

**The  
Fort Worth  
Japanese  
Society**

# **Newsletter**

**Jul – Aug 2013    [www.fwjs.org](http://www.fwjs.org)**

**Mikoshi parade in Japan. Fort Worth's Mikoshi on display at the Japanese Garden – a gift from our sister city, Nagaoka (inset). Don't miss our Mikoshi parade along E. Exchange Ave in the Fort Worth Stockyards at 11:15AM on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**Our Mission**  
To foster Japanese and American understanding by providing an opportunity to learn about Japan, it's people, language and culture.

## July Luncheon

Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm – Fort Worth Japanese Center

We will celebrate the Tanabata festival (Japanese version of the “star-crossed lovers”). Entertainment will be our kamishibai theater re-enacting the Tanabata folk story and many different Japanese foods including takoyaki, yakitori and grilled onigiri. This will be a treat for your Japanese food thirsty palate, so don't miss this! \$12 for adults, \$8.00 for children 8-12, children 7 and under free.



**Reservations are needed for the lunch. RSVP by Jul 10<sup>th</sup> to Nobuko Foshee at 817-738-4524 or email to [inquiries@fwjs.org](mailto:inquiries@fwjs.org)**

## Spring Festival in the Japanese Garden

Kamishibai (Japanese Paper Theater) and Kimono Dress-Up were two events we added at the Japanese Garden Festival this Spring.



There was a long line of visitors eager to try on a “kimono” (above). Our “kamishibai man,” William Winston, puts on a show (left).

## Society News

We apologize for not issuing newsletters for some time. One thing or another has kept me from getting it done.

### February Luncheon

Many events have taken place since our last newsletter. To begin, in February we were honored to have as our speaker the Honorary Consul General of Japan in Dallas, Mr. John Stich. Chef Julia Dunaway and her excellent crew presented a beautiful array of traditional and vegetarian chirashizushi, while serving misoshiru and ocha.

Honorary Consul General Stich focused on the recent Japan-America Grassroots Summit and the positively extraordinary part that the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Japanese community played in extending generous hospitality to our Japanese visitors. In addition to John Stich's speech, Elaine Browning of the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth spoke about the 2013 Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Shimane Prefecture in July.

### Discover Japan

On March 3, the Fort Worth Japanese Society conducted our annual "Discover Japan" presentation to the Harashin Scholars and other Fort Worth students. The students are given an opportunity to learn about Japan, its culture and language before their trip to Japan this summer. Many thanks go to everyone who made the presentations and prepared the food for the seminar.

### Consul General Visit

On March 5, Japanese Consul General Yamamoto came from Houston on an official visit to the City Council of Fort Worth to extend an expression of gratitude from the nation of Japan to the City of Fort Worth for our hospitality and generosity to the participants of the Japan-America Grassroots Summit. Consul General Yamamoto also presented a plaque to the city council that commemorates the gift of twenty cherry trees from the nation of Japan to the City of Fort Worth as part of the centennial celebrations of the original cherry trees in Washington, DC.



Consul General Yamamoto (left), Honorary Consul General Stich (tallest in back row), Dondoko Taiko drummers and FWJS members.

### March Luncheon

Also in March, our luncheon celebrated Hinamatsuri and Kodomo-no-Hi (Tango-no-Sekku). There was a demonstration of mochi making, and some of us had the opportunity to make mochi. The mochi making was fun to watch, and the children looked like they were having great fun making mochi. For them, it was like Play-Do, but tasted much better. Lunch was niku donburi prepared by Chef Kevin Martinez of Tokyo Café and assisted by everyone on the Events Committee.

### Spring Japanese Gardens Festival

The festival was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and as usual, was a great success. We added two additional events this spring: kamishibai and kimono dress-up. Thanks to all who helped, and a special thanks to Haruko Herness for getting so many volunteers to help in the kimono dress-up – during most of the time, there were about 20 people in line to have us dress them up in kimonos and ukatas.

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## **Society News – continued**

### **Spreading Japanese Culture**

The society is always getting requests to demonstrate Japanese culture – so thanks to so many who volunteer to do this. Recently, we held events at Cleburne, Westpark Elementary School in Benbrook and at Lily B. Clayton Elementary in Fort Worth and Arts Goggle on Magnolia. Demonstrations included calligraphy, origami and haiku.

The Dondoko Taiko drummers were also busy with engagements in Albany, TX, at the Dallas Petroleum Club, Dallas International Festival, the Spring Japanese Garden Festival as well as at Fort Worth City Hall during Consul General Yamamoto's visit.

