

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – March 22, 2006

Dear JASCO Members:

Happy Spring to you all! Now, if we could just get the weather to cooperate with us...

We've had an exciting beginning to 2006 with our Anniversary Party and the Speech Contest, and there is much more to come. We've added a lot of new social events to this year's calendar in hopes of bringing our members and their families together for some fun. We've renamed our eNewsletter to **JASCO Pulse** and reformatted its presentation in what we hope is a better way to communicate up-to-date information on all things related to Japan. And, we'll start archiving all **JASCO Pulse** eNewsletters on our website so you can always access this information even if you delete this e-mail!

Those are just a few changes we've made and there are more in the future, so let us know what you think and send us your ideas for more... and don't forget to check out our website and the calendar where these and future events are all listed.

- JASCO Staff

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars now because we've got a busy spring and summer ahead of us!

1. JASCO Mixer at Restaurant Japan – Thursday, April 13
2. JASCO Family Outing: *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day) at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – Sunday, May 7
3. JASCO Mixer at Mad Mex Restaurant – Thursday, May 11
4. JASCO Volunteer Event: The Race for the Cure – Saturday, May 20
5. Performance: *Hanamizuki no Kai* (Japanese Women's Chorus Concert) at the Church of the Redeemer – Sunday, May 21
6. JASCO Eighth Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at the Golf Club of Dublin – Wednesday, May 24
7. Festival: 11th Annual Asian Festival at Franklin Park – Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28
8. JASCO Family Outing: *Tanabata* and Fourth of July Picnic at Highbanks Metropark – Sunday, July 9
9. JASCO Family Outing: *Bon Odori* Lunch at St. Stephens Episcopal Church – Sunday, August 6
10. JASCO Family Outing: Fall Foliage Picnic at Dawes Arboretum – Sunday, October 8

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1. JASCO Mixer at Restaurant Japan – Thursday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.

Join JASCO members in a relaxed atmosphere every second Thursday of the month. We'll kick off the 2006 year with good company and good eats at Restaurant Japan in April. Everyone will be responsible for his or her own food and beverages at this event and we've arranged for individual checks to make it easier. E-mail us at jasco@osu.edu to RSVP for this event by Monday, April 10.

2. 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 and \$6 for children. 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.

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3. 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. More details for this event will be available in April, but mark your calendars now!

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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/2006/flyerbooklet.pdf>.

7. 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>.

8. 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.)

9. 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.)

10. JASCO Family Outing: Fall Foliage Picnic 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.)

11. "Japan in Ohio" Winter 2006 Newsletter is available

The much anticipated, latest edition of the Institute for Japanese Studies / JASCO newsletter is now online at <http://japan.osu.edu/newsletter/winter2006.pdf>.

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12. Jennifer McCoy Bartko joins JASCO

We have a new addition at JASCO and some of you may have already met her at some events. Jennifer McCoy Bartko joined our staff last month and is serving as program assistant to help with events, outreach and other programs for both JASCO and the Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University. Jennifer's background includes nearly 10 years in public relations and marketing, and she worked with the Ohio Department of Development in planning the communications for Governor Taft's Business and Investment Mission to Japan and Taiwan two years ago. Jennifer studied Japanese at Konan Daigaku in Kobe and Kansai Gaikoku Daigaku in Osaka before graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 1996 with a degree in Japanese.

13. Japan-related job listings on IJS website

We've revamped our job listing site and have recently added several new positions, so check it out when you have a few free minutes. If you know of a job that is Japan-related in some way, please let us know and we'll post it for free! Alternatively, if you're looking for a Japan-related job, check here frequently and send your resume to jasco@osu.edu to keep on file – occasionally, employers approach us directly for resumes and we'd be happy to include yours in the batch we send them! <http://japan.osu.edu/jobs.php>.