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Harukaze 2019: Concert Recap

On Sunday, July 28th, people gathered for Harukaze 2019, a cross-cultural musical event produced by JASM in cooperation with the Consulate-General. Award-winning shamisen player Momokusu Iwata and incredible pianist Ayatoshi Oikawa performed in Hamline University's Sundin



From left: Momokusu Iwata, Consul-General of Japan Naoki Ito, and Ayatoshi Oikawa

Music Hall. The pair flew in from Tokyo to play music for the people of Minnesota. Their performance was introduced by JASM Executive Director Rio Saito with brief remarks by Honorary Consul of Japan Dick Stahl and the Consul-General of Japan in Chicago, Naoki Ito.



Ayatoshi Oikawa and Momokusu Iwata performing at Harukaze

The first half of the program featured traditional shamisen music played by Mr. Iwata, who was then accompanied by Mr. Oikawa. The solo shamisen's sound filled the hall with a huge variety of expressive tones. The pair returned after intermission to play more modern pieces, including the premiere of a dazzling work composed by Ms. Asako Hirabayashi, who was in attendance. The audience leapt to their feet for a standing ovation at the concert's end, and an encore was performed. One audience member commented, "We are so lucky to have heard these amazing musicians here in Minnesota!" Ms. Momoko Tanno provided English interpretation for the musicians' Japanese commentary. The shamisen's sound was complemented by a gorgeous flower arrangement prepared by Mrs. Yoshie Babcock. After the show, attendees were able to meet and take photos with the performers.

We would like to thank our sponsors Anime Twin Cities, Inc., Ikuko Ebihara, Noriko and Takuzo Ishida, Akiko and Makoto Ishii, and Naigai Industries U.S.A. Inc. for making Harukaze 2019 possible. JASM would also like to thank several people who helped us make this event happen, including Asako Hirabayashi, Yoshie Babcock and Yoko Toda, Saiko McIvor, Tomoko Drake and friends, and Momoko Tanno. This year, Harukaze was in memory of Mr. Takuzo Ishida, a man whose contributions to the Japanese community in Minnesota were countless. Although he has passed, his spirit lives on in events like these.



Consulate-General
of Japan in Chicago



Japanese Obon Festival 2019



2018 Obon Festival Attendees

Mark your calendars! The 2019 Japanese Obon Festival is Sunday, August 18th at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory. Join us for a day that celebrates the rich culture of Japan. Look forward to drumming, singing, dancing, delicious food, martial arts, and – of course – the lantern lighting at dusk. The Obon

Festival is modeled after summer festivals held throughout Japan, and is named after Obon, an important Japanese holiday. During Obon, it is believed that ancestral spirits come to visit their families for three days. It is said that the paper lanterns, an essential part of the holiday, guide the spirits of the ancestors to heaven. The Obon Festival is a collaborative effort between JASM, Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, and the Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee to promote cultural exchange in our community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone who will be joining us this year.

Location: Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

1225 Estabrook Dr, St Paul, MN 55103

Time: 3:00 p.m. – Dusk

Sunday, August 18th, 2019

Ticket Prices:

Adult (age 13 and older): \$5.00

Child (age 3 to 12): \$3.00

Senior (age 65 and over): \$3.00

Under the age of 3: Free



Free shuttle bus service will be available from a staffed off-site parking lot at the District Service Center located at 1930 Como Ave.

Mondale Award Nominations: Deadline Approaching

Do you know someone who has helped build an environment of understanding and respect between Japan and Minnesota? Nominate them for the Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership! This award has been presented annually by JASM since 1997 to individuals and organizations that have shown success in bringing together the cultures of Minnesota and Japan. The award was named for former Vice President Walter Mondale, who served with distinction as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, and Joan Mondale, for her dedication to promoting the arts in both areas. The nomination form for the Mondale Award is due by August 12th, 2019 and can be found at the following address: <http://www.mn-japan.org/programs/mondale-programs/mondale-award/>.