### **Dinner Get-Together**

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, about 30 of us enjoyed the food and company for the revival of our dinner get-togethers. Everyone enjoyed catching up with fellow members. This one was held at Tokyo Café, and our plan is to vary the restaurants each time. We'll be having our next dinner get-together soon so be on the lookout for the announcement.

### **May Luncheon**

Our pot luck, focused on Sekihan (red bean rice) and chirashizushi. Sandra Prachyl gave us an informative presentation on ikebana (art of Japanese flower arranging) followed by William Winston's presentation on bonsai (the art of growing miniature trees).

### **June Luncheon**

Perfect for hot summer days, June's luncheon was Chuka Soba and Sundae's, topped off with bingo. Thanks again to Julia Dunaway and the Events Committee. Bingo was especially popular and gives our members a chance to visit with each other as well as win some cash.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Nagaoka – Fort Worth Sister City 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Fort Worth's sister city, Nagaoka, Japan, will be visiting Fort Worth over the Fourth of July weekend. There will be about 70 people from Nagaoka, and they are providing fireworks for the Fort Worth July Fourth celebration (Nagaoka is known for their outstanding fireworks). On Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a short parade down East Exchange using the Mikoshi which was a gift from Nagaoka. This will begin sharply at 11:10AM, just before the usual longhorn cattle drive down Exchange. This will be followed by a luncheon ceremony to celebrate the anniversary. Cost is \$30 per person. If you would like to attend, contact Beth Weibel at Fort Worth Sister Cities, (817) 632-7105. On the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the group will be going to the Texas Rangers ballgame. The cost is \$18 per person. We will not be renting a bus, so you will have to take care of your own transportation. If you would like to attend, contact Beth Weibel. Our Dondoko Taiko drummers will open the fireworks display over the Trinity River on July 4<sup>th</sup> – don't miss this great fireworks display!

### **Luncheon – Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30PM at the Yamagata Center**

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## **Society News – continued**

### **Dinner Get-Together – Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6PM at MK Sushi**

Join us for a casual dinner at an area Asian restaurant, this time, at MK Sushi, 2901 Fair Dr #100, Fort Worth, TX just off Western Center Blvd near I-35W. This is a great chance to catch up on news and get to know some of your fellow society member.

### **Makino Gardens Exhibit at BRIT (Botanic Research Institute of Texas) Sep 7 – Nov 30**

This is an exchange exhibit program between these two organizations and the Society will help make the exhibit more entertaining by providing various Japanese cultural demonstrations such as Taiko drummers, kimono fashion show, origami, calligraphy and other Japanese cultural traditions.

### **Luncheon – Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30PM at the Yamagata Center**

Program: Haiku presentation

Luncheon: Japanese Curry Rice

### **Luncheon – Sunday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30PM at the Yamagata Center**

Program: Student who received Toy Komatsu scholarship to attend the Nagaoka Sister City Exchange visit this summer will talk about her experiences.

Luncheon: Yet to be determined

### **Fall Japanese Garden Festival from Sat. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sun. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

There will be lots of fun opportunities to volunteer to demonstrate origami, calligraphy, kamishibai, Japanese games, kimono dress-up and other Japanese cultural traditions.

## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED FORT WORTH SOCIETY ACTIVITIES**

### **DonDoko Taiko Drummers**

Practice is every Sunday, 6pm-8:30pm at the Yamagata Center. For more information contact Asako Cosby 817-737-6581. Join the group for fitness, fun, and performances.

### **Japanese Classical Dance**

This group meets every Monday, 11am-1pm, at the Yamagata Center. Please contact Teruko Greene at 817-294-2224 for more information. Mrs. Keio Miyamoto is the instructor.

### **Japanese Language Classes**

All classes will be at the Yamagata Center. New students will be evaluated and placed in the most appropriate class for their proficiency level in written, spoken, and heard Japanese. The children's classes will be 4:45pm-5:30pm on Mondays only. Adult classes are 6pm-7:30pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

Schedules for 2013 Fall Semester and 2014 Spring Semester are now posted on our website at [www.fwjs.org](http://www.fwjs.org). Please visit the Schedule page for complete schedule. Also, please check out Registration & Tuition page (adult /children's) for tuition information and the application form.

### **Kurumi Ningyo**

Join the 17 members who meet twice a month to work on these elegant works of art. The group meets on Wednesdays, 10am-2pm, and will meet on July 24, August 7 and 21 at the Yamagata Center. Contact Nobuko Foshee at 817-738-4524.

### **The Japanese Society Library**

Our library is open during the Kurumi Ningyo classes and DonDoko Taiko practices.

