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Dear LSCA Members and Friends,

Hello everyone, 2023 is going to be a big year for us. After 5 years of waiting we will be returning to visit our sister city, Harima-Cho, this coming June. We have 8 current high school students representing Lima Central Catholic, Lima Senior, Shawnee and Bluffton. We also have an Elida graduate joining us who was to be part of the 2020 trip that was canceled. We have 2 chaperones going to supervise the upcoming trip, Matthew Neeley (Current LSCA President) and Phoebe Adams (Board Youth Relations).

Leaving May 30, the group's trip will be a 2-week long adventure touring across Japan visiting various locations.. Starting with Tokyo, then traveling south to Mt. Fuji, over to the Bamboo Forest of Kyoto, continuing to Osaka Bay, and ending in the Hiroshima area before arriving at our sister city, Harima-Cho, where we will remain from June 8th until June 13 when we will head back home.

On April 15, we will have our Annual Cherry Blossom Viewing with a rain date scheduled for April 22. We are asking for volunteers on April 1st (no joke) to help with our annual spring maintenance day. Without volunteers like you, we would not be able to keep the park as beautiful as we do. We are also looking for support on some other future garden projects:

- Stamped garden sidewalks
- Rock scaping
- Plant replacement
- Retaining walls
- Performance patio area
- Concrete garden bed edging

Additionally, we are always looking for private or corporate donations to help our organization thrive. All donations are tax deductible and help us offset the cost for the Youth going on homestay trips, garden maintenance and improvements, and providing a memorable experience for Japanese visitors when we host them. Any and all help is appreciated.

We appreciate the continued support by each and everyone of you, and hope to see you at our upcoming local events.

Sincerely,

Matthew Neeley

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