

Chiisai Shinbun 2023-4Q

This is a quarterly newsletter of the Japan-America Society of Vermont describing what we have accomplished during the third quarter of the year of 2023 (October, November and December) and a forecast of our activities in the near future.

1. Japanese Language Classes for Adults

We started Japanese Language Classes from Oct 4th for 10 weeks by zoom. This fall semester we had seven Level-1 students and two Level-2 students and three Level-5 students.

Thank the teacher Ms. Linda Sukop very much for her big efforts to recruit and teach the students. Plus thank you very much for our Webmaster Steve Gorman for the Website advertisement.

2. Japanese Language Class for Children

Children's class started one class from Oct 7th for seven weeks by zoom. We got 6 students. Thank you very much for Masako-san's coordination and Steve's advertisement efforts. The teacher is Ms. Maki Farnham.

3. Tottori Governor's Reception on Oct 11th

The JASV was invited to the Tottori Governor Hirai-san's Reception by the GATP (President: Peter Lynch). Since Toshi was visiting Japan Tony Beard, previous president of the JASV, attended the reception with his wife Joan. Thank you very much, Tony! Tony is one of the presidents of the JASV who worked hard for the sister state establishment between Tottori Prefecture and the State of Vermont.



(Peter Lynch, Tony, Hirai-san) (Hirai-san is receiving a gift from former governor of Vermont, Jim Douglas)

4. Nengajo (New Year Card) Competition by Consulate General of Japan in Boston

Every year Consulate General of Japan in Boston holds a **Nengajo** (New Year Card) competition between New England region for three categories (elementary school, middle school and high school.) Toshi (current JASV president) is helping them as one of the judges. Toshi commented that some are very beautiful like professionals.

Next Event:

We are going to have a potluck **Shinnen-kai** (New Year Party) at the usual clubhouse in South Burlington on Saturday, Jan. 20th (2024) from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We are planning to make Mochi there for the first time. Also we are going to have other events. As soon as the detailed agenda is finalized, we will let you know.

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