Meet Our Board Member: Masako Yoshida



Masako Yoshida, JASM Board Member

My name is Masako Yoshida. I am a patent attorney and a partner at an intellectual property boutique law firm, Hamre, Schumann, Mueller & Larson, P.C. I have been obtaining patents mostly for Japanese corporations and universities and providing opinions and consultations regarding patent-related matters to my clients.

I have been a JASM Board member since August 2015 and have supported its Shinnenkai and Obon Lantern Lighting Festival. Recently, I have worked with the kitchen crew, introducing Japanese home foods to visitors at the events.

I was born in Tokyo and studied chemistry in Japan, and I started my career in Tokyo with a subsidiary of a Minnesota company immediately after graduation from the university. This was the start of my connection to Minnesota. Although I resigned from the company, my ties to Minnesota have been maintained. In 2000, I moved to Minnesota with my husband for his work assignment. I went to William Mitchell College of Law (currently Mitchell Hamline School of Law) and joined the current law firm in 2007.

I became interested in JASM through two emeritus JASM presidents: the late Mr. Takuzo Ishida and Professor Kenneth Port of the law school. Their enthusiasm about culturally connecting Minnesota and Japan encouraged my interest in JASM and I attended several JASM events. I found that understanding Japanese culture is greatly helpful for Minnesotans who wish to communicate or work with Japanese people. As many people would notice, there are many similarities and differences between Japanese culture and that of Minnesotans, and it is fun to find them. For example, I found that Minnesotans do “*enryo no hitotsu nokoshi*” (hesitating to take a last piece) as Japanese people often do. However, fundraising is a difficult task for Japanese, including me, since asking for money is not in our culture. I hope to serve JASM by sharing the differences and similarities between the two cultures with JASM board members and finding ways to grow JASM.

Seeing and experiencing the culture of Japan is the best way to know the country and people. I hope that JASM can help our members when visiting Japan and help students visit and study there using our scholarship awards.

I have heard from many Minnesotans that Japan is a top country on their list of places to visit. I hope many people will participate in JASM events and find a particular interest in Japan, and then visit Japan to follow that interest. This would make their trips to Japan more satisfying and make their connection to Japan stronger. As a first step, let's have fun at JASM events!

-Masako Yoshida, JASM Board Member

JASM Golf Tournament



On Thursday, September 5th, 2019, JASM is holding a golf tournament at the Monticello Golf Club in Monticello, MN. This tournament will follow a scramble format, where the best ball per foursome is the one that counts.

All JASM members, corporate affiliates, and friends of JASM are welcome to participate in this event. The price is \$100 for registrants who enroll on or before August 12th, 2019; \$125 after August 12th. This price includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, scorecard, a polo golf shirt (please designate size at registration), buffet dinner, and

complimentary Japanese beer. To register, scan the QR code below:



For your benefit, the registration will be capped at 72 players (18 foursomes, one per hole) to ensure speedy play and to complete the golf round in four hours or less. Again, please designate your size at the time of registration.

Monticello Golf Club is just a 25 minute drive on I-94 from the Twin Cities, located at 1209 Golf Course Rd, Monticello, MN 55362. To reach the golf course itself, call (763) 295-4653. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament will be rescheduled.

Membership News

Thanks to the following new JASM members:

Larry and Vicki Ostrom, Marie Thorsten

Thanks to the following renewing JASM members:

John Babcock, Hisako Bickner, Tomoko and Bruce Drake, Don Feeney, Naomi Fujioka, Tom Haeg, Megan and Nobby Hashizume, Elfrieda Hintze, Eiko and James Hoffman, Jay Ihlenfeld, Donald and Kyoko Klein, Machiko Larson, Darryl and Yukiko Magree, Shuzo Murakami, Jack and Karen Sattel, Mark Savin, Steven Savitt, Luke Walbert, Sarah Walbert, Alfred Zdrazil

Thanks to the following renewing Corporate members:

Kiku Enterprises, Inc.; Taiyo International

Recap: Bon Odori Workshop



Dancers at the Bon Odori Workshop

seasoned veterans of Bon Odori, while it was the first time learning these dances for others. No matter the skill level, everyone was able to participate and have a good time. At the workshop, Sansei Yonsei Kai taught dances for both traditional Japanese music as well as modern music, including songs by Justin Timberlake and Bruno Mars. This mix of music was a fun way to show how tradition can be adapted to stay alive in modern times.

