

Chiisai Shinbun 2021-4Q

A quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont

Happy New Year!!! Unfortunately, COVID pandemic still continues with uncertainty of new Omicron virus. We thought that we will be able to welcome a happy new year without pandemic around this time. Consequently we at the JASV will have to cancel the Matsuri planned for 3/27/2022. At this moment, we cannot make an alternative plan.

1. Matsuri-22

The planned Matsuri for 3/27/2022 was canceled. Unfortunately, we have now two issues for the next Matsuri. The COVID pandemic still continues, which is one big issue. Plus Saint Michael's College cannot keep on helping us having Matsuri at their Sports Center. This is another issue. Hopefully they can help us again in the future. We sincerely thank them for their great support for the JASV up to the last Matsuri for many years.

Unfortunately it isn't an easy task to find alternative venue.

2. Japanese Language Class for Adults

Three classes, Level-1, Level-2 and Level-3, successfully completed by Zoom. A total of 15 students improved their Japanese language skill. Thank you Ms. Linda Sukop!!!

The JASV was requested to structure on-line tuition payment for the tuition by having PayPal account instead of sending personal checks. We are working on it.

3. Japanese Language Class for Children

5 students learned beginner level Japanese from Ms. Maki Farnham via Zoom. The class was arranged by Ms. Masako Carter. Thank you very much Maki-san and Masako-san.

4. Thank You for Donation and Membership

We have received \$100 donation plus membership from Ms. Suzuko Kern who move to South Burlington in 2020 from Virginia. Thank you Suzuko-san very much!!! She was born in Japan and have been living in the U.S. since 1977. She is looking for some friends here.

5. Channel 316 (NHK)

For those who don't know about the Channel 316 (NHK), I will recommend if you can to watch the channel if you miss Japan or are curious about Japanese culture. I often watch the channel and learn about Japanese culture. I am very surprised to find out that even I myself don't know many things about Japan. I am pretty sure you will enjoy the channel.

Best Regards
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