

# Japan America Society of Minnesota



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### J-Quiz Winners Go to Washington D.C.



Three Winning Teams of J-Quiz from Minnesota in Washington, D.C.

High school students from all over the United States, including three excellent teams representing Minnesota, converged on Washington, D.C. for the 2016 National Japan Bowl on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The winning teams from Minnesota were: Yingyi Zhou, Kayla Cha, Amelia Li (Level 2, Eastview High School); Monica Evelyn Pinkerman, Leif Rolfson, Catherine Ying Young (Level 3, Edina High School); and Isabella Broome Gold, Taylor Anne Nelson, Devon Clark Olson (Level 4, Southwest High School). Also, two participants from Wayzata High School, Minnesota were competing independently in the National Japan Bowl and reached the third place.

The National Japan Bowl is an academic competition that tests high school students' proficiency in Japanese language and knowledge of Japan. In addition to the National Japan Bowl, participants also experienced the capital city and explored Japanese culture through the Sakura Festival, one of the largest one-day Japanese cultural festival in the country.

For the 2016 National Japan Bowl, the organizers included both Japanese etiquette/manners and Japanese gestures/body language as special topics. In addition, aisatsu (greeting) phrases would now be an annual topic in the National Japan Bowl. Also, the number of kanji in the competition was increased. All kanji in the widely-used textbooks Genki I and Genki II were included in the Kanji list.

Last year, students reported that "it was great to see so many people that were interested in Japan" and students felt energized to advance in their Japanese studies. This year's students wrote the following comments:

"The National Japan Bowl definitely became one of my biggest highlights of high school. I've participated in J-Quiz for levels 2 and 3, and being a senior it's amazing to see that effort and work get rewarded with such an amazing trip by finally reaching nationals at level 4. I'm so thankful to JASM for taking the Southwest team to Washington D.C. and giving me this last opportunity as a high school student to compete. It was so much fun to explore D.C. for the first time with our Minnesota group. I made friends from all over the country at Japan Bowl because of their nightly social events and how friendly and open all the other participants were, and we all shared a common interest in Japan. The competition itself was difficult and really tested every bit of Japanese knowledge I have, and really inspired me to learn more.

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### Harukaze 2016 Will Be Musical Treat

The Japan America Society of Minnesota hopes to serve as a bridge between the peoples of the United States and Japan through a high quality annual performing arts event that promotes Japan related arts and local talent. The event will give the community the unique opportunity to experience the arts in a personal way. This year, we will welcome both Japanese and American musicians to perform European music as well as Japanese children's songs (nurse rhymes). Please save the date for this special concert.

Below are some of the pieces that will be performed at Harukaze 2016. Musicians will include (last names alphabetically ranked) David Livingston, Takako Senn, Momoko Tanno, Greg Theisen, Jacqueline Ultan.



From Harukaze Concert 2014

The first part of the concert consists of European classical music such as:

"Sonata for trumpet and piano : Movement I and II"

- written by Eric Ewazen, performed by Takako Senn and Greg Theisen

"Sonata for Violoncello : Movement II - Lento i delicato"

- written by Lloyd Ultan, performed by Jacqueline Ultan and Greg Theisen

"Graceful Ghost Rag"

- written by William Bolcolm, performed by Greg Theisen

The second part will include Japanese songs such as:

"Hana" - "Blossoms"

"Umi" - "Ocean"

"Antagata Dokosa" - "Where Are You From?"

"Akatombo" - "Red Dragonfly"

Performed by David Livingston, Momoko Tanno, Greg Theisen, and Jacqueline Ultan.

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

Hamline University  
Sundin Music Hall  
1531 Hewitt Ave  
St. Paul, MN

**\$10 for JASM members**  
**\$15 for general admission**  
**\$5 for 18 and under**

Tickets can be purchased at  
**www.mn-japan.org**, or  
purchase over the phone by  
calling **612-629-9357**

