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mochi

IT TASTED GREAT! IT WAS VERY FRESH!

Thank you to all you hard-working people who pounded the mochi dough!
Thank you to all those who turned the mochi dough into delicious mochi!

It was not just the New Year Committee working- many volunteers pitched in.

Everyone enjoyed the mochi. Many older Japanese women worked together to make sweet red bean mochi.

It was the first time for the children to see the traditional way to make **mochi**.

They were eager to try to help.



Right after the mochi dough was pounded, the dough was processed to make sweet red bean mochi, soybean powdered mochi, and daikon (radish) mochi. Five or six pieces of the daikon were purchased in Chicago. Grinding radishes to get them ready for the mochi is a hard job. Many men shared in this grinding and it went fast with such good help.



Zenzai (red bean soup) and “anko” (containing in mochi balls=“daifuku”) was also on the menu, Hokkaido red beans (the best quality!) were used.



Twelve families cooked this soup/anko using the same ingredients and recipe. These “anko” chef’s goodwill is cooked together therefore it becomes much better taste.

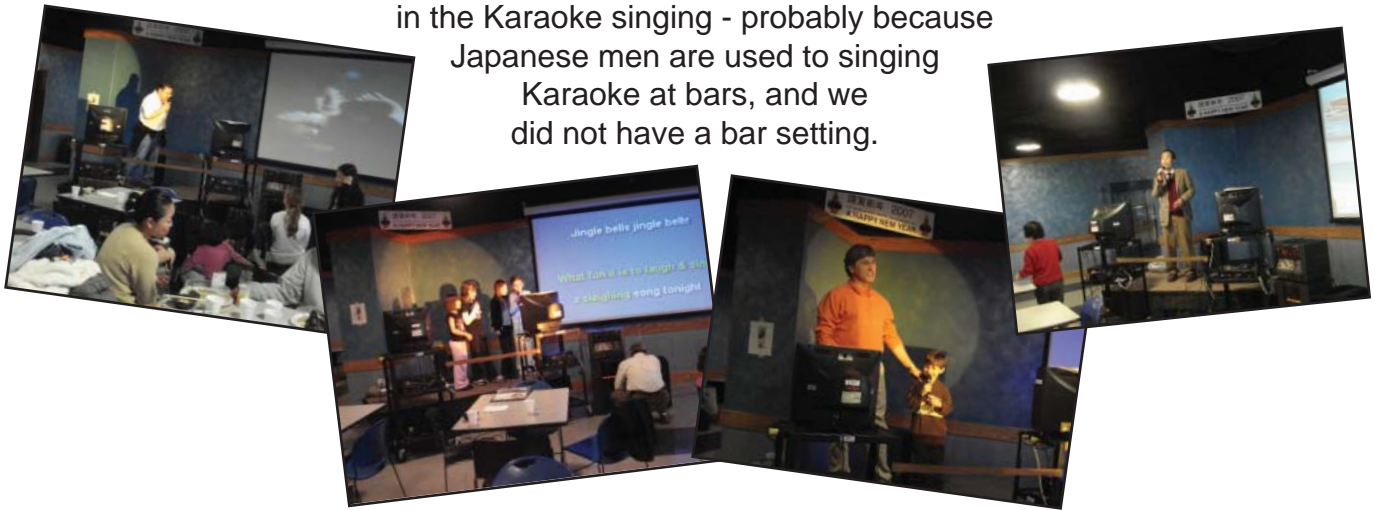


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We set up a Karaoke corner, but everybody was so interested in the process of pounding and making mochi that the Karaoke corner was not very popular. Some Americans and some Japanese-American children had a good time singing songs. Not many Japanese men participated in the Karaoke singing - probably because Japanese men are used to singing Karaoke at bars, and we did not have a bar setting.



New year party committee member and supporters

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Glad to introduce world best chefs for red bean soup/anko what we ate on the event.
 Yokko Masaki, Reiko Watson, Junko Richards, Michi Masuno, Ritsuko Maita, Ritsuko Andrews,
 Kei Quinn, Motoko Otani, Noriko Misawa, Mayumi Kondo, Mariko Tamura
 And many people assisted to making Daifuku- mochi.

Thank you very much for your help.

JAAI**Event**

Mar 11 (Sun) International Festival

Place: New Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne

Time: PM1:00~4:00

International Festival is held a part of FAME since last year. This year, International Festival exhibition and performance are sat at new Library and FAME is held at Grand Wayne Center. International Festival and FAME are held both 10th(Sat) and 11th(Sun), but Japanese booth is open only for Sunday 1:00PM~4:00PM.

March 3 is a day for celebrating girls sound growth in Japan. People display Hina-doll(Prince , Princess , musicians and retainers etc in costume 800~1000years ago). You will see this Hina-doll at Japanese booth on Mar11. Also provided picture performance of Prince and Princess of Hina-doll. Please do not forget to bring your camera.

Five students from Takaoka will attend this booth, and give you a book marker with your name in Japanese.

This year is the 30th Anniversary of Sister City with Takaoka, Japan, Therefore 30 pictures will be selected from FAME and exhibit in Takaoka when our delegation visit to Takaoka in May. The fifth grade Japanese children's pictures will be exhibit at FAME also.

March 18(Sun) Consulate General of Japan, Consular Service in Fort Wayne

Place: IPFW Walb Student Union, Ground Floor G-21

Time: 10:00AM to Noon

This is first time to have this type of service in Fort Wayne. Main services will be for Japanese people, but if you have question which is related for consular department, please come to this event

April 22 (Sun) Cherry Blossom Festival

Place: Fort Wayne Museum of Art and The Arts United Center Plaza
Time: 1:00PM ~ 6:00PM

Cherry Blossom Festival is a commemorate event for 30th Anniversary of Sister City with Takaoka, Japan. This Festival is cooperated with City, Sister City International Inc, JAAI and Bonsai Club.

We are planning to play Japanese songs with Japanese musical instruments and challenging to play Japanese songs with European musical instruments. Enjoy children's choir, Japanese traditional kid's plays by Japanese Saturday School student, take a picture in front of the renewed Japanese garden, admire Japanese kids hand painting which is sent from Takaoka, Japan and also enjoy Japanese taste corner.

Please reserve this day for Cherry Blossom Festival.



On the same day as the New Year Party, the Japanese Saturday School had a New Year event which marked the beginning of the new semester. Student-created works of art were displayed for parents and visitors. A crafts and game area was set up. Students worked as instructors to teach parents and visitors how to make origami items, build a kaleidoscope, and other traditional crafts. Parents and visitors were taught to play several traditional games. The

main purpose of this event was to teach the children how to communicate with people.



At the opening ceremony for the new semester, one student from each department was selected to make a speech.



This was training in public speaking. Each speech was nicely done. The Kindergarten and International Class speeches were especially very good in Japanese grammar and pronunciation and had a good message. During the Christmas break, we loaned educational material to each family so that every family had home lessons during vacation. Most of the students used the materials. The Japanese teachers were amazed at the positive results of the home lessons. We were surprised at how fast the children were to learn.



Japanese calligraphy was part of the Art Display. Three International Class students tried calligraphy: 1 in kanji, 1 in Katakana, and one in Hiragana. The subject was the character for love (ai).



From the photos, we hope you can see how much the students enjoyed themselves. Look how their eyes sparkle! Even the parents and visitors have sparkling, smiling eyes.

