

Chiisai Shinbun Summer 2017-2Q

**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 2nd quarter (April, May and June) of 2017.

1. Japanese Language Classes for Children

The JASV offered the following two one hour classes on Sunday starting from 4/16 at the JASV office for 7 weeks.

Level-1: 10:45 -- 11:45 am (10 students)

Level-2: 9:30 -- 10:30 am (7 students)

Both classes have been taught by Maki Farnha-san and the classes have been coordinated by Masako Carter-san. Thank you, Maki-san and Masako-san.



(Level-1)



(Level-2)

2. Participation in YMCA Kid's Day (4/29)

6 people (Lois Obregon, Masako Carter, Miki Bell, Kumi Amblard, Kana Yamaguchi and Toshi Saitoh) offered Origami, Calligraphy, Gyotaku and Koinobori-craft. Thank you, everyone!



(Origami)



(Calligraphy)



(Koinobori crafts)



Gyotaku (Fish Rubbing)

During this participation, we had two women who are interested in our Kid's Club. Masako-san explained about the club in detail. It was a great pleasure to have such people!!!

3. Cherry Tree Planting at Veteran's Park in South Burlington

This is the second year we offered two cherry trees to Veteran's Park in South Burlington. This year we planted two Kwanzan cherry trees close to the two Sargent cherry trees which we planted last year. Kwanzan is a triple petal flower tree and is beautiful. Herve Amblard's family (Kumi, Aimeric, Loic and Amelie) and Toshi planted those two trees, hoping that we will be able to have the JASV cherry blossom viewing party under the beautiful blossom in the near future!



4. Annual JASV Potluck Party and Member Meeting

Traditionally, we had this party at the Sand Bar State Park. This year we moved it to the Oakledge Park in Burlington, which reduces the long drive. We rent a shelter (pavilion) and enjoyed delicious food each brought, outdoor games led by Steve Reilly and Manga (cartoon) workshop by Lydia Nguyen. Sara Dickey and Herve Amblard grilled and served hamburgers to everyone. Thank you very much!

Iris and Cory came from Montperier with their beautiful son Miles, who is only 5 weeks old. Congratulations!!! We lost two board members (Lois and Sara) at the end of June, but we gained a few new board members (Brenden and Herve) recently. So, the number of board members is unchanged. Good luck to Lois and Sara in your new lives and challenges.



5. Our Office Was Broken Into

On the second weekend, 6/10 or 6/11, DuPont Hall was broken into and many tenants' offices in the building were broken into. The JASV office is one of them. The office door was damaged. However, we observed that nothing was missing. We were told later that the robber(s) was/were looking for cash or high value materials. We at the JASV don't keep such things in our office. Thanks goodness! However, we heard that a vending machine was heavily damaged and that SMC is working with the police.

6. Monthly Events

6-1. One Day Library (Second Saturday of Month)

We run One Day Library together with One Day Kid's club. Also we opened the library during the seven week Japanese classes. Following number of people used the library.

April : 6 people

May : 8 people

June : 6 people

6-2. One Day Kid's Club (Second Saturday of Month)

A total of 35 children and adults participated.

April : 19 children and adults enjoyed making Cherry-Blossom crafts and egg hunting outside, related to the Easter holiday.

May : canceled

June : 16 children and adults made crafts related to the sea since the next month is a holiday in Japan, called "Day of Sea".

One Day Kid's Club and Library were run by Masako Carter-san. Thank you very much, Masako-san.

Have a wonderful summer!!!

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