

Japan America Society of Minnesota



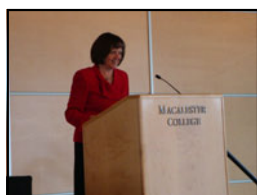
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A Great Success with Career Day and Sushi Social!

The second JASM Career Day was held at the Alexander Hill Ballroom of Macalester College on Saturday, November 12th. It was organized to help those with an interest and passion for Japan learn about opportunities to utilize their skills in a Japan related career.



Mirja Hanson—
Keynote Speaker

Over 50 people attended this event that began by featuring a keynote presentation by Mirja Hanson, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Minneapolis. Mirja shared her experiences with “Composing a Career on this Small Planet”. Mrs. Hanson encouraged the attendees to use their Japan related skills and to

make those part of their search for meaningful careers.

A panel of JET Alumni, moderated by Liz Brailsford Minnesota JET Alumni Association Vice President with Monica Komomua, Senior Analyst - Database Marketing, Thomson Reuters, Aaron Medina, Category Development Manager, General Mills Incorporated and Kate Thersleff, Vocational Specialist, Partnership Resources Inc. spoke of their experiences either in teaching English in a variety of places in Japan. They related how their experiences serving in the JET program have been beneficial in their present careers.

Next, Karin Wagner, Founder and President of Metis Career Consultants, gave a presentation as a job workshop. Ms. Wagner discussed how often people have a limited or low level understanding of the job search process, and her goal was to help attendees gain a deeper understanding of the process and land their next opportunity.

Another panel of JASM leaders related their experiences of living and working in Japan. Micah Bly, JASM Board Member served as the moderator of the panel that included David W. Smith, Vice President - Market Development, St. Jude Medical, Richard E. Stahl, President and Chief Manager, Sassafras Consulting, LLC, and current president of JASM, and Barbara Whittington, IT Project Manager, Imation Corporation. Each shared experiences of the fields they work in and how they were able to utilize their knowledge of Japanese language and culture during their career, as well as give advice and information to attendees about different possible career options



JASM Careers Panel

After the Career Day program, a Sushi Social gathering was held at the Sakura Restaurant in Saint Paul. This event provided the opportunity to continue the Career Day discussion and network. JASM Board member, Liz Brailsford and the Young Professionals Group organized a superb event to address the interests of future employees of Japan related companies.

4th Annual Bonnenkai Coming & Kanna Club

Everyone is invited to the fourth Annual Bonnenkai (end of year celebration). The event will be held with Kanna Club on Thursday, Dec. 15th, in Kikugawa Restaurant at 43 Main St. SE, in Minneapolis and feature appetizers, and a casual atmosphere to remember 2011 and look forward to the New Year. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the program starts at 6:00 PM. The price is \$10 for JASM members (\$15 Non-members), beverages are not included. Please make your reservation by Tuesday, Dec. 13th, on the JASM website, or by calling 612-627-9357 or by email to jasm@us-japan.org.

*The question for next month's Kanna Club is : “Which prefectures in Japan has the lowest population?”



2011年も残すところあと1ヶ月となり、忘年会の季節になりました。ミネソタ日米協会では、12月15日木曜日よりKikugawa Restaurant (菊川レストラン)にて毎年恒例の忘年会を今回はかんな倶楽部と一緒にを行います。日本の料理を楽しみながら、今年を振り返りませんか？忘年会は5時半開場、6時開始を予定しております。ご予約をご希望の方は、ミネソタ日米協会のウェブサイト、またEメールか電話にて12月13日火曜日までにご連絡ください。参加費は、会員の方はお一人様\$10、非会員方はお一人様\$15となります。

さて、次回のかんな倶楽部のクイズは…「一番人口の少ない県はどこでしょうか？」どなた様もご回答をお忘れなく。

SAVE THE DATE:
SHINNENKAI 2012
Sunday, January 15th, 2012

Letter from the JASM President



2011-- The Year of the Volunteer
Most of us are familiar with the Chinese Zodiac, a 12 year mathematical cycle with an animal representing each year. 2011 is the Year of the Rabbit. 2012 will be the Year of the Dragon. I like to think of each year for JASM being the

Year of the Volunteer. We are fortunate to have a great staff of Ben van Lierop, Kanna Sato and our college interns supplemented by our Officers and Directors. However, event after event, I am so impressed by the hard work done by a great number of volunteers. Some people focus on supporting one or two events, like the Mondale Dinner or the J Quiz, while many others seem to be pitching in for one event after another. THANK YOU one and all. The strong record of JASM events during 2011 could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers.

