Japanese American Association of New York

The Center of the New York City Japanese Community

• Founded in 1907, revived in 1946, JAA-NY is the largest and oldest Japanese community service organization in the greater New York area.
• Our programs and services are as diverse as our vibrant community of volunteers.
Members & Volunteers: The Heart of JAA-NY

Our shared heritage brings us together in creating social initiatives, programs and events that benefit every member of our community.

Collectively we are lawyers, artists, cooks, musicians, office workers, executives, writers, parents, teachers, photographers, doctors, dancers, retirees, actors, journalists, social workers, nurses, mechanics, students, seniors and children.

We are dedicated to connecting our community through social engagement, education, sports and the arts.

We are a wide range of abilities, skills and voices.
We are a multitude of people, all connected and touched by JAA-NY.
We are the center of the community.
Japan Disaster Relief Fund
JAA-NY Raised $1,400,000

The JAA-NY tradition is to help people and nations in need. The tradition goes back to 1946 when LARA supported Japan after World War II. Throughout the years JAA-NY has supported people here in the US, in Kobe, Indonesia, Haiti and most recently in Tohoku following the Great East Japan Earthquake.

- From March 2011 to December 2014 JAA-NY raised $1.4 million
- Many JAA-NY members have visited the Tohoku area to take funding to NGOs and to monitor reconstruction.
Beyond Tomorrow with JAA-NY, U.S.-Japan Council and Japan Society

High school students from Tohoku visited JAA-NY and shared their experiences of loss and their hope for the future.
Baseball in Tohoku

As part of its ongoing effort to assist in the revitalization of Tohoku, JAA-NY has partnered with the Kizuna Foundation to send a team of young baseball players on a goodwill tour.

Led and managed by Bobby Valentine, his staff and parent-volunteers and working in conjunction with the Tomodachi Initiative of the U.S.-Japan Council, JAA-NY is following in the footsteps of the 1934 visit to Japan of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and other MLB Hall of Famers.

The team is establishing friendships with their counterparts from Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures, with support from MLB and Steve Mita, manager of the 2013 Little League World Champion Japanese team.
JAA-NY Scholarships

College Scholarships for High School Seniors
Since 1971 JAA-NY has provided more than 400 students with $1 million toward their college tuition, aiding our member families who need financial support.
Honjo Graduate Scholarships

Through the generous donation of the Honjo Foundation, graduate students receive scholarships through JAA-NY for their work to improve US and Japan relations.

Since 2007 more than $100,000 has been awarded.
JAA-NY Music Scholarship

The Music Scholarship has been in place since 1987 for students of violin and piano. One of our first honorees was Alan Gilbert, current Music Director of the New York Philharmonic.
Baseball League
JAA-NY Foreign Minister’s Cup

Since 1985 approximately 400 players on 18 teams have competed against each other. The league brings together a diverse group of people from all walks of life, including students, artists, entrepreneurs, businessmen and professionals.

Through the sport of baseball, approximately 10,000 people have had the opportunity to network and socialize.
JAA-NY Business Women’s Group

- Invites well known people in business to discuss topics that inspire women seeking to build their careers and their businesses.

- Provides mentoring opportunities in a positive atmosphere.
JAA-NY’s 21st Century New York Cherry Blossom Project began on Arbor Day, April 24, 1992, when then JAA-NY President Shigeru Inagaki presented cherry tree seeds to New York City at City Hall Park.

The seeds were nurtured in the Van Cortlandt Park nursery until they grew into 168 cherry trees, which were donated to Flushing Meadows Corona Park by JAA-NY on April 3, 2001.

The first Sakura Matsuri was celebrated on April 12, 2003, and has become an annual event.

The Sakura Matsuri is co-sponsored by the City of New York Parks & Recreation and JAA-NY.
JAA-NY Sakura Matsuri
This networking association is for Japanese and Japanese Americans under the age of 45, many of whom volunteer their services to our community.
Personal Consultations

Attorneys, accountants, social workers and other professionals provide free consultations on issues of immigration, social services and health care.
Japanese Language

The Japanese Language Education Committee is a network of instructors who teach Japanese. The committee has conducted workshops for educators since 1987.

More than 2,500 educators have participated in the workshops. The seminars vary in topics as on-going education for instructors.

Participants are able to update their curriculums to teach high school, college and private adult students.
JAA-NY Art Show

Once a year our hall is transformed into an art gallery for well known and aspiring artists of Japanese descent including Ushio Shinohara, Masaaki Sato, Masaaki Noda and many other artists.
Bosankai at Mount Olivet Cemetery
Organized by the JAA-NY

This annual event held in May at the Japanese Cemetery at Mount Olivet honors our founders. The Japanese Cemetery was bought in 1912 by the Japanese Mutual Aid Society, the forerunner to JAA-NY, which was founded by Dr. Toyohiko Takami.
Japanese Culture at JAA-NY

Classes in calligraphy,

Cooking and Ikebana
Community Culture

Music, Chorus, Yoga, Tai Chi and Dance!
Our Children: Apple Kids

In the last 20 years, Apple Kids has reached more than 5,000 children, providing them with an early education in Japanese culture and teaching them how to socialize while learning about our heritage.