JASM would like to thank those who prepared the food for this workshop, Sansei Yonsei Kai, and Salem Lutheran Church for hosting us. Thank you to everyone who participated with us!



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Corporate Spotlight: Minnesota Trade Office



The Minnesota Trade Office (MTO) primarily works with small to medium-sized manufacturers and other businesses in Minnesota to assist them with successfully exporting goods and services. The MTO accomplishes this by providing education, advice, trade show support, travel grants, market assessment and referral services that help them to succeed around the world. The MTO also serves as the state's Office of Protocol. This service oversees state interactions with foreign dignitaries and delegations – about 45 last year -- to ensure that appropriate cultural practices and diplomatic etiquette are applied. In addition to this, the Minnesota Trade Office serves as the liaison to the Minnesota Consular Corps, the state's local diplomatic community.

MTO's regional trade managers assist companies with the challenges encountered while conducting business internationally. They offer guidance for companies newly expanding into the international market, while providing more specialized services for experienced companies. Another service offered by the Minnesota Trade office is the provision of speakers who are able to address international business topics such as the global economy or international trade. Such presentations can be customized to fit the needs of any company, business or trade association, or educational institution. On the Minnesota Trade Office's webpage, www.ExportMinnesota.com, information regarding market research, trade regulations, finding financing and partners, and avoiding common mistakes and struggles can be found.

The MTO also competes with other states to attract foreign companies to invest in Minnesota and partner with our local businesses because of our strong workforce and history of innovation. In close collaboration with JASM, the MTO has been particularly active in outreach activity to the Japanese business community.

Each year, the MTO awards Minnesota companies that have successfully expanded into foreign markets with the Governor's International Trade Award. Individual recipients receive honor with this award, but it is reflected across the entire state of Minnesota through the effects the exports and trade have on the state's economy. In 2016, recipients of the award included Crown Iron Works Co. in Roseville, Digital Content LLC in Edina, DCM Tech Inc. in Winona, and Great Plains Processing in Luverne. Watch for 2019 awards to be announced in October!

Report from a Mondale Scholarship Recipient: Tatiana Gust

Hello! My name is Tatiana Gust and I am one of the recipients of the Mondale Scholarship. I have been in Japan for about 8 months now and will soon, sadly, have to return home.

Reflecting on my journey here in Japan, I'm so grateful for all the opportunities that the Mondale Scholarship gave me. I have been able to travel extensively and meet many amazing people along the way. Recently, I traveled to Kyoto to participate in flower viewing. The sakura, while giving me extreme sneeze attacks, were absolutely beautiful. I got to truly experience *hanami* when a group of older people invited me to sit with them, handed me a beer, and some *karaage* to munch on. We laughed and compared our vastly different cultures until it became dark and the lanterns were lit. Opening your heart to strangers as sakura petals fall like snow around you is a beautiful memory I didn't think I would make in Japan.

I also recently traveled to Hiroshima where I got to see the Genbaku Dome and go to Itsukushima. I accidentally got lost on the small island and ended up climbing to the top of Mount Misen. Hiroshima *okonomiyaki* combined with some *umeshu* tastes its best after climbing a mountain, take my word for it!



