

Chiisai Shinbun Winter 2017- 4Q

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 4th quarter (October, November and December) of 2017.

1. Fall Semester / Japanese Language Class for Children Started from Sunday, 10/01

Two courses started every Sunday from 10/1 at the JASV office for 7 weeks.

Beginner course: 10:45 -- 11:45 am

Intermediate : 9:30 -- 10:30 am

We had 11 students for the Beginner course and 4 students for the Intermediate course. The teacher is Ms. Maki Farnham. The two courses were arranged and run by Masako-san. Thank you very much, Masako-san!!!



Beginner



Intermediate

2. Fall Semester / Japanese Language Class for Adults Started from Monday, 10/02

Two courses, Level-1 and Level-2, started every Monday (Level-1) from 10/2 and every Wednesday (Level-2) from 10/4 for 10 weeks at SMC. One class is one and a half hour long from 6:30 pm. We got 9 students for Level-1 and 3 students for Level-2. (Level-2 has a student shortage, but we supported the course since we had enough students for Level-1 to cover the Level-2 student shortage.) The teacher is Ms. Linda Sukop.



Level-1



Level-2

3. Fall Foliage Viewing Potluck Party at Mt. Philo on 10/14

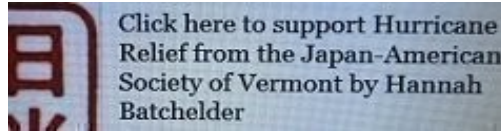
Due to a car race event at Mt. Philo, we changed the place to the Veteran's Park in South Burlington. A total of 16 people enjoyed the food we brought. Children enjoyed kite flying. We had two participants who came after finding this event on our Facebook. Thanks to Hannah who is maintaining it.



4. 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 by setting up a monetary donation procedure on our Facebook and Website so that people could donate easily and directly to the American Red Cross.

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5. Participation in Anime Conference (Bakuretsukon) 10/28, 29 and 30

The JASV participated in the Anime Conference held in Colchester by the Anime Society and offered a Manga workshop, Gyotaku, Origami and Calligraphy. This was the first time participation for the JASV. Unfortunately, what we offered aimed to children and we didn't have many visitors to our booth, except free calligraphy bookmark table.



6. Participation in the 3 Day Vermont International Festival (12/1, 12/2 and 12/3)

We participated in the annual Vermont International Festival and offered Origami, Calligraphy, Gyoatoku, Pokemon games. Lydia and Damien brought new ideas and we added two new events, Bonsai workshop and Manga workshop. Both were very popular among the visitors. As usual, all our tables are crowded by children. We raised a total of \$74.80. Of this a half (\$37.40) will be sent to the hurricane victims.



7. Presentation about Japan to the last adult Japanese language class (12/11)

Toshi presented a slide show about Japan, based upon his most recent visit to Japan. He presented,

- Inside the Imperial House and its Garden in Kyoto
- Remains of Lord Yoshikage Asakura, home where his family had prosperity for 100 years until AD 1573.
- Hirakata Park where they displayed chrysanthemum dolls
- Expo-land 1970 and now in Osaka



Monthly Events

1. JASV Kid's Club

Once a month, every second Saturday, we had and will have a Kid's Club event at the JASV office to teach kids Japanese culture and how to make crafts. About a total of 15 children and adults participated every month.



2. Once a Month Japanese Book Library

We have about 2,000 Japanese books, CDs and DVDs. We open the library once a month, every second Saturday.

Have Happy Holidays!!!

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