



希望の鐘 *The Bell of Hope*



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Club President Theme 「Return to the starting point and support Kawagoe YMCA.」

International President: A. Shanavaskhan (India)

Theme: Together for a better world

Slogan: Arise and Shine

Asia Pacific Area President Joan Wong (Hong Kong)

Theme: Make a big impact!

Japan East Region Director Kohei Yamada (Utsunomiya)

Theme: Determine the direction of Y's Movement.

Kantotobu Director Goshiro Yamamoto (Kawagoe)

Theme: We may be small, but we are not helpless

Biblical Words

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

October Attendance (Oct. 12, 19)

Participants 9 Attendance 90%

Kawagoe Club October Meeting report

President Taro Tonegawa

This year's unusual weather has continued into October with "lingering heat". In mid-October, 105 midsummer days were recorded in Japan, and many people wondered when to shift to fall/winter clothes. In the midst of such hot weather, the October meeting of the Kawagoe Club and the joint meeting of Saitama, Tokorozawa, and Kawagoe clubs was held at Tokorozawa YMCA and Child Rearing Center on October 12 (Sat).

I will leave the joint monthly meeting to Ms. Hisayo Arai's report and report here on the Kawagoe office meeting.

1. Kawagoe Club 25th Anniversary

We have created a flyer for the Kawagoe Club's 25th anniversary meeting.

The original design is a bright and impressive illustration of a bell tower and a mountain bellflower by Hisayo Arai.

The catchphrase is "Smiling 25 years, smiling into the future".

You can also apply via a QR code.

The event's date, time, and location will be re-listed below.

Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024, 15:30 Registration

Venue: Restaurant "Hermitage

22-5 Wakita Honcho, Kawagoe City

3 minutes walk from "Kawagoe Station" West Exit

Fee: 5,500 yen all-you-can-drink

川越クラブ25周年記念例会

**ニコニコ25年
笑顔で
未来へ**

日時 : 令和6年12月1日(日)
 受付 : 15:30~
 記念例会 : 16:00~16:30
 懇親会 : 16:30~18:30
 場所 : レストラン「エルミタージュ」
 川越市総田本町22-5 ラ・ボア・ラクテ地下F
 川越駅西口下車 徒歩3分
 TEL.049-243-6607
 参加費 : 5,500円(飲み放題付き)
 申込締切: 11月10日(日)

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• Kawagoe Club's 25th anniversary magazine is published.

This A4-size, 16-page, full-color commemorative publication mainly covers the Kawagoe Club's history over the six years since its 20th anniversary.

2 About the Charity "Kawagoe Imo"

The flyer for the charity "Kawagoe Imo" has been renewed.

• You can now access the Google Form from the QR code and place your order. In addition to "Beniakakintoki," we can order "Beniharuka" and "Silk



故・工藤雅さんが始められたチャリティ「川越イモ紅あか金時」販売は、昨年お母様のご協力により実施することが出来ました。あらためまして感謝申し上げます。

今年からチャリティ「川越イモ」として、内容を一新して販売を行いますので、引き続きよろしくお願いいたします。

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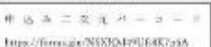
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Sweet.”

3. About the Charity Run

The event will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at Tokorozawa Aviation Park.

We will enter 2 teams as a team sponsor. The members of the runners are children who attend Kawagoe class.

The Kawagoe Club will donate 2 boxes of 5kg of Beniaka potatoes, 3 boxes of assorted potato snack sets, and 3 bags of Y's Forest Coffee.

4. About the Bus Trip

The bus trip will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Participants will include children who attend the YMCA, their parents, and those interested in the YMCA, and Y's Men's Club activities. We will apply for a subsidy from the District CS Funds.

5. About the Postcard Contest

We selected postcards for the "Picture Postcard Contest" requested by the Tokorozawa Club.

These are the main contents of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Kawagoe YMCA on Saturday, November 23 at 14:00.

[Listening to the lecture on "Children who are crazy about games and the Internet" at the three-club-joint meeting](#)

[ARAI, Hisayo](#)

Time and Date; 18:00, Saturday, October12,2024

Venu; Child Rearing Center, Tokorozawa

Speaker: Satoshi Ota MC: Keiko Tonegawa

First, I would like to share something that I found very interesting when I heard about this topic. I have four grandchildren, ages 10, 6, 3, and 0, and they all love both games and videos on the Internet. We even ask them to extend the time they spend using their tablets and PCs as rewards for their studies and hard work.

In addition, my oldest son and his wife work for a game production company and are on the side of providing games and information about them.

And when I talk with the students in the art classes I teach (ranging from young children to elementary, middle, and high school students to adults raising children), I realize that games and the Internet (including Internet videos) are all very familiar to them.

Now, how do we deal with these things? The lecturer, Mr. Satoshi Ota's talk was easy to understand, both in its presentation and progression, and it was easy to understand the current state of affairs. I also learned that the problem of game addiction is more severe and is in danger of becoming a real problem.