Tatiana Gust at the top of Mount Misen

Of course, I have also diligently been attending classes every week. My schedule is jam-packed with Japanese-learning classes and I find myself recognizing more and more Japanese every day. One of the best feelings in the world is walking down the street and being able to read almost every sign. I have so many stories to tell and have made so many memories here. I'm so grateful the Mondale Scholarship helped me throughout my journey.

-Tatiana Gust, 2018 Mondale Scholarship Recipient



Duluth-Isumi Sister Cities



Isumi-City International Exchange Association President Shoichi Aino with Hiroshi Ota, Mayor of Isumi City at the Peace Bell

On Friday, June 28th, Duluth and Isumi celebrated their 30th anniversary of being sister cities. JASM Executive Director Rio Saito went to Duluth, Minnesota to celebrate the occasion. The night began with a welcoming dinner and social hour at 7 p.m. During the dinner, Isumi City Mayor Hiroshi

Ota and Duluth City Council President Noah Hobbs gave official speeches and a historical review. To end the night, entertainment was provided by a local band. The next morning, Rio Saito met with members of the business community of Duluth in the Hoops Brewery and Duluth Coffee Company to discuss ways to promote tourism and how Isumi city can implement ideas used by Duluth. Mayor Ota and delegation members with interests in business and tourism were in attendance. Next the attendees went to Enger Park to visit the Japanese Garden and the Peace Bell. Kayo Nagano presented on the history of the Peace Bell and Irina Haller discussed the Japanese Garden and its creation. This trip was made possible for Executive Director Rio Saito by the Japan Foundation's Center for Global Partnership.



Burnsville International Festival Recap



People representing various countries at the festival

On Saturday, July 20th, JASM staff and interns traveled to Burnsville to participate in its annual International Festival. Although the day started out rainy, the weather

cleared up to set the scene for a beautiful event. Countries from across the globe were represented, including (but certainly not limited to) Japan, Somalia, and Azerbaijan. To begin the event, representatives of each country carried their country's flag onto the stage in Nicollet Commons Park. Singers and dancers from across the globe performed pieces representative of their cultures while vendors sold international cuisine. Inside, in the Ames Center, representatives in several booths -- including JASM's -- talked with visitors, sharing the culture of their respective countries. This event was a great way to see the beauty and respect that result from the sharing and appreciation of diverse cultures.

MN Grassroots Development: Minneapolis Ibaraki Sister City Association

The Minneapolis Ibaraki Sister City Association (MISCA) was founded in 1980, its impetus being the opening of a Mister Donut shop in the city of Ibaraki, Japan. At that time, Mr. Donut was a part of the International Multifoods Corporation, which was based in Minneapolis.

Ibaraki is a city with a population of about 250,000 and is located between Osaka and Kyoto. Working together with Osaka (the third largest city in Japan), Ibaraki has developed strong biotech research and is home to large manufacturing plants such as Matsushita and Toshiba.

To fulfill its mission – which is to build goodwill, friendship and opportunities between the two cities – MISCA has sponsored many different cultural exchanges and programs throughout the years. Current programs offered by MISCA in Minneapolis are its Cherry Tree Festival each May, participating in Minneapolis's Sister Cities Day each July, and Holidazzle each December, where we provide opportunities for participants to learn about Japanese activities, history, and culture.



Harisen Daiko performing at the May 2019 MISCA Cherry Tree Festival on Nicollet Island

One of its longest running programs is the Annual Haiku Contest, where Minneapolis Public School Students are invited to write and submit haiku on the current year's theme. This contest has grown with the help of Minneapolis School teachers to approximately one thousand entries every year! Winning students receive certificates and gifts from Ibaraki at an awards ceremony each spring.



