**Part of introduction of a “History of the DaeJeon Hikers”**

To our best recollection as a group, the Daejeon Hikers (aka Taejonhikers) started as an informal group led by Juli Sherer, an English teacher at KAIST from the USA in the late 1990s. She liked hiking and found that she could more effectively teach her students English while out walking in the hills and mountains around Daejeon rather than in a classroom. One of her Korean students, Chang-Hoon Kim (김창훈), soon became the person who led most of the hikes since he had the most experience and knowledge of the trails in the area. Later, Some Germans, on assignment at a German factory near Daejeon, became part of the group. A few Germans also took part in leading the hikes after they learned where the trails were. Two of them were Peter Froelich and Christopher Eitel. Our members included ex-pat foreigners from many countries and our hiking also included bicycle hikes around Daejeon. Some the hikes had ~20 people but most were low key with as few as two. Alan England (USA) began leading hikes after the Germans were rotated back to Germany and the experienced Korean hikers also left. Later, George Furst (USA) and the Korean Jong-moo Lee (이종무) took over as leaders from 2012 to the present. During the years ~2002 through 2011 there were three romances among the hikers that ended with marriages: (1) Jeonja (Korean) and Michael (German), (2) Amy (American) and Fouad (Pakistani), and (3) Michael (French) and JinYoung (Korean).