

Japan America Society of Minnesota

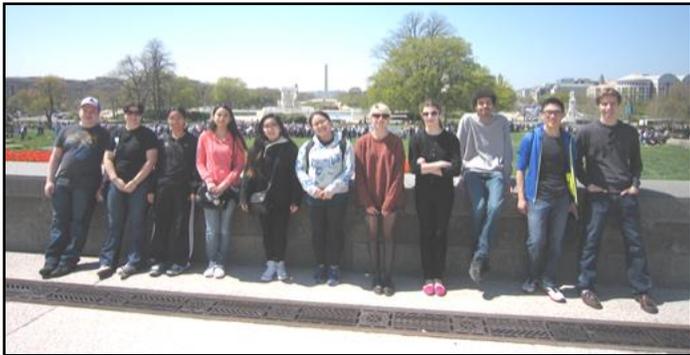


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J-Quiz Winners Reflect on Trip to D.C.



National Japan Bowl Participants from Minnesota High Schools

High school students studying Japanese from all over the United States, including three excellent teams representing Minnesota who previously won the J-Quiz, converged on Washington, D.C. for the 2016 National Japan Bowl on April 14th and 15th. It has been a highlight of the trip for many of our J-Quiz winners. This year's students wrote the following comments about their trip to Washington D.C.:

"The trip to Washington D.C. was definitely a huge learning experience for me because it was the first time I had ever gone on a trip to such an independent extent. Not only did I learn a lot about Japan during the competition but I also learned how important it is to be responsible in a group because things like being late affects not only you but everyone else in the group. The most memorable event for me would be taking pictures in the Washington Monument area because I felt like it was when everyone in the group started to open up to each other more. At the competition, I was fortunate enough to be able to make new friends from Virginia who were extremely kind to us and we even exchanged our information to keep in touch. Throughout the trip I felt that I have gotten to know my teacher a lot better as well. I will treasure the time I had to bond with her greatly because she is a really kind person that I look up to and I am really thankful and happy I was able to meet someone like her. The competition also opened up my eyes that there are many talented people around the country and I must work harder in studying Japanese in order to not lose to them."

-Amelia Li

"During my trip on to Washington D.C., it was probably the best experience in my entire life. It was my first time on a plane and also going to Washington D.C. I believe that I was given this opportunity to go in eighth grade but, it was super expensive and cost almost up to two-thousand dollars and I couldn't afford it. Luckily Mazda and other companies sponsored us and I'm grateful for them to have the honor of receiving such a rare gift. I've never competed in a language quiz bowl before and it's also my first time as a second level Japanese language student to participate in this.

Harukaze Concert: Bucket List Worthy Concert Coming Soon

The Japan America Society of Minnesota hopes to serve as a bridge between the peoples of the United States and Japan through a high quality annual performing arts event that promotes Japan related arts and local talent. The event on June 12th will give the community the unique opportunity to experience the arts in a personal way. This year, we will welcome both Japanese and American musicians to perform European music as well as Japanese children's songs and popular traditional melodies. Please save the date for this special concert.

Below are some of the pieces that will be performed at Harukaze 2016. Musicians will include (last names alphabetically ranked) David Livingston, Takako Seimiya Senn, Momoko Tanno, Gregory Theisen and, Jacqueline Ultan.



From Harukaze Concert 2014

The first part of the concert will consist of European classical music such as:

"Soaring As One-for Recorder and Piano"

- composed by Gregory Theisen, performed by David Livingston and Gregory Theisen

"Blue Rondo à la Turk"

- arr. by David Livingston and Gregory Theisen, composed by Dave Brubeck, performed by David Livingston and Gregory Theisen

The second part will include Japanese songs such as:

"Donguri Korokoro" - "Rolling Acorn"

"Furusato" - "My Country Home"

"Kono Michi" - "This Road"

"Machibouke" - "Waiting in Vain"

"Shimauta" - "Island Song"



Performed by David Livingston, Momoko Tanno, Gregory Theisen, and Jacqueline Ultan.