Some winners of the 2019 Haiku Contest

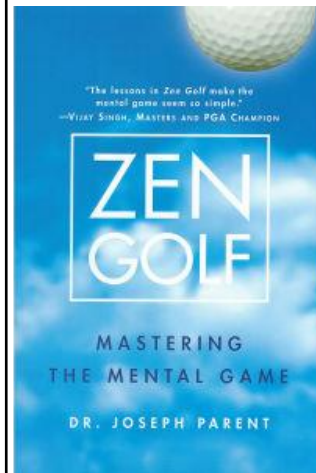
MISCA also hosts a group of adults each summer who come to practice their English skills as well as to learn more about the people of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Due to the popularity of these visits from Ibaraki, MISCA is now implementing more frequent trips to Ibaraki for Twin Cities residents to learn more about Ibaraki and its people.

MISCA currently holds its board meetings on the second Monday of the month at Zen Box Restaurant to plan for incoming guests, trips to Ibaraki, and its local events.

- Karl Reinhard, MISCA President

Tom Haeg's Book Review

Zen Golf: Mastering the Mental Game; Dr. Joseph Parent, Doubleday, 2002; 224 pages, \$15.



JASM will host its inaugural golf scramble at the Monticello Golf Club on Thursday, September 5, 2019. To help you prepare for it, I searched my home library for literary remedies (uh, quick fixes) to cure slices, assuage hooks and avoid missing three-foot putts. I dusted off a water-stained *Ben Hogan's Five Golf Lessons*, re-read Harvey Penick's avuncular golf memoirs and fell asleep with John Feinstein's *A Good Walk Spoiled*.

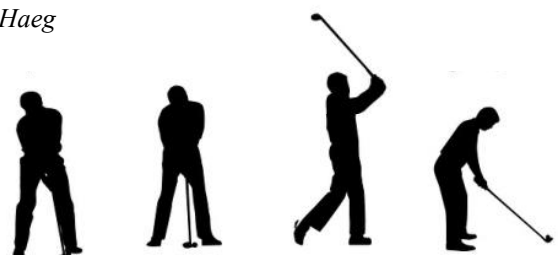
But my favorite elixir for you is *Zen Golf*. Acclaimed in Japan, it couples golf instructions with Buddhist teachings to reform performance in a supposed recreational activity conducted in a bucolic setting among putative friends. Now, that's the ideal. But, the converse can be rattling (read: life-threatening mental depression). To avoid the rattle Dr. Parent endorses his PAR Approach: Preparation, Action, and Response to results. He does this through a series of narratives and professional insights. The therapeutic goal here is to eliminate mental lapses resulting in poor shots. The theory sounds simple enough and it is: use clarity to reduce the negatives to distill the positives. For example, you are on the tee box of a par five whose entire left side is saddled with a water hazard. Your last swing thought should not imagine the water hazard. If you do, your tee shot will probably repose in the water. The clear mind will cancel out the water hazard.

Actually, the lessons of *Zen Golf* apply to other sports, careers, and life challenges. It stresses the journey, not the outcome. Dr. Parent, an acclaimed PGA instructor holding a PhD in psychology, has worked with major golf champions on the men's and women's tours in addition to his clinical practice.

Spoiler alert. Do not be disappointed if the *Zen Golf* tenets fail as a panacea for what annoys your golf game. Yes, clear thinking is important to play effectively while enjoying the pastime. But it does have this one lingering caveat: if golf is all mental, then Einstein would have been a scratch handicap. It isn't and he wasn't.

See you in September on the first tee. "Fore!"

-Tom Haeg



A Word from Yoko Breckenridge

MN Nihonjinkai will have a large booth set up at the 2019 Obon Festival on Sunday, August 18th, 3-9 p.m. We sell gently used Japanese gifts, Kimono, artwork, our handmade greeting cards and new Japanese gift items at very reasonable prices. Please stop by to visit our booth and say hello!

If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Japanese Library on Saturday afternoons between 2-5 p.m. or contact us to arrange for pickup. Thank you for all the beautiful gift items we have received to date! We can always use obi and other accessories to go with our kimono, Japanese magazines, manga, or anything else Japanese related!

