

McLean County Museum of History

**Sister City Committee (SCC), Bloomington-Normal with
Asahikawa,*Japan 1960-1997**

**Note: Often spelled Asahigawa*

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VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Five boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1960-2012
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives Annex
NOTES:	See also scrapbooks and binders, SB205-SB210 in Archives Annex.

BOX ONE

Folder 1: History

History of the Sister Cities Program-written by Jenny Goldman- Summer 2011

Timeline of Sister Cities Events

Sample copy of requirements for exchange students

Includes also Internet description dated Dec. 8, 2007

Folder 2: Membership Lists, 1981-1997

Folder 3: Senior High Exchange Program

Includes description

Folder 4: Junior High Exchange Program

Includes description

Folder 5: 1960-1967, Fifth Anniversary

Includes newspaper clippings

Folder 6: 1968-1972, Tenth Anniversary

Includes newspaper clippings

Folder 7: Bicentennial Activities, 1976

Includes correspondence

Folder 8: Sister City Directories, 1976

Folder 9: Newspaper clippings, 1976-1977

Folder 10: Asahikawa Representatives Visit, 1979

Includes correspondence and guest book

Folder 11: Newspaper Clippings, 1978-82

Folder 12: WJBC Great Escape to Japan, 1980

Includes correspondence, lists and newspaper clippings

Folder 13: Asahikawa 90th Anniversary, 1980

Folder 14: Artist Scott Jones, 1980-1982

Folder 15: Correspondence: 2 undated, 1976, 1980-1982

Folder 16: Budget, 1981-1982

Folder 17A: Twentieth anniversary, 1982

Includes correspondence

Folder 17B: Twentieth anniversary, 1982

Includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, booklet and photos

Folder 18: Senior High Exchange Program Flyer, 1981

Folder 19: Japanese Secretary General visits B-N, 1983

Folder 20: Sports Exchange, 1983

Coaches Duffy Bass, Jim Scott give baseball and coaching clinics in Asahikawa; includes newspaper clippings

Folder 21: Correspondence, 1983-1985

Folder 22: Budget, 1983-1987

Includes IRS records, 1985-1987

Folder 23: Correspondence, 1986

Includes meeting minutes

Folder 24: Twenty-fifth anniversary, 1987

Includes correspondence, booklet/program

Folder 25: Twenty-fifth anniversary (continued)

Includes contributors, meeting agendas and minutes

Folder 26: Twenty-fifth anniversary (continued)

Includes photos, newspaper clippings and newsletter

Folder 27: Junior High Exchange Program

Folder 28: Senior High Exchange, 1983-1985 and 1987-1988

Folder 29: Correspondence, 1988-1990

Folder 30: Correspondence, 1991-1992

BOX TWO

Folder 1: Thirtieth Anniversary correspondence, 1992

Includes program

Folder 2: Budget, 1988-1992

Folder 3: Junior High Exchange Program, 1990-1992

Folder 4: Correspondence, 1993-1997

Folder 5: Budget, 1993-97

Includes manual, fiscal year 1996-1997

Folder 6: Fundraisers, 1995-1996

Includes charity dinner and auction

Folder 7: Japanese representatives visit B-N, Aug. 21, 1996

Folder 8: Fundraiser, Feb. 23, 1997

Includes correspondence regarding funding 35th anniversary celebration in Asahikawa, July 29, 1997

Folder 9: Jr. High Exchange, 1993

Folder 10: Jr. High Exchange, 1994

Folder 11: Jr. High Exchange, 1995-1997

Folder 12: Newspaper clippings, 1998

Folder 13: Budget, 1998-1999

Folder 14: Jr. High Exchange, 1998-1999

Folder 15: Jr. High Exchange, 2000

Folder 16: Jr. High Exchange, 2001

Folder 17: Sr. High Exchange, 1993-1994

Folder 18: Nursing Exchange, 1978-1983

Includes correspondence regarding cross-cultural program between
Mennonite Hospital and Asahikawa hospital