Moko Cakes will be serving Japanese deserts during reception.

Sunday, June 12th
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Hamline University
Sundin Music Hall
1531 Hewitt Ave
St. Paul, MN

\$10 for JASM members
\$15 for general admission
\$5 for 6-18 years old
Free for 6 and under

President Obama's Visit to Hiroshima



President Obama, from NTN News

President Obama will become the first sitting American president to visit Hiroshima, Japan on May 27th. This will be a significant visit due to the historical importance it holds. The visit serves as a coda to the transformation in the relationship

between the United States and Japan. Benjamin J. Rhodes, President Obama's deputy national security adviser for strategic communication, stated that "He will not revisit the decision to use the atomic bomb at the end of World War II." Instead, President Obama will be focusing the visit to Japan and the United States as a forward-looking vision for the future of the two countries working together. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan shows no signs of pressing for an apology. Instead, he would like the visit to honor the dead and to support the cause of nuclear disarmament. Prime Minister Abe stated that "Japan is the only country to be hit by a nuclear weapon, and we have a responsibility to make sure that terrible experience is never repeated anywhere." President Obama also shares these goals as he often speaks of hope for a world without nuclear weapons.

(This article was written on 5/19/2016. The information was taken from New York Times http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/11/us/politics/obama-hiroshima-visit.html?_r=0)

J-Quiz Winners Trip (Continued from Page 1)



Kayla, 2nd to the left from East View High School, level II J-Quiz winners

In Washington D.C., I thought that every moment was the best part of the trip such as touring the Lincoln Memorial and Chinatown. It was also my first time riding the metro using the metro cards to go from place to place on the subway and buses. Another fun opportunity was to see the famous art director of Kyary Pamyu Pamyu, and Sebastian Masuda. It's too bad I couldn't ask for his autograph

even though I sat two rows behind him but I was too nervous to ask. I also met some new friends there that are from Lake Braddocks High school in Virginia, they were really cool people and we even exchanged information such as phone numbers and snapchat. Overall it was a fun experience even with all the motion sickness, getting sunburnt, getting sick afterwards and missing 4 days of school in a row but, it was all worth it because I've never won something big as going into national competition before and I consider this as a special memorable moment and hope to win Japan Bowl next year as a third level student with the same team members."

- Kayla Cha

Nichibei Lecture Series: "Open Heart Surgery and Prevention of Heart Disease"

Dr. Rochus K. Voeller, MD was born in Tokyo, Japan. He is currently the director of cardio thoracic surgery at Fairview Southdale hospital and also assistant professor of surgery under division of cardio thoracic surgery of the University of Minnesota Medical School.



Dr. Voeller describes heart surgery as a complicated task that requires team work and precision. The heart is the most vital organ of the body and the hardest working muscle in the body. He also talked about the first successful operation on the heart which was performed by Dr. Daniel H Williams (1856 -1931). Over time the development of the heart-lung machine was created alongside the operation on the draining of the heart. The current state of cardiac surgery includes many things such as coronary revascularization, valve repairs/replacements, aortic surgery, arrhythmia surgery, heart failure surgery, and congenital heart surgery. Coronary artery disease (ischemic heart disease) is currently the number one killer in the US. Some of the risk factors to coronary artery disease are: genetics, obesity, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, and smoking. The treatments to Coronary artery disease are: Medicaid, percutaneous (stenting), and surgery (bypass surgery (CABG)).

Dr. Voeller also talked about what causes heart disease and how one can prevent this disease. Obesity, smoking, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, and stress/type A personality traits can all contribute to heart disease. To prevent heart disease one should control fats, obesity, blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, and exercise regularly. Dr. Voeller mentioned how prevention is cheaper and easier than treatment. What does heart surgery look like in the future? Dr. Voeller described it as a field that will be high in demand due to the continuously aging population and the decreased mortality over decades of experience. Dr. Voeller said that his field is that of an exciting one and that Europe and Japan's technology has advanced greatly that they are no longer behind the US. Nichibei Lecture Series is aimed at promoting the relationship between the US and Japan. This week's Nichibei Lecture Series consisted of the awareness of health and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. We greatly appreciate Dr. Voeller participating in our Nichibei Lecture Series and providing insightful information on heart disease and heart surgery.

