

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Japanese connection to YAN

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Two individuals from Osaka, Japan visited the Nation beginning June 13 to spread good-will and a peace message to the Nation with Sae Weir of Las Vegas, Nevada and elder Etsuko-Takahashi of Osaka City, Japan who offered an early afternoon tea with some of the employees in the administration building. Mrs. Takahashi is 3rd generation watch-business owner in Osaka.

The two represent the Unification Church with their late leader Rev. Sun Myung Moon of Korea (1920-2012). Rev. Moon got his start in the Christian movement in South Korea in the Presbyterian Church and wrote his theological book 'Divine Principle' in 1973 which forms the basis for the continued work of Dr. Moon. The book speaks to restore humanity, to restore the relationship to God and that ultimately, everything revolves around God.

Rev. Moon was against totalitarian governments and worked to try and reunify North and South Korea.

Sae Weir, the younger lady traveling with Mrs. Takahashi resides in Las Vegas with her own family by marriage. She is involved locally in that city with various activities related to the world movement for peace.

Both Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Takahashi surprised some employees

of YAN back in February when they brought food, flowers and gifts right at closing time to share with some of the employees who were in the process of departing at the last minute that evening.

Rev. Moon, in his book, 'As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen' espouses the same principles shown by the two visitors. The book uses a back-door approach to sharing of philosophy of compassion.

Mrs. Takahashi paid to accommodate up to 240 people to share a noon luncheon at the Nation's Convention center at the casino on June 17. From 11-3 p.m. YAN members were treated to a luncheon featuring an Italian and American menu and a program about the Global Citizens world

movement with the showing of a short video about the gatherings of the organization worldwide.

A prayer was offered by Frieda Eswonia of Clarkdale in her native Yavapai language to bless the food for the noon luncheon.

Four members of the Nation were honored by the Japanese visitors in honor of their wedding vows. Willie and Julia Hood who represent the Yavapai people and Arviel and Priscilla Lewis representing the Apache community of the Nation. The ladies received a diamond ring and accompanying rings for the husbands.

The luncheon was catered by John LeDoux's fine dining staff at the Nation's casino which took place in 'The Gathering Grand



Luncheon recognition brought married elders Willie and Julia Hood (2nd & 3rd from left) and Priscilla and Arviel Lewis (2nd and 3rd from right) together with special visitors from Japan.



Precious Gutierrez poses behind a new fan from Japan



Employees from the finance department show their Japanese fan gift during the tea hour with the guests. YAN News Photos

Ballroom". All of the associated costs of the luncheon were paid for by Mrs. Takahashi. Attendees for the

luncheon were also invited to a world conference that was held at the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas that drew thousands. It is unknown if any of the Nation's members attended the Las Vegas conference.

# Graduation Celebration



Student recognition from YAN tribal council. Various schools



Clarkdale-Jerome School graduates Neveah Gyce, Kiarah Valles and Octavia Gardner get ready to march into the gym

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ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL



Madison-Schwindt-  
Desert View



Favian Chagolla-  
Home School



Allissa Robles -on line



Congratulations to graduates!

**"Congratulations Ashley And Darien Loring"**  
I Am So Happy For Both Of You Graduating From High School, Hats Off To Both Of You. Follow Your Goals In Life And Everything Will Fall Into Place. "Remember To Trust In The Lord With All Thine Heart And Lean Not Unto Thine Own Understanding, In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him And He Shall Direct By Paths".  
Proverbs 3: 5-6.  
**Love Always  
Grandma, Sharon**