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December 2018 Newsletter

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Gold | \$2,500



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Welcome, New Member!

Regular Individual/Family
Hiroki Fukuyama

JASDFW Membership

Join or
renew online now!



Happy Holidays

Advanced Screening of *Shoplifters* | ALMOST SOLD OUT!!!



Wednesday, December 19
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
The Magnolia Theatre, Dallas
([Map](#))
[More Info](#) | [Register](#)

In the outskirts of Tokyo, a small family of petty-thieves survive through small-time crime until unforeseen circumstances upend their lives and challenge their definition of what it means to be a family. Join your friends at the Japan-America Society for a private screening of the 2018 Cannes Film Festival *Palme d'Or* Winner before its public debut!

Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration | Volunteers Needed!



Sunday, January 13
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Fujitsu Network
Communications, Inc. ([Map](#))
[More Info](#)

Kick off 2019 with fresh mochi, calligraphy, traditional performances, and games! Performers including a group sing-a-long led by Dr. Capital, and Yosakoi dancing by Huan Elementary and Yosakoi Soran! Individuals interested in volunteering at Mochitsuki can register by [clicking here](#).

2018 Sun & Star Golf Classic Winners



The 2018 Sun & Star Golf Classic Champions

Congratulations to the **PARANET** Team: **Chad Gibson, Bret May, Aaron Rundall, and Jay Yellot** for their hard-earned victory!

2nd Place: PwC
Allen Pryor, Jonathan Kim, Kevin McMillen and Brent Snyder

3rd Place: Mitsui Bussan Logistics Inc.
Masahiro Kimuro, Naoki Nishino, Anna Takahashi and Ryota Tanigakubo

Special thanks to this year's Golf Classic participants, volunteers and [our generous sponsors!](#)

We look forward to seeing you again next year!

A Thank You to Our Volunteers



- [Individual Membership](#)
Hatamoto - \$1,000
Samurai - \$500
Tomodachi (Friend) - \$100
Regular Individual/Family - \$40
Student/Educator - \$25
- [Corporate Membership](#)
Platinum - \$5,000
Gold - \$2,500
Silver - \$1,000
Bronze - \$500
Friend - \$100

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

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JASDFW Online

www.jasdfw.org



Want to submit an event?

Do you have an upcoming Japan-related event in the DFW area that you'd like to share on our Community Events Calendar? Must be Japan-specific, local, open-to-the-public, and nonprofit; other restrictions may apply. Send event information to matthew@jasdfw.org.

Dear Volunteers,

2018 is going as we celebrate another successful year here in North Texas! We've held a silent auction together, introduced sake brewers to the Dallas area, filled Klyde Warren Park to the brim with **thousands** for *Otsukimi*, and pulled off an early morning golf tournament with the help of a lot of coffee.

The things we have accomplished wouldn't be possible without your love of Japan and cultural exchange. We're proud to have volunteers like you to help build bridges between DFW residents and the greater Japanese community.

On behalf of Anna, Madoka, Maki, Matthew, Mihoko, Natsuyo, and Noriko: Thank you for all of your support, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

Regards,

The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth Staff

The Holidays in Japan | Winter Illuminations




Winter Illuminations | A Japanese Tradition

If you're strolling through the streets of Tokyo, Sendai, or other Japanese cities between November and February, you'll likely come across a public park or historical building lit up in a dazzling display of lights. These vibrant displays are the Winter Illuminations, a tradition that dates back to 1995 when Kobe was struck by the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake and a light display was designed as a memorial to the victims of the quake.

The Winter Illuminations vary greatly from city to city with each adding its own personal flair to the display. Some Illuminations have recreated scenes from popular Holiday stories while others turn the display into an entertaining performance the lights synchronized to pop-music. Other illuminations feature theme parks, street vendors, and activities for families to get them to join in the Holiday spirit.

Are you heading to Japan soon for the Holiday season? Stop by one of the many Winter Illuminations across the country, you'll find no shortage of them as all [47 Prefectures feature the impressive displays!](#)

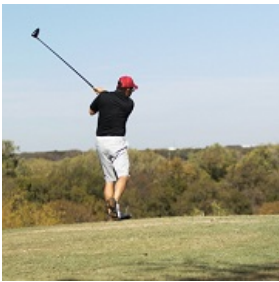
Japan Society Junior Fellows Leadership Program

 **JAPAN SOCIETY** Monday, July 8 - Sunday, July 28
Deadline to Apply: Friday, February 15
[More Info](#)

Created in 2013, the Japan Society's Junior Fellows Leadership Program selects 10 U.S. high school students to immerse themselves in all things Japan. Selected students will have the opportunity to learn Japanese in an immersive setting, visit cultural and historical sites, stay with a host family, and participate in daily Japanese high school life. Junior Fellows also become part of the greater Junior Fellows Alumni Network which will provide networking opportunities for the Fellows as they pursue higher education and career pursuits.

Photo Galleries

Sun & Star Golf Classic | November 17. [Gallery](#)



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Bonenkai | December 4. [Gallery](#)



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Upcoming Events and Activities

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| December 16, 2018 | Ikebana International: Dallas Chapter 13's 60th Anniversary Celebration |
| December 19, 2018 | Movie Screening: Shoplifters |
| January 13, 2019 | Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration |
| February 15, 2019 | Japan Society Junior Fellows Program Deadline |
| Weekly | Dallas Japanese Language and Culture Meetup (Meetup.com) |
| Weekly | Dallas Japanese and English Language Exchange (Meetup.com) |
| October 27-31, 2019 | Ikebana International 18th North and Central American Regional Conference |