Membership News

Thanks to the following
New JASM Members:

Mark D. Savin

Thanks to the following
Renewing JASM Members:

Akiko Durbin, Elizabeth J. Tisel, Hisako N. Bickner

Thanks to the following
Renewing JASM Corporate Members:

JETRO Chicago, Satellite Industries, Inc., Bowman and Brooke LLP, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Anime Twin Cities, Inc., Saji Ya

Thanks to the following
New Corporate Members:

Minnesota Orchestra

Corporate Roundtable Presents Differences in Business Cultures in Japan and Korea



Speaker Steve Dickinson

The Corporate Roundtable program on May 11 featured a presentation on "Comparing Business Approaches Between Japan and Korea". The talk was given by Steve Dickinson, International Lawyer for Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. Mr. Dickinson started the presentation with information that included import/export data on both Japan and Korea and their trade relationships with Minnesota. For example, the data indicated that Japan serves as a larger trading country with Minnesota as the 4th largest trading partner and the Republic of Korea ranks as 7th in trade with Minnesota.

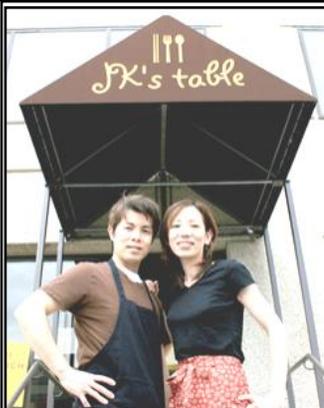
Mr. Dickinson also mentioned that there are many similarities in trade relations. Both Japan and Korea greatly depend on exports for their economies. Exports from Minnesota to both countries include, agricultural products, computer and electronic products and medical equipment. For their part, Japan and Korea export electronic products to the U.S. Some differences exist. Korea is not part of the Trans Pacific Partnership. Korea's largest trade partner is China and this is a factor in proceeding further in these talks.

Mr. Dickinson mentioned important cultural similarities between Japan and Korea. He said both countries have homogeneous societies in which developing personal relationships are important in doing business to be successful. Respect for age and position are important in building these relationships. Some differences are important as well. There is more attention to process and order in conducting business in Japan. In Korea, people are usually more direct in expressing disagreement. Mr. Dickinson cautioned that these are stereotypes and generalizations often do not apply in individual situations.

Following the presentation, there was discussion concerned with legal aspects of doing business in both countries. Mr. Dickinson mentioned the fact that legal representation has become important in both Japan and Korea U.S. law firms are now able to practice law in Japan. In South Korea, U.S. firms must work with a Korean law firm, although this may change in the future. Steve Dickinson gave an informative presentation on the business approaches to Japan and Korea for Minnesota companies. JASM also wishes to thank Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. for hosting this event.



Corporate Membership Spotlight: JK's Table



Chef Kuma and his wife Junko

The lead chef from Obento-Ya and Origami—two highly rated Japanese restaurants in Minneapolis—Chef Kuma and his wife Junko from Japan opened their own place in Edina.

JK's Table serves traditional Japanese cuisine like sushi, noodles and variety of sandwiches—new ideas with unique fusion of foods. All sushi and sandwiches are made fresh right in front of the customers. Another unique feature of JK's Table is that its only open for breakfast and lunch. Catering is also available on weekends. The restaurant serves an American-style deli menu, plus sushi, sashimi, Japanese noodles, as well as Vietnamese sandwiches and other specialty dishes.

JK's Table has become a very supportive corporate member of JASM. We greatly appreciate their generous food participation at the 2016 Shinnenkai. For more information on JK's Table, their menu, news and events, please visit their website at <http://www.jkstable.com/#fusion-deli>. JASM is pleased to welcome the JK's Table with this new relationship!



