New Year’s Obento & Bakery Box

By the RSVP deadline date of Dec. 23rd, over 100 members had ordered our New Year’s obento. It will have a great variety of Japanese foods, including chirashizushi, chasu pork, futomaki, inarizushi and namasu. Because this is New Year’s, we’ve added a few traditional Japanese New Year’s Osechi delicacies like datemaki, kamaboko, kuromame and tatsukuri. $15.00

The bakery box will have Japanese snacks like daifuku mochi, osembe, matcha cookies, taiyaki, savory mochi and more. $10.00.

Pick-up will be from 12:30pm to 1:30pm Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at the Yamagata Center.

New Year’s Raffle

Remember, the more tickets you buy, the better your chances are of winning!

Ticket sales for the New Year’s Oshogatsu Raffle are currently available for purchase online. Prizes include new gift items, gift cards to retailers and restaurants, and two grand prizes of $250 each. The tickets are still just $1.00 each.

To purchase raffle tickets

Online – Go to https://form.jotform.com/203507232422140 and purchase your raffle tickets. We will send you an image of your raffle tickets with their unique numbers to identify with the winning tickets! Deadline for online purchase is Jan. 2nd 2021.

In person – On Sunday, January 3rd, you can purchase tickets at the Yamagata Center anytime from 12:30PM to 1:30PM.

The raffle drawing will be conducted by members of the society’s board of directors and winners will be announced by email and contacted between Jan 3rd and Jan. 5th by email or phone. The Yamagata Center will be open for prize pick-up on Sunday, January 10th from 12:30pm to about 1:30pm. If you are not able to come at that time, we will work with you to arrange another pick-up time.
SOCIETY NEWS – RECENT EVENTS

Society Online Auction - Nov. & Dec.
This year, because we weren’t able to hold our Annual Bazaar, which includes a “izakaya” style food booths and a merchandise bazaar, we instead had obento pick-up and an online auction. We didn’t know what to expect from the auction but were happy to see that we raised about $1,000 from our efforts. Thank you for supporting our auction.

December Luncheon – Drive-Through Obento Pick-up
This month, we combined the luncheon with our auction, and had 66 members enjoy this obento. We varied our obento by adding this month a “hijiki” salad prepared by Katsuko Johnson, and Harumi Sharp contributed her green beans with sesame sauce and the harusame salad. And again, thanks to Chef Julia for providing the main dish of grilled salmon.

 UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming up sooner than we think – our Annual New Year’s Luncheon (obento pick-up) and Raffle. By the time you receive this newsletter, the deadline for ordering the obento will have passed, but you can still enter our prized-filled raffle. We’ve got lots of Japanese items, gift certificates to our favorite Japanese restaurants and several bags of Japanese rice. Finally, we have our two grand prizes of $250 each. The raffle will be conducted online. You can also purchase tickets in-person when you come to pick up your obento on Sunday Jan. 3rd. Go to https://form.jotform.com/203507232422140 and purchase your raffle tickets.

Events for 2021
The Events Committee will be meeting in late December to schedule all our 2021 events, so be on the lookout for information in a later email or newsletter.

REMINDER: Please pay your 2021 membership dues
Membership in the Fort Worth Japanese Society is paid in January of each year, but any memberships we receive from now will be from date of payment to the end of 2021. The form is in this newsletter. If your contact information has not changed, just write in “Same.”
日本人会会報

ソサエティニュース - 最近のイベント
ソサエティオンラインオ-クション - 十一月、十二月
今年は例年のように居酒屋スタイルの売店やバザーを催す事が出来なかった為その代わりにお弁当のビックアップとオンラインオ-クションをしました。オ-クションからどの様な結果が得られるかは予想出来ませんでしたが嬉しい事に約$1,000ドルの資金を集める事が出来ました。ご協力頂きまして有難うございました。

十二月の昼食会 - お弁当をドライブスル-でビックアップ
今月は昼食会とオ-クションを組み合わせて行い六十六人の参加者にお弁当をエンジョイして戴きました。今月は趣向を変えて、かつこジョンソンさんが作って下さった"俳句"サラダと、はるみシャ-プさんの作って下さったゴマソ-スあえさやいんげんとはるさめサラダを付け加えました。又、シェフのジュリアさんがメ-ンディシェのグリルドサ-モンを作って下さって有難うございました。

今後のイベント

新年昼食会 - 二千二十一年、一月三日、日曜日-ラッフルとお弁当のビックアップ
思ったよりも早く身近に迫っていますのが恒例の新年昼食会(お弁当ビックアップ)とラッフルです。皆様がこのニュ-スレタ-をお受け取りになる頃までにはお弁当の注文には間に合わないと思いますが未だ沢山の賞品がどっさりのラッフルに参加する事ができます。沢山の日本からの物や私達の大好きなジャパニーズレストランからのギフトサテフィケットや数袋のお米、そしてグランドプライズの$250ドル（二つ）が用意されています。ラッフルはオンラインで行われます。又、お弁当を一月三日、日曜日にビックアップする際に直接買うことも出来ます。オンラインでラッフルのチケットを買う場合はこのリンクをお使いください：https://form.jotform.com/203507232422140