JASM Career Day

Kudos to everyone involved in a very successful JASM Career Day. Approximately 50 students, recent graduates and JET returnees attended the program on November 12th at Macalester College. The program featured a Keynote Address by Mirja P. Hanson, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Minneapolis, a Job Workshop with Karin Wagner, Founder and President of Metis Career Consultants and panel discussions with JET alumni and veteran JASM Board members. Twenty one students from Saint John's University and College of Saint Benedict made the trip from St. Joseph to participate. The program was followed by an enjoyable dinner at Sakura with 30 plus attendees.

Upcoming Events

JASM's busy schedule of events continues over the next two months with our Recognition Party of Sakura Circle Members on December 13th, Bonenkai Celebration on December 15th and the Shinnenkai New Year's Event on January 15th. Please look for details in this [Tsushin](#) or contact the JASM website.

Tohoku

This year will be remembered throughout our lifetimes as the year of the massive Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami. As we enter the holiday season let us all stop and think how we can continue to support our friends in Japan that are suffering from this tragic event.

You Are The Boss

As JASM President I work for you, the members of JASM. Let me know your suggestions, ideas and complaints. I can be reached by email at LTCBDick@aol.com or by cell phone 612-581-9167.

Successful Give Minnesota Day!

On Wednesday, November 16th, people all over the state of Minnesota had the opportunity to make a donation online to a non-profit organization through the Give Minnesota website. Thanks to everyone's donations, JASM successfully raised:

\$1590.00

Thank You to Our Donors!

Deanna Bassett
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Ben and Chris van Lierop
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JASM Membership News

Many thanks for your continued support to enable JASM to develop and expand programs that build bridges of understanding and cultural awareness.

Please welcome the following new JASM members:

Ryan Powers, Brandis Conroy, Rebekah M. Holmes, Kentaro Takada, Jeremy Henning, Brett Kaminski

Thanks to the following renewing JASM members:

Peggy Herrmann, Toru Hibi, Bryan Roberts, Hanna Brandt, Joel & Ayumi Malin, Miyuki & Mitch Baron

Happy to Announce New Corporate Members:

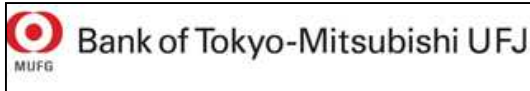
Leonard, Street and Deinard

We are grateful to the Sakura Circle renewing member:

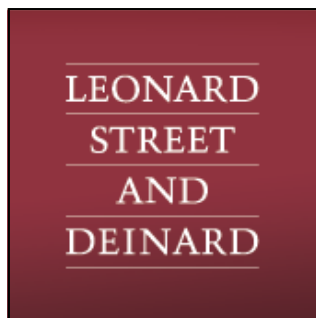
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Total Private Members: 281
Total Corporate Members: 57

New Corporate Members



The Bank of Tokyo—Mitsubishi UFJ (BTMU), one of the top five largest banks in the world, provides, commercial banking services to Minnesota clients through its Minnesota Corporate Banking office. BTMU's aim is to contribute to the growth of the Japanese and global economy through the provision of services to support worldwide customer growth. Under these severe economic conditions, BTMU contributes to customers' businesses and the real economy through steady financing and a variety of instruments. We are proud to be associated with Scott Ackerman, the Director of U.S. Corporate Banking, and other representatives from BTMU. We feel honored to have a company directly related to the Japanese community as one of our members.



Leonard, Street, and Deinard, is a full-service law firm in Minneapolis. They have helped clients achieve objectives through astute legal advice and good common sense since 1922. Whether representing an individual, a start-up company or a Fortune 500 corporation, they work to understand client needs, stay focused on goals and provide wise counsel and practical advice. Everyone is dedicated to client success. In this increasingly competitive world, their clients' loyalty is something they do not take for granted. JASM warmly welcomes Leonard, Street, and Deinard to our society. We are pleased to have the support of Ruth Rivard and associates as a part of our efforts to create lasting relationships among the community.