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Annual Membership Renewal in June

The JASM Annual Membership Renewal will occur soon! **In June, individual members will be receiving a letter of request for the 12-month JASM membership renewal, for June 2016 to May, 2017.**

Our organization thrives based on the participation and generosity of our members—we hope to continue to build bridges of cultural understanding and international cooperation with your help.

We want to express our appreciation for the loyal and generous financial support that members of the Japan America Society of Minnesota demonstrate through their annual membership fees. Your financial support does make a difference! Your contribution makes it possible for JASM to provide events and activities that build bridges of understanding, cooperation and international goodwill for the whole community. Please consider adding a donation with your membership payment to help JASM to grow stronger in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at jasm@us-japan.org.

Thank you for your support for JASM,
Ben van Lierop, Executive Director

2016 Mondale Scholarship Applications

Attention to all students studying Japanese language and culture! Do you want to study abroad in Japan? **The Japan America Society of Minnesota (JASM) will be accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year Mondale Scholarship in June!**

JASM will award the Mondale Scholarship to Minnesota undergraduate students enrolled in Minnesota colleges and universities who want to broaden their knowledge of Japan through a combination of study and travel. JASM will offer up to \$4,500 in scholarships for the academic year. The selection committee has the discretion to award up to four \$1,000 scholarships or three \$1,500 scholarships. **Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than Monday, June 20th, 2016.**

Applicants must:

1. Complete application form (available online)
2. Send official college/university transcript(s)
3. Earn a cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher
4. Send two letters of recommendation
5. Write an essay that addresses why you want to study and travel in Japan and your goals for this experience
6. Send a copy of the letter of acceptance from the intended program of study in Japan

The selection committee will review all applications and select finalists for interviews. These interviews will be held in the JASM office between June 20th and mid-July 2016.

For more information and required application materials, please visit www.mn-japan.org or send email to jasm@us-japan.org.

International Children's Day



The Turkish American Society of Minnesota hosted the Annual International Children Festival on May 15th at the University of Minnesota in the Coffman Theatre. This festival had many different children groups representing different cultures/countries by performing music, dancing, display of photos, crafts, and ornaments that represented their countries. They also had numerous cultural games and face paintings for all to enjoy. Representing Japan was the Sansei Yonsei Kai who performed a beautiful dance called "Sakura" with Japanese fans and colorful Kimonos. The Japanese fans and Kimonos also matched the theme of the light pink color of the cherry blossom. JASM is pleased to report on a great show performed by talented children. We hope to see more performances of this kind in the future.

Anime Detour



Ms. Taniguchi auctioning her Star Wars trading cards

Anime Detour is a non-profit Japanese animation and media convention run by fans of anime, manga (Comic), videogames, culture and managed by Anime Twin Cities. This year's Anime Detour, titled "Rise of the Mecha", was held from April 22th to 24th in

Bloomington, MN, had almost 6000 participants at the event.

JASM interviewed Tomoko Taniguchi who was a featured speaker on Manga. She also creates trading cards of Star Wars. Here is what Ms. Taniguchi had to say about the convention: "It is the first time that I participated in a convention that emphasizes charity to support the community...Also I am very honored to be a part of this convention to help the students who would like to study abroad in Japan...It is always encouraging to meet with my fans, and other people from the same industry. But at this event, it was so great to speak with people who are truly looking forward to seeing my work. It motivates me so much to keep doing what I do."



Tomoko Taniguchi

Art in Bloom at Minneapolis Institute of Art

Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) Art in Bloom is a four-day festival of fresh floral arrangements and fine art from Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1, 2016, presented by Friends of the Institute at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This splendid spring celebration highlights the talents of more than 150 local floral artists whose work will be on view next to the artworks that inspired them. More than 20 commercial artists displayed their expertise in the world of floral design throughout the museum. JASM was pleased to accept the invitation from Takuzo and



Ikebana by Noriko Ishida



Bonsai by Takuzo Ishida

Noriko Ishida. At the exhibition, Noriko presented her Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) and Takuzo showed his bonsai (see photos).

