

# **July Newsletter**

## **JASDFW NEWS**

**CORPORATE MEMBERS** 

**PLATINUM | \$5,000** 







### **JASDFW** mourns passing of PM Shinzo Abe



Last Friday, former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe died of gunshot wounds while in Nara giving a speech. We offer our condolences to the Japanese people during this difficult time. We are also saddened by this senseless act of violence in a country that prides itself on public safety. Abe was the longest-running Prime Minister in Japanese history and he strengthened U.S.-Japan relations during his years in office. His legacy will live on through those whose lives he influenced and the friendships that he established.

# **HAYNES BOONE**







[Online] Summer Japanese Language Class

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CDT Thursdays, July 14 to September 1



**TOYOTA** 

This course is for beginners who are looking for a general understanding of the Japanese language and to practice some common expressions used in personal conversations. Students will learn some basic Japanese grammar and sentence structures as they learn how to introduce themselves and share simple personal details in Japanese. They will also learn familiar and basic expressions, and a variety of greetings useful in daily conversations.

While this course is focused on conversational Japanese, by the end of the course, students will be able to recognize Hiragana and its differences between the other writing systems. Prior knowledge of Japanese characters (Hiragana, Katakana, & Kanji) is not required to take this course.

**Register Here** 

**GOLD | \$2,500** 

To learn more about our language class, click here.



















## 2022 Annual Sake Tasting and Lecture

Friday, July 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. CDT Central Five Hundred (JASDFW building) 500 North Central Expressway, Plano TX 75074 Members \$35 / Nonmembers \$45 / Nonmembers with membership bundle \$70 (Save \$10)

After successful online programs in 2020 and 2021, the sake tasting and lecture returns as in-person event. This is one of the Society's most popular annual programs and a highlight of our summer schedule. We will have a guided experience led by our friends at Sake Social, complemented with local Japanese cuisine. For the first time in the event's history, we will also add shochu to our menu. This distilled alcoholic beverage typically comes from rice, barley, sweet potatoes, buckwheat, or brown sugar.

This event is currently sold out. Please click on the Register Here link below and you will be added to the Waiting list. You will be notified when seats are available.















Japanese Beer Garden & Family Fun

Saturday, August 13 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CDT Rollertown Beerworks 412 North Oklahoma Street #106, Celina TX 75009 (MAP) FREE

The Japan-America Society is excited to partner with Rollertown Beerworks on a special family-friendly event. Join us to celebrate summer with family activities, such as Japanese culture bingo, and learn about Japan from our amazing staff. There will be food available for purchase from F&F Express. Visit <a href="https://www.fnfeat.com/food-truck/">https://www.fnfeat.com/food-truck/</a> to learn more about the truck's menu. There will seating both outdoors and indoors for this program. For guests 21 and older, you can enjoy a limited-edition beer that will likely only last the weekend! This variety uses Sorachi Ace, which are the same hops developed to make Japan's famed Sapporo extra premium lager in the 70s.

To learn more about this event, please click here.



Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival Saturday, September 10

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. CDT

Simpson Plaza at Frisco Square 8843 Coleman Boulevard, Frisco TX 75034 (MAP) FREE

Our 23rd annual Otsukimi will return to its normal inperson September schedule for the first time since 2019. This event has become one of the region's largest Japanese cultural celebrations. Festivities include musical performances, haiku readings, vendors selling Japanese food and collectibles, themed art, and family-friendly activities.

# Performances and Demonstrations (click below to see full list)

- Dallas Kiyari Daiko (traditional Japanese taiko drumming)
- Dallas Sumo Club (Japanese wrestling demonstration)
- Plano Kendo Dojo (Japanese martial arts)
- Stan Richardson and Mujuan Dojo (Shakuhachi music)

# Activities and Vendors (click below to see full list)

- Bobaddiction (boba tea and refreshing drinks)
- Ikebana International Dallas Chapter 13 (Japanese floral arrangements)
- KIKI Japan (Japanese-inspired clothing and accessories)
- MBFLYnagasaki (Japanese scarves, purses, earrings, and bracelets
- Miki Bread and Crafts (Japanese-inspired baked goods and handmade crochet items)
- Spin Sushi food truck (Japanese and Asian fusion cuisine)

To learn more about this event, please click here.



#### 2022 Japan America Friendship Night

Tuesday, September 20
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. CDT
Globe Life Field - 734 Stadium Drive, Arlington TX
76011
Tickets \$20 + fees

Our annual baseball gathering returns to Globe Life Field, home of the Texas Rangers. While cheering on the hometown team, we will also see Japanese superstar Shohei Ohtani, who plays for the Los Angeles Angels. Ohtani won the American League MVP (most valuable player) award in 2021 and was also the first player in MLB history to be an All-Star as both a pitcher and a

hitter. Tickets will be in the SkyBox on the second level, along the third base side of the stadium. All attendees will have both a regular seat in the SkyBox area and be able to easily sit at the picnic tables to connect with old acquaintances and new friends. This game is also a great deal with tickets at only \$20 in baseball's newest stadium!

**Register Here** 

To learn more about this event, click here.



### "Summer in Japan" - JASDFW Video Series

Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth brings you the series, Summer in Japan! In these videos, we'll discover what summertime is like in Japan while finding ways to explore it here in America. Join our summer intern, Sarah Modisette, and friends to learn about the fun, beautiful, interesting, delicious, and creative experiences that make summertime in Japan what it is!

Please click above to watch the first episode, "Summer in Japan - Food!" Please visit our YouTube channel for regular updates and we will share videos through social media and our newsletters.

# **Event Highlight**







2022 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner

May 26, 2022

View Full Event Gallery

Video Recap

Learn About Event

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## **Events Calendar**

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

#### Individual/Family

Diana Arora
Guarav Arora
Guarav Arora
Dominic Arzon
Brent Boyd
William Cairns
Christeen Cantrell
Gerald Holt
Ranti George
Ailey Langley
Sean McCoy
William McElmurray
Elizabeth McIlyar
Jennifer McIlyar
Abheeshek Sharma
Emma Taylor

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- <u>July 14-September 1 | [ONLINE] Japanese 1 Language</u> Class
- July 15 | Annual Sake Tasting and Lecture
- August 13 | Japanese Beer Garden at Rollertown Beerworks
- September 10 | Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival
- September 20 | Japan America Friendship Night at Globe Life Field
- Save-the-date September 25 | JASDFW at DJA Akimatsuri
- Save-the-date October 15 | Sun & Star Golf Classic

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