

## JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – June 29, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

Following on the good news that Honda has settled on the Midwest for its expansion, JASCO has set a date for the next JASCO Business Seminar on “Business Expansion in Central Ohio” for Wednesday, July 19. Plan to join us for timely information on helpful programs for expanding your business in the Columbus area, presented by experts from the Ohio Department of Development. More information will be available shortly, but mark your calendars now!

And with summer officially upon us, it's time to sign up to be a host family for one of our summer programs! We have 15 students coming from Japan, so we're in need of host families for the weekend of August 11-13. If you're interested in hosting a student, please see Announcements #9 and #10 for more information and links to the application forms. Or call our office for more information.

Finally, don't forget that our next JASCO Family Outing is just around the corner! Join us for a *Tanabata* and Fourth of July potluck picnic at Highbanks Metropark on Sunday, July 9. Everyone is welcome to join us for the festivities, so get your RSVP in by Wednesday, July 5, to make sure you're on the list!

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend!

- JASCO Staff

### **This Week / Next Week**

1. **FREE** [Youth Tickets to Columbus Clippers Games – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 30 – July 2](#)
2. [JASCO Family Outing: \*Tanabata\* and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, July 9](#) **\*\* Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 5 \*\***

### **Future Events**

3. **NEW!** [Local Cultural Event: Origami Classes at Akai Hana Restaurant – Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 18](#)
4. **NEW!** [JASCO Business Seminar: Expanding Your Business in Central Ohio – Wednesday, July 19](#) **\*\* Please RSVP by Friday, July 14 \*\***
5. [Local Cultural Event: Sogetsu School of Ikebana Exhibit at Franklin Park Conservatory – Friday-Sunday, July 21-23](#)
6. [JASCO Family Outing: \*Bon Odori\* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6](#)
7. **NEW!** [JASCO Workshop: Passport to Japan Workshop for Middle School Kids – Friday, August 11](#)
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### **News and Announcements**

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### **1. Free youth tickets (16 and under) to Columbus Clippers Games – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 30 – July 2**

The Columbus Clippers has offered JASCO members **FREE** youth tickets (16 and under) to this weekend's games against the Louisville Riverbats at Cooper Stadium (Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 30 – July 2.) We have a large quantity of tickets to give out, so please contact us and let us know which day you'd like and how many tickets you need. Interested parties will need to pick the tickets up from the JASCO office by Friday at 5:00 p.m.

### **2. JASCO Family Outing: *Tanabata* and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, July 9, 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 2:00 p.m.**

Join us as we combine the traditions of *Tanabata* (Festival of the Stars) and Independence Day in this fun-filled potluck picnic event for the whole family. With crafts for the children and games for adults and kids, everyone is sure to have a great time! And of course, we'll make *tanabata* wishes to tie onto the *tanabata* tree. Each family should bring a dish to share with approximately 10-12 people, as well as their own table service and drinks. Event fees are free for JASCO members and their families, and \$5 for non-members (per family.) For more information, please visit [http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/Tanabata\\_070906.pdf](http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/Tanabata_070906.pdf). Please RSVP to this event by Wednesday, July 5, by calling 614-292-4002 or via e-mail at [jasco@osu.edu](mailto:jasco@osu.edu).

### **3. *Origami* Classes at Akai Hana Restaurant, 1173 Old Henderson Road – Tuesday afternoons, July 11 and July 18, 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

Looking for something fun and cultural for your kids to do during the summer? Or, want to do something interesting and fun yourself? Then how about taking an *origami* (Japanese paper folding) class at Akai Hana Restaurant! Classes are being offered Tuesday afternoons (July 11 and July 18) at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. during which time you and/or your children can learn how to make everything from turtles to flowers! The cost for each session is \$5.00 per person. For more information about these classes, please visit [http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/200606origami\\_classes\\_flier.pdf](http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/200606origami_classes_flier.pdf) and to RSVP, please contact Akai Hana Restaurant at 614-451-5411.

### **4. JASCO Business Seminar: Expanding Your Business in Central Ohio at the Dublin Recreation Center Community Hall, 5600 Post Road – Wednesday, July 19, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Honda's expansion in the Midwest provides an opportunity for its suppliers to expand their businesses. Join us as experts from the Ohio Department of Development discuss state-supported programs, business loans and more at this business seminar, co-sponsored by the Columbus Chamber, JASCO and the Ohio Department of Development. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/bizsem\\_expansion\\_071906.pdf](http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/bizsem_expansion_071906.pdf). To RSVP for this event, please call Chaz Freutel at 614-225-6945 or [chaz\\_freutel@columbus.org](mailto:chaz_freutel@columbus.org).

### **5. Local Cultural Event: Sogetsu School of Ikebana Exhibit at Franklin Park Conservatory – Friday through Sunday, July 21-23, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.**

See stunning Japanese floral arrangements from large, dramatic floor designs to more traditional vase and tabletop designs. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$3.50 for children 2-12. Children under two years of age are free. For more information, please see <http://www.fpconservatory.org>.