Please thank our members with your support!

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Saint Paul Convention & Visitors Authority
Winona State Univ. Global Studies Dept.

Corporate Roundtable Report



JASM President Dick Stahl presenting JETRO's Tatsuhiro Shindo with a gift from JASM.

The November Corporate Roundtable event highlighted a presentation by Mr. Tatsuhiro Shindo, Chief Executive Director of JETRO Chicago. Shindo-san's presentation delineated the concerns and progress of the Great East Japan Earthquake cleanup. His insights on social trends, as well of the development of Japan's economy, Shindo-san brought light to new understanding of Japanese culture. His presentation was not only informative, but gave a sense of ambition to Japan's road ahead. The participating members' backgrounds and interests in Japan brought a sense of compassion to the event's atmosphere as well. The presentation was warmly received as the discussion after the event gave members an opportunity to meet the JETRO representatives, along with other guests.



Tatsuhiro Shindo, Ralph Inforzato and Dick Stahl meet Ambassador Walter Mondale



Yuko Miyamoto's ミネソタ徒然 Minnesota Tsurezure

そろそろホリデーシーズン。街のムードもそれらしい雰囲気になってきました。今回の徒然はホリデーシーズンのお薦めイベント&エンターテイメントをご紹介します。

ホリダズル・パレード

毎年ホリデーシーズンを盛り上げるライトアップされたパレード。お伽噺の登場人物やサンタクロース、スノーマンなどが、光に包まれたコスチュームでパレードします。



～2011年12月18日(毎週木曜日から日曜日)

ニコレット・モール(ミネアポリス) www.holidazzle.com

クリスマス・キャロル

ディケンズのお馴染みの名作はホリデーシーズンにかかせない物語の一つ。ガスリー・シアターの毎年恒例の舞台は必見です。ミシシッピ河畔に建つモダン建築の劇場での公演です。

～2011年12月30日 ガスリー・シアター(ミネアポリス)

www.guthrietheater.org

メーシーズ・ホリデー・ディスプレイ

メーシーズ百貨店で毎年開催されるホリデーをテーマにしたディスプレイです。無料。

～2011年12月30日 メーシーズ8階催し会場(ミネアポリス)

www.macys.com

ウィンターライツ:シーズン・セレブレーション

様々な文化や時代のホリデーシーズンをお祝いする展示やクリスマス・デコレーションが館内を彩ります。期間中のホリデーイベントも要チェック。

2012年1月1日 ミネアポリス美術館 www.artsmia.org

ミュージカル:オズの魔法使い

トニー賞受賞の全米でも最も評価の高いチルドレン・シアターによる名作「オズの魔法使い」ミュージカル。映画でお馴染みの名曲とカラフルな演出が大人も子供も楽しめる舞台です。

～2011年1月8日 ミネアポリス・チルドレン・シアター

www.chirdrentheatre.org

ミネソタ管弦楽団定期公演

12月4、11日 ウェルカム・クリスマス/ボーカルエッセンス・コーラスアンサンブル&シンガーズ+ 室内管弦楽団
プリマス合同教会(ミネアポリス) 12月10日 スティルウォーター・トリニティ教会

12月7、10、11日 ヘンデル「メサイヤ」

12月9、11日 ジングルベル・ドック/ドック・セバリンセン(ジャズ・トランペット、指揮)

