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"Service Above Self"

Friday, January 29, 2021

ANNUAL MEETING THIS FRIDAY

GRANNY SHAFFER BANQUET CENTER on North Range Line

Plated Breakfast will be served just before 7:00 a.m. • Coffee available at the usual time

4 persons to a table • Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

February

- 2/3 Board Meeting (Now meeting the first WEDNESDAY of the month)
- 2/5 Daybreaker: Joe Craigmile
Program: Bill Reiboldt, Newton Co. Presiding Commissioner - CARES Funding in Newton Co.
- 2/12 Daybreaker: Valerie Searcy
Program: Children's Haven
- 2/19 Daybreaker: Adam Maggard
- 2/26 Daybreaker: Larry Johnson

Birthdays

- David Sweeney.....1/03
- Alex Cawood1/14
- Tom Jensen1/26
- Larry Johnson.....1/28
- Adam Maggard2/1
- Dale Janssen.....2/14
- Bob Heiniger.....2/22

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Please remember to check your name on the attendance at the door & if eating or not.
- Please put cell phones on silent before the meeting.
- We understand that a member may sometimes need to leave the meeting early. If you do, please leave before the speaker begins his/her program.
- eCLUB ONE (electronic make-up). You have the opportunity to process your make-ups on-line. Go to the website: www.rotaryclubone.org and click on "make-up info" to complete the short form, or just go to our website and click on "electronic make-up."

Annual Meeting

Nominees are for a 3-year term: Joe Craigmile, Adam Maggard and Michael Wischmeyer. A "State of the Daybreak Year" will also be presented.

Minorities in Japan

My aim is to change my students' perception of the U.S. There is a hegemony of whiteness in English language teaching, and I want to represent how diverse and multifaceted the American identity truly is."

When I wrote this to enter The JET Program as a high school English teacher in 2014, I was not aware of how much this would impact my life in Japan. As I began to crack open textbooks, wake up sleepy students, and navigate the enigma that was the old-school Japanese copy machine, I slowly built a consciousness for the parallels that thrived in the rice fields and smoky factories of Hamamatsu, Shizuoka.

Hamamatsu has one of the largest immigrant populations in Japan. As of 2018, there are approximately 9,200 Brazilian residents. Other residents hail from Peru, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines, and are migrant workers.

After moving to my Japanese hometown, I learned that Japan had a long history of migration between Brazil and Peru, dating back to as early as 1873. However, although many of my students and friends carried rich multicultural identities, they often

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saw their non-Japanese roots as a hindrance instead of an advantage. Some of my students would hide their mixed heritage if they physically passed as Japanese, and most of my returnee and bilingual/trilingual students would downplay their English proficiency to avoid standing out.

I wanted to find a way to bridge the gap between who they were and what their communities pressured them to be, and I was able to start this conversation with them. Instead of assigning academic papers or chapter books that only held text alone, I showed them Hafu, a documentary that followed five families navigating the intricacies of their mixed-race identities in a Japanese context. Hearing the voices and seeing the faces of intercultural families can help students realize how real and relevant minority experiences are.

As I showed the film to my students, I noticed that every one of them was engaged, though their written reflections were louder than their in-class discussions. In Japanese classrooms, especially at public schools, one of the major challenges with discussing social issues is giving the student the

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agency and confidence to express their honest opinions, even in their native language. By the end of the term, most of my students were able to empathize with how their mixed-race peers had felt as minorities, and some even revealed that they were Zainichi Gaikoku-jin (non Japanese people living in Japan), thanks to seeing someone who shared the same complexities on-screen.

This film also led me to discover the existence of the Rotary Peace Fellowship. Megumi Nishikura, one of the directors of the film, talked about her experience as a peace fellow and how it inspired her to create a documentary based on her personal experiences, which were elusive to find at the time. As I listened to her walk the audience through her trials and revelations as a hafu (a mixed race person in Japan), I felt deeply inclined to help the minority communities that have shown me how diverse and complex the Japanese diaspora truly is.

I personally knew many people from these communities, and they would share their stories of reconciling their

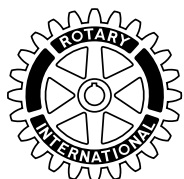
identities with me. In Hamamatsu, many people would often assume that I was Brazilian or Peruvian Nikkei (a Japanese emigrant), and would treat me better when I revealed that I was actually American. I wanted to shine a light on a little-researched topic that deserves representation in academia: the experiences of the Brazilian Nikkei and their children (Sansei – third generation emigrants), who are now in their early 20s.

Fast-forward to 2020: I entered International Christian University, the same university that Nishikura completed the fellowship in. My thesis will be a comparative ethnography of Brazilian Sansei who attended Japanese schools vs. those who attended Brazilian schools in Japan. I hope to continue interviewing these communities and sharing their stories on larger platforms. As YouTube channels including Asian Boss and viral commercials like Nike's rapidly grow, I believe that this discourse on multicultural Japanese identities can transcend into acceptance in the future.

By Farrah Hasnain

SMILE!

- Laugh at your problems, everybody else does.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.
- Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.
- Worrying works! 90% of the things I worry about never happen.
- I couldn't work today because of an eye problem. I just can't see myself working today.
- When in doubt, mumble.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
- If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- Keep the dream alive: hit the snooze button.
- I have all the money I'll ever need – if I die by 4:00 p.m. today.
- The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.
- Archaeologist: someone whose career lies in ruins.
- The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.
- It matters not whether you win or lose: what matters is whether I win or lose.



THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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WHERE YOU CAN MAKE UP NEAR "DAYBREAK"

Makeup meeting must be made up to 28 days prior or after a regularly scheduled meeting. LOCATIONS & DATES MAY CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19

TUESDAY

Miami, OK - noon Paul Thomas Family Center
 Pittsburg, KS - noon Via Christi Hospital
 Springfield, MO Kentwood Hall

WEDNESDAY

Bentonville, AR noon Does Eat Place
 Frontenac, KS 1st & 3rd noon Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Grove, OK noon First Methodist Church
 Neosho, MO noon The Civic
 Rogers, AR noon Embassy Suites
 Webb City/Carl Junction noon Granny Shaffer's Banquet Center

THURSDAY

Carthage 1st & 3rd 6:30 pm Cherry's on the Square
 Joplin Club noon Twin Hills
 Springfield SE noon Ocean Zen