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### **6. JASCO Family Outing: *Bon Odori* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 2:00 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.) Please RSVP to this event by Wednesday, August 2, by calling 614-292-4002 or via e-mail at [jasco@osu.edu](mailto:jasco@osu.edu).

### **7. JASCO Workshop: Passport to Japan for Middle School Kids at OSU Campus – Friday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Come and experience Japan without leaving Ohio! Our annual Passport to Japan program with the University of Shizuoka students is back again, giving middle school students (ages 10-14) a chance to learn all about Japan and Japanese culture in a hands-on workshop. Fun activities include crafts, food and games that are indigenous to Japan and taught by native Japanese university students who are here for a summer program. There is a \$5 materials fee per child; checks can be made out to “Japan-America Society of Central Ohio.” Space is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so RSVP soon to Jennifer at 614-292-4002 or [jasco@osu.edu](mailto:jasco@osu.edu). Kids’ names and ages are required for registration.

### **8. JASCO Family Outing: JASCO Night at the Columbus Crew – Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.**

Join JASCO members, interns from Saitama, Japan and students from Shizuoka University in Japan as we cheer on the Columbus Crew in a victory over Salt Lake City. Sit in the North end, enjoy \$1 brats at the game and mingle with everyone for just \$10 a ticket. To order your tickets, please contact Rusty Comeaux at The Columbus Crew via phone at 614-447-4189 and don’t forget to tell him you’re with JASCO!

### **9. 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.)

### **10. Institute for Japanese Studies seeks internship sponsorships and host families for Saitama Internship Program (SOI)**

This summer, the State of Ohio has invited two young Japanese citizens from Saitama Prefecture to visit Ohio to learn about business practices and operations in the United States, and specifically, the State of Ohio. The Institute for Japanese Studies is looking for companies or organizations to host these individuals for any length of time, preferably a week or two weeks, between July 14 and August 18. For more information about the interns and becoming an internship sponsor, please see [http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2006/saitama\\_host\\_comp.pdf](http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2006/saitama_host_comp.pdf). We are also looking for host families during their stay in Ohio for the weekend of August 11-13. If you’re interested in being a host family, please submit an application at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/hostfamily.pdf>.

### **11. Institute for Japanese Studies seeks English Conversation Partners and host families for Shizuoka Summer English Program (SSEP)**

For three weeks during the month of August, students from the University of Shizuoka will be studying English at Ohio State as part of the OSU Shizuoka Summer English Program. Two important aspects of the program are the conversation partner program (July 31-August 18) and the host family weekend experience (August 11-13) through which these Japanese university students gain experience using English outside of the classroom in a real-world environment. To apply to become an English Conversation Partner, please visit <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/shizuoka-ecp.pdf>. To apply to

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become a host family, please submit an application at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/hostfamily.pdf>.

### **12. Institute for Japanese Studies seeks host schools and host families for Young Japanese Teachers Program (Ohio Educators and Administrators Only)**

Each year, the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education and the Institute for Japanese Studies at the Ohio State University are pleased to have the opportunity to host a delegation of Japanese teachers during the fall. The group consists of approximately 9 teachers from diverse geographical areas and teaching specializations. An important component of the program is the host school and home host portion of the visit. The group will have homestays from October to December. For more information about the program, please visit <http://japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2006/yjt.pdf>. If you are an Ohio educator or administrator and are interested in hosting a Japanese teacher for all or part of the time, please complete an application form at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2006/yjt.pdf>.

### **13. JASCO seeks sponsors for JASCO Mixers, Family Events**

Is your company interested in reaching out to other companies and telling them more about what you do? Then, become a sponsor of the JASCO Mixers or one of our JASCO Family Events and captivate the audience with your story, products and services. Sponsors receive exclusive speaking and advertising of their companies at the events, advertisement in the JASCO eNewsletters for the month prior to the event and advertisement on JASCO's website. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer McCoy Bartko at 614-292-4002 or [jasco@osu.edu](mailto:jasco@osu.edu).

### **14. Around the World Gourmet offers promotional discount on gourmet sauces and salsas to JASCO members**

Around the World Gourmet, a tee-gift sponsor at JASCO's golf outing this year, is extending its golf outing discount to the entire JASCO membership! Receive 20% off your purchase of delicious salsas, wing sauces and salad dressings with the promotional discount code of "Japan" when ordering online or via the telephone. To view and purchase your goodies, please visit <http://www.aroundtheworldgourmet.com> or call 888-789-ATWG.

*If you know of any Japan-related programs that may be of interest to JASCO members, please send the information to [jasco@osu.edu](mailto:jasco@osu.edu) to be included in an upcoming JASCO Pulse and added to our calendar.*