12月14日 サラ・ヒックス指揮/ジム・ブリックマン・ホリデー・コンサート&ミネソタ管弦楽団

12月16日 サラ・ヒックス指揮/セルティック・ウーマン・クリスマス・セレブレーション& ミネソタ管弦楽団

12月17、18日 サラ・ヒックス指揮/北欧のクリスマス

オーケストラ・ホール他(ミネアポリス)

www.minnesotaorchestra.org

ヒル邸のクリスマス

かつての鉄道王の邸宅のホリデーシーズンのデコレーションと習慣を当時のメイドや執事のコスチュームガイドによるツアーで体験します。要予約。有料。

2011年12月3、4、10、11、17、18日 ジェームズ・J・ヒル邸(セントポール)

www.mnhs.org

サンタとペットの撮影会

可愛いペットとサンタの写真を撮影するイベントです。見学しているだけでも楽しくなるはず。

2011年12月4、11日 モール・オブ・アメリカ(ブルーミントン)

www.mallofamerica.com

ミュージカル:ソウル・オブ・ガーシュイン

多くの名曲が今も歌い継がれ演奏され続けているガーシュインの音楽とその物語をたどるミュージカル舞台です。ジャズやブルースがムードを盛り上げてくれます。

2011年12月8日～2012年1月1日 パークスクエア・シアター(セントポール)

www.parksquaretheatre.org

ホリデーライト・ツアー

地元バスツアーによる恒例クリスマスのライティングデコレーションを巡るツアーです。要予約。

2011年12月10、17日 モール・オブ・アメリカ集合(ブルーミントン)

www.metroconnection.com

ミュージカル/シンデレラ

ロジャーズ&ハマースタインがジュリー・アンドリュース主演で制作した名作がよみがえります。ホリデーシーズンにぴったりのミュージカルです。

2011年12月13日～2012年1月1日

オードウェイ・パフォーミングアーツ・センター(セントポール)

www.ordway.org



ミュージカル:すべて穏やかに～1914年クリスマスの真実

第一次大戦の西部前線。敵対する国の兵士たちが聖夜に歌を交換する心温まるも哀しい物語。数々の伝統的なホリデーソングによる真実の物語。

2011年12月15～18日 ヒストリック・パンテージアス・シアター(ミネアポリス) www.hennepintheatretrust.org

この他、アメリカン・スウィーディッシュ博物館はこの季節北欧のセントルシア祭をテーマにしたホリデー・デコレーションやイベントを毎年行っています。北欧系の多いミネソタで地味ながら長く続いているイベントです。ホテルのニューイヤーズ・イブ・パーティーはライブ音楽など、若い人向きです。ニューイヤーズ・イブにはバックヒル・スキー場で深夜までス

キーやスノーボード、チュービングを楽しみ、その後、花火を鑑賞して新年を迎えるというイベントもお薦めです。

English Calendar of Events (Minnesota Tsurezure)

Annual Holidazzle Parade

Starting December 18th every week from Thursday to Sunday at Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis

Christmas Carol

December 30th at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis

Macys 8th Floor Holiday Display

December 30th at Macys in Minneapolis



Winterlights: Celebrating the Season

January 1st at the Minneapolis Institute of Art

The Wizard of Oz

January 8th at the Minneapolis Children Theater

Minnesota Orchestra Season

Hill House Holidays

December 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th at James J Hills House in St. Paul

Pet Photos with Santa

December 4th and 11th at the Mall of America

The Soul of Gershwin

From December 8th to January 1st at Park Square Theatre in St. Paul

Holiday Lights Tour

Dec. 10th, 17th, (The bus starts from the Mall of America)

Cinderella

From December 13th to January 1st at Ordway Performing Arts Theatre in St Paul

All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

December 15th at the 18th Historic Bandages Theatre in Minneapolis



Views on Christmas

One way I always knew that the Christmas season had arrived in Japan was through the songs on the radio. I frequently got serenaded by Wham!'s "Last Christmas" wherever I went -- stores, restaurants, the radio. It is actually quite a depressing song about heartbreak (and more than 20 years old), so I'm not sure why it was still so popular. Maybe it was the melody. When the Japanese group EXILE redid the song in 2008, they changed the words and meaning significantly to make it more upbeat. These two versions rivaled each other in popularity in the three years I was there. Except for "Jingle Bells," the other classic songs and carols I grew up with did not really ever even make an appearance.



The Japanese grocery stores and convenience stores advertised pre-ordering Christmas Cake, a kind of spongy cake with strawberries, other fruit, and light, whipped frosting that is absolutely essential on Christmas Eve. Until I had gone to Japan, I had never even heard of Christmas Cake (more of a U.K. thing, I think), which seemed to surprise a lot of people there.

