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Recap: 2022 JASM Open Charity Golf Tournament

The JASM Open Charity Golf Tournament is a tradition unlike any other.

A record six teams comprised of 22 golfers competed in the 2nd annual JASM Open on Saturday, September 17 at scenic Pioneer Creek Golf Course in Maple Plain. The JASM Open follows 'Scramble' rules, where each team member takes every shot from tee to green. However, only the best ball is played and counts towards the final team score. With the Scramble format, teams score like pros regardless of the handicaps of individual members. Birdies were plentiful and bogeys scarce under warm, sunny conditions.



Team 3

Team 3 of Brian and Frank Tsuchiya, Rick Tanaka, and Scott Takekawa got off to a hot start, with birdies on the first three holes while the other teams were still vexed by the fast, undulating greens. Team 3 added a birdie on hole 8 to make the turn at four under. In the meantime, Team 2 of Darren Cashman, Adam Robinson, and Ryan Mitchell (representing JASM Corporate

Member MGK) kept pace with a strong front nine of their own. Team 2 birdied hole 9, the #1 handicap, to start the back nine tied with Team 3 at four under. As the pressure mounted with each remaining hole, neither Team 2 nor 3 flinched, continuing to drain birdies and pars. Team 2 took a one stroke lead with a birdie on hole number 12. Then, Team 2 pulled away, knocking in birdies on three of the final four holes to win the prestigious JASM Cup trophy with a stellar eight under score of 64. Congratulations to Team 2 and many thanks to all who competed in the spirit of friendship and fun while supporting JASM!

These fine golfers claimed prizes for winning the in-round proxy contests:

Closest to the Pin #1: Rick Tanaka
Closest to the Pin #2: Satoru Asato
Longest Drive: Scott Takekawa
Longest Putt: Shizuka Durgins

Start hitting the range and putting greens in preparation for the 3rd annual JASM Open next summer!



Team 2

Mondale Award 2022 Announcement



Congratulations to Judith and Gayle Fleming, the 2022 winners of the Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership! The Mondale Award was established in 1997 to recognize outstanding contributions to the relationship between the people of Japan and Minnesota. Judith and Gayle share much with the first winners of the award, Joan and Walter Mondale: A passion for Japan in all its facets, particularly arts and culture; commitment to youth, and continuous, hands-on work

with a variety of organizations to further the Japan-Minnesota connection.

Judith and Gayle are active in the Yukimakai Tea Ceremony Association. Judith served as Treasurer for Yukimakai for 10 years. Both are active in spring and fall cleaning and presenting the annual tea at Como's Tea House. Gayle crafted a beautiful Tenchaban table and stools for the group. They host a yearly moon viewing chakai and dinner at their home for Yukimakai members and guests.

Their cultural interests spread beyond tea ceremony to gardening. Gayle is a long-time volunteer and consultant at the Como Garden and the Normandale Friendship Garden. He and Judith have assisted many Twin Citians in their efforts to establish Japanese gardens, and they've hosted many events at their own garden. In the words of one nominator, *"Like Japan, where space is limited, the Flemings have transformed their home, yard, and any viable area, into a magical Japanese-style getaway from the urban area in which they live."*

They are also core members of the Minneapolis-Ibaraki Sister City Commission, having hosted many Welcome and Farewell Parties, acting as judges for the Ibaraki Haiku Poetry Award, and serving as long-time Board Members.

Perhaps most impressive is their commitment to young people. The Flemings served as host parents to at least 7 Japanese high school students (some of them staying for up to 3 years). They have stayed in touch with many of their Japanese sons and daughters, hosted parents who came to visit the students, put on graduation parties, and even traveled to Japan to attend a wedding.

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One of their former students had this to say: *"The time I spent with them is the most precious in my life. Now I am an adult and I know how difficult it is to be a Host family with a foreign student living together in the same house... they did it so naturally with warm hearts"*

The Mondale Award Selection committee received 13 pages of heartwarming testimony in support of the Flemings. They have built the Japan-Minnesota connection group-to-group, and person-to-person. We are awed by their accomplishments and thankful for their contributions. We look forward to presenting them with the award at our annual gala. Rumor has it that 18 Fleming family members will be on hand to see them receive the award!

