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CONCORD NANAE NETWORK (CNN)

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Plus ca change, plus la meme chose! This year saw exciting changes in using the Internet to further the sister city relationship and repeats of some oldies but goodies.



Nanae October delegation and host families gather before saying "bye-o-nara."

In April the Concord-Carlisle High School Concert Band and Sci Fi Club toured Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. The trip began in Sapporo where, as official representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Massachusetts-Hokkaido Sister State Relationship, the group presented gifts to Hokkaido's Vice-Governor and played a joint concert with the Sapporo Shiroishi Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Most of the students had home stays and took part in a number of cross-cultural experiences.

From Sapporo the Concert Band and Sci Fi Club drove to the Prince Hotel in Nanae where they were welcomed

by Nanae Mayor Nakamiya and hundreds of Nanae citizens. The following days were filled with home stays, two concerts and cultural activities. The April 19 joint concert was streamed live to CCTV in Concord who then rebroadcast it live to homes in Carlisle and Concord. On April 20, the Concord-Carlisle High School and Nanae High School formalized their sister school relationship in a public ceremony.

In the spring, the Boston Foundation announced the creation of the Thomas G. Curtin-Bobby Kargula Nanae Fund that will donate a minimum of \$2,500 annually to the Town of Concord to support the Concord-Nanae Sister City relationship.

In late June, a delegation of CCHS and Willard School teachers went to Nanae to explore technological means to further the relationship between schools and to discuss the future plans of the Nanae High School's Concert Band coming to Concord. The trip was funded by the Curtin-Kargula Fund, the Willard School PTG and the teachers. No Town funds were used.

During his second year in Nanae, Concordian Bobby Kargula, the Coordinator of International Relations (CIR) in Nanae, added chapters to his website about his experiences in Nanae (cir.concordcarlisle.wikispaces.net). Before finishing as CIR in September, he completed two videos about Nanae that can be seen at concordnanae.com. We thank Bobby for his excellent two years of service to Nanae and Concord.

Nanae sent its annual delegation of eight students and six adults in October. The adults, including three local businessmen, were enthusiastically welcomed by Deputy Town Manager Doug Meagher, the Concord Museum, Orchard House, Emerson Umbrella and the Concord Art Association. A pizza night at CCHS was attended by host families, students and members of the Concord Nanae Network.

CIR-to-be Ben Mirin was a great help with the Nanae students at CCHS in October. Among other things, he organized the students producing a videotape of their visit. Before leaving for Nanae on November 28, Ben created a Concord-Nanae blog, youtube site and facebook page to facilitate the citizens of Concord, Carlisle and Nanae's staying in touch with each other.



Deputy Town Manager Douglas Meagher met with Nanae Mayor Yasukazu Nakamiya and Nanae Assembly Speaker Kunihiko Sakata when they visited Concord briefly before joining the Hokkaido Government delegation in Boston to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Massachusetts-Hokkaido Sister State Relationship.

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*Community Access Television begins 7th Year of Service
 Operating Concord's 3 PEG Channels*

It has been an exciting year for CCTV, Inc., which continued to produce an ever-expanding range of programming for the communities of Concord and

Carlisle. Production training and outreach remain a high priority for our staff as we continue to arm our members with the high level shooting and editing skills needed to produce effective, compelling programming that reflects the interests and passions of the communities we represent.

CCTV is an independent corporation that operates under contracts with the Towns of Concord and Carlisle and utilizes franchise fee revenues from Comcast to fund most of the operations of the station. Major services include programming on Channels 8, 9 and 10, devoted to Public, Government and Education programming, respectively.

Community access television relies on local citizens to produce our programming. Anyone living in Concord or Carlisle or affiliated with a Town organization or company may apply to join as a member of CCTV.

We had yet another record-breaking year for training hours on our edit machines as well as with field cameras and our studio equipment. We also moved our Anycast mobile production equipment around the towns quite crisply to cover a wide range of events. As those who have worked on the system know, it's not "plug and play," but our hard working staff have trained members to make the setup and operation of the system as easy as possible.



CCTV volunteer Marshall Lee is part of the crew video taping the Concord Band as part of the 375th Birthday Celebration.

We have added a number of exciting new regular programs to our schedule including "Right Here, Right Now with Mara Dolan" which is being aired in towns across the metropolitan Boston area.