Another thing which surprised me was that all the kids knew who Santa was, but he seemed to be more of a mascot for the holiday, rather than someone who played an important role in it.

But regardless of the way that Christmas is celebrated, the sense of good will and joy is present throughout the season in Japan just as it is in America.

-written by Erica Johnson, former JASM intern

日本人と家を振り返る 65年

1946年12月満州引揚者数え年14で母子家庭の5人が辿り着いたのは父方の祖父の家越後平野にある稲作十町の旧家だった威厳ある茅葺、大きな茶の間に囲炉裏、高く真っ黒な天井から降りていた自在鍵には鉄瓶が樹根の熾きでお湯が沸いていた。私達の家になったのはその家の鶏小屋で土間に藁布団を敷き母は今は車に乗る距離にある山の堂から背負って来た杉、銀杏の落ち葉で大根雑炊を毎日子供に食べさせた。私の夫が求婚の許可に訪れた時はソ連から帰還した父が近くの田圃に建てた二階建ての掘っ立て小屋で掘った土跡の掘には緋鯉が放されていた。7才になった息子が初めて訪れた日本のお祖父さんの家は成功した父が市内に新築した夫曰く「佐々木御殿」だった。隔年に訪れる同じ家は日本建築の耐久性の弱さが痛感されミネソタ生活半世紀の私には日本住宅と生活環境に窒息感を覚える。日本にはマンションと言う新語と住居が風靡し。(アメリカ語ではコンドミニウム、簡製アパートの所有権持ちからここいらでは100万ドル以上まで)つまり不変の地球表面積に人口の増加と需要供給の原理、加えて各自の経済能力に支配されるのが人間の住家であるミネソタで不動産業33年で英語/日本語でご相談ください。



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Saint Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee Holds Annual Meeting December 3rd

Come to the annual meeting on Saturday, December 3, to hear about projects by the Saint Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee and see a year-in-review video. A delicious buffet by Mai Village is being prepared. Remember that \$10 of each ticket to the annual meeting will be sent to Japan for earthquake relief.

Feel free to contact JoAnn Blatchley, President of the Saint Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee, for more information!

Saturday, December 3, 2011

6:00 to 8:30 PM

Oxford Community Center

Marshall and Lexington, St. Paul 55104

Tickets: \$35 per person, including \$10 tax deductible donation for Japan Earthquake Relief

Edo Pop Opens at Minneapolis Institute of Art

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts is home to about 3,000 Japanese woodblock prints. These works, collectively known as ukiyo-e, or "pictures of the floating world," were produced during Japan's Edo period (1600–1868). Reflecting the interests and activities of the newly emerging class of moneyed commoners, ukiyo-e prints first featured the reigning beauties of the pleasure quarters and the dashing actors of the Kabuki theater, the pop stars of the time.

Edo Pop showcases 160 of the MIA's best prints by the genre's greatest artists, including Harunobu, Kiyonaga, Utamaro, Shunshō, Sharaku, Toyokuni, Hokusai, and Hiroshige. Sensuality, fashion, decadent entertainments, and urban pastimes all reflect the popular tastes of young urban sophisticates of Japan's pre-modern era.



In addition, the exhibition features the works of contemporary artists who are inspired by Japanese woodblock prints and the concepts underlying the floating world. The exhibition runs until January 8, 2012. Tickets can be reserved online at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Additional events are scheduled to go along with the exhibition including:

Cultural Bases: The Influence of Ukiyo-e in Contemporary Art Lecture

Sunday, December 4, 2011, 12 – 3 PM

Pillsbury Auditorium

\$15; \$10 for MIA members, free for members of the Contemporary Art Affinity Group.

Building Bridges

The winds from the cool North were mild this November as families and relatives gathered for the enduring American feast, Thanksgiving. It is a time of sharing recipes and stories, tall tales and hard knocks, as we gather to catch our breath and remember who we are and where we came from. Thanksgiving gives us that time of enduring rituals and deep traditions that have formed from every ethnic group and native peoples of this America.



