

**Lawrence Sister Cities Advisory Board  
2010 Annual Report  
May 20, 2011**

In our application for city funding for the calendar year 2010, we listed three goals. Progress on these three goals is described following each goal.

**1. Send a delegation from Lawrence of approximately 20 persons to mark the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship in 2010 and host a similar delegation from Eutin for a visit in Lawrence.**

A subcommittee chaired by James Hilliard planned a very successful 20th anniversary delegation visit to Hiratsuka which took place October 7-12, 2010. Based on discussions with our partners in Japan, we put together a delegation of 15 adults and 3 children led by Commissioner Mike Dever, representing local government, educational and cultural institutions as well as members of Lawrence Sister Cities. The visit to Japan followed a program of activities jointly arranged with the sister city group in Hiratsuka as well as sightseeing. Our delegation presented a special sculpture to Hiratsuka by local Lawrence artist Jan Gaumnitz during the visit. We are looking forward to the visit of a similar delegation from Hiratsuka to Lawrence October 3-7, 2011.

**2. Continue to expand scholarship support for the school exchange programs by developing better fundraising techniques. Target goal for scholarship fundraising in 2010 will be \$7,500.**

At the end of 2009, the advisory board transferred its scholarship funds to the Douglas County Community Foundation. We anticipated that this would offer us the opportunity to enhance our scholarship fundraising in general and make it easier for donors to contribute in a variety of ways, including by credit card. We held our annual scholarship fundraiser at the Castle Tea Room on October 21, 2010. The total amount raised for scholarships was \$4,066.

**3. Continue to increase the number of Lawrence students participating in the annual school exchanges. A target goal would be 40 students in 2010.**

Unfortunately, with the resignation of the coordinator of the Eutin student exchange late last summer, we not able to fully implement this part of our student exchange program. We recruited a business teacher at Lawrence High School, who took five students for a four-week stay this summer. On the other hand, we increased the number of professional interns going to Eutin from Lawrence to ten in 2010, thanks in large part to the support of Hans Wilhelm Hagen, one of the bank presidents in Eutin who visited Lawrence with a delegation in fall 2009. Together with the KU summer institute in Eutin, we have 28 persons from Lawrence in Eutin this summer. The Hiratsuka student exchange had 20 students and three chaperones visiting Japan from Lawrence during summer of 2010.

**Other items of interest during 2010 for Lawrence Sister Cities.**

Performance of *The Trojan Women* by a group of KU students under the direction of Dennis Christilles who had participated in the summer theatre program in our sister city of Iniades, Greece. Lawrence Sister Cities sponsored a reception at the Inge Theatre on August 28 for the audience members and cast.

Lawrence Sister Cities awarded a total of \$4,950 in need-based scholarships for students participating in the Eutin and Hiratsuka exchanges during 2010.

Advisory Board members negotiated with administrators in USD 497 to reestablish the Eutin-Lawrence high school exchange program.

• We hosted 18 students and 3 chaperones from Hiratsuka in late July 2010 for ten days and 16 students and a teacher from Eutin in September-October 2010 for four weeks. We also hosted a half dozen professional interns from Eutin during 2010. The group of 10 former exchange students from Hiratsuka known as the “Jet Stream Youth” also visited Lawrence in late July 2010.

Advisory Board members participated in a dinner at KU honoring five representatives from Kanagawa University in Hiratsuka on August 30.

The Advisory Board developed and implemented a refund policy for student exchange trips in the event that costs of the trip are less than the advertised price of the trip.

Sister Cities sponsored a joint viewing of the US vs. Germany World Cup soccer match on June 12 in cooperation with Free State Brewing of Lawrence and the St. Michael’s Brauhaus in Eutin.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sister Cities Advisory Board  
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