Bob Luck
Chair, 2022 Mondale Award Selection Committee

JASM is very pleased to present the Mondale Award to Judith and Gayle Fleming in 2022. Everyone is welcome to join us to honor Judith and Gayle. Please find their biographies on page 3.

Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to purchase the tickets.

Early Bird (register by Oct. 21)

\$130/ Non-member
\$110/ JASM member

Regular (register Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)

\$155/ Non-member
\$130/ JASM member

Post Deadline (register after Nov. 5)

\$175/ Non-member
\$150/ JASM member



The 2022 Mondale Award and Scholarship Gala will be held in person on **Saturday, November 19th at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins.** (Address: [700 Oak Ridge Rd, Hopkins, MN 55305](#))

The 2022 Mondale Gala will carry on the legacy of Ambassador Mondale who greatly strengthened the relationship between Japan and the United States and was an avid supporter of JASM. Also, we will celebrate JASM's 50th anniversary.

Please join us in celebrating this achievement by Judith and Gayle Fleming. There will be a keynote address, appearances by previous **Mondale Scholarship** recipients, a fundraising auction, and dinner.

Due to the COVID, we have not been able to recognize **Bill Deef** and **Sarah Walbert**, the award winners in 2020 and 2021 respectively, as well as scholarship recipients in person. Therefore, they will also be recognized alongside the 2022 winners at this year's gala. Please join us to celebrate the award and scholarship recipients as well as JASM's 50 years of strengthening Minnesota-Japan relations.



Bill Deef, 2020



Sarah Walbert, 2021

Upcoming: Smart Agriculture and its Benefits (Online)

JASM is pleased to announce an online event: *"Smart Agriculture and its Benefits"* by Katsutoshi Mizuta on **October 27 at 6 PM** online.

Smart agriculture has demonstrated its great possibilities to enhance crop productivity, economic returns, and environmental quality. The farmers use various sensors and data to optimize fertilizer application, irrigation, and soil nutrient leaching. This presentation reviews some advanced practices and technologies implemented in the US and the world.

Katsutoshi Mizuta, PhD is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Minnesota Precision Agriculture Center who is originally from Japan. He is leading a multistate precision nitrogen management research project in collaboration with Purdue University. He received his BS in environmental engineering in 2014. He received both his MS majoring in soil and water sciences (SWS) in 2016 and a PhD majoring in SWS (minoring in food and resource economics). He also has experience in research from a local to regional scale with cutting-edge technologies (machine learning; proximal, airborne, and satellite remote sensing) based on big data of soil, crop, biome, climate, terrain, and geology.



Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to register.

\$8: Non-member

\$0: Member

The ticket is not refundable, but transferable.



We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Membership News (8/21 – 9/20/ 2022)

Thanks to the following new JASM members:

Jon Gutzmann, Birgt Kantor, Luke Rogers

Thanks to the following renewing JASM members:

Diane Burry, Norman Butler, Jonathan Dane, Charles Daoheuang, Setsuko Dulski, William French, Scott and Louise Fritchie, Alexandra Howes, Sachiya Isomura, Susan Jacobsen, Jean Jarvis, Christina Kunz, Machiko Larson, Bob and Hisayo Luck, Jan Magree, Naomi Oshiro, William Peterson, Chieko Rogers, Tara Silvis, Richard Stahl, Sanae Tomita

Thanks to the following renewing JASM Corporate members:

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2022 Mondale Award Recipients: Judith and Gayle Fleming



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In 1987, after their first trip to Japan, Judith began to study Chado or The Way of Tea. Gayle also began to study Chado at the suggestion of Terakado-san, both an Ikebana and Tea Master whom they met while in Japan. He said, "If you want to understand Japanese gardens, study tea."

Gayle's interest for Japanese gardens peaked when he read his mother's book on Japanese gardens, Ikebana Flower Arranging and Bonsai (published in 1950). He studied landscape horticulture at Purdue University. During his college years he was in ROTC and joined the Air Force. He had four 6-months deployments to Southeast Asia during his 8 years of service.