### **The Sakura Chorus**

For more information, contact Elaine Yamagata at 817-737-7600.

## **日本人会会報**

まず始めに、会報が何号か欠刊になりましたこととお詫びいたします(訳者より:前回のニュースレターは、出来上がっていたにも拘らず、翻訳が遅れたために発行することができませんでした。この場をお借りしてお詫び申し上げます)。

### **2月例会**

前回の会報発行から、ずいぶんとたくさんのイベントが催されました。2月の例会から始めます。2月の例会では、ダラス名誉日本総領事、ジョン・スティック氏を再度ゲストスピーカーにお招きする栄誉に恵まれました。ジュリア・ダナウェイさんとその素晴らしいチームは、お味噌汁とお茶を給仕するかたわら、伝統的なちらし寿司を美しく盛り付け、ゲストの目を楽しませてくれました。

名誉総領事スティック氏は、昨年の日米草の根サミットにてフォートワース市およびその日本人コミッティが日本人訪問者の方々を非常に手厚くもてなしたという素晴らしい点に焦点を当てました。また、スティック氏のお話に加えて、ダラス・フォートワース日米協会のイレーン・ブラウニングさんは、今年7月に島根県にて開催される2013年草の根サミットについてお話しくださいました。

### **ディスカバー・ジャパン**

3月3日には、毎年恒例になりつつあるディスカバー・ジャパンを開催し、原信奨学生ほか今夏日本にてホームステイを予定する多数のフォートワースの学生たちが参加しました。プレゼンテーションをしてくださった方々、食事を手配くださった方々、ありがとうございました。

### **総領事の訪問**

3月5日は、山本総領事がヒューストンからお越しになり、フォートワース市議会を正式に訪問されました。この訪問は、昨年8月末に開催された日米草の根サミットにてのフォートワース市の貢献に対して、日本国からの感謝の意をフォートワース市に伝えるもので、また、1912年日本からアメリカに贈られた桜の原木の接木から育った山桜20本の寄贈に対しては、日本国からフォートワース市に記念版が贈呈されました。

### **3月の例会**

3月にはまた、ひな祭りと子どもの日(端午の節句)を祝うランチオンがありました。餅作りの実演では、実際に何人かの会員の方々が餅作りに参加しました。餅を作る工程は見るのも楽しく、特に子どもたちは、粘土で遊んでいるような作業に(味は、もちろん粘土より数倍良いのですが)興味津々に見入っていました。昼食は東京カフェのシェフ、ケビン・マルティネス氏による肉どんぶりでした。サポートくださったイベント委員の皆さん、ありがとうございます。

### **日本庭園春祭り**

4月20日、21日に開催された今年の春祭りも、例年のごとく大成功を収めました。わが日本人会は、今春、紙芝居と着物の着付けという二つのイベントを追加しました。お手伝いくださった皆さん(特に、たくさんのボランティアを着付けに手配くださったハーネス晴子さん)のお陰で、着物と浴衣の着付けは、常時20人待ちという盛況ぶりでした。

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## **日本文化紹介**

日本人会は、いつもボランティアくださる会員の皆さんのお陰で、日本文化を紹介して欲しいというリクエストを常に受けています。最近では、クレバーン、ベンプルックのウエストパーク小学校、フォートワースのリリーBクレイトン小学校、そしてマグノリアのArts Goggleにて、書道や折り紙、俳句といった伝統的な日本の文化を披露しました。

どんどこ太鼓もまた、テキサスのアルバニー、ダラス石油クラブ、ダラス国際フェスティバル、日本庭園での春祭り、山本総領事来フォートワース時の市議会でのパフォーマンスと大活躍でした。

## **日本人会親睦夕食会**

4月26日には、約30名の会員が集い、食事と会話を楽しみました。今回は東京カフェでしたが、毎回違った場所での開催を予定しています。次回の親睦夕食会については、今後予定されているイベントのお知らせ欄をご参照ください。

## **5月の例会**

5月のランチョンは、赤飯とちらし寿司をテーマにしたポットラック(持ち寄り)でした。サンドラ・プラシルさんによる見所盛りだくさんの生け花実演に続き、ウィリアム・ウィンストン氏が盆栽のプレゼンテーションを行いました。

## **6月の例会**

6月のランチョンは、暑い夏にぴったりの冷やし中華にビンゴでした。いつもながら、食事を用意くださったジュリア・ダナウェイさん、イベント委員の皆さん、感謝いたします。ビンゴは、会員同士でのおしゃべりや、また運が良ければ賞金が当たるチャンスもあるので、大人気でした。

