

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – April 18, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

April is halfway over and May will soon be upon us, so check out the incredible line-up of events we have in store for you over the next few weeks. Don't miss out on our JASCO Family Outing at the Columbus Zoo to celebrate *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day) on Sunday, May 7 – the whole family is welcome to this fun event! And, for our corporate members, mark your calendars for the upcoming JASCO Business Seminar Series on Immigration on Thursday, May 11– space is limited, so please RSVP soon to secure your spot!

- JASCO Staff

This Week – These events are happening this weekend, so don't miss out on them!

1. [Conference: Ohio Association for Teachers of Japanese 2006 Conference at OSU – Saturday, April 22](#)
2. [Conference/Festival: MatsuriCon 2006 at Comfort Inn Columbus North – Friday through Sunday, April 21-23](#)

Upcoming Events – Deadlines to RSVP for these events are fast approaching, so don't delay!

3. [JASCO Family Outing: *Kodomo no Hi* \(Children's Day\) at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – Sunday, May 7](#) ** Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, May 4 **
4. [JASCO Business Seminar Series: *Immigration for Japanese Companies* at Columbus Chamber of Commerce – Thursday, May 11](#) ** Please RSVP for this event by Monday, May 8 **
5. [JASCO Mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant – Thursday, May 11](#) ** Please RSVP for this event by Monday, May 8 **
6. [Business Seminar: Briefings on Major Ohio Tax Changes at Columbus Marriott North – Friday, May 12](#) ** Please RSVP for this event by Tuesday, May 9 **
7. [JASCO Volunteer Event: The Race for the Cure – Saturday, May 20](#) ** Please RSVP for this event by Friday, April 21 **
8. [Performance: *Hanamizuki no Kai* \(Japanese Women's Chorus Concert\) at the Church of the Redeemer – Sunday, May 21](#)
9. [JASCO Eighth Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Golf Club of Dublin – Wednesday, May 24](#) ** Please RSVP for this event by Wednesday, May 10 **
10. [Festival: 11th Annual Asian Festival at Franklin Park – Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28](#)
11. [Local Cultural Event: Japanese Motorcycle Saturday – Saturday, June 3](#)
12. [JASCO Family Outing: *Tanabata* and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, August 6](#)
13. [JASCO Family Outing: *Bon Odori* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6](#)
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1. Conference: Ohio Association for Teachers of Japanese 2006 Annual Conference at OSU's Hagerty Hall – Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Hear Mr. Toshikata Amino, former executive vice president of Honda America and OSU Fisher College of Business fellow, and Ms. Elena Vdovina of Asahi Glass present on "Articulation from School to Work: Suggestions from the Business World." The event is open to the public, but Japanese language teachers and students are especially encouraged to attend. The registration fee for this event is free for OATJ members and students, and \$8 for non-member and non-student participants. The deadline to RSVP for this event was Monday, April 17, so please e-mail Elena Vdovina at lenchiksan@hotmail.com if you missed the deadline.

2. Conference/Festival: MatsuriCon 2006 at Comfort Inn Columbus North – Friday through Sunday, April 21-23

Billed as the most unique convention in the Midwest, MatsuriCon is a four-day conference celebrating Japanese pop and traditional culture in a festival-like environment. Enjoy music, anime, manga, food, karaoke, costumes, games, performances and other events designed to show all that is Japan. Admission to the event is \$35 for a three-day pass, or \$10-15 for each day. Mention that you're a JASCO member and receive a \$5 discount off the three-day pass admission price. For more information, please visit <http://www.matsuricon.org>.

3. JASCO Family Outing: *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day) at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – Sunday, May 7, 12:00 p.m.

It's going to be a "roaring good time" at this potluck picnic in celebration of *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day) at the Wildside Shelter at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Zoo admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 2-11 and free for children under 2. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families and \$5 for non-members (per family.) Parking is \$3. For more information on this event, please see http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/kodomo_no_hi.pdf and RSVP for it by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu.

4. JASCO Business Seminar Series: *Immigration for Japanese Companies* at Columbus Chamber of Commerce – Thursday, May 11, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for presentations on issues affecting immigration, such as business visa processes for Japanese nationals, reform legislation, and security challenges. This event features speakers from Squires Sanders and Dempsey, LLP and Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP. Special guest Cheryl Gallegos of the Department of Homeland Security will also be present to answer questions regarding U.S. citizenship and immigration. This event is free and open to the public. Japanese interpreting is offered. For more information on this event, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/immigration.pdf>. To RSVP for this event, please call 614-292-4002 or e-mail us at jasco@osu.edu by May 8.

