



JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF DALLAS/FORT WORTH

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Corporate Members

Platinum | \$5,000



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45th Annual Meeting & Member Social!

Join us to celebrate a successful year! After the general meeting and election of Board members, enjoy a sake tasting with introduction by Jinbeh owner Ben Matsuda. Enjoy sushi, tempura, and more! See the list of nominees below.



June 4, 2015 | 6:00 PM
Haynes and Boone, LLP
2323 Victory Avenue, Suite 700
Dallas, Texas 75219

[REGISTER HERE](#)
\$38 Member | \$42 Public
RSVP by June 1

[More Information](#)

NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Japanese First Vice President

Takashi Kubota, NEC Corporation America

Treasurer

Teruo Higa, SCS Global Professionals, LLP

Elected Director, Term Ending 2016

Mark Berry, Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Elected Directors, Term Ending 2018

Ken Ohashi, 7-Eleven, Inc.

Harry Whalen, Frisco Economic Development Corporation

Robert Kantner, Jones Day

Masanobu Kobayashi, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

Dallas-Sendai Friendship Tree Planted



The Dallas-Sendai Friendship Tree was planted on the Mori no Sato grounds at the end of April. The Friendship Tree, a cherry tree, was made possible through your generous donations to our December 2014 year-end campaign!

TOYOTA

Gold | \$2,500



DALLAS/FORT WORTH
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Welcome New Members
Corporate

Bronze

Brierley+Partners
Constangy, Brooks, Smith &
Prophete, LLP
Frisco Economic Development
Corporation
Hill+Knowlton Strategies
iicareer/Gephyro Consulting
SCSK (USA)

Welcome New Members!
Individual & Family

Gary & Kim Stollar
John & Elaine Gilbert

JASDFW Membership

Online registration is fast
and easy.

A plaque explains the symbolism of the tree in both English and Japanese. The Mori no Sato nursing facility, destroyed in 2011 by the earthquake and tsunami, has been rebuilt with partial support from the Sendai Relief Fund - \$189,000 raised by JASDFW from generous donors in North Texas. The new building is scheduled to reopen on June 26.



Sendai Half Marathon: Dallas Runners Race Well!



The City of Sendai held its 25th annual half marathon on Sunday, May 10. Runners Elizabeth Northern and Joshua Thompson, accompanied by Mark Berry of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth, represented the City of Dallas in the race. (Photo: The delegation with Motoko Kamei and Shogo Kamei, Chairman, Tohoku Japan America Association.) Elizabeth Northern placed 1st in the sister city competition and 11th overall female competition with a time of 1:19:24, and Joshua Thompson placed 7th in the sister city competition and 230th overall male competition with a time of 1:22:15. Dallas and Sendai have been International Friendship Cities since August 29, 1997, and a Dallas team has participated in the Sendai Half Marathon since 1996.

SMU Honors Irene Hirano Inouye



JASDFW and the Tower Center hosted a luncheon for Irene Hirano Inouye, President of the U.S.-Japan Council, on May 15. SMU conferred an honorary degree on Ms. Inouye as part of its May 16 commencement ceremony. [More Information.](#)

A-Kon 26: June 5 - 7



Celebrating its 26th year, A-Kon is the oldest continually-running anime-based convention in North America. A-Kon offers fans experiences in a variety of interest areas, including independent film, J-Pop, and gaming. Be sure to check out JASDFW's activity booth on Saturday, June 6 from 10 am - 5 pm. [More Information](#)

Weekend Home Hosting Opportunity in Fort Worth Area



Fort Worth Sister Cities is looking for host families from July 23 - 27 for high school students participating in the 2015 International Leadership Academy. Students from Fort Worth's sister cities, including Nagaoka, Japan, will attend. Contact isabella@fwsistercities.org for more information.

Summer Calligraphy Classes

Looking to improve your Kanji? Machiko Hanafusa, a licensed

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!

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JASDFW Online

www.jasdfw.org



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calligraphy instructor, is offering summer calligraphy classes.

[More Information](#)

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Dallas Museum of Art: Between Action and the Unknown



From February 8 - July 19, the DMA is showing decades of masterworks by Kazuo Shiraga and Sadamasa Motonaga, leaders of the post-war avant-garde movement Gutai. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to view this important collection.

[More Information](#)

Screening *Godzilla: The Japanese Original*



Experience the 1954 classic on the big screen on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:55 pm at the Alamo Drafthouse Richardson.

[More Information](#)

Thank you, Volunteers!

Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner & Silent Auction

Rachel Berglund
Binnie Bracken
Junko Cummings
Luke Friesen
Rachel Heisel
J.J. Jenkins
Bruce Jones
Nancy Kerstetter
Bob Kerstetter
Molly Lam
Austin Lockhart
Ryutaro Makino
Diane Montgomery
Josh Murillo
Yuki Nemoto
JoAnn Prindle
Mark Prindle
Tony Ruberti
Cynthia Samilton
Chrystal Sanders
Casey Sanders
Reiko Shinde
Keiko Suzuki
Candi Tam
Amanda White
William Wolfgram

May Festival Volunteers

Aaron Bakutis
Hiroko Beaudoin
Machiko Hanafusa
Motoko Ishihara
Aki Ishikawa
Sarah Ishikawa
Ai Koh
Takako Kosaka
Hiroaki Matsumoto
Shione Matsuo
Ayako Minor
Chrystal Sanders
Yi-an Wu
Leila Wyatt
Chiyomi Wyatt
Chunyan Zhang

Photo Gallery

The 2015 Sun & Star Award was presented to Yoshiyuki Kasai for his outstanding contributions to U.S.-Japan relations. Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller received the Bridges-to-Friendship Award, and Ambassador and Mrs. Thomas J. Schieffer served as Honorary Hosts. Thank you to all of our guests and volunteers for participating in a truly spectacular evening!





May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and full of festivals and outreach. Thank you to our volunteers for sharing Japanese culture with DFW!



JASDFW Calendar of Events

- June 4 45th Annual Meeting**
- June 5 - 7 A-Kon 26**
- August 9 Sōbetsukai (Farewell Party) for Young Ambassadors**
- August 17 Japan-America Friendship Night with the Texas Rangers**
- September 19 2015 Sun & Star Golf Classic at Cowboys Golf Club**
- October 2-4 Plano Celebrates Japan: An Exchange of Japanese Arts & Culture**
- October 27 Otsukimi (Moon-Viewing)**

Upcoming Events & Activities

February 8 - July 19

Exhibit - Shiraga/Motonaga: Between Action and the Unknown

Hoffman Galleries, Dallas Museum of Art

[More](#)

May 23 | 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

2 for the Price of 1 Entry to Japanese Gardens

Fort Worth Botanic Garden

[More](#)

May 28 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Cocktail Tour at The Ann & Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Museum

Dallas

[More](#)

May 29

Eat, Shop, and Explore Works of Art in H Mart

Carrollton & Plano

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June 7

9th Annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite and Lantern Festival

Las Colinas Urban Center on Lake Carolyn in Irving, TX

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