(Introduction taken from Mia website <http://new.artsmia.org/art-in-bloom-2016/general-information/>)

New JASM Intern: Sofie Hisakuni

Hello, my name is Sofie Hisakuni and I am the new media relations coordinator. I am currently a senior at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. I am studying business and marketing with a minor in Japanese.



While I was born in Japan, I moved to the United States when I was 11. I love the Japanese culture and especially the food. I hope to travel back to Japan with my family when I graduate from college in the spring. I would love to either visit Okinawa or Kyoto since I hear they are both beautiful places. In the fall I will be part of the Japan Student Association as the leader for fundraising. I am very excited for this opportunity and to meet fellow Japanese students on campus. I look forward to working with Japan America Society of Minnesota!

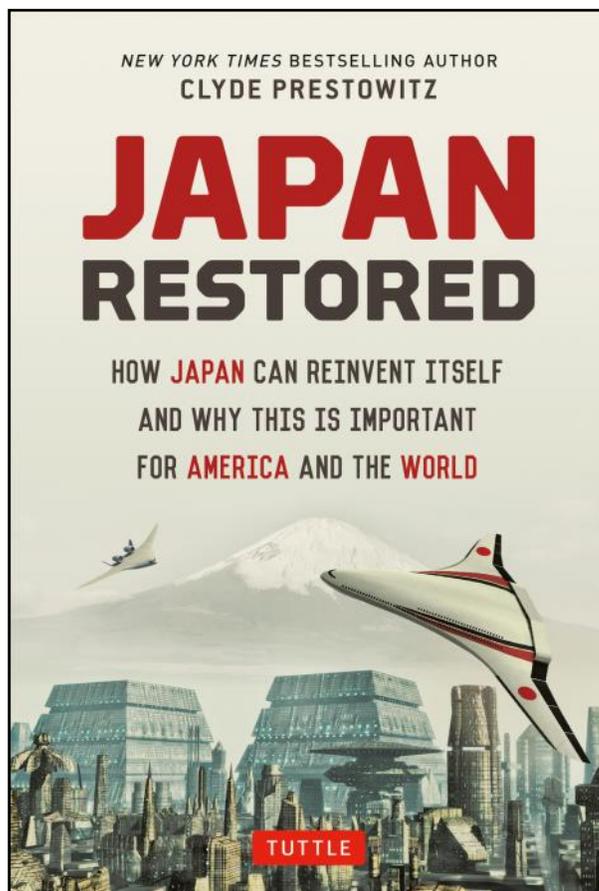
こんにちは、私は久国ソフィーと申します。私は今ミネソタ大学の四年生です。ビジネスとマーケティングを勉強しています。日本で生まれましたが、11歳の時にアメリカに引っ越して来ました。私は日本の文化と食べ物が大好きです。私の母は日本の料理を作るのがとても上手です。大学を卒業してから、また家族と日本に行きたいです。特に沖縄と京都に行きたいです。秋に日本人の大学生のサークルに入ります。とても楽しみにしています。よろしくお願いたします！

Tom Haeg's Book Review: Japan Restored

Japan Restored; Clyde Prestowitz; 2015, Tuttle Publishing; 287 pages.

In *Japan Restored: How Japan Can Reinvent Itself and Why this is important for America and the World*, the author, Clyde Prestowitz, a self-admitted Nipponophile, cleverly lays out an economic formula for Japan to regain global supremacy by 2050.

