

Career & Technical Education Center Hosts Japanese Salon Owner

Sept. 23, 2009 (New Hartford, N.Y.) – Through the Utica Rotary Club’s Group Study Exchange program, students in the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES cosmetology classes met Yuka Sunano, who is from Wakayama, Japan, and owns her own beauty salon.

The Rotary Group Study program is an international professional and cultural exchange. The exchange team is comprised of five members, four who are non-Rotarians between 25 and 40 years old and a Rotarian team leader, explained Jim Turnbull IV, president elect of the Utica Rotary Club.

“Having a cosmetologist from another country share their educational background and professional opportunities is a learning experience for our students,” said Jeanne Markley, principal of the Career and Technical Education Center. “Learning about diverse cultures and entrepreneurship experiences enhances our students’ ability to understand globalization and see expanded opportunities for learning and employment.”

The team will spend a month in the upstate New York area experiencing how their vocation is practiced in this country. “We have found this to be mutually beneficial for both the team member and the vocational host,” Turnbull said. “Many of our group members make contacts and share information for years to come with their hosts.”

“Fairly recently I opened my own eyelash salon,” writes Sunano. “I have been asking customers what kind of service they are demanding. Recently, not only hair care and nail care, but total beauty including the tattoo, hair extensions, eye lash extensions, psychological care like aromatherapy and reflexology became popular in Japan. I’d like to experience a variety of techniques related to beauty and know what kind of service the customer requests in your areas.”