While I was living in Japan, I felt that the end of December, leading up to Omisoka (Dec. 3rd), and Oshogatsu (New Year's Day), was special for Japanese families as well. This was a similar time of renewal and reflection that Thanksgiving was for me in America. In Japan, the rituals around New Years are filled with many traditions. Each home has its special food and family rituals that tell the stories of the past. Honoring the past with traditions and looking with promise to the future was part of the season.

JASM will honor its past and look forward to the future in 2012 when JASM will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. As a Society, we will have this special opportunity to reflect on where we have come from and what we hope to do in the future. What do we hope to accomplish as a community in the next 5 years? What kind of organization do we hope to become as we enter our next decade as a Japan America Society? Our answers to these questions may be different individually as we are quite a diverse community.

Share your thoughts and ideas with us. Contact one of the JASM Board members, call the JASM office or send an email with your ideas. We welcome this exchange, knowing that your input will help make the 40th Anniversary a time for honoring the past and celebrating our future together as the JASM community.

Ben van Lierop
Executive Director



Kanna Club co-Leader Liz Brailsford poses with JASM member Dan Gilbertson

Japan-America Society Calendar

December

Thursday, 15th—Bonnenkai and Kanna Club

Come and close the year with the JASM family at Kikugawa Restaurant. 5:30 p.m. doors open; 6:00 p.m. program begins. Appetizers will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Make your reservations early!

Shinnenkai

On Sunday, January 15th, JASM will hold its annual New Year Celebration Shinnenkai. Beginning this year the event will be held at the Eisenhower Community Center at 1001 Minnesota 7, Hopkins, MN 55305. The event will run from 4 pm to 8 pm and feature a wide variety of entertainment, shopping, and activities.

The annual JASM karaoke contest will be featured and includes prizes for judge and audience favorites. A list of songs will be available on the JASM website beginning in January.

Demonstrations will also occur throughout the day and include martial arts groups, bonsai, ikebana, and Japanese weaving. Booths representing J-Quiz, the Nihonjin-kai, and other organizations will also be present including Japan sister cities throughout the metro area. Make make sure to learn more about these organization and traditional arts and take this chance to get involved!

Omochi making, a staple of the Japanese New Year will be offered again this year. A JASM Oriental Bazaar, Anime Detour Booth, a special children's area featuring crafts, contests, and prizes for all ages, and other fun activities will be there as well.

Japanese food and concessions, prepared by members and friends of JASM, will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is encouraged for this popular event. For more information and a pre-registration form, see our website in January or check out the January Tsushin. Are you interested in volunteering or know of a group who'd want to participate? Email the JASM office at jasm@mn-japan.org.

We are still accepting donations of Japanese items to be included in the Oriental Bazaar, so please take the time to look through your closets and attics for items to donate. Volunteers are also needed to help make the event a success, so if you have questions or are interested in helping out, email the JASM office at jasm@ua-japan.org.

Japanese Speaking Club

The Japanese Speaking Club is an informal meeting place for those wishing to practice Japanese. We encourage those just beginning the language as well as native speakers to gather at Espresso Royale Café in Downtown Minneapolis to meet new people, discuss experiences in Japan, or simply to speak Japanese. Come when you can, leave when you must.

Date/Time: Every Saturday, any time after 3:00 p.m.

Place: Espresso Royale Cafe

1229 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403

12月のお楽しみ会

12月12日

Nihonjin-kai Pot Luck-日本人会において下さい。
毎月第二月曜日お昼から持ち寄りの昼食会を行っております。ミネソタ在住の日本人との交流を楽しむことができます。毎月第四日曜日一時からは、お菓子と飲み物で素晴らしい名案を話し合ひましょう。
場所4231 Bloomington Ave S. MPLS, MN 55407
(日本語図書館では、本、ビデオ、DVDの貸し出しは無料です)

Please come along to the Nihonjin-kai Pot Luck!

We are having a pot luck party the 2nd Monday of every month at noon. You can mix with Japanese people who are living in Minnesota. Every 4th Sunday of the month, join Nihonjin-kai for great discussion with snacks and beverages beginning at 1p.m.

Location : 4231 Bloomington Ave S. MPLS, MN 55407
(Use of the Japanese Library is FREE and open to the public.)

To list Japan-related events in the Tsushin, email information by the 15th of the month to:

jasm@us-japan.org

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