Prestowitz is no detached futurist. He has boots on the ground. He speaks fluent Japanese, worked in Japan as a consultant for American companies, served as a CEO of the Japan branch of a major U.S. medical equipment company and adopted a Japanese daughter. He knows his subject and has the academic credentials to prognosticate. He embraces several disciplines, -history, sociology, economics and politics, in arguing that the pall reposing in Japan since the end of the 20th century up to 2015 was just a mere blip. He cites Japan's intrinsic strengths in its demographics (Chapter 4, Women to the Rescue), language (Chapter 5, Japan Becomes an English-Speaking Country), entrepreneurial spirit (Chapter 6, Innovation Nation), energy modernization (Chapter 7, Energy Independence) and abolition of the *madogiwazoku* (Chapter 9, Overthrow of the Insiders), and more, to cogently conclude 'Why Japan Matters to America and World'.



While a lot of baggage must certainly be jettisoned to achieve the 2050 goals, *Japan Restored* believes that two cultural traits must not be sacrificed for Japan to achieve its 2050 target, *-kaizen* (continuous improvement) and *kanban* (just-in-time production). These twin disciplines are absolutely essential for Japan to remain a dynamic and admired force in the global economy. Stay tuned.

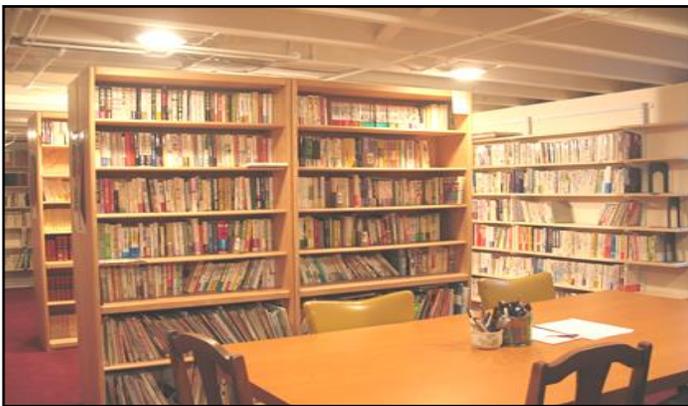
-Tom Haeg

日本人会ヤードセール6月25日

2016年6月25日をあなたの日程に記してください。日本人会のヤードセールと日本語図書館のオープンハウスを同時にします。いらなくなかったけど、まだ使えるもの、売ってもよいものがありましたらどうぞ日本人会の運営資金つくりのためにご寄付ください。毎週土曜日の午後に持ってきてくださるか、ご一報くださいますと、頂きに参上いたします。お手伝い、奉仕、お友達に図書館を案内したい方、歓迎します。楽しい本が沢山あります。



場所4231 Bloomington Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55407
午前9時一午後6時まで。お待ちしております。



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実施日 平成28年6月10日金曜日
時間 午前9時30分から正午まで
午後1時30分から午後4時30分まで
会場 Quality Inn & Suites
1950 Rahncliff Ct,
Eagan, MN 55122
651-681-9266

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詳しくはホームページ www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.html をご覧ください。

St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Cherry Tree Celebration

Cherry Tree Celebration 2016

Time: Saturday, June 4 at 9:30am

Location: Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

1225 Estabrook Dr, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103

The Cherry Trees in Como Park, a gift from Japan in 2012, are going to bloom—but when? Make your best guess for the date of the first blossoms. A designated observer will continue to visit the chosen tree and post photos regularly on this page until the trees are in full bloom.

People with the exact date confirmed by the observer will be honored at the Cherry Tree Celebration on Saturday, June 4!

Follow the cherry blossoms on the Facebook Event

page: Cherry Tree Celebration at Como Park
Sponsored by SPNSCC, JASM, JETAAMN and St. Paul Parks and Recreation.

(Phenological predictions and technical assistance provided by Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota. Information taken from <http://trees.umn.edu/research-outreach/sakura/>)



2016 Cherry Blossom Observation on April 20th

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Ad production and design available in both Japanese and English for an additional charge. Deadline for completed ads and classifieds is the 20th of every month.