On the other hand, the report also showed that the YMCA is participating in research projects with its members' children and is making the most of its unique characteristics to produce research results. This report gave us hope for the future and new developments.

I am also intensely interested in the world of many of the children I encounter daily in my art classes. During the time we spend together, I want to share time with them and deeply understand their characteristics, learn and develop together, and create art.

One of the conclusions is not only to fear addiction but first! Stay close to it! I was very encouraged by the word "understanding." The opposite of addiction is connection... "Independence is to increase the number of people on whom we depend" → "Independence is to increase the number of places we rely on" I will keep this in mind when I spend time with my children.



Satoshi Ota, Table talk speaker



Kawagoe Club Participants



Group Photo

Y's Men's Club Kanto-tobu District Convention was held in Kawagoe.

The following is a thank-you note from our District Governor, Goshiro Yamamoto.

To all of you

On Saturday, October 19, the Y's Men's Club Kanto-tobu District Convention was held at Westa Kawagoe with a total of 56 participants. The musical performance by [CreativeArts Tokyo](#) was presented at the convention, and we could see a comical but meaningful play.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this convention. We are also very grateful to the four participants from the Ito Club of the Mount Fuji District. I would also like to thank Nakafumi Komatsu from the Atsugi Club and Terutada Tamegai from the Tokyo Tama Smile Club.

We may be insignificant, but we are not helpless! I would like to continue to make the Y's Men's Club more exciting and I look forward to your continued support.



Group Photo

From the International Stage “Keiko’s Monthly Briefing of YMI/ASP”

International Youth Convocation (IYC2024) will start.

Keiko Tonegawa

One of the main pillars of Y's Men's Club activities is the Youth Project. To support the development of young people who will lead the next generation, Youth Projects include:

- The iGO internship program.
- The establishment of Youth Clubs.
- The holding of Youth Convocations.

The International and Area Youth Convocations are held alternately every year. In 2024, the International Youth Convocation will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from November 5 to 10. A total of six participants, two from the Japan East Region and four from the Japan West Region, will attend this convocation. Many of you may remember that Ms. Haruna Kinoshita from Saitama YMCA Kawagoe Center participated in the previous International Youth Convocation in Chiang Mai.

The programs include a wide range of learning and cross-cultural experiences, such as IYC sessions, in which participants discuss social issues and create action plans to solve them, tours of local historical and educational facilities, service activities at schools, desert safaris, ethnic costume fashion shows, and cultural performances.

The program is designed to provide a wide range of learning and cross-cultural experiences. Every year, we have received reports from participating youth that the encounters and exchanges with participants from overseas and the experience of service activities provided them with valuable opportunities to review their own way of life.

Unfortunately, the Kawagoe Club didn't recommend any Youth this time, but the participants from Japan East Region are students from Tokyo, so we can ask them to report to us at our regular meeting after their return to Japan.

For your reference, I would like to post a photo of Ms. Kinoshita, participating enthusiastically in the discussion during the International Youth Convocation held in Chiang Mai the year before last.



Mr. Kinoshita (far right), who participated the year before last on the recommendation of the Kawagoe Club



Group photo from the year before last

YMCA Report

Manami Nagao

<Street Donation Campaign for the Charity Run>

Kawagoe Center held a charity-run fundraising in front of the Kawagoe Station East Exit.

October 19th was the Kawagoe Festival, and the streets in front of Kawagoe Station were quite crowded.

People from other organizations who were also fundraising donated money. Urawa Clover graduates also joined the fundraising activities, politely bowing as they requested donations.

This fundraising activity is an excellent opportunity to let people on the street know that the YMCA is also involved in this activity. We want to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help us.



<The Kawagoe Bible Study Group Resumed.>

After a long break, the Bible study group will resume at Kawagoe Center on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. starting in November. Pastor Moriyuki Kihara moved from Nagano to Kotesashi in April. His wife is the niece of Mr. Jiro Mochida. The first meeting will be held on November 21, 2024. Anyone is welcome to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

(Editor's Postscript)

Although a little later than usual, we could publish another "The Bell of Hope" issue with everyone's cooperation. I would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, the 25th anniversary of the Kawagoe Club on December 1 is fast approaching. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Club President Taro Tonegawa and others, the maximum number of 50 participants has been decided. The fact that we were selected as the best club at the most recent Japan East Regional Convention will add a big flourish to this anniversary party. I look forward to participating with the Menettes as a Chater member.

Japan's population is shrinking as the birthrate declines and the population ages more and more. The lack of successors is a major challenge for all organizations. According to a recent newspaper report, a major hotel chain is offering jobs to university students in tourism-related fields, even to first-year students.

I was surprised by the hotel chain's response, as I had just heard from an instructor in charge of employment at a university at a meeting just before reading this newspaper article that 35% of the students at that university had received job offers in their junior year, and that the job market for employers was overheated. Our club, which was established with the primary goal of supporting the Saitama YMCA Kawagoe Center, will need to change what needs to be changed after a quarter of a century. I look forward to a meaningful commemorative meeting. (KY)