Folder 19: Research Exchange, 1994-1995

Includes correspondence regarding Illinois State University and
Asahikawa university exchange program

Folder 20: Sister City Newsletters, 1981-1997

Folder 21: Japanese Gardens at Ewing Manor

Folder 22: Asahikawa Maps (3 versions)

Folder 23: Unidentified photos

BOX THREE

Folder 1: Japanese Promotional Pieces

Folder 2: Postcards

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

Includes undated correspondence and newspaper clippings (American and
Japanese)

Folder 4: Student Exchange Program, 2002-2003

Folder 5: Etsuya Miura Memorial, 2004

Folder 6: 40th Anniversary, 2002

Folder 7: 45th Anniversary, 2007

Folder 8: Newspaper clippings, 2011

- Folder 9: 50th Anniversary – July 2012**
- Folder 10: Individual Student Exchange files, 1985-1997**
- Folder 11: Individual Student Exchange files, 1988-1989**
- Folder 12: Individual Student Exchange files, 1990-1991**
- Folder 13: Individual Student Exchange files, 1992-1993**
Folder 14: Individual Student Exchange files, 1994-1995
- Folder 15: Individual Student Exchange files, 1996-1997**
- Folder 16: Individual Student Exchange files, 1998-1999**
- Folder 17: Individual Student Exchange files, 2003**
- Folder 18: Diamond-Star Motors**
- Folder 19: Minutes, 1980-1989**
- Folder 20: Minutes, 1990-1995**
- Folder 21: Minutes, 1995-2000**
- Folder 22: Minutes, 2001-2008**
- Folder 23: Minutes, 2009-2011**
- Folder 24: Minutes, 2012-2014**
- Folder 25: Minutes, 2015**
- Folder 26: Budget, 1999-2007**

BOX FOUR

Book 1: Name unknown, 1990 (only in Japanese)

Book 2: Name unknown, 1990 (only in Japanese)

Appears to be a photo history

Book 3: Stamp Book, 1986

Stamp book presented by Mr. Shoji Sueyama, the postmaster of Asahikawa Post Office to Mayor Jesse R. Smart, Mayor Paul Harmon and Earl Kingman

Book 4: Asahikawa Hokkaido Japan

A photographic history of the area

Binder 1: 40th Anniversary Scrapbook

Includes photos, news articles, and correspondences

Envelope 1: Bloomington Hill Wedding Village Package

Folder 1: Photographs, 1983-1992

20th Anniversary, 25th Anniversary, Ewing Manor garden (3/4/83), 30th Anniversary (2 roles), Cubs Caravan (1992)

Folder 2: Photographs, 2002-2005

Various home gardens to compare to Ewing Manor Garden, Bloomington trip to Asahikawa/Bloomington Hill (5/05), Student Exchange (02/03 & 03/04), 40th Anniversary, Sister City group at Bloomington/Normal Airport

Folder 3: Slides, 1985-1990

Jr. H.S. Visit (4/85), Kanazawa (9/90), Asahikawa Welcome Party (9/90), Tokyo and Takayama (9/90)

Folder 4: History of Asahikawa (1960); color brochure (Japanese/English)

BOX FIVE

Photo Albums/Scrapbooks

1962-1985- News articles and photos of trips to Japan

1985-1987- News articles and photos for Jr. High exchange program

1964- Photos from trip to Japan

1962-1965- Newspaper articles, photos, correspondence

Other related scrapbooks/binders located in Archives Annex

1. SB-205 – Scrapbook: Kokuyo Album, 1990 Asahikawa Memory (18 photos and cutlines)
2. SB-206 – Scrapbook: Pantagraph and other clippings, 1974, '75, '76, '77
3. SB-207– Two letters regarding “Sister Cities, The Road to Peace” and pages of photos apparently of a trip (or trips) to Bloomington. Some photos are dated September 1965.
4. SB-208 – Binder: 1980 clips from trip to Asahikawa
5. SB-209
6. SB-210 – Scrapbook: 1960-1965 (includes a copy of the 20th Anniversary celebration banquet)