In 1985 Gayle started a landscape design/construction company that specialized in Japanese style gardens and was a consultant for the Normandale Japanese Gardens for eleven years. Gayle worked with Mr. Watanabe, the Japanese garden architect who designed the Normandale garden, when he came to Minnesota. Gayle built a three-tatami mat Chashitsu (Tea house) and Roji (tea garden) in their back yard so they could practice Chanoyu (the Way of Tea). He has helped many people plan and/or maintain their private gardens. The Flemings transformed their yard into a Japanese-style getaway where they welcome other tea students. Gayle designed the landscaping around the "Bell of Two Friends", a 20th year anniversary gift from the city of Ibaraki to Minneapolis, located on Nicollet Island.

The Flemings have a welcoming attitude and work to promote MISCA and Yukimakai to all they meet. They were two of the original members of the Chado Urasenke Tankokai Minnesota Dokokai (Tea study group) established in 1999. Judith served as Treasurer for Yukimakai for 15 years.

The Flemings hosted many MISCA Welcome and Farewell parties, along with being active with the annual Ibaraki Haiku Poetry Award. As board members, they participated in the judging of haiku contest entries from local students. Not a small undertaking as we received several hundred entries each year.

They have traveled to Ibaraki with MISCA several times. They met with city officials and members of the International Friendship Association of Ibaraki and the Ibaraki International Network. Their contributions have helped MISCA have a long, fruitful relationship with Ibaraki City. They were involved with MISCA for more than twenty years.

Judith, along with Pat Katagiri began serving Tea at Como Conservatory in 1987, before the tea house was built. Judith and Gayle perform spring and fall cleaning and present tea at Como's Tea House each year. Gayle crafted the Tenchaban table and stools for Como when the group needed to come off the floor to serve tea. They have hosted a yearly moon viewing Chakai and dinner for Yukimakai members and guests. Linda L Hoeschler writes, *"My husband and I learned the true depth of Gayle and Judith's commitment to integrating a Japanese sense of style and beauty into their daily living when they invited us one September to a 'moon viewing' party at their amazing home."*

The Flemings also were host parents to at least 10 Japanese exchange students, some of them staying for up to 3 years. The host students gained a comprehensive understanding of American family life. The Flemings have stayed in touch with many of their Japanese "sons & daughters." They also hosted parents who came to visit their students. They hosted graduation parties and even traveled to Japan to attend a wedding. Former host student Mayu Miyachi says, *"They introduced me to American culture in many ways... I was very shocked to experience big differences from preparation to the day of Christmas. I so much loved the smell of real Christmas tree decorated with bubble lights and dried apples. I loved Christmas baking with Mrs. Fleming... They are my American Father and Mother to me."*

The Flemings set a standard for honoring and integrating the best of Japanese style and living into their daily lives. They show that one does not need to be a wealthy collector or hire out professionals to create a Japanese environment. The Flemings have built a lifestyle that any person, with time, study, respect, and commitment can replicate. They honor the best of Japanese beauty and lifestyle and show it can be done, stone by stone, plant by plant, board by board. They respect Japanese culture, while not becoming too enmeshed in it.

They embrace the best values of aesthetics of both our countries. We at JASM can think of no better promoters of Japanese American friendship.

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JASM 39 years ago

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, we would like to show you (or let some of you remember) a tiny part of the past. Here's a glimpse of how it was 39 years ago from the JASM newsletter.

Ingersoll proposed an alternative: the United States must work in cooperation with Japan to prevent conflicts and misunderstandings in potentially controversial areas, such as trade, energy and international security.

The United States and Japan are the largest and second largest industrial democracies. As such, both have a vital stake in a stable world order; both are dependent on open world trade and money systems; and both are concerned with securing energy supplies and raw materials. These shared interests, however, do not preclude cooperation free of friction. Both countries also have distinct differences in history, language, culture and values—all of which influence objectives and perceptions. Managing this friction so that it doesn't obscure common goals is essential.

