Sister City E-Blast October 2013 KB市 HANAMAKI



This float, which appeared in last month's Hanamaki Festival Parade, amazed the members of the Hot Springs citizen delegation. Depicting Smokey the Bear, a park ranger and President Andrew Jackson, it was also the first time that English wording was ever used in the over 400 year history of the parade.

From the Foundation

Sister City Program Friends,

Please join special guests from our sister city, Hanamaki, Japan, and members of the Sister City Foundation Board of Directors as we commemorate the 20th Anniversary of our sister city relationship with a celebratory ceremony at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, on the front lawn of the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The public is invited, so please bring your friends to this special event.

Domo arigatou,

Carla Mouton

President, Sister City Foundation

20th Anniversary Sister City Celebrations

The 45-member Hanamaki delegation is scheduled to arrive in Hot Springs in just a few hours. They will be very busy during their stay in Hot Springs, with many activities planned for their enjoyment. If you see the delegates out and about, please welcome them and let them know how glad we are that they came to visit.

On Friday, the group will tour local businesses, visit our art galleries, meet with chamber officials and take part in Rotary functions, depending on the members' interests. Several delegates are Rotarians and will sign a sister club agreement with Hot Springs Village Rotary on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening, the delegation will be treated to a traditional catfish dinner at Garvan Woodland Gardens, sponsored by Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club.

On Saturday, some delegates will be fishing, while others do some shopping and visit the Mountain Tower. That afternoon, the group will take part in the celebration held on the Convention Center front lawn at 3 p.m. That evening, the Sister City Foundation will host a dinner in honor of the 20th Anniversary.

Sunday's activities will include golf for a few members of the delegation and a trip to Bump Chairs in Bear, Arkansas — and then on to lunch at Burl's Smokehouse. Their final evening will include a cruise on Lake Hamilton and dinner at Hot Springs Country Club.

They will depart Monday morning, taking with them fond memories of Hot Springs and many new friends