A Message from Paul Pass, New Executive Director

Dear Japan-America Society family,

I am humbled to be the next executive director of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth. Anna McFarland, the board, and the team have built a strong foundation, and it will be my honor to lead the organization into its next chapter. I will guide the Society upon mission-driven programming, financial stability and strategic growth, and providing a two-way bridge of exchange between Japan and the U.S. This is truly an exciting time as North Texas continuously attracts investment from Japan and U.S.-Japan cultural ties increasingly deepen.

We are planning an entertaining 2019 calendar, which kicks-off this weekend with the Mochitsuki Celebration (Sunday from 2-5 pm at Fujitsu in Richardson), and I want to hear your ideas too! I invite you to email me at paul.pass@jasdfw.org to share your Japan-America Society experiences and what you want to see in the future. My family and I are also overjoyed to be in North Texas, an area we already know well. I hope to meet many of you at the Mochitsuki event on January 13, the Japan Update on February 15, or another event soon!

Paul Pass

Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration

Sunday, January 13
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc. (Map)

Kick off 2019 with fresh mochi, calligraphy, traditional performances, games, and more! See performances including a group sing-a-long led by Dr. Capital, Yosakoi dancing, and the Dallas Kiyari Daiko! Volunteers are needed! Interested individuals can sign up by emailing Madoka Leonetti at Madoka@jasdfw.org via the button below.
Welcome, New Members!

Regular Individual/Family
Tim Kohler
Akihiro Yoshida

Sendai International Half-Marathon | Applications Open!

Outrun the ordinary by applying to be an athlete ambassador! We are looking for two outstanding runners (1 male and 1 female) to represent the City of Dallas in the Sendai International Half-Marathon on May 12, 2019! Click the button below to learn more about the Half-Marathon and how to apply!

Application Deadline: January 25
Application Form

Save-the-Date | 2019 Japan Update Symposium

Friday, February 15
Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center (Map)

Learn about recent developments in U.S.-Japan relations and how they affect the greater global community. Join business professionals, academics, government officials, and your fellow JASDFW members as experts from Japan and the U.S., Dr. Mieko Nakabayashi of Waseda University and Dr. Gene Park of Loyola Marymount University explore current challenges to the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Dallas Japanese Association | New Year's Party

Sunday, January 20
10:00 AM
Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel (Map)
Members: $50 | Non-Members: $60
More Info

Welcome the Year of the Boar with music, food, and a raffle drawing! This year's banquet features a marimba and horn ensemble from Eric and Mai Hessel, the Spiral Staircase Duo! Special kids room services are available for children ages 3 to 12 at $15. For instructions on how to RSVP, please click the button below. The deadline to RSVP is on January 11.

Hidenori Oi - Rising Land | Debuted at Conduit Gallery

January 12 - February, 16
JASDFW Membership

Join or renew online now!

**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.

Join Our Mailing List!

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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.

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Conduit Gallery (Map) More Info

Conduit Gallery will feature the first U.S. exhibition of Japan-based sculptor Hidenori Oi. Oi began his initial artistic creations with ceramics but was later drawn to carved stone sculptures. Creating stability through instability, Oi’s sculptures exert equal force upon each other and each carries an implicit level of precariousness. For more information on the exhibit, please contact Nancy Whitenack.

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Open: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**2019 Keizai Koho Center Teacher Fellowship Applications Now Open**

Program Dates:
- June 24 - July 2

Application Deadline:
- February 1

More Info

Are you a U.S. or Canadian social studies teacher with a strong interest in Japan? The KKC Study Tour to Japan 2019 is your chance to experience a homestay, meet with Japanese scholars and experts, and see Japanese school life up close in this immersive opportunity. Interested individuals can apply online through the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania.

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**Modest Heroes | Special Select Theaters Showing!**

January 10 & January 12, 2019

More Info

From the creators of *Mary and the Witch’s Flower* comes an all new exciting anthology film. *Modest Heroes* features three short films spearheaded by Studio Ghibli veterans, with each film exploring a different theme! Pre-order your ticket today for the subtitled version on January 10 and the English dubbed version on January 12!

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**Dragonball Super: Broly | Coming to Theaters Soon!**

In Theaters Starting January 16, 2019

More Info
The classic anime franchise returns to the big screen with an all new film! When Goku and Vegeta come face-to-face with an unknown Saiyan, the extraterrestrial warrior race, bent on destruction, the two face their greatest challenge yet. Destinies collide as they battle what may be their greatest challenge yet. Coming to select theaters soon!

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