That's the premise that prompted former Prime Minister Ohira and former President Carter in May 1979 to appoint a group of private citizens to "find ways to improve the management of the United States-Japan economic relationship." They gave the Japan-United States Economic Relations Group, which later came to be known as the Wisemen's Group, the charter of looking at the long-range relationships between the two countries.

Their report now completed, Ingersoll and his Wisemen colleagues are spreading the word to Americans and Japanese, government officials and private citizens.

Edson Spencer similarly carried the message to the Japan Society of Minnesota, when he addressed the group's annual meeting May 18 in Minneapolis.

U.S.-Japan relations won't improve overnight, both men cautioned. "We recommend many of the things this (Reagan) administration is trying to do," said Ingersoll. "We'd like to think the President read our report. But we also realize what

we recommended was only what others have recommended. We are just adding to the groundswell."

GOLF TOURNEY A SUCCESS

Forty-six golfers--the largest number yet--made the 1981 tournament the most successful to date. Winners at the July 26 event at Meadowbrook golf course were: Haruo Minekata, low gross; Sam Honda, A flight low net; Mike Babcock and A. Matsui, 2nd low net; M. Sakuta, B flight low net; Gary Figley, 2nd low net; T. Kuga, C flight low net; K. Agu, 2nd low net; Toshi Nishida and E. Goto, ladies' low net; Mrs. Anderson, 2nd low net; Bob Berres, men's longest drive; Toshi Nishida, ladies' longest drive; Dennie Iwago, men's closest to hole 13; and George Nishida, men's closest to hole 16.

The Society thanks the following contributors for their support: Westman Florist, Royal Garden Restaurant, Asuka Restaurant, Ichiban Restaurant, Sato store, United Noodle, Jack Yee Restaurant, Sajiya Restaurant, Tokyo Restaurant, Pyramid Foam Rubber and Supply, Dr. John Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Shimizu, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yanari, Dr. and Mrs. George Nishida, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berres, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weataja, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Figley, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fujino, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Egekvist, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Maetzold, Mr. and Mrs. Suura, Japan Air Lines, Mitsui Line, Northwest Airlines, Twin City Auto (Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hirabayashi), Jim Aldridge and Mrs. Earl Tanbara.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

If you regularly attend Society activities, enjoy writing and wish to volunteer some time, the editor would like to hear from you. Please call 330-7541 days or 647-0533 evenings.

Ralph Inforzato Farewell Message - JETRO Chicago

August 19, 2022

Dear Friend:

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health this summer.

I am writing to inform you that after serving for five years as the Chief Executive Director of JETRO Chicago, I will formally retire from my leadership position on August 19, 2022.

I have dedicated my entire 38-year career to JETRO, and I am proud of my work with my colleagues in building an enduring, economic relationship between the Midwest and Japan. I am so gratified to see how Japanese companies have transformed the industrial landscape of our American Heartland in terms of creating investment and phenomenal job growth, decade after decade.

I am deeply blessed to have met so many people throughout our country and in Japan, who have become dear friends. I have had an unforgettable journey in visiting each of the twelve Midwest states, some states many more times than others, where I and my JETRO colleagues have been always enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated.

My successor is Hiroyuki Nemoto, who is the immediate former Director General of JETRO Osaka. I know Nemoto-San well, he is excellent in character, very focused, and as a JETRO leader, he has tremendous energy. You will soon meet him, and you will enjoy his enthusiasm in building our Midwest relationship with Japan. Please work with and support Nemoto-San, just as you have with me.

I will transition to the role of special advisor at JETRO Chicago.

I wish you every success and much happiness.
With my kind regards,

Ralph Inforzato
Chief Executive Director

JASM Seeks New Interns



JASM is currently searching for new interns. We are looking for individuals who are:

- Interested in Japan
- Have a familiarity with SNS and Microsoft Office programs
- Undergraduate students or recent graduates
- Willing to work flexible hours (10-