## A Letter from JASM President

Dear JASM Members & Friends,

Spring is here! In walking around my yard, I can already see my perennials coming back and my herb garden sprouting. After a long and dark winter, it's a happy sight. Experiencing this change in seasons by all my senses puts me in the mood for JASM summer events! This past week, a few of us met to discuss our upcoming plans for an initiative we have begun in the last few years – the greater Minnesota Outreach program. JASM is a state-wide nonprofit serving all peoples of our great state, and with that in mind, we would like to extend our reach deeper and more often into areas outside of the Twin Cities. Since we began the initiative, we have visited or had events in Rochester, Duluth, and Fargo-Moorhead. We hope to expand the offering to other cities this summer and in the future and are currently planning three events to occur in 2016. We are really excited about this initiative and want to serve all of you and those outside of the metro area better. If you have ideas or know of Japan connections in Outstate Minnesota, please let us know! We had the five-year anniversary event of the 311 Great East Japan Earthquake in March. It was a rich and informative event with visitors from IRIS USA, Inc., Atkins Nuclear Solutions U.S., JETRO Chicago, and the Deputy Director-General from the Miyagi Prefectural Government. It was a packed house. Each speaker shared their experiences and knowledge of the aftermath of 311 and the status of the Tohoku region today. In the Q&A session at the end, one attendee asked what ordinary citizens like him – not a business person or connected individual – could do to help the ongoing recovery cause. The answer was: tell everyone you know that the Tohoku region is surviving, it's growing, it's safe, and it's ready for visitors! Go to Japan, visit the area, and support the local economy. So I'm doing my part. I'm sharing with you, the reader, in hopes that you will make the decision in the near future to head to the affected area. As the Deputy Director-General from Miyagi said, the people of those areas thank you! Warmest regards,

Liz Brailsford  
JASM President



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## Tragedy Strikes Kyushu

We were saddened to learn that Kumamoto and other areas in Kyushu were struck by earthquakes on April 14 and tremors that continued for a few days. At least 41 people were killed and 1,500 people were injured in the two larger earthquakes on April 14 and 16 that occurred in Kumamoto Prefecture. It was also reported that 7,262 people were provided shelter in 375 centers across Kumamoto.

On behalf of the JASM community, we want to express our sincere condolences and sympathies to those who are suffering through the loss of life and home. We offer our thoughts and hopes as the survivors struggle to build a new future.

Ben van Lierop  
Executive Director

## J-Quiz Winners Trip (Continued from Page 1)



Students and their teacher at  
National Japan Bowl

There's so much I still don't know about Japan and I'm eager to study and learn more about the art and history, and all the small, beautiful details of the culture. Because of Japan Bowl and my participation in the Japanese program in the past 4 years, I know I will continue to study Japanese culture and language in college and afterwards. I'm so thankful for having had this opportunity, and can't thank

JASM and the sponsors enough for helping provide this influential event every year."

- Taylor Nelson

"The Japan Bowl was a very fun experience for me, because it allowed me to learn a lot about Japan and it's culture, history, and language. It also showed me how much I have to learn about it! The test questions were a lot harder than any of us could have anticipated, but we did our best! The interview round was a little scary, because it was in an interview setting. The rest of the trip was a blast. Washington, D.C. is an amazing place, and it was just so beautiful! The flowers were in bloom, and the city was alive with life and energy! I felt very much like a tourist walking around with matching T-shirts, a huge bag, and a camera around my neck, but I didn't care. It was a beautiful place, and the pictures were definitely worth taking! We visited the Washington Memorial, the capital (which is under renovation), as well as many other places that were so beautiful, I wanted to live there! Then, we went to the Cherry Blossom Festival, which had a lot of people, good food, and entertainment! A little overwhelming, but I got used to it pretty quickly! Overall, it was a very fun and engaging experience, and my only regret is not studying more! It was an amazing experience, and I learned a lot."

- Devon Olson

### *JASM extends our heartfelt gratitude to the generous sponsors who make this trip possible:*

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## Membership News

### Thanks to the following Renewing JASM Members:

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### Thanks to the following New JASM Members:

Dina Blumenfeld, Keiko Foss, Marquis Ozu, Ka Xiong,

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## Nichibei Lecture Series: "Open Heart Surgery and Prevention of Heart Disease"



The purpose of the JASM Nichibei Lecture Series is to provide the Japan related community with unique opportunities to hear local professional people and artists share their expertise, experience and knowledge, and build a network of friendship that contributes to our enjoyment of life in Minnesota.

ミネソタ日米協会のプロフェッショナル・クラブによる日米レクチャー・シリーズでは、様々な分野の専門家や芸術家から、ここでの暮らしに役に立つ興味ある話や経験を聴く機会を提供すると同時に、親日家の皆さんが集まり、友人、知人の輪を広げ、生活をより楽しくすることを目的としています。

For this Nichibei Lecture Series, JASM welcomes Dr. Rochus K. Voeller, MD who will talk about "open heart surgery and prevention of heart disease".

