

## JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – July 13, 2007

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

We are currently looking for families to host students coming from University of Shizuoka and Saitama Prefecture. If you would like to open your home to a Japanese student, please see the information below! We have an exciting Business Seminar with Consul General Tamotsu Shinotsuka speaking about “United States-Japan Relations and East Asia”. Please see below for more information. Also you’ll find a summary of the golf outing, with all of its excitement, in this issue of the *JASCO Pulse*!

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#### 1. **\*\*CRITICAL!\*\*** Host Families Needed!! – Weekend of August 10-12 and evenings through 8/16

On behalf of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Development, The University of Shizuoka, and the government of Saitama, Japan, the Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University is pleased to have the opportunity to host several different delegations of Japanese groups. The groups needing host families either on the weekend or evenings are: **Saitama-Ohio Internship Program (July 12 – Aug. 18)**: Two women in Saitama-Ohio Internship Program and the **Shiuzoka Summer English Program (weekend of Aug. 10-12)**: Twelve university students. For more information and to fill out an application, please go to our website at: <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/2007/hostfamapp.DOC> or contact the office at 292-3345 or 292-4002.

#### 2. JASCO Business Seminar – United States-Japan Relations and East Asia – August 8, 2007

Please join us on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Rickenbacker International Airport, Passenger Charter Terminal, 2241 John Circle Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43217 for a JASCO Business Seminar titled *United States-Japan Relations and East Asia*, by the Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Consul General of Japan for the states of Ohio and Michigan. Admission is free. There will be Japanese with English interpretation/commentary or English with Japanese interpretation/commentary. Please visit [www.jasco.osu.edu](http://www.jasco.osu.edu) for more information!

#### 3. 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!

#### 4. 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Japan-America Society, this event will be held at the Warner Theatre. Tickets available at

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[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or the Warner Theatre Box Office. Please visit [www.kabukiDC.com](http://www.kabukiDC.com) for more information!

### **5. Tennis Masters Series – August 16, 2007**

Join the Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati (JASGC) for the Round of 16 Match of the Western & Southern Financial Group Tennis Masters in Mason. An optional light meal will be served for those who sign up for the optional dinner in the JASGC tent at 5:00 pm. Match play begins at 7:00 pm. Played at the Linder Family Tennis Center, 5460 Courseview Dr., Mason, OH Cost: \$30/person with an optional light meal in the JASGC Tent for an additional \$25/person. Please RSVP by Friday, July 13, 2007. For more information, please contact JASGC at (513) 579-3150 or by email at [jasgc@qccc.com](mailto:jasgc@qccc.com).

### **6. *Vengeance Is Mine* (Shohei Imamura, 1979) – August 23, 2007**

From the director of such audacious films as *The Pornographers*, *Dr. Akagi*, and *Warm Water Under a Red Bridge*, *Vengeance Is Mine* follows an often charming but remorseless man's 78-day killing spree throughout Japan. Based on actual events, the film is perhaps Imamura's finest and is filled with his characteristic humor, perverse situations, and formal beauty. (140 mins., 35mm). Please visit [www.wexarts.org](http://www.wexarts.org) for more information!

### **7. JASCO 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Pease, 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)

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.cgjdetroit.org).

### **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\\_June07.pdf](http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_June07.pdf).

### **11. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews**

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php](http://www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php).