## **今後予定されているイベント**

### **長岡-フォートワース姉妹都市25周年記念**

わが姉妹都市、長岡市の方々が独立記念日の週末、フォートワースを訪れます。長岡市からの約70名の参加者は、独立記念日に打ち上げる花火を贈呈くださいます(長岡市は、花火の名産地として有名です)。

7月3日(水曜日)、長岡市からの贈り物である御神輿を担いで、East Exchangeから短いパレードがあります。パレードは、ロングホーンの定時行進の少し前、11時10分きっかりに始まります。パレードの後は、25周年を祝う昼食会があります。費用は一人30ドルです。参加ご希望の方は、国際姉妹都市協会のベス・ウィーベルさん(817-62-7105)までご連絡ください。

7月3日の夕刻には、長岡からの一行はテキサス・レンジャーズ戦の観戦に出かけます。費用は一人18ドルです。バスのチャーターはありませんので、各自球場までお越しください。参加をご希望される方は、ベス・ウィーベルさん。

わが、どんどこ太鼓チームが7月4日のトリニティ・リバーにおいての花火大会の幕開けを担当します。お見逃しなく!

### **7月の例会 - 7月14日午後12時半より山県会館にて**

7月のランチョンでは、七夕("star-crossed lovers"の日本版)を祝います。七夕のお話の紙芝居や、たこ焼き、焼き鳥、焼きおにぎりといった数々の日本の食べ物をご賞味いただけます。日本食のお好きな方は、ぜひご参加ください。

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### **日本人会親睦夕食会 - 8月17日午後6時よりMK寿司にて**

今回の日本人会親睦夕食会はMK寿司にて開催されます(住所:2901 Fair Dr #100, Fort Worth, TX, I-35W近く、Western Center Blvdを少し入ったところです)。カジュアルな夕食を囲んで、会員の方々との情報交換、おしゃべりを楽しみましょう。

### **マキノ庭園展示会 - 於BRIT (Botanic Research Institute of Texas)、9月7日より11月30日まで**

この催しは、二つの機関による交換展示会で、わが日本人会はどんどこ太鼓や着物ファッションショー、折り紙、書道といった数々の日本文化紹介を織り交ぜて、余興的要素を提供します。

### **9月の例会 - 9月22日(日曜日)午後12時半より山縣会館にて**

プログラム:俳句のプレゼンテーション

昼食:日本のカレーライス

### **10月の例会 - 10月20日(日曜日)午後12時半より山縣会館にて**

プログラム:トイ・コマツ奨学生による長岡市交換留学の経験談

昼食:未定

### **日本庭園秋祭り - 11月2日(土曜日)および11月3日(日曜日)**

日本人会は、折り紙、書道、紙芝居、日本のゲーム、着物の着付けなど、日本の伝統的文化を紹介する予定です。

### **その他のアクティビティ**

#### **どんどこ太鼓**

練習は、毎週日曜日、山縣会館にて午後6時~8時半です。詳細は、Cosbyあさこさんまで(817-737-6581)。

#### **日本舞踊**

毎週月曜日午前11時~午後1時、山縣会館にて。詳細は、Greeneてるこさんまで(817-294-2224)。指導は、みやもとけいこさんです。

#### **日本語クラス**

クラスは山縣会館にて開講されます。新しく受講される生徒さんには、レベルテスト(読み、書き、会話、聴解)を受けていただきます。子どもクラスは月曜日のみ4時45分~5時半。大人クラスは月曜日または木曜日の午後6時~7時半です。

2013年秋学期および2014年春学期の開講予定は、ウェブサイト([www.fwjs.org](http://www.fwjs.org))をご覧ください。申し込み、受講料(大人クラス、子どもクラス)に関しては、Registration & Tuitionのページをご参照ください。

#### **くるみ人形**

現在、会員17名。月に二度集まって、優雅な人形作りに専念してみませんか。水曜日の午前10時~午後2時(7月24日、8月7日、21日)に山縣会館にて。詳細はFosheeのぶこさんまで(817-738-4524)。

#### **図書館**

くるみ人形または太鼓の時間にご連絡ください。

#### **さくらコーラス**

詳細はElaine山縣さんまで(817-737-7600)。




**Fort Worth Japanese Society Nihongo Class**
  
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**Monday March, 11 2013**

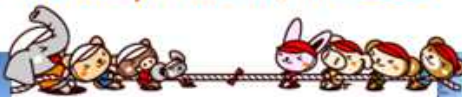
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Created by Kumiko Porter

# Japanese Game Night Summer 2013

## 夏祭り



Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm ~ 8:30pm

Age: 4 yrs + Up



Bingo/Water Balloon Catch/Ring Toss/Lucky Ball/  
Okonomiyaki /Snow Cone/and much more...



