



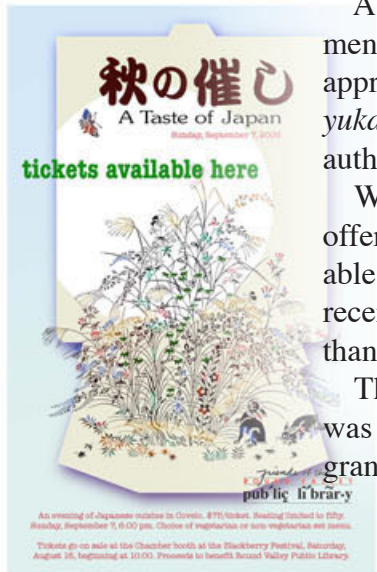
As a small community we try to dovetail as many tasks as we can while maximizing the experience for the members of our community. I'd like to describe one such fundraising program for you.

For our Taste of Japan event we tapped into local talents, creating a delicious menu. A local rancher donated his space for the event, and we were able to purchase all dishes and decorations through a wholesaler in Sacramento. We recruited seventy-five volunteers to serve an anticipated fifty guests--over half of the volunteers were children. We set up programs ahead of time to teach the children a few basic Japanese phrases and Japanese etiquette. We had a rehearsal dinner for the kids prior to the dinner so that they would be familiar with the food and therefore able to serve our guests with confidence.

A pamphlet was prepared for guests describing each item on the menu, how to eat it, and how to serve their tablemates *sake* in an appropriate manner. We had a boutique of Japanese *hanten* and *yukata* (both summer wear) where any guests wishing to purchase authentic clothing to wear for the event could do so.

While dessert was being served, all dishes were washed and offered for sale as the last songs were sung. In the end, we were able to sell off the dishes and props at their retail price. We also received enough additional donations from grateful guests to more than cover all of the original wholesale outlay--doubling our profit.

The volunteers learned new skills, one of our senior members was able to be a singing sensation for a night, and we all had a grand time!



THANK YOU Gokurousamaden! ご苦労様でした!

We wish to thank all of the volunteers who have worked hard to make this program happen. We are very pleased to be able to offer a top quality value, served traditional, called Tempura, on Drinking Mountain Sake.

We would especially like to thank Roland and Jacquie for opening their home to us and for continually acting as a stabilizing presence in the valley.

A Taste of Japan
Sunday, September 7, 2008
 Market Place and Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm
 Dinner served promptly at 7:00

Thank you for your generous donation to the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library.

Your contribution is one of the many ways members of the community can help to make our new library a reality. To find out about other ways you can participate, visit our web site at: www.RoundValley.org/library/

Dinner will be served at 7:00 on Sunday, September 7, 2008. However, feel free to come a little early and mingle. You'll be welcome any time after 6:00. Light refreshments will be served before the dinner and you'll have a chance to browse through a wide range of treasures from Japan, brought in especially for this event. Proceeds will, of course, go to benefit the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library fund.

Directions: Once in Covelo, turn left (west) on Howard Street. At the end of Howard Street turn left (south) at the stop sign onto Airport Road. After crossing a bridge, the airport is on your right. Airport Road then curves (narrows) around the airport. Continue to the end of Airport Road onto Roland a piece, Valley View

