Chambron, Sherry Cree, Kengo ??, Charlene Thai, Colleen Thumm, Jane Scofield, Rob Scofield, Kay Fahlberg, Roger Fahlberg, Phil Salinas, Maryanne Frazin, Tatiana Marquez,...

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August 11 - **Tanabata, continued** (Dan Scherzer, Takaho Scherzer, Leo Scherzer (9), Larry Jackel, Kathy Jackel, Lawton Shinsato, Brian Tillery, Trenton Spitler, Claire Magrath, Sophie Magrath, Susan Weller, Matt Weller, Monica Weller)

August 20 - **Monthly meeting at Domo;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Jenny Mae Samson, Rob Scofield, John Newton, Misty Newton, Marc Hughes, Charlene Thai, Bryce Thai, Masako Onakado, Colleen Thumm, Beryl O'Dowd, Don Elliott, Kay Fahlberg, Sherry Cree, Kengo ??, Dan Scherzer, Craig Korn)

August 21 - **Japan trip orientation 1 at Daniels Fund;** (Steve Comstock, Kevin Lance, Sherry Cree, Allison Lance, Bill Otto, Christine Wanifuchi, Nancy Denniston, Karen Weber, Debbie Kacik, Kay Fahlberg, John Newton, Misty Newton)

August 29 - **Reception at Consul General's;** (Steve Comstock)

August 30 - **Meet with Wellshire rep;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock)

September 6 - **Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society 50th Anniversary;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock)

September 11 - **Japan trip orientation 2 at Geotech;** (Steve Comstock, Kevin Lance, Kay Fahlberg, John Newton, Misty Newton, Bill Otto, Allison Lance)

September 12 - **Sakura Foundation dinner;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Charlene Thai)

September 14 - **Japanese Kite Festival;** (Steve Comstock, Debbie Kacik, Jack Kacik, Mamiko Ikeda, Dan Scherzer)

September 15 - **Japanese Kite Festival;** (Steve Comstock)

September 17 - **Monthly meeting at the Comstock's;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Danielle Allen, Sherry Cree, Kay Fahlberg, Gail Jackson, Debbie Kacik, Jack Kacik, Kevin Lance, John Newton, Misty Newton, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Jenae Sanchez, Rose Tanaka, Susan Weller)

September 26 - **Japanese related non-profits lunch;** (Steve Comstock)

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October 8 - **Yatai moved;** (Steve Comstock, Tak Kida, Tom Harvey, Tom Migaki)

October 11 - **yatai restoration work;** (Tak Kida, Richard Wertz)

October 14 - **yatai restoration work;** (Steve Comstock, Tom Harvey, Matt Weller)

October 15 - **Meet Takayama delegation; dinner w/ 3;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Osamu Hirakawa, Rei Hirakawa, Manaka Mitsuki)

October 16 - **yatai restoration work;** (Steve Comstock, Tak Kida, Isaac Hartman, Tom Harvey, Tom Migaki, Roger Fahlberg, Rei Hirakawa, Osamu Hirakawa, Shinya Kajii, Yasuo Oono, Tsunehiro Inakura, Takuma Mitsuzuka, Ken Watanabe, Mikito Enoki, Manaka Mitsuki)

October 17 - **yatai restoration work;** (Steve Comstock, Tak Kida, Isaac Hartman, Tom Migaki, Roger Fahlberg, Rei Hirakawa, Osamu Hirakawa, Shinya Kajii, Yasuo Oono, Tsunehiro Inakura, Takuma Mitsuzuka, Ken Watanabe, Mikito Enoki, Manaka Mitsuki, Charlene Thai)

October 18 - **yatai restoration work;** (Steve Comstock, Tak Kida, Isaac Hartman, Tom Harvey, Tom Migaki, Roger Fahlberg, Rei Hirakawa, Osamu Hirakawa, Shinya Kajii, Yasuo Oono, Tsunehiro Inakura, Takuma Mitsuzuka, Ken Watanabe, Mikito Enoki, Manaka Mitsuki)

October 19 - **yatai restoration party;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Gail Jackson, Rodger Hara, Kimiko Side, Fred Kaplan, Charlene Thai, Rei Hirakawa, Osamu Hirakawa, Yoshi Nakasone, Tom Migaki, Shelley Migaki, Sue Migaki, Oye Poon, Shinya Kajii, Yasuo Oono, Tak Kida + 1, Tsunehiro Inakura, Takuma Mitsuzuka, Ken Watanabe, Mikito Enoki, Manaka Mitsuki, Richard Wertz, Mrs. Richard Wertz, Kaoru Yamamoto, Carol-Lynne Moore, Frank Stossel, Yuko Ocano, Debbie Kacik, Jack Kacik, Midori Takeuchi, Michael Frank, Colleen Thumm, T.R. Reid, Sachiko Nakahira, Calvin Hada, Susan Weller, Charles St. John, Rodger Fahlberg, Derek Okubo)

November 2 - **Culture day;** (Steve Comstock, Kay Fahlberg, Roger Fahlberg, Kitty Comstock, Douglas Wagner, Laura Powell, Mark Suggs, Midori Allmeyer, Max Taylor, J Taylor, Erika Taylor, Chip Taylor, Myrna Ann Adkins, Nodoka Epel, Sarah Uezono, Yumino Kimura, Ron Abo, Tom Harvey, Takayuki Kida, Hiromi Mochizuki, Charlene Thai, Keita Kato, Debbie Kacik, Jack Kaycik, Marie Meyer, Midori Takeuchi, Makoka Kato, Keita Kato, Mayumi Takano, Lisa Dayan, Matt Krutka, Marie Miller, John Newton, Misty Newton, Ann Fazzini, Chris Wanifuchi, Miki Oishi, Emmalee Johnson, Tom Hall, Mina Hall, Gina Sadoval-Gibson, Christine Petty)

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November 8 - **yatai moved and wrapped;** (Steve Comstock, John Newton, Matt Weller, David Hoskins)

November 13 - **Denver Parks and Recreation appreciation dinner;** (Steve Comstock, Gail Jackson, Dan Scherzer, Takaho Scherzer, Kevin Lance, Allison Lance, Leo Scherzer, Jenny May Samson)

November 19 - **November meeting at Broadway Market;** (Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Marc Hughes, Gail Jackson, Debbie Kacik, Jay Kacik, Jack Kacik, Carol-Lynne Moore, Kaoru Yamamoto, John Newton, Misty Newton, Paul Noguera, Masako Onakado, Robin Post, Jim Tait, Jenny Mae Samson, Gayle Stallings, Charlene Thai, Bryce Thai, Colleen Thumm, Matt Weller, Susan Weller, Alison Zuo, Sarah Williams)

November 20 - **Present trip to East High School;** (Steve Comstock)

November 21 - **Present trip to East High School;** (Steve Comstock)

November 21 - **Japan in Depth debriefing;** (Steve Comstock, Kevin Lance, Allison Lance, Sherry Cree, John Newton, Misty Newton, Bill Otto)

Unsuccesses this year

- * 2019 ski trip needed to be cancelled due to no signups;
- * 2019 Introduction to Japan trip needed to be cancelled due to insufficient interest

Milestones

- * Teddie Throm died in July