

Santa Fe JIN Newsletter

New Year's Dinner at Shohko Café

Shohko Café will be holding a special New Year's dinner on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 5:30 PM. The price is \$35 per person, not including additional beverages, tax, or gratuity. Guests must RSVP to Iba Fukuda at ibafukuda@msn.com by Thursday, January 2 to reserve their spot.

Menu

- Green tea
- Ozoni soup (mochi soup) *
- Sashimi
- Namasu (pickled daikon and carrots) *
- Kombu maki (seaweed roll) *
- Tempura
- Teriyaki (choice of chicken or salmon)
- Dessert (ice cream or sherbet)

* Special New Year's Day *osechi* foods

Vegetarian options will be available. Sign up now and reserve your spot!

Japan Activity Room: New Year's Customs

Let's start the year off right with a cultural activity at the Japan Activity Room! We will be viewing a video by NHK on *karuta*, a traditional Japanese card game played around New Year's day. We will also be discussing and trying *kakizome*, New Year's resolution calligraphy. There will be home-made refreshments as well as *otoso*, a special Japanese New Year's herbal drink.

The event will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM or so at The Nest (Satori's home), 1625 Jay Street in Santa Fe (5 blocks behind Mu Du Noodle), 505-820-0694.

A donation is suggested of \$5 per person or some refreshments to share. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Satori Murata at satorimurata@gmail.com or 505-670-8462.

News from JASNM

Japan America Society of NM, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, is a member of the National Association of Japan America Societies (NAJAS) and in January 2014 celebrates three years since its incorporation, following a year of planning. Membership is open to all those interested in Japan, Japanese culture and U. S.–Japan relations.

JASNM will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Japanese Kitchen Restaurant in Albuquerque for members, followed by a saké-tasting event with dinner open to the public at 7 PM. An informative talk about the culture of sushi will be presented by Ayame Fukuda. Reservations are required. The cost is \$45.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members.

On Monday, February 24, 2014, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, JASNM will sponsor a presentation by Mr. James Wilder of All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd. about the ANA airline. A presentation and information regarding tourism to Japan will accompany Mr. Wilder's talk. The venue for this talk will be the Lockheed Martin Room at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce, 1309 4th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM.

A future event this spring will feature a talk by Ambassador William H. Itoh, who served as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand from 1995 to 1999. Prior to his appointment to Bangkok, he was executive secretary of the National Security Council at the White House (1993–1995). Ambassador Itoh is a Senior Advisor to McLarty Associates, an international business consulting firm, and serves as an adjunct professor of International Studies with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Additional information about this event will be available in the near future.

For further information regarding these events, including cost and reservations, contact Mary Burnett de Gomez at 505-291-1177 or hanayagishop@spinn.net.

Request for Articles

If there is an article you would like to see included in next month's newsletter, please send it to Matthew Schauer at matthew.schauer.x@gmail.com. News need not be directly related to Santa Fe JIN.