JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF DALLAS/FORT WORTH

# February 2015 Newsletter

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**Platinum | $5,000**

## JASDFW Celebrates 45 Fabulous Years of Friendship!

Since 1970, the Japan-America Society of Dallas/ Fort Worth and its members have been promoting friendship between Japan and North Texas. Congratulations to the many members, volunteers, and sponsors who have helped us reach this milestone!

## JAPAN UPDATE Symposium Register by February 10!

**Going Global: A New Era in Japanese Business Strategy and Growth**

February 13, 2015
12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**REGISTER NOW**

Luncheon Program & Panel Session
Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West (at Luna Road)

## Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner

**Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:30 pm**
at Four Seasons Resort and Club
Ticket / Registration Information

| Honorary Hosts | Sun & Star Legacy Award Recipient | Bridges-to-Friendship Award |
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| Ambassador & Mrs. J. Thomas Schieffer | Yoshiyuki Kasai | Ann & Gabriel Barbier-Mueller |

**Thank You to our Sponsors!**

**Gold**

**Gold | $2,500**

## Welcome New Corporate Members!

**Gold**

The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

## Welcome New Individual/Family Members

Ralph & Vicki Blakely
Nicholas Chandoke

**Silver**

Gulf States Toyota, Inc.
KPMG LLP
NEC Corporation of America

**Bronze**

Conversant Intellectual Property Management
Texas Rangers Baseball Club

*Sponsor Commitments as of February 6, 2015*
*Sponsorships are still available.*

## Silent Auction Donation Request

JASDFW is seeking items for the 2015 Sun & Star Auction, held both online and at the Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner. We welcome donations of merchandise, gift certificates, and services valued at $50 or more. To donate, please complete and return the auction contract to info@jasdfw.org or fax 214-342-1022.

## KODO One Earth Tour: Mystery

**One Discount Ticket Left!**

**Sunday, Febuary 15, 2015, 7 pm**
**KODO One Earth Tour: Mystery**
**at Music Hall at Fair Park**

**KODO One Earth Tour: Mystery** will make a special stop in Dallas "...to share the wondrous and sacred "Mystery" that lies deep within Japanese folk arts with audiences of all ages".
One discounted ticket for pick-up only is on sale for $36.00.
**Buy Discounted Ticket Now!**
**More Information**

## Hanami 2015

Join us for an impromptu picnic under the cherry blossoms at Dallas Arboretum. We will set the date based on the "sakura forecast" as Spring approaches.

Currently, peak bloom is predicted in late March, but stay tuned for updates!

## 25th Sendai International Half Marathon - May 10

**Calling all competitive runners!**
Represent the City of Dallas in Sendai, our Friendship City in Japan. Qualifying times: Men 1:35, women 1:45. Submit the completed application and statement to JASDFW by noon on Friday, February 27. Two runners will be chosen - one male, one female.

Download Application  More Information

Chris & Taeko Dodson
Steven & Donna Horne
Yu Lu Hsu
Mark Richmond & Kiyoko Ishigo
Chito & Molly Lam
Gene & Kristy Sera
Evan Simmons & Patti Staha
Travis & Masami Swenka
Matthew & Takako Scott
Howard Lim & Minyu Sun
John & Mary South

## JASDFW Membership

**Online registration is fast and easy.**

**Individual Membership**
Hatamoto - $1,000
Samurai - $500
Tomodachi (Friend) - $100
Regular Individual/Family - $40
Student/Educator - $25
**Join or renew online**

**Corporate Membership**
Platinum - $5,000
Gold - $2,500
Silver - $1,000
Bronze - $500
Friend - $100
**Join or renew online now!**

Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

## Thank you, Volunteers!

This year we celebrated our 15th annual Mochitsuki. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and performers who continue to make this event special!

## Thank You, Chrystal!

We were sad to say goodbye to Chrystal Sanders at the end of January. Her dedication and smiles will be sorely missed. She insists that her departure is only "mata aimashou," as she plans to volunteer regularly. We wish her well in her future endeavors and hope to see her again soon.

## Welcome New Staff!

Adam Black joined the office this week as Special Projects Coordinator.

Dia Tam joined us in January as Office Manager.

## Experience the 25th Japan-America Grassroots Summit

**This summer, skip the beach; try a hot spring!** The annual Japan-America Grassroots Summit is a week-long **homestay** and cultural exchange **for all ages**. Join the Texas delegation this year from **July 6-13 and experience the famous onsen of Oita, Japan**. More Information

## More Immersion & Exchange Opportunities!

Want to be a part of something exciting this year? **EF Exchange Year** is looking for local host families to host Japanese exchange students. Contact Judy Wadsworth. More Information

If you're looking for a chance to brush up on your Japanese, check out **Keio Academy of New York**'s summer immersion camp. More Information.