**Thursday, May 19 at 7:00pm.**

**Location: Folwell Hall, 9 Pleasant St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455**

**Admission: \$10 for JASM members, \$15 for non-members**

Rochus K. Voeller, MD:

After receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School, Dr. Voeller completed his general surgery residency and a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Since 2012, he has been on staff at Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN as a Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon.

Dr. Voeller serves as the Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Fairview Southdale Hospital and Associate Program and FVSH Site Director, Thoracic Surgery Fellowship Training Program. In this role, he conducts clinical effectiveness studies to enhance the safety, quality and patient experience of patients undergoing cardiothoracic surgery, while working on control cost of care by minimizing unneeded variation and improving efficiency and effectiveness. (taken from University of Minnesota Department of Surgery)

JASM is pleased to welcome Dr. Voeller as the speaker for the Nichibei Lecture Series on May 19th!

## Corporate Membership Spotlight: Nagomi Ya Senior Living



Since 2007, Nagomi Ya has been serving the Japanese and Korean senior community as a health care facility. They currently have a total of 9 residents in Apple Valley, Minnesota situated in a residential area. It is equipped with safety features like any other nursing home but in a typical home setting.

Nagomi Ya community is dedicated to enriching the lives of the residents every day with signature services to those who value their freedom and independence as well as their cultures, but desire or need services provided to them with the highest level of quality, care, and value. It offers housing and care options for those who require assistance

with daily activities such as dressing, bathing, and administration of medications. It also creates a personalized plan of care that reflects each resident's specific service needs and preferences. The residents enjoy services delivered by caring, compassionate professionals, and families enjoy peace of mind knowing their loved ones are getting the attention that they need.

For more information on Nagomi Ya Senior Living and their news and events, please visit their website at <http://nagomiya.us/News.php>. JASM is pleased to welcome the Nagomi Ya as a new corporate member!

(Note: information above was taken from Nagomi Ya's official website)

*Please thank our members with your support!*

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## Corporate Roundtable: Differences in Business Cultures in Japan and Korea



**Wednesday, May 11**  
7:30 am Registration  
8:00 am Program begins  
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.  
200 South 6th Street,  
Suite 4000, Minneapolis, MN 55402  
JASM Member \$15  
Non member \$20  
Students \$7 (with ID)

A number of U.S. companies do business in Japan as well as in the Republic of Korea. How do business strategies differ when operating in both countries? What cultural aspects and legal considerations are important to be successful when dealing with business initiatives in Japan and Korea? To address these and other questions, JASM is pleased to welcome Steve Dickinson, attorney for Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., who will do a presentation based on his expertise and experience working with U.S. clients with business dealings in Japan and Korea.

Dickinson is an international business lawyer with Fredrikson & Byron law firm, and is the chair of the firm's Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions Practice. He represents clients in acquisitions, joint ventures, greenfield operations, export and import contracts, and distribution arrangements throughout the world, including Japan and Korea. Steve Dickinson also has represented Japanese and Korean companies in their US operations.

Reservations can be made by sending a check payable to "JASM" or by calling 612-627-9357 for payment by credit card. Please let us know that you are coming by May 9th.

## Japanese Professional Group Report



On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, JASM hosted the bi-monthly JASM Professionals Group (JPG) at Saji-Ya. JPG is an event that seeks to provide networking opportunities for business

professionals through social events and gatherings. At JPG, fellow professionals can share their experiences and interests as they relate to Japan from both a personal and professional perspective. After people were settled, the room was soon filled with energy as self-introductions and further conversations occurred. Particularly, JPG's role as an excellent platform to connect a variety of Japanese culture-loving professionals was well demonstrated by the business card exchanges during the meeting.

March's JPG was surely a success as participants were able to share their professional interests with Japan while enjoying Japanese cuisine. JASM believes that JPG meetings could help establish interpersonal ties between participants as well as allow them to build a network in the business field. The next JPG meeting is scheduled on May 25th. We would love to see even more people at the next JPG!

## Consulate Official Will Be in MN for Passport Process

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会場 Quality Inn & Suites  
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## 2016 Mondale Scholarship Applications

Attention to all students studying Japanese language and culture! Do you want to study abroad in Japan? **The Japan America Society of Minnesota (JASM) will be accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year Mondale Scholarship in June!**

JASM will award the Mondale Scholarship to Minnesota undergraduate students enrolled in Minnesota colleges and universities who want to broaden their knowledge of Japan through a combination of study and travel. JASM will offer up to \$4,500 in scholarships for the academic year. The selection committee has the discretion to award up to four \$1,000 scholarships or three \$1,500 scholarships. **Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than Monday, June 20th, 2016.**

### Applicants must:

1. Complete application form (available online)
2. Send official college/university transcript(s)
3. Earn a cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher
4. Send two letters of recommendation
5. Write an essay that addresses why you want to study and travel in Japan and your goals for this experience
6. Send a copy of the letter of acceptance from the intended program of study in Japan

The selection committee will review all applications and select finalists for interviews. These interviews will be held in the JASM office between June 20th and mid-July 2016.

