

Did you know? Today is Coming of Age Day (Seijin no Hi)!

Coming of Age Day or Adult's Day honors every person that has turned 20 years old over the past year. When young people reach twenty they officially become adults in Japanese society and they now have responsibilities as well as newfound liberties: such as being able to drink, smoke, go to hostess bars, gamble and to drive legally.



This week's theme

The Mythological Series Pt.2!

The Seven Gods of Fortune, or Shichi Fukujin, are the most widely revered Gods in modern Japan.



(left to right) Hotei, Jurojin, Fukurokuju, Bishamonten, Benzaiten, Daikokuten, and Ebisu.

General JMAC Info

Look forward to our Winter Quarter events to keep you going through this chilly time of year!



Jurojin, according to Taoist beliefs. He is the God of longevity. Jurojin originated from the Chinese Taoist god, the Old Man of the South Pole.

Fukurokuju is theorized to be the Japanese assimilation of the Chinese Three Star Gods. He is the God of wisdom and longevity.

Fukurokuju and Jurojin are often identified together. Some say they even inhabit the same body.



Here's our website! click

here:

quarter, and get the latest news on events!



Benzaiten, goddess of knowledge, art and beauty, is a Japanese Buddhist goddess originating from the Hindu goddess Saraswati. Her worship arrived in Japan during the 6th through 8th centuries.



Daikokuten, god of wealth commerce and trade. His association with wealth started a custom known as fukunusubi (theft of fortune), where it was believed whoever stole divine figures would incur good fortune if not caught.

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Hotei, known primarily as Budai, is a Chinese folkloric deity that made its way to Japan, and is admired for his happiness, plenitude, and wisdom of contentment.





Bishamonten, or Vaisravana in sanskrit, is known as one of the Four Heavenly Kings, as well as the God of War.

Although typically portrayed as a male, modern takes on the Seven Gods are not nearly as strict about gender. (Anime: *Noragami*)



THOUGHTS FROM THE CORNER

Let's go to Mitsuwa!

Join JMAC and DCMC for a day at Mitsuwa Marketplace!

Monday, January 18th on MLK day!

Meet at LPSC at 10:30 am to depart at 11 am SHARP if travelling with the Presidents.

If you'd like to meet us there, simply meet us at the Rosemont Blue line stop by 11:45 am.

(This is to ensure we all catch the 12pm pace bus to the marketplace!)



JMAC on Ice!

Join us for our annual ice skating event!

Saturday January 23rd at 12pm (meet at 11 in LPC)!

We'll be going to Millennium Park and then heading out for some Dim Sum!

Skate rental: \$12

Dim Sum: \$10-20 in cash



Kyle Hebert!

JMAC's annual Voice Actor Event will feature Kyle Hebert! Join us at:

12-4pm SAC 254 Saturday, February 6, 2016



P.S: There will be foooods



May 20th-22nd, 2016 Rosemont, IL











- *Pre-Registration-Badges are \$58 until April 2nd! (Afterwards it's a whopping \$70!!)
- *Comfort Inn, Courtyard, and Marriott still have rooms! (Check here to get more hotel info!)
- *Good luck to those who are cosplaying!





Ebisu, god of fishers or merchants, is the only one of the seven to originate purely from Japan.

Legend: The weak child Hiruko overcame many hardships, grew legs, and at the age of 3 becomes the god Ebisu.



Speaking of cosplay...

Eric: Something- Dragon Ball Eh...

Nicole: SPOOPY SURPRISE

Hannah: Girl with Black Hair

Mark: An American (SUPPOSEDLY).

Jessica: Garry- *Ib*Valentine- *Skullgirls*Girl running late for class w/toast

Monisa: Fuu- *Magic Knight Rayearth*Linkle- *Zelda*Chloe- *Life is Strange*

Cody: Junpei- NEIN NEIN NEIN

If you would like your cosplay up here, let us know by either emailing us or checking out our website!

Manga of the Month

+Anima

Submitted by Mia!

+Anima, beings who possess animal-like powers, are shunned by normal human society. Four outcasts in particular-- Cooro, a boy with crow wings, Husky, a fish-boy, Senri, a bear +Anima, and Nana, who wields the power of the bat-- search for others like themselves while trying to gain acceptance in a world cruel to anything that is different. All abandoned or orphaned by their families, the four of the them try to find a place they can live in peace.

Volumes: 10

Demographic: Shounen

Genres: Adventure, Fantasy

Warnings: Mild violence, some feels



Music Video of the Week



Kyoran Hey Kids!!- The Oral Cigarettes Submitted by Nicole!

The band formed in NAra back in 2010, but is Kansai-based, with members Akira Murakami, Sigenobu Suzuki, Takuya Yamanaka, and MAsaya Nakanishi.

Fun fact: It's the opening to Noragami Aragato!

Want to submit your own MoM or MV?

Include "Manga of the Month" or "Music video of the Week in the subject line!

For Manga:

Title and Author(s):

Summary:

Volumes: (Include if manga is complete or

ongoing)

Demographic: (Kodomomuke, Shounen, Shoujo,

Seinen

Genre(s):

Other Media: (if the manga has been made into an anime, movie, or drama)

Warnings: (While people shouldn't submit NSFW manga, this is for mild nudity, violence, or any offputting things, such as obscure themes.)

For Music:

Your name:

Artist:

Video link:

Fun fact: (this can be about the artist, the style, a show or movie the song is featured in, whatever!)

Avoid AMVs and other fanmade videos to songs, or literal openings and endings.

Email your submissions to: dpujmac@gmail.com



Join us next Monday, 1/18 for our Mitsuwa Marketplace Trip!

ANNNND

on Monday, 1/25 at 4pm for some Nerd Jeopardy, and a showing of







