

# Chiisai Shinbun, 2018 - 3Q

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 3rd quarter (July, August and September) of 2018.

## 1. Participation in July 3rd Parade in Montpelier (7/3)

Thank those who helped by participating! It was a very hot day. 10 JASV members participated in the parade. The youngest was one year old Miles, who is the son of Cory Beard and his wife Iris (Tony Beard and his wife Joan's grandson.) We noticed that the number of audience along the road this year was surprisingly small. Usually, the front of the State House is filled by people. This year we didn't see many people. It is probably because it was such a hot day.



## 2. Sister State Sign-Off between Vermont and Tottori (7/18)

The delegation team including the Tottori governor Hirai arrived and signed off on the Sister State agreement with the Vermont governor Scott on 7/18. The JASV was invited to

join the ceremony and Toshi asked the former JASV presidents Larry Solt and Tony Beard, who worked hard in the past to help establish this relationship, to attend it.

NBC News (<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/vermont-joins-tottori-japan-in-sister-state-pact/22461319>)



### 3. Pachinko Machine Donation (7/25)

On 7/25, Drew Foster sent Toshi an e-mail indicating that he would like to donate a fully operational Pachinko Machine before he moves to Washington state. Toshi met him and received it. Pachinko is very popular throughout Japan. However, youngsters younger than 18 cannot go into the Pachinko parlor. We will display and demonstrate it at the next Matsuri.



### 4. A Total of \$100 Has Been Donated to Tenny Memorial Fund (8/12 and 8/22)

Robin Tenny (the fund founder) sent us two \$50 checks in memory of two person's loss,

- In memory of Mr. Stanton Jue, a scholar
- In memory of Mrs. Virginia Petree, Director of Japan America Society

Thank you very much, Mrs. Robin!

## 5. Tsukimi Potluck Party & Commendation Delivery Ceremony (9/22)

On 6/25, Toshi had received a phone call from the Consul General of Japan in Boston Michii-san conveying the information that the JASV was going to receive a Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation Award. The announcement took place on 7/25. 49 organizations were awarded worldwide. We are one of only five organizations in the US. And the delivery ceremony was planned for the Tsukimi event.

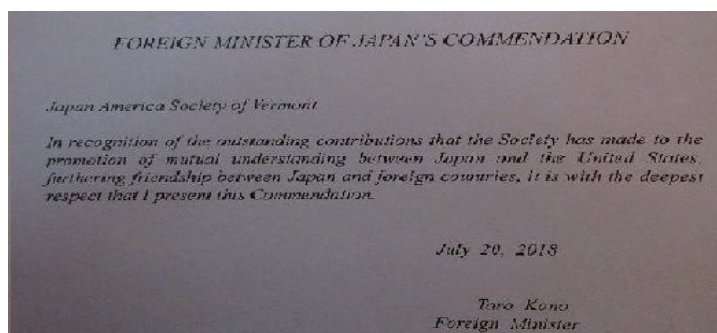
Thank you very much for those who attended and brought delicious food to enjoy together. Consulate General of Japan in Boston brought sushi and sake for everyone to do Kanpai (Toast), which made this party special. Unfortunately, the weather was cloudy and we couldn't see the moon.

The Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation Award Ceremony went very well. First, Consul General Michii-san gave us Congratulatory Remarks and he handed a Commendation to Toshi. Toshi, Tony and Matt gave us appreciation remarks. All three thanked for the wonderful commendation and expressed hope for continuous efforts towards fostering mutual understanding between Japan and the US. Then Tony and Furukawa-sensei who have both worked for the JASV since it was founded in 1981 made a toast.

Following are pictures of the Commendation and



the translation by the government. (Please look at the JASV home page. You can read the translation better.)





More pictures of the ceremony are in the following directory released by the Consulate General of Japan in Boston. The photos were all taken by the Consul for Cultural Affairs Yamauchi-san.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gmvhGGgBXXeTuRC2A>

We will announce this award reception at the next Matsuri (3/31/2019) and at that time thank all of our support groups. Chiro-san updated our Website and put this information on the Home Page.

On this wonderful day, Toshi announced two JASV Commendations for Masak Carter-san who has been running Kid's Club, One Day Library and Japanese Class for Children and Chiro Umezaki-san who created the On-Line Registration System and keeps enhancing and updating the JASV website. The website is a face of the JASV. (Unfortunately, Chiro-san couldn't make the ceremony.)

Then, our Manga Club teacher Lydia Nguyen presented a lecture of Japanese related Manga history and culture. Everyone was very impressed!



## 6. Japanese Classes for Children Started (9/30)

This semester, we have an Intermediate class (Level-2) only and it started every Sunday, 9:30 to 10:40 am at our office from 9/30 for 7 weeks. The teacher was Miki Farnham-san. This was coordinated by Masako Carter-san.



## Monthly Events

### 1. Kid's Club (Second Saturday of the Month)

The members were busy during this summer due to their summer events. The Kid Club was canceled both 7/14 and 8/11. The club was coordinated by Masako Carter-san.

9/08: A total of 13 children and parents participated and made Tsukimi crafts

### 2. Manga Club (First Saturday)

We are learning Manga history and culture of Japan. Please join us!!!

July: 3 people joined.

August: 2 people joined.

September: 6 people joined



## **Help Request:**

Vermont International Festival will take place at the Champlain Valley Fair Ground with the following schedule,

Friday (11/30): Focused on Children

Saturday (12/1)

Sunday (12/2)

We will have one table for Origami, one table for Calligraphy (people's names written in Katakana) and one table for Fish Rubbing(Print). Each table requires two persons. So, we need 6 persons constantly. It means that we need 18 persons if one can help one whole day. 36 persons if one can help half a day. Please let [info@jasv.org](mailto:info@jasv.org) know if you are interested in helping us even half a day. All volunteers will have a free entry.

Thank you!

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