**For more information and required application materials, please visit [www.mn-japan.org](http://www.mn-japan.org)**

## Korean Ambassador Ahn Visits Minnesota



On Friday, April 8th, 2016, the Honorable Ahn Ho-Young, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea visited Minnesota. Amb. Ahn has served in various diplomatic positions in India, Switzerland, France, and Belgium. and he also taught law and diplomacy at Seoul National University. JASM was invited to join the events by Global Minnesota (formerly Minnesota International Center) as part of its focus on Korea in 2016.

Amb. Ahn started off his visit with a welcome lunch at the University of Minnesota and then he visited with several Korean War veterans as well as local business leaders in Minnesota. During the speech, Amb. Ahn mainly focused on the bilateral trade between South Korea and the United States. He pointed out that the United States is an indispensable trade partner of South Korea and it is in the best interest of both countries to keep the United States political and economic leadership in the Pacific region. In addition, Amb. Ahn mentioned that domestic protests in Korea against certain deals of free trade have been robust. According to Amb. Ahn, these civic oppositions, however, do not reflect South Korea's mainstream view of international economics or international trade, and South Korea looks forward to lowering trade barriers as well as promoting trade liberalization across the region. JASM was pleased to participate in the April 8th luncheon and to hear the eloquent and moving speech by Amb. Ahn. This was an important moment for JASM to build a closer relationship with the Asian community in Minnesota.

## Annual New Member Social

On April 26th, JASM invited new members who signed up in 2015 to the JASM office for the annual New Member Social. Once the event began, the office was filled with the buzz of conversations and new friendships were being established. After introducing themselves to the group, they started to share their own connections to Japan. Each one of them, in spite of having distinct cultural and different career backgrounds, shared their love for Japan and Japanese culture at the gathering. The diversity and unique talents of our members are indeed what makes JASM so vibrant.



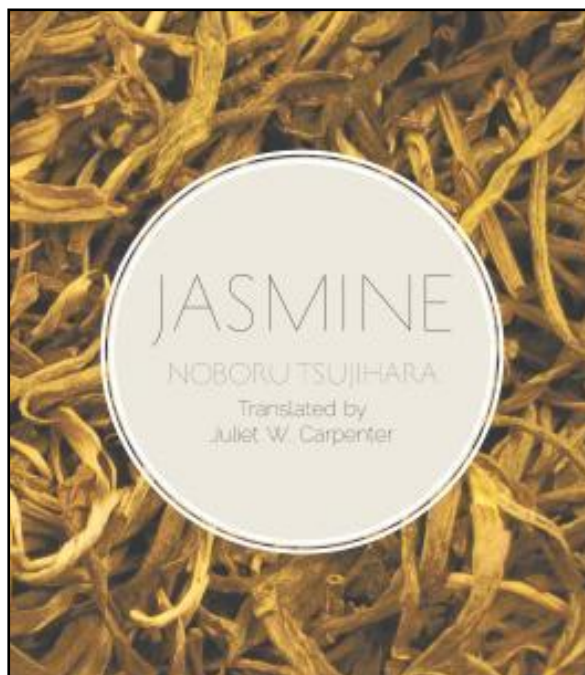
JASM would like to express our appreciation for the newest members, and we hope that they experienced a warm welcome in the gathering. We look forward to forming stronger ties between Japan and Minnesota together!

## Tom Haeg's Book Review: Jasmine

*Jasmine*; Noboru Tsujihara (English translation: Juliet Carpenter (2012); Thames River Press, 309 pages.

There is a clever, *sub rosa* line in the movie *China Town*. Over a Dover sole lunch, John Huston pauses, looks up at Jack Nicholson and tersely says, "You think you know what you are doing, but you don't." This line could have been easily inserted into the *Jasmine* text. Said in another way, things aren't always what they seem. And this makes great literature.