二千二十一年の行事
イベントコミテ-は十二月末に会って2021年の全ての行事の計画をたてますのでニュースレタ-ながらEメールなりで後ほどお知らせします。

お忘れなく：2021年度のFWJSの会費をお払い下さい。
FWJSの会費はいつも毎年一月に払うこととなっていますがその後にお払いになる場合は支払日から2021年の最後までの期間が適応されます。入会フォ-ムがこのニュ-スレタ-に添付されています。もし変わりのない場合は事項に”同じ”と書き入れて下さい。
Osechi Ryori are the traditional foods enjoyed on New Year’s day in Japan. They come in an assortment of colorful dishes packed together in special boxes called jubako, which resemble bento boxes. Every dish of these traditional foods has special meaning in welcoming the New Year.

If you wish to enjoy Osechi, there are a number of sources for you, one is at Mitsuwa, the Japanese grocery store in Plano, and there is also JAL Shopping. Don’t let the prices shock you, but prices range from a two-tier Osechi at $175 to $600 for JAL’s best. Of course, like so many Japanese delicacies, the sky can sometimes be the limit.

For those of you who are not familiar with Osechi, we included the following four delicacies for your sampling:

- **Datemaki (rolled omelet)** – important documents and paintings were rolled like datemaki = Scholarship.
- **Kuromame (sweet black soybean)** – the word “mame” in Japanese originally means good health and strength.
- **Kamaboko (boiled fish paste)** – the red color prevents evil spirits and the white represents purity. The shape resembles the first rising sun of the new year.
- **Tatsukuri (dried, sweetened baby sardines)** – sardines were used to fertilize their rice fields and lead to a bountiful harvest.
Some More of our Raffle Prizes

7.5" Hot Pot
Kosui Teacups, set of 2

Hinomaru collection glaze sake set
Certified Ashton Drake Collection doll “Summer Dream”

Weekly or Bi-Weekly Society Activities

Dondoko Taiko (Drum Group) - This group performs at many metroplex festivals and special events. Practice every Sunday 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Contact: Asako Cosby 817-737-6581 or Cassi Southerland at don dokotaikofw@gmail.com.

Classical Japanese Dance - Meets at the Society every Monday morning from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The instructor is Mrs. Keio Miyamoto, an accredited master of Fujima School. Please come and join us. The group enjoys dancing with other Fort Worthians at the spring and autumn Japanese Festival. Contact: Teruko Green Cell: 817-723-3213.

Ikebana – Learn and enjoy the art of Japanese flower arrangement. Class times vary. Contact Sandra Prachyl at 817-988-6360 or email enjoyikebana@tx.rr.com

Japanese Language Class - Adult classes Mon. or Wed. 6:15-7:45pm. (There may be other evenings, depending on class size.) Children’s classes Mondays 5:00-5:45pm (must be 6 years old and over). Very reasonable tuition. Visit our website at www.fwis.org and click Language School. Contact: Fumiko Coburn. Email Fumiko.Coburn@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE (details in this newsletter)

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Annual Membership Fees are due each January

Join the Fort Worth Japanese Society  www.fwjs.org  Tel: 817-294-5004

(Best to contact us via eMail at inquiries@fwjs.org)

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date ______________________

Name _______________________________ Born/Raised _______________________________
City/State/Country

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Not necessary to complete for renewals if there have been no changes since last year.

Current Address:  No. & Street ________________________________
City, State, Zip __________________________________________________________________

Tel. No. Home ______________________________ Mobile ______________________________
Email __________________________________________________________________________

I would like to receive my newsletter by (check one):       Mail    eMail

I would like to be notified of coming events by (check one):  Telephone    eMail

Let us know what activities are of interest to you, such as Japanese Dance, volunteer at the Spring and Fall Japanese Garden Festival, etc.
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Please mark (x) in front of the classification you are joining.

_____ Family Membership $50.00 ($40 if over 70 years of age)
_____ Single Membership $40.00 ($30 if over 70 years of age)
_____ Associate Membership (Students) $25.00 ($20 if over 70 years of age)

Make check payable to Fort Worth Japanese Society.

Mail to:  Fort Worth Japanese Society
c/o Harvey Yamagata
4220 Ridgehaven Road
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Optional: Membership fees do not cover all expenses such as maintaining our building which facilitates all our activities. These expenses are augmented by donations and fund raising events. If you wish to make a donation at this time, please mark (X) in front of the level of donation.

_____ Maple $10.00 - $49.99
_____ Ginko $50.00 - $99.99
_____ Sakura $100 and over.

Donations will be recognized in our newsletter. The Fort Worth Japanese Society is a not-for-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.