

Chiisai Shinbun Winter 2018-1Q

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 1st quarter (January, February, March) of 2018.

1. New Year Potluck Party on 1/20

A total of 25 people attended and enjoyed the party. Thank you for those who participated. Although it was snowy and cold weather, Tony Beard (former president), his son Cory, son's wife Iris and a grand son Miles participated from Montpelier. Also Mr. Brendan Mills came from Lake Placid, N.Y. (Lois arranged this.) He has Japanese Model trains and wants to show them at our next Matsuri. Toshi agreed to give him a booth to display them.

At the party, we had two guest presenters. Rachel Kircher (JASV Member) showed us places where she visited while she was in Japan for two months for the first time and gave us her impressions. Maho Takahashi (JASV member) who is working for the Japan based Peace Boat presented and talked about their mission and her work. She is traveling around the world and promoting peace in the world. Chris Palermino (JASV member) is going to participate in the Peace Boat and to travel the world for three months on the boat.



2. Adult Japanese Language Classes Started from 2/19

Japanese language classes for adults have started with a total of 9 students as scheduled at SMC, Saint Edmund's Room 105. The teacher is Ms. Linda Sukop.

Level-1: Every Monday starting from 2/19 and ending 4/23.
6 students enrolled. One hour and 30 minute class each.

Level-2: Every Wednesday starting from 2/21 and ending 4/25
3 students enrolled. One hour and 30 minute class each.



Level-1



Level-2

3. One Day Consulate at the JASV Office (3/24)

It was held from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the JASV office on Saturday, 3/24, as planned. The delegate team, Mr Takuma Bono and his assistant came from the Japanese Consulate in Boston. Toshi heard that 15 people came to see them. He talked to some of them. They all appreciated the Consulate General's efforts. They were saved a round trip to Boston.



4. Donation of Stone Lantern to JASV

The JASV received a beautiful donation of a stone lantern and coin shaped stone basin from Mr. Trudy & Ms. Sandy Anderson. Those are so heavy, particularly the stone basin which weighs about 200 pounds. Since we couldn't bring them to our storage room located on the second floor of a building, we temporary put them in front of Toshi's house. Steve and Brenden made a great effort to carry them. We promised the donor to display the lantern at the next Matsuri (3/31/2019.) You will see it there.



5. Closure of Donation Support for the Hurricane (Harvey, Irma and Maria) victims

As we publicly stated, we closed this activity at the end of December. Unfortunately, we couldn't accomplish our goal of \$500. We had a \$175.00 donation recorded on our Facebook and Mike Brown (language student) donated \$6.00 to JASV for the victims.

Toshi Saitoh:	100.00 (On-line donation through Facebook)
Damien Garland:	50:00 (On-line donation through Facebook)
Steve Gorman:	25.00 (On-line donation through Facebook)
Mike Brown:	6.00
JASV	37.40 (through JASV event)

Total	\$218.40

We will document this in this Chisai Shinbun. Thank you very much for those who helped Hurricane victims on behalf of JASV. The total \$218.40 was sent to the American Red Cross.

[Monthly Events]

1. Kid's Club

The JASV runs Kid's Club every second Saturday of the month. This club is being coordinated by Masako Carter-san.

Jan 17: A total of 17 children and parents enjoyed making snow crafts and reading Japanese children's books.

Feb 10: A total of 15 children and parents enjoyed making Hinamatsuri (doll festival) crafts for Girl's Day (March 3rd.)

Mar 10: A total of 21 children and parents enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt.



2. One Day Library

The JASV runs also One Day a Month Library together with Kid's club.

Jan 17: 6 people used the library (borrow and return books.)

Feb 10: 5 people used the library (borrow and return books.)

Mar 10: 6 people used the library (borrow and return books.)



3. Manga Club

The JASV started Manga Club every first Saturday of the month this year. We now have 8 students (3 high school students, 1 UVM student, 3 Anime Society folks, 1 JASV member) who are enjoying the club. The teacher is Ms. Lydia Nguyen.



[2018 2Q Event Outlook]

- Children's Japanese Class will start on 4/15.
- Community Outreach at Colchester (Ikebana Lecture and Workshop) (4/12)
- Participation in Harumatsuri at Middlebury College (Lecture: History of Japanese Pottery) (2/14)
- Ikebana Lecture at UVM (4/17)
- YMCA Kid's Day Participation (4/21)
- Year of Dog Party at Veteran's Memorial Park in South Burlington (5/19)
- Cherry Tree planting at Veteran's Memorial Park in South Burlington (TBD)
- JASV's Summer Picnic and All Member Meeting (6/30)
- Japanese Conversation Club (TBD)
- **Monthly Events**
 - Kid's Club - One Day Library - Manga Club

Request from Japan America Society of Vermont

Piscal year of JASV will be ending at the end of June. The board members worked very hard for many events during the last year. And it was another excellent year with many accomplishments. As you already know, all of our accomplishments are documented in the Chiisai Shinbun News Letter in our website.

However, we have one problem we have been encountering. The on-line membership dues system is down, and we still don't know when and how we can fix it due to our old system. Meantime, if you were already member in the past we have your information, please just simply send us a check for membership dues (household: \$25, senior/student: \$10). The sending address is,

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The membership dues are our only income and they are very important to run JASV, a 100% volunteer organization. Thank you very much for your generous support!!!

Thank you.
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