## Discounted Hotel Stays Offered to JASDFW Members!

If you are thinking about traveling to Japan in 2015, these hotels are offering discounts for JASDFW members on both standard and luxury rooms. This opportunity is a benefit of JASDFW's membership in the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

Hotel New Otani Tokyo Rates

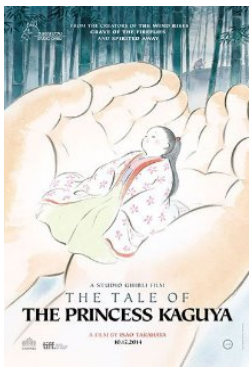
Hotel Okura Tokyo Rates

## Asian Film Festival 2015: Call for Films

Asian Film Festival of Dallas is currently accepting entries for its 14th annual film festival. The final deadline is **March 31, 2015.**

More Information

## AnimeFest 2015: The Tale of Princess Kaguya




Hey die-hard Ghibli fans, sign up to attend a screening of Isao Takahata's *The Tale of Princess Kaguya* at Studio Movie Grill on February 19, at 7:30 p.m. The screening will be a part of Richardson's AnimeFest 2015.

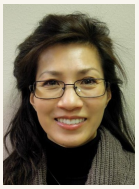
Fifty people must sign up for the screening to happen, **so don't wait until the last minute!**

More Information

## World-Renowned Iwasaki Family Gives Concert

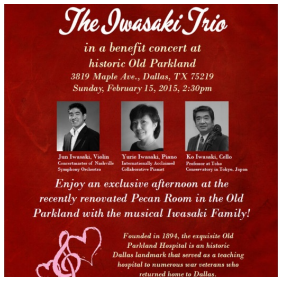
Cellist Ko Iwasaki, his wife and pianist Yurie Iwasaki, and their son, violinist Jun Iwasaki, will

Please welcome them aboard!



perform classical pieces at Chamber Music International's benefit concert on February 15, 2015 at 2:30.

More Information




## JASDFW Online

www.jasdfw.org

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## Dallas Museum of Art: Between Action and the Unknown

From February 8 - July 19, the DMA is showing decades of masterworks by Kazuo Shirago and Sadamasa Motonaga, leaders of the post-war avant-garde movement Gutai. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to view this important collection.

More Information

## Photo Gallery

**Mochitsuki 2015 was spectacular! Thank you to all who made it possible!**

## JASDFW Calendar of Events

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| **February 13** | **Japan Update - Going Global: A New Era in Japanese Business Strategy and Growth** |
| **February 15** | **Kodo One Earth Tour: Mystery** |
| **March 3-4** | **Sun & Star Symposium at SMU** |

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| **Late March** | **Hanami** |
| **April 20** | **Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner at the Four Seasons** |
| **September 19** | **2015 Sun & Star Golf Classic at Cowboys Golf Club** |
| **October 2-4** | **Plano Celebrates Japan: An Exchange of Japanese Arts & Culture** |

## Upcoming Events & Activities

**February 8 - July 19, 2015**
**Exhibit - Shiraga/Motonaga: Between Action and the Unknown**
Hoffman Galleries, Dallas Museum of Art
More

**Friday, February 13**
**JAPAN UPDATE Symposium**
**Going Global: A New Era in Japanese Business Strategy and Growth**
Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth
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**Sunday, February 15 | 2:30 pm**
**Concert by Iwasaki Trio**
Chamber Music International
More

**Sunday, February 15 | 7 pm**
**Performance - Kodo One Earth Tour: Mystery**
Music Hall at Fair Park
More

**Sunday, February 15 | 12:30 pm**
**Fort Worth Japanese Society: Sukiyaki Luncheon**
at the Yamagata Center, Fort Worth
More

**Thursday, February 19 | 7:30 pm**
**UTA Maverick Speakers Series**
**Michio Kaku: Physics of the Future**
Texas Hall, UT Arlington, Arlington, TX
More

**Thursday, February 19 | 7:30 pm**
**AnimeFest 2015: The Tale of Princess Kaguya**
Studio Movie Grill at Spring Valley, Richardson, TX
More

**Continuing through Sunday, February 22**
**The Mary Baskett Collection of Japanese Fashion**
Crow Collection of Asian Art
More

**Sunday, February 22**
**Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra Concert**
At the Eisemann Center
More

**February 28 | 10 am - 5 pm**
**Mini A-Kon**
At the Denton Civic Center and Emily Fowler Library
More

**Saturday, February 28, 2015 | 6 pm - 9 pm**
**Lunar New Year Celebration: Taste of Asia**
at the International Elite Cultural/ Performance Center
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