Noboru Tsujihara is a prize-winning Japanese novelist, -1990 Akutagawa Prize for *Mura no Namae*, 1999 Yomiuri Prize for *Tobe Kirin*, 2000 Tanizaki Prize for *Yukotei Enboku* and 2005 Kawabata Yasunari Prize for *Kareha no Naka no aoi Honoo*. He is best known for his suspense-ridden, Hitchcock-style of coupling psychology to plot in historical fiction.



*Jasmine* is an intriguing tale of family secrets, search for a presumed-dead relative, betrayal, espionage and forbidden passions. Its post-war setting deals with Sino-Japanese relations, 1989 Tiananmen Massacre and the 1995 Kobe earthquake. Just to name a few.

Our protagonist, Akihiko Waki, a soft-spoken, think-tank director in Kobe, hears rumors that his Japanese father, long presumed dead, may still be alive and imprisoned in a Chinese province for espionage. The search for his father is really two-fold: to understand who he was (he died when Akihiko was very young) and whether he is still alive. The quest leads to a romantic relationship with a Chinese actress (Li Xing) who coincidentally is involved in a movie script about his father while dealing with her own espionage capers. Notwithstanding this and other coincidences, Tsujihara does a wonderful job making the implausible credible.

Although *Jasmine* is not an easy read, Juliet Carpenter's English translation deserves much merit enabling Tsujihara's literary style to easily resonate with non-Japanese readers.

- Tom Haeg



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「かにかくに思郷の心湧くになり目に青空の煙悲しも」  
啄木。スペース消息を探していた旧友の奥さんから丁寧な手紙と「道」という彼の遺稿書が送られてきて飛び上った。自分用のノートブックをコンピューター開発会社の社長さんから買ってきて頂き、彼の技師さんが太平洋を超えて私の個人教授になり日本語でE-Mailを送る手ほどきを受けた夜、返事をしてくれそうな人へと粘ったがうまくいかない午前4時。諦めて翌朝会社へ行ったら、「新潟日報」の朝刊切り抜きがFaxで弟から届いていた。「巨星落つ」の見出し。私が将来の足掛かりに苦労している時、成功者の彼は68歳で最後の息を引取っていたのだ。「我々が進歩し続ける限り未だ勝って経験したことのない困難に直面する。いつの時代もその時代が直面している問題に真剣に取り組む道だけが残されている」木村明彼は新潟市市民病院長退職後病院の歴史を訪ねてフランスへ行った時の旅行記だった。新潟県越後平野の小村味方村吉江、彼は地主の総領息子私は引揚者で鶏小屋の土間に起居しシベリヤから生き残って



開放された日本兵の父が加わった。12歳で敗戦に会い、一家9人の糧を得るのに失敗した私は、3人の兄弟を餓死させた。帰国した父は「貧乏人の娘が賢いというのは親不孝というものだ」と新制中学卒業式直後、口減らしのために前金で1200円で住み込み農業労働者になった。本の虫で、町の子は起床4時から終業9時半迄の重労働、その時数か月通った夜間定時制高校生にいた木村明さんは、女子同級生と一緒に「洋子さん陣中見舞いです」、と持ってきたのが「葦折れぬ」千野明子だった。落伍者を見舞いに来る優しさ感激した。進学出来ない不幸を弥彦山に沈む夕日に向かって嘆いたけれど、振り返るとそれはただ人生の途中で困難に出会った試練だったのだ。私は労働に耐えられる強い体になり土を扱う多くの女性と違う感じ方になった。しっかりした手と足で、新鮮な空気を吸って働くのは楽しい仕事だ。学歴がない事は考えたほどに不運ではなかったのだ。健康な83歳には定年退職のない職業で好きな仕事を好きなだけで、本の虫は4万冊の本に囲まれ、何時も笑顔に囲まれている生活は70年前に夢見なかった。私は思う「動かせない与えられた環境の中で絶え間ない選択ができる」「延びられる時、延びられる方へ、延びられるだけ、延びておく木の根は賢い」宮沢賢治？（私は雑草の根だったけど）



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## Japanese Speech Contest in Chicago



On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, four speech finalists from the University of Minnesota attended the Thirtieth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at the Japanese Consulate in Chicago. Despite stiff competition,

the U of M students made a strong showing. Yiqing Ma, an Asian Languages and Literatures (ALL) major, took second place with a speech, "Women", about resisting societal pressure to achieve a good marriage. Mengfei Yang (currently enrolled in 4<sup>th</sup> year Japanese) placed a strong third with "Let's Keep Our Chin Up!" a lively and engaging speech about cellphones. In addition, Sean Nelson (an ALL minor) landed the JASC (Japan American Society of Chicago) Award for his speech, "My Father's First Snow", and Yuting Ba (currently enrolled in 2<sup>nd</sup> year Japanese) scored a Bonjinsha Award for her speech "The Reason Why I learn Japanese". More U of M students qualified for this contest than students from any other university or college in the region, and several judges complemented the U of M students in particular on their thoughtful, well-prepared speeches.

