December 2015 Newsletter

Anna McFarland to Receive Award

Congratulations to JASDFW Executive Director, Anna McFarland, who has been awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendation in Honor of the 70th Anniversary of the End of the War from Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Commendations will be given to 28 individuals in 14 groups for outstanding achievement in promoting friendship between Japan and the United States. Anna will receive her award from the Consul-General Tetsuro Amano, who has yet to arrive in Houston, at a reception in Dallas early next year. More

Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration

Sunday, January 17, 2 - 5 PM
Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration
Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Experience Japanese New Year's traditions at the 16th annual Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration. Highlights include taiko drumming, Japanese folk dance, and ikebana (flower arranging). See traditional rice pounding and sample freshly made mochi (a Japanese treat) with various toppings. Try your hand at calligraphy, origami, and traditional children’s games! Event Flyer

Admission:
JASDFW & DJA Members: $5 Adult | $3 Children (6-12 yrs.)
Non-Members: $10 Adult | $5 Children (6-12 yrs.)
Children 5 yrs. and under - Free
Pay at the door. Cash or Check only.

Join now to get the member's price!

Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth and sponsored by:
Welcome New Members!

Corporate

Silver
Somervell Commercial Realty

Bronze
Aon

Individual & Family

Regular
Dan King
Frances Kwan
Mara Lindsey
Keith Rawlins

Welcome New Members!

Gold | $2,500

American Airlines

DFW

EY

Frisco Economic Development Corporation

Fujitsu

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Mizuho

MUFG

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NTT Data

Thank You, Toyota!

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Mark Your Calendar for these 2016 Events!

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Friday, February 12 | 12:00 - 3:30 PM
Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel

Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner
Monday, April 25
Westin Galleria Dallas

Honoring Sun & Star Legacy Award Recipient

Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki
Former Ambassador of Japan to the United States (2008 - 2012) and Bridges-to-Friendship Award Recipient Fort Worth Japanese Society

With Honorary Hosts
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Sponsorship Information

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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.

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**In Memoriam**

We mourn the recent passing of two members of the Japan-America Society community.

**Steve E. Shoener**, husband of JASDFW President Elaine Browning, passed away on November 30. Steve had recently retired from a long career in the legal department of Texas Instruments. [Obituary and Memorial Information](#)

**Ken Ohashi**, Director of Global Leveraging at 7-Eleven, Inc, and a former member of the JASDFW Board of Directors, passed away on October 30.

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**Local High Schoolers Travel to Japan**

Twenty-three students from R. L. Turner and J. J. Pearce High Schools traveled to Japan from October 13 -21, 2015 as part of the Kakehashi Project, an exchange initiative promulgated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Center. [More](#)

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**JASDFW Job Bank**

Visit our [Job Bank](#) to learn more about these current openings:

- **Company**: Comerica Bank
  - **Position**: Retail Personal Banker, North Plano Area

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**015 Year in Review**

- 15th Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration
- Japan Update Symposium
- Icebreaker Enkai
Hanami  
Cherry Blossom Viewing

Virtual Town Hall  
on U.S.-Japan Relations

Sun & Star Legacy  
Award Dinner

Installation of Dallas-Sendai  
Friendship Tree

25th Sendai  
International Half Marathon

SMU program honoring  
Irene Hirano Inouye

Asian American Association of  
City Employees Celebration

45th Annual Meeting

Diversity Luncheon  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Tanabata Enkai

Dallas-Sendai Young  
Ambassadors Exchange

Japan-America Friendship  
Night at the Ballpark

Sun & Star Golf Classic

Akimatsuri Fall Festival

Plano Celebrates Japan
Upcoming Events and Activities

December 26   Dallas Mavericks vs. Chicago Bulls - Sold Out!
December 27   Dallas Stars vs. St. Louis Blues - Sold Out!
December 28   Dallas Mavericks vs. Milwaukee Bucks - Sold Out!
December 31   Dallas Stars vs. Nashville Predators - Sold Out!
January 3     Oshogatsu (New Year's) Luncheon (FWJS)
January 17    Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration
January 21    Oshogatsu: Year of the Monkey (Fort Worth Sister Cities)
January 24    Shinenkai (Dallas Japanese Association)
February 12   Japan Update Symposium
April 25      Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner
September 17  Sun & Star Golf Classic

Meetups: Japanese-English Language Exchange

Looking to practice your language skills? Check out these Meetup groups:

Dallas Japanese and English Language Exchange
Panera Bread, Belt Line Rd., Dallas More Information

Dallas Japanese Language and Culture Meetup
La Madeleine, Campbell Rd., Dallas More Information