MN Nihonjinkai will meet Monday, August 12th at noon for our regular monthly meeting. The August meeting will be held at the Japanese Fellowship Church just down the street to accommodate more guests (4217 Bloomington Ave., Minneapolis). In addition to our regular meeting, we will set aside time to honor former member **Masako Potter** by sharing pictures and memories. Please bring pictures & a dish to pass and invite others to join us on August 12th at noon. We will also celebrate our August birthdays!

If you are unable to attend but wish to honor Masako with a special memory, picture or a message, please send things to Karen Harwerth and we will share them with those in attendance: kharwerth@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Fall River Cruise!

Sunday, October 13th, 3:30-6 p.m.

Stillwater Riverboat Cruises

525 South Main Street, Stillwater MN 55082

(651) 430-1234; info@stillwaterriverboats.com

Join us on the lovely Empress Andiamo!

More details to follow.

Visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1644814705588014/>



Shiso Available! The Japanese Library has an abundance of Shiso available for harvest. Yoko says to help yourself!!



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Yoko Breckenridge
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Minneapolis Japanese School Fundraiser Sale

Fall Sale – Great finds and great food!

Please join us for the Minneapolis Japanese School's fundraising sale, open to all JASM members and any friends they wish to bring! We will be selling unique items, such as rare Japanese books, toys for children and adults, and perfectly-functioning and lightly used Japanese household items at bargain prices. We will also have a variety of homemade, authentic, yummy Japanese food available for purchase! All profits will benefit the Minneapolis Japanese School, which teaches school-age children Japanese language and culture in order to build strong cross-cultural skills. With your help, we can better support our students and our future. Please stop by and check out our sale! Cash or check only.

When: September 14th, 2019

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Address: 2051 East Larpenteur Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55109



Questions or concerns? Please contact
sainyuu@minneapolisjapaneseschool.org

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 Nihonjinkai）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。

Yoko Breckenridge

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(Nihonjin-kai monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday at noon. The meeting is held at 4231 Bloomington Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55407).

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Classified	80 character line	\$10/ line (minimum 2 lines)

Ad production and design available in both Japanese and English for an additional charge. Deadline for completed ads and classifieds is the 20th of every month.

**Questions? Contact
the JASM Office
Tel: 612-627-9357
jasm@us-japan.org**

Calendar

August

Obon Festival - August 18th, 3 p.m. to dusk

Japanese Conversation Clubs



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 **Corner Coffee** in Uptown 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. (however, most people do not show up until at least 3:30).

Place: Corner Coffee

1414 W 28th St, Minneapolis, MN 55408
(Just east of Hennepin Avenue South)



Another group for studying Japanese!



Check out Twin Cities Japanese Language Study Group <http://meetu.ps/c/3fPSK/FQBBY/d> on Meetup!

*This is a private group. In order to join, several questions must be answered by following the link above.

New Intern: Zach Rankin



*Zach Rankin,
Membership
Coordinator*

Hi everyone! My name is Zachary Rankin and I am the new Membership Coordination intern at JASM. I am originally from Maple Grove, Minnesota, and moved to the Twin Cities for college. I am a sophomore attending the University of Minnesota, where I am pursuing majors in Japanese and Computer Science.

I was intrigued with learning Japanese from a young age due to my strong love for the video game industry. After giving the language a chance, I really fell in love with it. I find the language and culture to be very unique. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with JASM to have the chance to interact with a wide variety of people. In the future, I hope to be able to study abroad or return to Japan. My first trip was an incredible experience, and it really allowed my love for the culture to blossom. Being able to return would allow me to not only practice my language skills, but also meet lots of new people and make new bonds. Overall, I am very excited to be a part of JASM.

Become a JASM Member online

Support our mission and become a member!

1. Go to 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 smartphone.

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- Membership Application ○ Change of Address
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Name _____

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I would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation of _____

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(Please make checks payable to JASM)

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Patron.....	\$1,000+
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Individual	\$30
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(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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JASM's July Events: Harukaze Concert and Bon Odori Workshop