## Events in Japanese Garden at Normandale College

A series of events will take place in the following months at the Japanese Garden of Normandale Community College. Please save the dates.

Normandale Community College  
9700 France Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431

Show And Tell Sundays  
2 - 4 pm  
Free Admission

Nihon Teien Matsuri  
Japanese Garden Festival  
12 noon - 6 pm

April 17 Cherry Blossoms  
May 17 Ornamental Crab Tree  
June 19 Bentendo, Bridges, Shelters, Waterfall, Pond and Islands  
July 17 40th Anniversary of Garden Dedication (Honoring the Koi)  
August 21 Shapely Pines  
September 18 Early Fall Colors

Saturday, October 8  
Food/ Boutique/ Martial Arts Dance and Drum performances  
Shakuhachi Flute Player in the Garden  
Bonsai, Ikebana, and Origami Demonstrations  
Japanese Community and Cultural Organizations



## JASM Going Out to the Ball Game June 7th



The Minnesota Twins will be playing against the Miami Marlins on June 7th at Target Field. We would like to invite you to watch the game with us! Whether you are a Twins fan or you want to

cheer for Ichiro Suzuki, it will be a great get together at the beautiful Target Field!!!

**Tuesday, June 7th**

**Target Field**

**1 Twins Way**

**Minneapolis, MN 55403**

Please meet us at Gate 6, right by the light rail at 6:30pm You will receive your ticket there.

Game starts at 7:10pm

Please purchase your tickets by **May 9th**  
**\$30 per ticket**

For the ticket purchase, please go to JASM website  
[www.mn-japan.org](http://www.mn-japan.org)  
or you can give us a call

## Japan America Society Calendar

### May

May 11th: Corporate Roundtable

May 19th: Nichibei Lecture Series

### June

June 7th: Group Outing: Twins vs. Marlins

June 12th: Harukaze

\*If you would like to let JASM know about an upcoming event, e-mail us at [jasm.interns@gmail.com](mailto:jasm.interns@gmail.com)\*

## 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 the **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 at 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Espresso Royale Café  
1229 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403

**For more information, visit [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) and search for the key words "Japanese speaking club"**

## 月例日本人会のお知らせ

毎月日本語図書館で日本人会の昼食会 (Monthly Nihonjin-kai) を行っています。電話などでお誘い合わせの上、お友達やお知り合いとご一緒においで下さい。可能の方はどうぞ料理を1品ご持参願います。ミネソタ州在住の日本人達で良い事を考え、ご馳走と日本語で楽しい時間を持ちましょう。

日程：毎月第2月曜日正午より

場所：日本語図書館

(4231 Bloomington Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55407)

また、毎週土曜日午後2時から、日本語図書館のお手伝いしてくださる方の集まりがあります。是非ご参加ください。この図書館には、漫画や宗教誌約25000冊や約2500本のビデオDVDがあり、希望者にはセルフサービスで日本人会と同じく無料で貸出しています。お問い合わせは下記までどうぞ。

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Nihonjin-kai monthly meeting on 2nd Monday, at noon, at 4231 Bloomington Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55407

## Become a JASM Member online!

*Support our mission and become a member!*

1. Go to [mn-japan.org](http://mn-japan.org)
2. Click on 'Membership' at the top
3. Select your membership type and read the benefits and instructions.

You can also become a member using your smart phone!

## Japan America Society of Minnesota

- Membership Application ○ Change of Address
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### Individual Membership

Patron.....\$1,000+  
Sustaining.....\$500+  
Contributing.....\$100+  
Individual.....\$30  
Student/Senior.....\$20  
Household.....\$50  
(2 adults plus children under 18)

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The Japan America Society of Minnesota is a non-profit, non-political association engaged in bringing the peoples of Japan and the United States closer together in mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation. Through programs and interchange, it endeavors to promote an appreciation of cultural, educational, economic, public, and other affairs of interest to both peoples. Membership in the society is open to individuals, corporations, and other organizations interested in furthering its programs.

The Japan America Society of Minnesota is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

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Winners of J-Quiz 2016 Competed in the National Japan Bowl in Washington D.C. and explored the capital.

