

May 10, 2019



## May Newsletter

### The Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner: Silent Auction Now Online!



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## JASDFW NEWS

**CORPORATE MEMBERS**

**PLATINUM | \$5,000**



### Sake Tasting with Premium Brewers from Japan

Wednesday, June 5 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Davidson Auditorium, UT Dallas ([Map](#))

Members \$35 | Public \$45

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Are you a sake connoisseur? Join your fellow sake-lovers and your hosts, the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth, UT Dallas's Asia Center, JETRO Houston, and the Japan Sake Export Association for a special educational lecture on the beloved drink and enjoy sake samples from premium sake brewers from Japan along with appetizers from Y's Kitchen. John Gauntner, one of the world's leading sake experts and the co-founder of *Sake Today* magazine, will share his insights on the beloved drink.



New and renewing members will receive a special \$5 off discount on registration.

[Click here to learn more and register online.](#)



### Save-the-Date:

### JASDFW Annual Meeting & Members Social

Thursday, June 13 | 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Toyota Motor North America Inc. ([Map](#))



Celebrate another great year of fostering closer U.S.-Japan ties here in North Texas with all of your fellow JASDFW members. This year, Toyota North America has graciously lent their facilities for the meeting. Mark your calendars for an exciting chance to network, enjoy catered appetizers, and form lasting connections over shared interests in all things Japan...and maybe find your next car while you're at it!



TEXAS  
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**Dallas-Sendai Friendship:  
The Khoja & The Hayashi Families**

Exchange programs between Dallas' Friendship City, Sendai, continue to make an impact and create lifelong connections. Recently, JASDFW members Noor and Hamida Khoja, and their son Rayyan hosted the Hayashi family after they flew in from Sendai, Japan.

While the Hayashi family was in town, they visited the Fort Worth Stock Yards to experience a little slice of Texan culture, visited the Grapevine Mills Mall, and even stopped by our Izakaya Culture event at Yama Izakaya and Sushi. Eichiro Hayashi, pictured on the far right of the picture above, made a strong impression with our attendees and he even encouraged many of them to dive right into Yama Izakaya's less known Japanese dishes.

Thanks for hosting Noor, Hamida, and Rayyan, we hope you and the Hayashi family had a blast!



## Japan-in-a-Suitcase: Volunteers Needed!

JASDFW is looking for volunteers to share Japanese culture to the community with us. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events below, please contact Natsuyo Taniyasu at 214-342-2022 or send an email to [natsuyo@jasdfw.org](mailto:natsuyo@jasdfw.org).

- [Larkspur at Twin Creeks](#) (Fri, May 24, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)
- [Taste of Addison](#) (Sat, June 1, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm) (Sun, June 2, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

**GOLD | \$2,500**

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### GDAACC Asian Festival

**Saturday, May 11**  
**10:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Cypress Waters The Sound**  
**3081 Olympus Blvd.**  
**Dallas, TX 75019** ([Map](#))

Celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the Greater Dallas Asian

American Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Asian-American Community. The GDAACC's Asian Festival





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returns yet again with food vendors, cultural performances, item vendors, and more! Join your friends and experience the wide diversity of Asian cultures Dallas has to offer!

[You can click here to learn more. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available.](#)

### Yuko Dance Class Performance

Sunday, May 19  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Toyota Motor North America, Inc. ([Map](#))



Dallas Cowboys  
Cheerleader Yuko  
Kawata's Dance Class

will be having its final performance before the class disbands. Ms. Kawata has dedicated her heart and soul to Japanese dance and will be moving from North Texas to Japan. The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth wishes her well in her and encourages everyone to attend.

[Please RSVP to yuko.dance.class@gmail.com by May 12 to attend!](mailto:yuko.dance.class@gmail.com)



### Studio Ghibli Festival 2019

Monday, May 20 - Tuesday May 21 | 7:00 pm

In celebration of its 35th anniversary, Miyazaki's classic *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind* is returning to the big screen at select theaters throughout the North Texas area. Set over a thousand years after a post-apocalyptic event, the film follows Princess Nausicaä as she tries to bring peace and harmony between humans and nature. You won't want to miss this animated classic!

[You can purchase tickets online here.](#)

**NEC**

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**The 29th  
Japan-America  
Grassroots  
Summit**

**Program Dates:  
June 24 - July 1**

Play a role in citizen diplomacy and represent the United States of America this summer in Hyogo Prefecture, home of the famous Himeji Castle of Japan. As an attendee of the Japan-America Grassroots Summit, you'll be playing a role in celebrating the historic friendship of the United States and Japan, and you will enjoy sight-seeing, cultural activities, and even a home-stay experience.

The program includes opening ceremonies, four days of local sessions with your host family where you will participate in cultural activities, and a special farewell reception. [You can click here to learn more about the Grassroots Summit.](#)

**Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner Sponsors**

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## Gallery - Izakaya Culture



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## Events Calendar

### NEW MEMBERS

#### Corporate Members

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#### Individual/Family

Kim Nguyen  
Shaina Jones Ressler  
Janet Yoshii-Buenger

#### UPCOMING:

- [May 11 | GDAACC - Asian Festival 2019](#)
- [May 13 | Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner](#)
- [May 19 | Fort Worth Japanese Society May Luncheon - Japanese-American Stories](#)
- [May 19 | Ikebana Dallas Chapter 13 - Year-End Celebration](#)
- [May 19 | Yuko Dance Performance](#)
- [May 20 - May 21 | Studio Ghibli Fest 2019: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind](#)
- [May 31 - June 2 | The Taste of Addison](#)
- [June 4 | The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange](#)
- [June 24 - July 1 | the 29th Japan-America Grassroots Summit](#)

#### ONGOING:

- [Now - January 5, 2020 | Crow Museum of Asian Art: Hands and Earth - Contemporary Japanese Ceramics](#)

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