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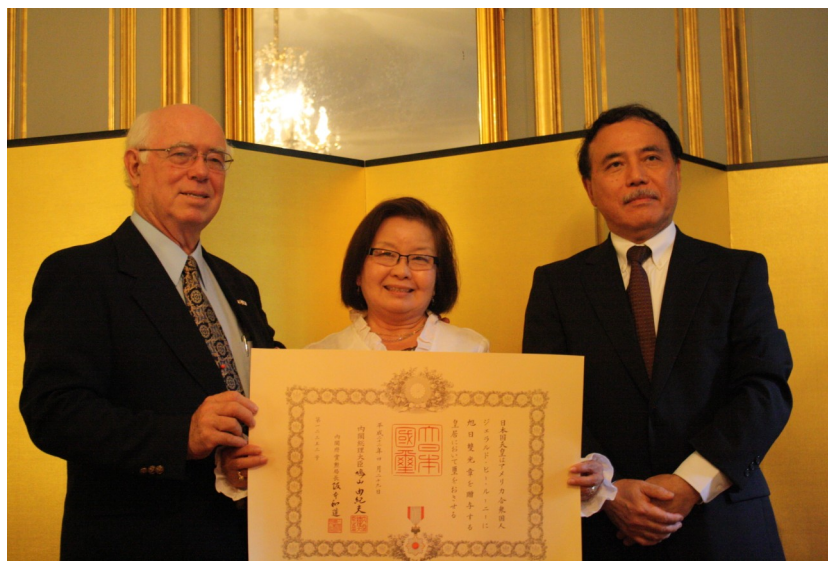
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Gerry & Ayako Rooney, as he receives the Order of the Rising Sun,
Gold & Silver Rays from Consul General Masaru Tsuji
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THE WHITFIELD-MANJIRO FRIENDSHIP HOUSE MUSEUM IS ONE YEAR OLD

It was on May 7th of 2009 that Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara brought 100 supporters from Japan to the dedication of the Museum at 11 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. It was a memorable day including the doctor's signing of the deed of the property over to the Town of Fairhaven. As well, all visitors enjoyed a magnificent concert by the Shigeaki Hinohara Festival Orchestra in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Church. At the museum the doctor's speech included his promise to return to the spot in 2011 when he will be 100 years old. Those who are aware of his energy would not doubt it.

Thus, did the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House – Museum get an inspiring launch. Since the dedication there have been over 1,000 visitors, almost 50% from Japan. The inside of the structure is slowly developing its administration level (1st floor) and the upper two floors in the style of the early 1800's. One small change in plans is that there will be a traditional Japanese living room in the rear of the 2nd floor. This was a part of the building that was not there during the time when Manjiro's lived at Cherry Street. The floor is covered with tatami mats and the room will feature a typical living room setting. The room will be converted to sleeping quarters just as in Japan with the use of the futons which are stored in the sliding door closet.

Members of the WMFS are anticipating a significant number of visitors this year given the publicity in the Japanese news media, both in Japan and the USA. As well, as a result of a visit last autumn by the author of the "Globetrotter" magazine (Chikyu no arukikata) we are featured on two full pages of this extremely popular travel guide. We hope to be sharing the Manjiro story with a great number of people.



Six Shimizu High School students and their teacher visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum during their July homestay with local area host families

Gerry Rooney receives the Order of the Rising Sun

On April 29, 2010, the Government of Japan announced that the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays” will be conferred upon Mr. Gerald P. Rooney, President of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, in recognition of his contributions to the promotion of sister-city relations and the encouragement of cultural exchange between Japan and the U.S.A. based on the story of John Manjiro.

Since Mr. Rooney first joined the Fairhaven/New Bedford and Tosashimizu Sister City Committee activities in 1987, he has actively contributed to the promotion of grassroots exchanges for 23 years.

When Capt. Whitfield’s house was put up for auction, Mr. Rooney assisted in the process whereby Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara and others bought and renovated the house. The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House opened as a museum on May 7, 2009. Since that time there have been over 900 visitors.

Mr. Rooney has been effective in seeking and coordinating the resources of the town of Fairhaven through its Selectmen and those of the city of New Bedford, the other partner in the Sister City Agreement. As a result, the activities for the committee have greatly expanded since Mr. Rooney became chairman. In a recent election of the new Board of Directors Mr. Rooney was elected President of the Society.

“In light of these contributions, the Government of Japan recognizes Mr. Gerald P. Rooney as an appropriate person to receive the Order of Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, and is delighted to announce the decoration.” The award was presented by Consul General Masaru Tsuji on July 7 at a ceremony at his residence in Brookline, Mass.

SPECIAL FRIENDS

We wish to acknowledge the in-kind contributions of the following businesses:

**Mary Raposa through G.Bourne Knowles
Yard Boss through Southern Mass Credit Union**

United States-Japan Foundation Grant

President Rooney was notified in May that the grant application for the training of our tour guides and the teaching of the Japanese language had been approved by the US-Japan Foundation. The grant in the amount of \$16,410 will provide for training materials and equipment for the tour guides. The guide “happi-coat” uniforms, designed by our members, have already been put into service. The DVD virtual tour of the Museum, provided by last year’s grant from the Foundation, has been completed and is available for viewing in our media room for those unable to access the upper floors. As well, the DVD of the “Manjiro Trail” is finished. Both are for sale in our gift shop.

The grant will provide for the teaching of two basic level courses in Japanese and one intermediate level course during the year. Classes will be held at the Museum. Specifics will be made available in the near future. Those interested in learning Japanese should be in touch with the Friendship House at 508-858-5303 or through e-mail at: Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org

Japanese – Nihongo

Miso soup ingredients (typical)

<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
bean curd	tofu
young seaweed	wakame
dried seaweed	conbu
potato	jagaimo
dried bonito shavings	katsuo-bushi
vegetables	yasai
scallion	negi
eggplant	nasu
soybean paste	miso
water	mizu
stock	shiru

Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society

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USA

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Cheryl Day of Fairhaven holds the certificate as the 1,000th visitor to the Friendship House as her friends and tour guide, Debbie Almeida, look on.

OLD TIME HOLIDAYS

PLEASE NOTE:

Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum

**will be open on Saturday, December 11 from
10:00 Am to 4:00 PM as a part of the celebration of**

Fairhaven's Old Time Holidays.

Come join us to welcome the holidays.

How to become a "Member" of the Friendship Society

Name _____ Business/Organization _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

This is a one-year: _____ new _____ renewal application

_____ \$25 Individual _____ \$35 Family _____ \$100 Supporter _____ \$200 Patron
_____ \$500 Benefactor _____ \$1,000+ Sponsor _____ \$20 Students/Seniors

Please make your tax-deductible contribution payable to Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, and mail it c/o WMFS, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Thank you for all your support.