5. JASCO Mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant – Thursday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

It's a belated Cinco de Mayo (Mexican Independence Day) celebration for this month's JASCO mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant in the new South Campus Gateway. Enjoy some margaritas, nachos and other Mexican favorites at this trendy new restaurant while exchanging experiences and ideas at this great networking event. Please RSVP for this event by Tuesday, May 9, by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu.

6. Business Seminar: Briefings on Major Ohio Tax Changes at Columbus Marriott North – Friday, May 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Learn the latest developments regarding Ohio business taxes, the phase-out of the tangible personal property tax and corporation franchise tax and gain valuable insights into the lessons learned from the first wave of returns from CAT. Organized by the Manufacturers' Education Council, this event costs \$295 per

person to attend. CEUs are awarded. For more information or to register for this seminar, please visit www.mecseminars.com.

7. JASCO Volunteer Event: The Race for the Cure – Saturday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.

Walk or run, talk and have fun, and help to raise awareness for breast cancer in a 5K race! Join the JASCO team in the 14th annual Race for the Cure and help to beat this deadly disease. All ages are welcome. Event fees are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 14 and under. Visit http://jasco.osu.edu/pdf/2006/race_for_the_cure.pdf for more information about this event and to print the sign-up sheet.

8. Performance: *Hanamizuki no Kai* (Japanese Women's Chorus Concert) at the Church of the Redeemer – Sunday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

Hanamizuki no Kai will perform a selection of traditional, children's and popular Japanese songs at the Church of the Redeemer in Dublin. Admission to this event is free.

9. JASCO Eighth Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Golf Club of Dublin – Wednesday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/golf/2006flyerbooklet.pdf>.

10. Festival: 11th Annual Asian Festival at Franklin Park – Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28

From art exhibits to martial arts demonstrations, the Asian Festival demonstrates the cultural diversity and flavors of the various Asian communities in Central Ohio. Free admission, parking and shuttle. For more information, please visit <http://www.asian-festival.org>.

11. Local Cultural Event: Japanese Motorcycle Saturday at The Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum – Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Devotees of Japanese motorcycles are invited to attend the Museum's inaugural Japanese Motorcycle Saturday, presented by the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club. Enjoy bike shows, special guests, food and more. Admission is \$10 and includes full access to all Museum exhibits. For more information about the event, contact the Museum at 614-856-2222.

12. JASCO Family Outing: *Tanabata* and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, July 9, 12:00 p.m.

Come and see stars at this potluck picnic celebration of *Tanabata* (Festival of the Stars) and Fourth of July at the North Shelter at Highbanks Metropark in Lewis Center. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

13. JASCO Family Outing: *Bon Odori* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m.

Join us for some traditional Japanese dance as we celebrate the ancient Buddhist holiday of *Bon Odori*, also known as the "Festival of the Dead," to honor our ancestors from both Japan and America. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

14. JASCO Family Outing: Fall Foliage at Dawes Arboretum – Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.

The autumn is a beautiful time in Central Ohio and what better way to celebrate it than to view it with your family and friends at Dawes Arboretum in Newark? Walk around the grounds, hitch a ride on a wagon or just

enjoy a serene moment by yourself under the trees – all after enjoying the potluck feast! The event is free for JASCO members and their families and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

15. AFS seeks host families for 150 international high-school students to be placed in Ohio

AFS, an international, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities, is seeking families in Ohio to host 150 high-school age students from around the world for one year. Students will arrive in August 2006 and will live with their host families until late June 2007, attending their local schools and assimilating into American culture. The students come from all over the world, but several of them will be coming from Japan. If your family is interested in hosting an AFS student for a year, please visit <http://www.afs.org/AFSI/content/page.php?uid=19> to learn more about being a host family, and contact us at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu to receive contact information for a local AFS volunteer who can assist you in your application!

If you know of any Japan-related programs that may be of interest to JASCO members, please send the information to jasco@osu.edu to be included in an upcoming JASCO Pulse and added to our calendar. Also, please forward this message onto others who may be interested in its contents.

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