



Gateway Korea Foundation

Dear Friends,

As we look toward 2015, I am excited to share what we at Gateway Korea Foundation (GKF) have accomplished together in 2014 and the events we are planning for 2015.

First of all, we have made great strides in formally establishing the GKF organization. Earlier this year we launched our website at www.gateway-korea.org and we were approved as a 501(c)(3) organization.

We also hosted two inaugural events in 2014; one to celebrate DanO and the other to celebrate Chuseok.

The DanO celebration included a Gallery Talk at the Korean Art Gallery at the St. Louis Art Museum and a lecture about the Art during the Jeongjo period by Dr. Hyun Jung Kim in the Farrell Auditorium. We hosted a successful fundraising dinner at the Panorama Restaurant in the Museum and a reception for Dr. Kim at the St. Louis Alzheimer's Association conference center. The reception was open to the public and many distinguished guests attended, including representatives from the Peace Corps and the international community in St. Louis. We owe the success of the DanO celebration to Dr. Hyun Jung Kim, Associate Curator of Korean Art, Asian Art Museum in San Francisco and Dr Hu, Associate Curator in charge of Asian Art at the St. Louis Art Museum.

The second event, the Chuseok festival in the fall, was held at McGrath Elementary School in the Brentwood School District. It was a huge success with fun and excitement. Many families attended. We also received a significant amount of local news coverage including coverage by Fox News, Brentwood Spirit, and the Korean American Journal. The festival included 20 activities which were organized by volunteers from the St. Louis metro area under the leadership of Dr. Han Ko, Vice Chairperson of GKF. The festival included a performance by the Hong Jin Hee Dance Troupe which traveled from South Korea for the event. Overall we had about eight hundred people from the St. Louis community come to learn more about how Koreans celebrate the fall harvest.

In our journey celebrating the Korean Culture during 2014, we met many friends. We met Korean descendants, friends through marriage, and friends through the Peace Corps and military service. Some new friends had no connection to Korea at all, yet they brought a curiosity and developed passion for the Korean Culture. With these friends we will continue to grow and expand our efforts to serve our mission. I hope you will continue to join us.

Please follow us on our website to learn more about the 2015 DanO and Chuseok celebrations, as well as some new initiatives that we will be rolling out in mid-2015.

Thank you again for your support, encouragement and invaluable advice during 2014.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes for the New Year,

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