

# Chiisai Shinbun Winter 2016-4Q

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont  
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This newsletter is to let you know about the JASV events accomplished during the 4th quarter (October, November and December) of 2016. Before describing the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter events, we would like to inform you that this 2016 year ended successfully again. We planned many events this year and we accomplished almost all of them. Thank you very much for your great help and support!!!

## 1. Japanese Language Class for Adults Started from 10/05.

It started at the Saint Michael's College, Saint Edmund's Room 105. 8 students took and enjoyed introductory Level-1 class. The class ended on December 14.



## 2. Participation in the Ceremony of the Sister City Establishment between Rutland and Hanamaki and 30th Anniversary of Rutland and Hanamaki(Ishidoria) Exchange Program (10/14 and 10/15)

Former JASV presidents, Tony Beard and Larry Solt attended the ceremony. Both helped the Rutland and Ishidoria exchange program when they were presidents. At the ceremony and the following day party, they were treated as important guests and their attendance was appreciated.



(Rutland Mayor (middle) and Hanamaki Mayor (far right))

This is a wonderful example of grass roots activities expanding into a sister city relationship. Congratulations!

### 3. Participation in the Vermont International Festival (12/2, 3 and 4)

Since it was a three day event from the morning to the evening and we at the JASV offered 4 activities (Origami, Calligraphy, Fish Rubbing and Pokemon Games), we needed many volunteers. With a total of 26 people's wonderful help, we accomplished this year's second biggest event successfully. Thank you very much!!!



4. Participation in the Tea Party of the Japanese Language Department at the University of Vermont (12/09)

JASV president, Toshi Saitoh, attended the annual year end Tea Party of the Japanese Language Department at the University of Vermont. He presented a vase to the Japanese Speech contest winner this year, Alexandra Sebastiano, a senior. He also explained the students there about the forthcoming Matsuri 2017 (3/26) and requested their help as volunteers.



5. Monthly One Day Kid's Club and One Day Library at the JASV office (second Saturday of month)

Monthly One Day Kid's Club and One day Library are being held on the same day and time at the JASV office. We canceled October since the children's Japanese class was held the day before. Following are the number of people who attended One Day Kid's Club and visited One Day Library.

	One Day Kid's Club	One Day Library
	-----Kid/Adunts-----	-----Adults-----
October	canceled	canceled
November	20	4
December	19	7

Masako Carter-san is running both at the same time. Thank you, Masako-san.

6. Matsuri 2017 (3/26)

We at the JASV will host biennial Matsuri '17 on March 26, 2017 at Saint Michael's College. We need many volunteers to work at many JASV booths such as reception, origami, calligraphy, fish rubbing, Omiyage-sale, Japanese traditional toy display, mini-Japanese art & folk art museum, entry check, first aid, questionnaire, etc.

If you are interested in helping us with any booth, please send an e-mail to

[info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org)

Thank you very much!!!

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