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Upcoming Events

Language Classes

JASV is again offering Japanese Language Lessons. Beginner classes will be held Tuesday evenings starting Sept 30 from 6:30 to 8 PM for ten weeks (until December 3rd). All classes are held at St. Michael's College in Colchester. \$175 per student (including textbook). Contact David Morgan at (518)946-7078 or email language@jasv.org

Bakuretsu Con 2008 - October 23 - 26,

Bakuretsu Con, the original Green Mountain Anime Convention, will be held from October 23rd through 11th at the Hampton Inn and Conference Center, Colchester, Vermont. For information, visit their webpage at <http://www.bakuretsucon.org/>

Vermont International Festival.

The Vermont International Festival will be held at the Champlain Fairgrounds Exhibition Center from Friday, November 28 - Sunday, November 30, 2008. The JASV will be hosting several tables; if you are interested assisting as a volunteer, please send email to info@jasv.org.

News and Reports

Moon Viewing Party a Success

Eighteen people enjoyed a late summer's warm evening, great food, and a view of the full moon as it rose through the sky. We had two telescopes and were fortunate to have the clouds go away around 7:30 p.m. for some filtered views then clear views of the moon. Many of us, for the first time, saw the mochi-making Rabbit in the Moon!

Thanks to everyone who shared food and conversation with all. We hope more of you can attend next year for this celebration.

Annual Meeting Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected at the Annual meeting held in June.

Larry Stolt, *President*
Richard Heustis, *Vice-president*
Barbara Ailes, *Treasurer*
Steve Cavrak, *Recording and Web Secretary*
Reiko Kida, *Membership and Correspondence Secretary*
David Morgan, *Language Committee*
Larry Ribbecke, *Arts and Crafts Committee*
Harris Webster, *Exchange Committee*
Tony Beard, *Matsuri Committee*

Photo Album: Tottori Governor Hirai Shinji Visits Vermont

Hirai Shinji, the Governor of Tottori Prefecture will be visiting Vermont for a one day stop-over on Friday June 27th en route from Brazil where he joined in the Celebration of Japan-Brazil Exchange Year and the 100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Brazil. While in Vermont, he had the opportunity to visit with officers of Champlain College, the University of Vermont, and Governor Douglas in Montpelier where the two Governors signed a friendship agreement. Governor Shinji also had a brief visit with former Governor Dean whom he had met several years ago while Governor Dean was visiting Viet Nam and Japan. Barbara Ailes has provided a Picasa Photo Album of the visit at <http://tinyurl.com/62rsek>)

Vermont Tottori Relations

The JASV and the Tottori Prefectural International Exchange Foundation have been working on several projects under their sister-organization umbrella.

Dr. Matsuura of Tottori Univ. College of Medicine has visited with Dr. Matthew Kida of the College of Medicine at UVM and the dean of the college tomorrow through Friday for the meetings. Prof. Kida will be taking UVM med-students to Tottori in Nov. for a week-long observation/study in the hospital as part of the continuing exchange.

The Tottori and Vermont Crafts exchange is beginning to shape up. Ooe-san, a traditional woodworker from Tottori, worked hard to submit a woodworker's lesson plan to Yesterday School which has been approved. He has been invited to come and teach in July 2009.

Ooe-san is also planning to have Tottori

Folk-art show in this area while they are staying in VT next summer. Reiko Kida and staff at Champlain are working on locating local support for an exhibit.

The Tottori Prefectural International Exchange Foundation (TPIEF) has been working hard to set up a high school student exchange with Green Across the Pacific (GATP), a Vermont based group supporting Environmental Studies for high school students in Vermont, China, and hopefully, Japan. Budget permitting, they are planning to send student group in spring 2009.

Tottori Environmental University, this is new to us and is different from Tottori Univ., is seeking an exchange relationship with a college in the area.

Resources:

Consulate-General of Japan in Boston

English language website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/> or Japanese language website at <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ja/>
Telephone: 617-973-9772.

Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 pm The JASV board meetings are in the JASV office at 29 Ethan Allen Avenue. Colchester. All are welcome.

Email: If you would like to receive updates on the JASV calendar by email, you can join our Yahoo mailing list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jasv/> or by sending email to info@jasv.org. If you find computers and Yahoo difficult, you can subscribe very simply, by sending a request to info@jasv.org

JASV Web Site (www.jasv.org) invites contributions, announcements, suggestions, comments, etc. Visit us and send email to info@jasv.org.

