

Conversation Leaders: Joyce, MaryAnn, Libby, Cliff and Joan

Students: Hyun ju, Yoko, Yuka, Satoko

Following are Joyce's notes:

ESL & VBS Information: We looked at the flyers about ESL and were wondering if maybe there should be two flyers - one about the ESI Conversation group and the other about how to sign up for GPLC. None of the women today seemed to know about GPLC. Yuka was interested and I think that we got her to understand what to do. If we use the flyer that you made, they suggested that we change the top a little and add St. Brendan's phone number also at the top when it mentions the conversation group. *(From Jon: I did this and have sent it to the planning committee for consideration.)*

I handed out Vacation Bible school flyers for them or to give to friends. I also distributed a newcomer's handout of activities at St. Brendan's that they could join, such as the knitting group and hiking group. --- All would be ways for them to practice English.

Discussion: Weddings and how they met their spouses were the topics for today.

Joan took notes and kept track of the word pronunciation that we needed to practice - they seemed to like that. *(From Jon: The students have asked us to help them by noting their incorrect pronunciations and talking to them about it during the coffee break. This has worked well the past two classes.)*

*(We had anticipated having three quieter students for this class and the plan was to divide into two conversation groups, one with just the quieter students.)*

For the wedding conversation, the only quiet one I had was Yuka but it worked beautifully. Because she knew the questions it was obvious that she had studied and practiced. I asked her open ended questions and she spoke well and perfectly - just needed a smile to encourage her. I kept telling her how well she was doing and she kept smiling and saying thank you. I also put key words from the wedding questions on cards and had her put each into a sentence which she did very well. She told me that she liked our time together

The topic they chose for next Thursday is Places to Live; Homes, Apartments, Condos, etc.