

# Chiisai Shinbun Summer 2017-3Q

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 2017.

## 1. July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier

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We at the JASV participated in the annual July 3rd Independence Day Parade in Montpelier. Thank you very much for those who participated in the parade. It was Monday, a work day. Some of the participants had a hard time to drive to Montpelier after work. Thank you very much for your hard work!!! For those who missed the participation, please plan to participate in it with your family next year. It will be a wonderful experience. 15,000 people will pay attention to you.

Following are snap shots.



## 2. Presentation about Japan to the UVM Japanese Language Students (7/27)

JASV president made a presentation about Japan to the UVM Japanese Language Students. It included the modern Japanese transportation system, agricultural development past several decades, clean water campaign and his personal life. The students enjoyed the presentation very much!



## 3. Tsukimi (Moon Viewing) Potluck Party (9/9)

We had the annual Tsukimi (Moon Viewing) Potluck Party at a Club House in South Burlington on Saturday, 9/9. Unfortunately it was a cloudy day. However, a total of 29 people enjoyed the food everyone brought, conversation with each other, a slide show, Japanese Go games and Origami.



#### 4. Participation in the VPAL Fund Raising Event (9/17)

We at the JASV participated in the VPAL (Vermont Performing Art League --- Vermont International Festival Organizer) Fund Raising event to have a good organizational relationship. Some organizations entertained the guests with dances and music. We entertained them with a beautiful Kimono display and people's names written in Japanese on book marks.



## 5. Ikebana Lecture and Workshop at UVM (9/22 and 9/29)

JASV helped UVM's Japanese cultural course by presenting an Ikebana lecture and workshop for their students. We presented the Ikebana lecture (its history and styles) on 9/22 and the Ikebana workshop on 9/29. The students learned very quickly about Ikebana styles, Rikka, Shoka, Nageire and Moribana and enjoyed the workshop. All the expenses were paid by UVM.



(Lecture)



(Workshop)

## 6. Donation to the Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria

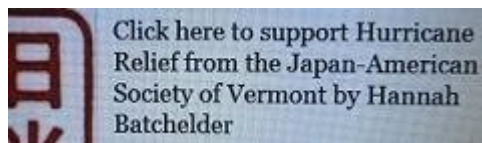
As you all know, the recent three hurricanes, Harvey, Irma and Maria, caused disaster in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. We at the JASV decided to help the victims with setting up a monetary donation procedure on our Facebook and Website so that people can donate easily and directly to the American Red Cross. Thank you for your help.

Please join us and help us with the following alternative ways.

A. You can donate to the American Red Cross directly. Please go to the JASV Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/jasv.org/posts/>

- click



- At the next page, click



- At the next page, please follow the instructions. After its completion, you will receive a thank you e-mail from Hannah Batchelder, a JASV board member who is the leader of this activity.

B. Alternatively, you may send a check to the JASV if you'd prefer this way,

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with a comment, "donation to Hurricane victims."

We will send you an appreciation letter, keep you informed of the total donation amount and donors' names will be acknowledged on our website / newsletter. (Individual donation amounts will not be disclosed, so please send us any amount. If you are reluctant to have your names disclosed, please indicate this.)

## 7. Monthly Events

### 7-1. JASV Kid's Club (Second Saturday of Month)

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A total of 20 children and adults participated.

July: Canceled

August: 9 children and adults enjoyed making ladybugs crafts.

September: 11 children and adults enjoyed making rabbit craft related to Tsukimi (moon viewing).

### 7-2. One Day Library (Second Saturday of Month)

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A total of 11 people participated.

July: Canceled

August: 5 people (Of those, 4 people are Kid's Club participants)

September: 6 people (Of those, 3 people are Kid's Club participants)

Have a wonderful fall!!!!

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