**Questions? Contact
the JASM Office
Tel: 612-627-9357
jasm@us-japan.org**

Japan America Society Calendar

June

June 7: Group Outing:
Twins vs. Marlins

June 12: Harukaze Concert

*If you would like to let JASM know about an upcoming event, e-mail us at
jasm.interns@gmail.com*

Japanese Speaking Club

The Japanese Speaking Club is an informal meeting place for those wishing to practice Japanese. We encourage those just beginning the language as well as native speakers to gather at the **Espresso Royale Café** in Downtown Minneapolis to meet new people, discuss experiences in Japan, or simply to speak Japanese. Come when you can, leave when you must.



Date/Time: Every Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Place: Espresso Royale Café
1229 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403

For more information, visit www.meetup.com and search for the key words "Japanese speaking club"

月例日本人会のお知らせ

毎月日本語図書館で日本人会の昼食会 (Monthly Nihonjin-kai) を行っています。電話などでお誘い合わせの上、お友達やお知り合いと一緒においで下さい。可能の方はどうぞ料理を1品ご持参願います。ミネソタ州在住の日本人達で良い事を考え、ご馳走と日本語で楽しい時間を持ちましょう。

日程：毎月第2月曜日正午より

場所：日本語図書館

(4231 Bloomington Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55407)

また、毎週土曜日午後2時から、日本語図書館のお手伝いしてくださる方の集まりがあります。是非ご参加ください。この図書館には、漫画や宗教誌約25000冊や約2500本のビデオDVDがあり、希望者にはセルフサービスで日本人会と同じく無料で貸出しています。お問い合わせは下記までどうぞ。

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Nihonjin-kai monthly meeting on 2nd Monday, at noon, at 4231 Bloomington Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55407

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Keep JASM going with your membership!

1. Go to mn-japan.org
2. Click on 'Membership' at the top
3. Select 'individual'
4. Select your membership type and read the benefits and instructions.

Japan America Society of Minnesota

- Membership Application Change of Address
 Tax-deductible Donation

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Name (2nd adult of a household membership) _____

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I would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation of _____

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Contributing.....	\$100+
Individual	\$30
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(2 adults plus children under 18)	

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通信

Tsūshin
June 2016

The Japan America Society of Minnesota is a non-profit, non-political association engaged in bringing the peoples of Japan and the United States closer together in mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation. Through programs and interchange, it endeavors to promote an appreciation of cultural, educational, economic, public, and other affairs of interest to both peoples. Membership in the society is open to individuals, corporations, and other organizations interested in furthering its programs.

The Japan America Society of Minnesota is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

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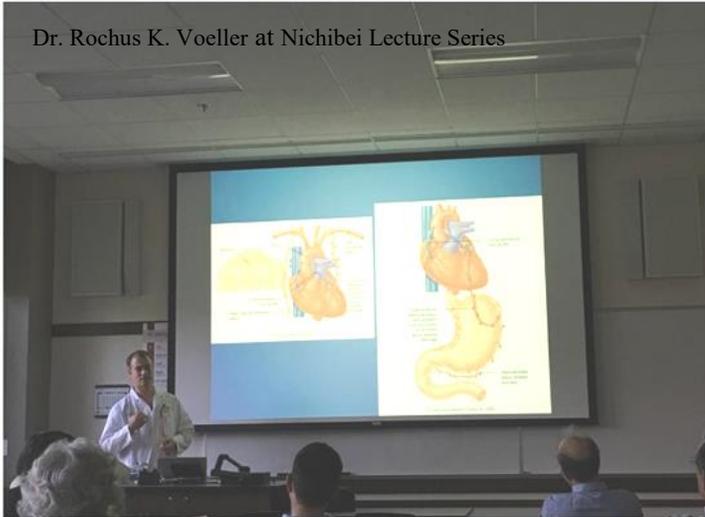
Highlights of JASM Events and Activities



Ikebana by Mare Hagen



Ikebana by Yasuko MacNabb



Dr. Rochus K. Voeller at Nichibei Lecture Series



JPG meeting at Saji



Corporate Roundtable



Steve Dickinson, Speaker for Corporate Roundtable