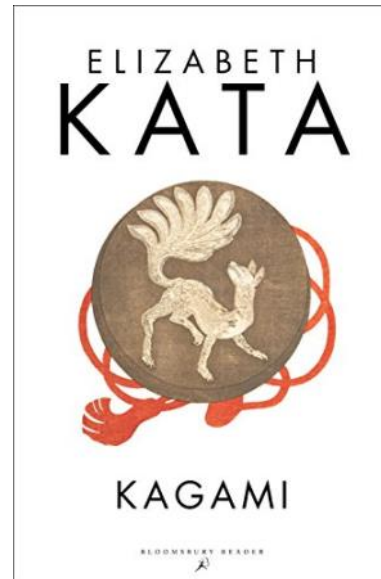
25hrs) and participate in JASM events

As JASM internships are unpaid, we offer meaningful work experience and intangible benefits. The networking opportunities introduce interns to influential individuals working within Japanese-related businesses and organizations. For more information regarding details on a specific position, please visit our website at mn-japan.org/Internships-for-College-Students.

If interested in applying, please email a resume and cover letter to: Yoko Ueno, Program Manager; ProgramManager@mn-japan.org. We are looking forward to working with you!

Tom Haeg's Book Review

Kagami; Elizabeth Kata, Ballantine Books, 1992; 550 pages.



Kagami is a wonderfully written saga of historical fiction tracing the transition of three prominent Japanese families, the Yamamotos and Okuras (each traditional samurai) and the Fukudas (the *nouveaux riches*), from back-water 19th century isolation to international center stage in 1923. We follow their ebbs and flows, their foibles and fortunes during the most socially disruptive period in Japanese history, the Meiji Revolution. The storyline cunningly exposes social mores, gender duties (including harlots, courtesans, and geishas; some sex, yes, but in good taste), and class expectations through characters speaking without a filter.

If there must be a protagonist, it must be Renzo Yamamoto whose life spans the entire epoch while connecting all three families. His growth parallels the evolution of Japan from feudalism to modernity. In the end, we are hesitant to pass judgment on him because we see him as a product of the milieu.

I suspect Australian-born Elizabeth Kata was influenced by two similar saga novels, *Shogun* and *Buddenbrooks*. The former was written by James Clavell in 1975. *Shogun* showcased a coming-of-age for Japan and the insatiable Western appetite to know more about it. *Buddenbrooks*, written by Thomas Mann in 1901, focused on the rise and fall of a German bourgeoisie family. Both settings occurred in the 19th century and both deal with families reacting to social upheavals. Their resemblances are uncanny.

The eponymous *kagami* has dual connotations. First, it is a mirror commonly found in the entrance of a Buddhist temple intended to reflect one's inner self. Second, as a frequent text image, it represents how one's family - the micro, mirrors the broader social environment - the macro. Very clever.

Tom Haeg

North Dakota News: “Rhythm of Japan in ND: Celebrating the friendship of North Dakota and Japan”



(Picture left): Taiko performance by Tsukasa Taiko, (picture right): CG Tajima and Governor Burgum experienced Taiko!

On Saturday September 24th, JASM participated in “Rhythm of Japan in ND: Celebrating the friendship of North Dakota and Japan” at North Dakota State University Festival Concert Hall in Fargo. This event was hosted by the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago.



North Dakota Governor Burgum's remarks

JASM's executive director, Rio Saito, took the role of MC. The program started with a Taiko (Japanese drum) performance by Tsukasa Taiko. Then, Governor Doug Burgum spoke briefly about how the partnership between the state of North Dakota and Sumitomo Corporation of Americas will evaluate and develop businesses within the energy-transition market, with the intent

to accelerate decarbonization in North Dakota and even beyond. Then, Robert Sinner, SB&B's president, spoke about agribusiness and how we will nurture the business relationships with Japan for a long time. Consul-General Tajima next remarked about the cultural programs in the Midwest area.



President of SB&B, Bob Sinner's remarks



Consul-General Tajima's remarks

Aiko Hatano, JOI Coordinator at Mayville State University, presented with Shunsuke Aoki, JOI Coordinator at Dickinson State University about JOI (Japan Outreach Initiative) activities. Aiko shared what she has been doing here in North Dakota since arriving last summer. The JOI

coordinators then demonstrated bowing custom in Japan. Aiko was very pleased to announce that the Carrington Japanese Rainbow Garden project will be awarded a \$300K grant through

Strengthen ND.

