

SWYAA USA Activity Report 2017

Part of SWYAA goal is promoting cultural friendship and understanding. That has been a constant strength of US Alumni and other ex-PYs living inside the U.S. Even though it's been 10 years since the last U.S. delegation that participated directly in the SWY program, numerous meet ups, reunions, and first-time friendships across different years have occurred in the past year. The photos below are a glimpse of how busy alumni have been meeting other PYs from other batches.

First Quarter: January – March 2017



SWYer Wedding: Mazal Gavrielov mid-January wedding brings together past participants: Taishya (SWY11, SWY17NL), Auggie (SWY17), Jessica (SWY17 Australia), Mazal (SWY17), Dahlia (SWY14, SWY20NL) and Yukiko (SWY17 Japan) in Queens, NY.



San Francisco dinner get together with Angela from New Zealand, Dasha from Russia, Tomoe from Japan, and Paul from U.S. From January 2017.



U.S. ex-PY Jim Piechowski meeting up with Costa Rica ex-PY Gustavo Ramirez Bacca in Chicago.



SWY 14 ex-PYs Dahlia and Mirna met up in New York.

Second Quarter: April – June 2017



Organic SWYer Farm: SWY17 Onur Erdogan (Turkey), Jordan Marr (Canada) and Auggie Bartning (USA) come together in Kelowna, British Columbia at Unearthed Fine Veggies & Herbs farm in June.



SWY 13 meet up after over 15 years. Pancho from Chile, Kuni from Paraguay, and Paul from U.S. Pancho and Kuni were living in Washington D.C. where Kuni worked for the Paraguayan Embassy.



Many ex-PYs relocate and move to the U.S. whether for work, school, or a temporary stay. This is a San Francisco meet up of Tomoe SWY 28, Kana SWY 26, Yuriko SWY 20, and Paul SWY 13.



IYEO Oita Prefecture office Tatsuhiko Takahashi and his wife Akiko received a tour of Hawaii with U.S. ex-PY Paul and Minnie Mouse

Third Quarter: July-September 2017



Meet up ex-PYs Yukie Tamagawa alongside US ex-PYs Deepa, Zara, and Dahlia on the East Coast back in July.



SWY17 Alejandra Romero (Costa Rica) and SWY17 Auggie Bartning (USA) had dinner in San Jose, Costa Rica this July with part of a wedding party, where an Arizona man from Mexico married a Costa Rican woman—and they both work at Amazon.

Fourth Quarter: October – December 2017



SWY reunion with former GA participants Kattrean Webber (New Zealand), Bonny (Australia) and Auggie (USA) in Hammersmith in London.



Spanish ex-PY Yuriko li reunites with U.S. ex-PY Zara in Mexico in November.