

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – June 22, 2007

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

Thanks to all of you who helped make the JASCO 9th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser such a success! You'll find a summary of the golf outing, with all of its excitement, in this issue of the *JASCO Pulse*!

- JASCO Staff

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1. Ikebana International Columbus Chapter Exhibit – June 23 & 24, 2007

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday and Sunday, June 16 & 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. The local Ikebana International Chapter presents its annual celebration of ikebana flower arrangements. Traditional and contemporary designs will be created and showcase a diverse range of plant material. Specialists will be available throughout the weekend to answer questions and interpret designs. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students, \$4.00 for children, and children under 2 are admitted free. For more information, please visit <http://www.fpconservatory.org/plantshows.htm>.

2. 10th Annual “Katsura Sanshi Sohaku Rakugo Dokuenkai”, JCCC Foundation Fundraiser – June 24, 2007

The JCCC Foundation invites you to enjoy an entertaining afternoon of comedic Japanese storytelling at the 10th Annual “Katsura Sanshi Sohaku Rakugo Dokuenkai,” featuring renowned rakugo artist Katsura Sanshi on June 24 at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall of Northwestern University. This event is a fundraiser for the JCCC Foundation, the charitable arm of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago (JCCC). Established in 1991, the JCCC Foundation and its programs are the formalized expression of friendship and community involvement of the JCCC. The Foundation allows the Japanese business community and the larger Japanese community as a whole to come together and support Chicago area communities. Through this support, the JCCC Foundation has given grants totaling more than \$2,000,000, the bulk of which has gone to Chicago area schools and non-profit organizations. Event Details: Date: June 24, 2007, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Place: Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University/Evanston Campus (50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, Illinois 60208); Cost: \$34 (“A” seats, 1st Floor), \$22 (“B” seats, 2nd Floor) Deadline for ticket purchase is Friday, June 8. Ticket application forms are available on the JCCC website at www.jccc-chi.org *Please note the performance will be entirely in Japanese.

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3. Japanese Children's Celebrations – June 30, 2007

Have a grand day at the library by enjoying the story of "Little One Inch", and creating a paper craft Empress and Emperor doll and a fish windsock with your grandparents from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Road Main Library in Meeting Room B. For children ages 4-8 and their grandparents. Registration is required and limited. Registration ends June 29, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Please visit www.ualibrary.org for more information!

4. Sogetsu School of Ikebana Exhibit – July 20-22, 2007

See stunning Japanese floral designs from large, dramatic floor designs to more traditional vase and tabletop designs. Friday, July 20 – Sunday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Admission is \$7.50 for Adults, \$6.00 for Students and Seniors and \$4.00 for Children. Free admission for children under two. Please contact (614) 645-8733 for more information!

5. Kabuki in Washington, D.C. – July 26, 2007

Nakamura Kanzaburo XVII and the Heisel Nakamura-za of Tokyo, Japan present "Kanjincho" and "Migawari Zasen" produced by Shochiku Co., Ltd. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The Japan-America Society, this event will be held at the Warner Theatre. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or the Warner Theatre Box Office. Please visit www.kabukiDC.com for more information!

6. JASCO 9th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser summary

The golf gods were smiling on Central Ohio at the 9th Annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser on May 22, 2007. Sunshine and blue skies were the order of the day, and participants this year enjoyed the beautiful weather as they teed off in support of JASCO's many educational and cultural programs for the Central Ohio community. The Wachovia Insurance Services team (pictured from left to right) of Laurie Turner, Tony Vergari, Suzanne McKenna and Pete Johnson evidently found the conditions to be in their favor as they walked away with this year's first place prize. Second place was awarded to the Nifco America Corporation/Plante & Moran PLLC team and third place was taken by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Peace, LLC. Special thanks to Hidaka USA, Inc. for again sponsoring the first place team award, Nissin Travel Service Inc. for again sponsoring the second place team award, and Chubb Group of Insurance Companies for sponsoring the third place team award. For the full summary of the day, please visit [www.japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2007 Golf Summary web.pdf](http://www.japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2007%20Golf%20Summary%20web.pdf)

7. Host Families Needed!! – Thursday, July 12 – Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Students from Seibu Gakuen Bunri High School located in Saitama Prefecture are coming to Columbus through a sister-state relationship between Ohio and Saitama. During their stay, they study English and learn about American culture at The Wellington School in Upper Arlington. The students attend special ESL classes and go on field trips around Ohio during the weekdays and spend their evenings and weekends with their American family. The host family experience is a rich one for the family as well as for your Japanese guest. By sharing differences and discovering similarities as well as encouraging communication through laughter and body language, the host family relationship anchors the classroom experience to real life and establishes bonds that can last a lifetime. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Peggy Berger, Director of Wellington Options at (614) 457-7883, x241 or Nissin Travel Services (U.S.A.), Inc. at (614) 766-8600 or cmh7@nissintravel.com.

8. Volunteers needed to share Japanese culture!

Are you looking to share your knowledge of Japanese culture with others? If so, this is the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for volunteers with knowledge of Japanese culture such as tea ceremonies, Japanese dance and drumming to name a few. JASCO receives many requests for individuals with these talents. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nori Ito at (614) 292-4002 or by email at ito.12@osu.edu.

9. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at www.cgjdetroit.org.

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10. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. The latest installment can be viewed at http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_Apr07.pdf.

11. Japan Economic Currents – March 2007

The Keizai Koho Center is pleased to announce the newest "*Japan Economic Currents*," a newsletter designed to provide readers with information about economic and social developments in Japan and the US-Japan business environment. The March issue can be viewed at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/documents/March2007JEC.pdf> Back issues of e-JEC newsletter can be found at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/archive/default.asp>.

12. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at www.columbusworldaffairs.org.