

Conversation Friends                      Class # 41                      Thursday,                      November 9, 2017                      10:00am - noon

Volunteers: Cliff\*    Libby

Students: Hyun ju, Yoko, Rainbow, Jing Sun, Guosheng, Xi Lin and a new member, Jinok Sung.

Cliff's Notes:

We spent the first half of the class talking about the recent Pittsburgh area county and local elections and comparing the U.S. election process to those in Japan, China and South Korea.

At the end, we had a very interesting discussion about women in government and the lack of sufficient numbers of women in government positions, particularly at higher levels, in all of the countries represented in our group.

We decided to spend time in the class on November 16 conversing about women and their situations, opportunities and treatment in the various countries.

We had an extended break because the students were doing so well speaking English to each other.

The last half hour was spent discussing articles in the November issue of the newspaper, especially about the confrontation between the U.S. and North Korea. In so doing, we learned more about the Korean peninsula in general and the opinions of our Chinese students who have lived near the China-NK border.