Fee:

Members \$15 (+ \$10 for each additional family member)

Non Members \$20 each



Please return your RSVP form and payment before Friday August 9th

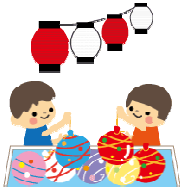
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Fort Worth Japanese Society c/o A. Sonnemann

P.O. Box 777 Aledo, TX 76008



RSVP Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Additional attendees can be annotated on back of this form.

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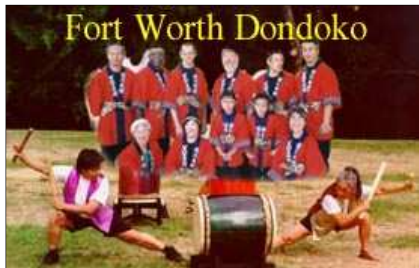
- Please secure your valuables. FWJS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Please be careful not to get hurt. Play is at your own risk. FWJS assumes no liability for personal injury during this event.

Please initial when you have read and understand the above disclaimer.

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## Society Activities



- **Dondoko Taiko (Drum Group):** Practice every Sunday 6:00 to 8:30 PM. (Contact: Asako Cosby)

- **Classical Japanese Dance:**

This is a relatively small group meeting at the Society every Monday morning from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The instructor is Mrs. Keio Miyamoto, an accredited master of Fujima School. If anyone is interested in Japanese dances, please come and join us. The group enjoys dancing with other Fort Worthians at the spring and autumn Japanese Festival. (Contact: Chiga Oi)



(Students practicing calligraphy at our language school demonstration)

**Japanese Language Class** meets Mondays 6:00-7:30pm. for adults and 4:45-5:30pm for children (must be over 3 years old). Very reasonable tuition. (Contact: Mikako Imai)

- **Library** is open Sunday from 6:00pm-8:00pm during Taiko Drum session and every other Wednesday from 10:00am for about 2 hours during Kurumi Ningyo workshop.

- **Chorus:** 1st or 2nd Sunday practice of Japanese Songs. (Contact: Elaine Yamagata)



- **Kurumi Ningyo** meets 10:00am-2:00pm every other Wednesday. (Contact: Nobuko Foshee)

*Join the Fort Worth Japanese Society*

Tel: 817-294-5004

**MEMBERSHIP FORM for 2013** Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Born/Raised \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Country

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Born/Raised \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Country

Current Address: No. & Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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

If you will let us know what activities are of interest to you, such as Japanese Dance, volunteer at our the Fall and Spring Japanese Garden Festival, etc., let us know. Also, if you wish, let us know your age range and we will let you know what activities might be of interest to you. Your comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark (x) in front of the classification you are joining.

- \_\_\_ Family Membership \$40.00
- \_\_\_ Single Membership \$30.00
- \_\_\_ Associate Membership (Students) \$20.00

Make check payable to Fort Worth Japanese Society.

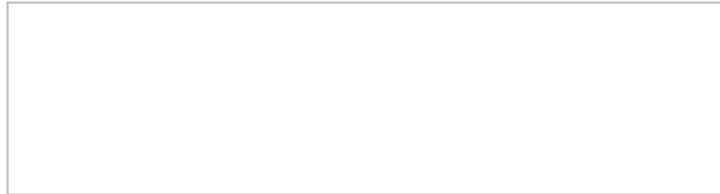
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Optional: Membership dues do not cover all expenses such as maintaining our building which facilitates all our activities. These expenses are augmented by donations and fund raising events. If you wish to make a donation at this time, please mark (X)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

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Luncheon – Jul 14 (Sun.), 12:30pm at the Yamagata Center**

We will celebrate the Tanabata festival. Entertainment will be our kamishibai theater re-enacting the Tanabata folk story and many different Japanese foods including takoyaki, yakitori and grilled onigiri. This will be a treat for your Japanese food thirsty palate, so don't miss this! \$12 for adults, \$8.00 for children 8-12, children 7 and under free

### **Nagaoka – Fort Worth Sister City 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:15AM Mikoshi Parade on Exchnage Ave. in the Stockyards

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM Fireworks over the Trinity (fireworks begin about 9:30PM)

### **Dinner Get-Together – Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6PM at MK Sushi**

Join us for a casual dinner at MK Sushi, 2901 Fair Dr #100, Fort Worth, TX just off Western Center Blvd near I-35W. This is a great chance to catch up on news and get to know some of your fellow society member.

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