Tsukasa Taiko was back to perform and do a lecture/demonstration about Taiko drumming. Governor Burgum and Consul-General Tajima enjoyed trying out Taiko drumming during the demonstration!

Governor Burgum will visit Japan next week, so having Consul-General Tajima in Fargo helped provide a special cross-cultural context for North Dakotans. This was a rare opportunity which made this a very special day in Fargo.

The day before the event, on September 23rd, Rio visited Mayville State University and she gave a presentation about JASM and anime. At the event, Aiko served sushi from Izumi Japanese restaurant in Fargo and homemade Japanese curry (prepared by Aiko!). Students were so excited to hear Rio's presentation and they had many questions after the event. Mayville State University will become a JASM nonprofit member! It is going to be the second JASM-member university in North Dakota. Mayville is pleased to support JASM and is also very glad that this membership will allow its students to apply for the Mondale Scholarship.

In addition, while in the Fargo area, Consul-General Tajima and Economic Consul Sakamoto visited with members of the Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society in Fargo to see the future Japanese Garden plan. At the Japanese Garden in Fargo, Vern Hunter, Lisa Brown, and Marissa Gapp provided wonderful surprise gifts, led a tour of the garden, and showed plans for the future project. Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society members made Ikebana-style flower brooches for the guests to wear on Saturday as a special gift. Local author and JASM member Sarah Coomber's memoir was also presented to the guests.

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(Left): JOI activities presentation by Aiko Hatano and Shunsuke Aoki



(Middle): Rio Saito visit Mayville State University



CG Tajima Visit Japanese Garden at Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society

North Dakota News *continues...*



CG Tajima, Consul Sakamoto and UND Students (Maho Tsukamoto, Fumiya Kojima, Ryuuki Kawamoto, Eikoh Hayashi, Kyohei Shimizu)

On Sunday September 25th, Consul General Tajima and Consul Sakamoto visited Grand Forks to meet University of North Dakota (UND) students and see the Sertoma Park Japanese Garden. UND is famous for its Aviation program. Five Japanese students attended the lunch meeting, and they provided a tour of the UND campus including a glimpse of the flight simulator room.

The Sertoma Park Japanese Garden was developed for the people of Grand Forks as a gift from the City of Awano, which was the sister city of Grand Forks back in 1998. Due to the 2005 merger of Awano-Town and the neighboring larger city, Kanuma, the city of Awano-Town is no longer in existence and, therefore, the sister city relationship became a friendship between Grand Forks and Awano.

It was wonderful to have Consul General Tajima and Consul Sakamoto visit North Dakota, and with JASM, continue to strengthen friendships and business relations between Japan and the Midwest.

Aiko Hatano, JASM Program Assistant

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 2. At the top, hover over 'Support' then click on 'Join'
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Japanese Conversation Clubs



The Japanese Speaking Club is an informal meeting for those wishing to practice Japanese. We encourage those just beginning the language as well as native speakers to participate to meet new people, discuss experiences in Japan, or simply to speak Japanese.

This group currently meets regularly over Zoom. For more details, send an email to group coordinator Will Etkin: will.etkin@gmail.com

Check out another conversation group: **Twin Cities Japanese Conversation Meetup Group** (<https://www.twincitiesjapaneseconversation.com/>)

Note: This is a private group. In order to join, a questionnaire must be completed at the web site linked above.

The goal of Twin Cities Japanese Conversation Meetup is language fluency in either Japanese or English. This group is for Japanese language learners who want to improve their Japanese speaking skills and/or native Japanese speakers who want to improve their English speaking. Those who just want to help out are also welcome.

Parts to the meetup: 自己紹介 (self-introductions), 質疑応答 (questions and answers about language) and 会話練習 (conversation practice).

Meetings: Edina (Monday), Minnetonka (Thursday), Saint Paul (Saturday).

Since March 16, 2020 the group is holding all meetings online.

For any question about this group, please email Mariquita Anderson: mariquita@twincitiesjapaneseconversation.com



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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.

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September Events

