

WORTHINGTON INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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Global Update

News from the Worthington International Friendship Association

Mark your calendars for these exciting WIFA events!

WIFA night at "The Scioto Company," Bicentennial Play:

Join your WIFA friends or make new friends as we enjoy an evening of theater, entertainment and reflection on Worthington's history at "The Scioto Company."

Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more.

- Thursday, July 10, 2003
- 8:00 p.m.
- Thomas Worthington High School, Cardinal Theatre
- Tickets: \$9 each (save \$3 off the regular ticket price)
- Pre-play reception beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please see the enclosed flyer and send in your reservation today! For more information, contact WIFA Board Members Judy Barnhart at (614) 436-2343 or Wade Duym at (614) 564-4362.

SISTER-CITY NEWS:

WIFA float in the Bicentennial Homecoming Parade!

The Worthington International Friendship Association will honor Worthington's Sister-City partnership with Sayama, Japan with a float in the Worthington **Bicentennial Homecoming Parade at 10:03 a.m. on Saturday, July 5th**. (10:03 marks the date that Worthington's founders arrived -- in October, or the 10th month, of 1803.) A group of Tiako drummers will perform on the float, which will also contain Japanese decorations and signage indicating the Worthington-Sayama connection. The Bicentennial parade features floats created by community and neighborhood groups, which honor significant moments in Worthington's history.

Youth Soccer Team visiting Worthington this Summer

August 22 - 27, 2003

The Worthington Youth Boosters and WIFA are welcoming a team of approximately 33 kids from sister-city Sayama, Japan to Worthington. The boys, ages 14 and under, will play in a city-wide soccer tournament during their visit

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from August 22nd to 27th. The Youth Boosters are recruiting host families to house the boys during their visit. A tentative schedule has games being played on Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd and 24th. More information will be available as plans are confirmed.

Sayama Mayoral Delegation coming this Fall!

October 22 - 26, 2003 (tentative dates)

Plans are underway to welcome the Mayor of Sayama, and a delegation of Sayama City officials to Worthington for the Founders Day celebrations in October 2003. Mayor Machida was invited by Worthington Mayor Harvey Minton and City Council President Lou Goorey to join the Worthington community in the celebration of our 200th birthday. Mayor Machida has accepted the invitation and details are being developed to welcome the delegation.

Worthington Delegation to Sayama

Initial conversations are taking place with the City of Sayama to send a Worthington delegation to the sister-city this fall. Plans are in preliminary stages and no dates have been set. As soon as arrangements are made with Sayama, we will notify WIFA members of the opportunity to apply to be on the Worthington delegation.

MEMBERSHIPS

WIFA offers its members the opportunity to explore other cultures and meet people from far away nations. Members are given first priority with applying to serve as delegates for trips to Sayama, Japan. If you are not currently a member of WIFA, joining is easy. Individual and family memberships are very affordable, with special discounts for students and senior citizens. Annual dues are: Individual - \$15; Family - \$25; Student - \$10; Senior Citizen - \$10. Please call Anne Brown, with the City of Worthington, at 854-7173 to obtain a membership application form.