The group gives the youngest of our community the ability to learn and grow in an atmosphere of great joy, and gives Japanese mothers and fathers the opportunity to network and learn about living in NYC.
Keiro-kai

More than 300,000 seniors have passed through our doors since 1960, and we give them a touch of home with familiar food, music and entertainment and tips on healthy aging.

Through our twice monthly lunches, our seniors are able to see old friends, meet new ones and engage in socialization that is often missing from their day-to-day lives.

The volunteers at the Keiro-kai give their time, affection and energy to touch the hearts of our seniors.

Those who volunteer to serve our seniors create their own community at JAA-NY. It’s a gift for all involved.
The Committee on Aging Issues was formed in May 2005 for the purpose of studying and improving the social welfare of Japanese and Japanese American elderly in the greater New York area.

We raise awareness and educate the public regarding our seniors as we coordinate and support programs and services that will help the elderly lead a more healthy, enjoyable and productive life.

The committee holds annual events, such as health fairs and senior week, to raise awareness, education and networking of services providers. More than 20,000 people attended in the last 8 years. This program has enhanced the lives of our community's elderly. www.agingjaa.org
JAA-NY Fundraisers: Bazaar and Flea Market

Twice a year, members donate clothing, jewelry, dishes, toys, books and more while volunteers sell the items and prepare meals. The markets are the best bargains in the community as well as a great way for JAA-NY members to work together.
JAA-NY: The Center of Our Community
The connections of our members

Japan Society
Asia Society
Nippon Club
Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Consul General of Japan
Kenjin-kais
U.S.-Japan Council
Hoshuko Alumni Association
Ikebana International
JACL
Japanese Medical Society of America

New York Japanese American Lions Club
Japanese American National Museum
Asian American Federation
JAMSNET (Japanese Medical Support Network of New York
Coalition of Asian Children and Families
Pan Asian Repertory Theatre
JAJA
Asian Women in Business
Gohan Society
Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans
APICHA
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

JAANY members are involved in many organizations, and JAANY partners with them to advance our mission of community service.
JAA-NY Programs

CONSULTATION
Health care
Insurance
Legal
Social Welfare
Tax and Accounting

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
Art
Calligraphy
Cooking
Go
Handcrafts
Ikebana
Language
Tai chi
Tea Ceremony

EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS
Bazaar
Charity Golf Tournaments
Japanese Heritage Night with the Mets
Sakura Health Fair
Sakura Matsuri
Senior Week
Year-End Party

SCHOLARSHIPS
High School
Graduate
Music

GROUPS
Apple Kids
Baseball League
JAA Chorus
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Young Professionals
## Past Speakers

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<td>Dr. Mitziko Sawada</td>
<td>Historian of Japanese Immigrants to NYC</td>
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<td>Mrs. Haru Matsukata Reischauer</td>
<td>Wife of Edwin Reischauer, Ambassador to Japan</td>
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<td>1989</td>
<td>Mr. William T. Breer</td>
<td>Director of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of New York State</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>Dr. Leo Esaki</td>
<td>Winner, 1973 Nobel Prize in Physics, IBM Fellow, Thomas J. Watson Research Center</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>Mr. Akio Morita</td>
<td>Chairman and Co-Founder, SONY Corporation</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>Mr. Yukio Matsuyama</td>
<td>Honorary Chair, Editorial Board, Asahi Shimbun and Distinguished Visiting Associate, Harvard University</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Secretary Norman Y. Mineta</td>
<td>Member, United States House of Representatives, Secretary of Transportation</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Dr. Yasumitsu Nihei</td>
<td>President, Keio Academy of New York</td>
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<td>Mr. Mitsuaki Kojima</td>
<td>Deputy Consul General and Deputy Chief of Mission, Consulate General of Japan in New York</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Mr. Francis Y. Sogi</td>
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<td>Ambassador Seiichiro Otsuka</td>
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<td>Senator Daniel K. Inouye</td>
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<td>Mr. Yukio Satoh</td>
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<td>Mr. Frederick Katayama</td>
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<td>Mr. Hideaki “Don” Iwatani</td>
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<td>Ms. Madeleine Sumile Sugimoto</td>
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<td>Ms. Irene Y. Hirano</td>
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<td>Dr. Jeanette C. Takamura</td>
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<td>Honorable Eric K. Shinseki</td>
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<td>Mr. George Takei</td>
<td>Actor</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Prof. Hugh Patrick</td>
<td>Director of the Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School, Co-Director of Columbia’s APEC Study Center and R.D. Calkins Professor of International Business Emeritus, Columbia University</td>
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<td>Honorable Kiyo Matsumoto</td>
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<td>Honorable George R. Packard</td>
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<td>Mayor David Dinkins</td>
<td>Former New York City Mayor</td>
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<td>Robert John “Bobby” Valentine</td>
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Supporters of JAA-NY