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Greetings {FIRST_NAME|Member},

August 2010

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Pittsburgh Taiko – Dynamic Japanese Drumming in Pittsburgh

The JASP is proud to present Pittsburgh Taiko! Pittsburgh Taiko brings Japanese group taiko drumming (kumidaiko) to Western Pennsylvania. Available to anyone interested in learning about the art form, Pittsburgh Taiko seeks to educate members of the community about taiko and about Japanese culture through performances and outreach activities. Join us for the launch celebration! [Read More](#)

Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival

Come visit us or volunteer at the JASP booth at the Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival September 18 at the South Side Riverfront Park from 11 AM to 7 PM. We'll be demonstrating traditional Japanese wrapping cloth techniques - furoshiki. You can learn how to wrap and carry a water bottle, make a waist pouch, etc. You can purchase your own furoshiki to take home. Pittsburgh Taiko will be performing, as well. [Read More](#)

Kenny Endo's 35th Anniversary Concert Tour : "Gateway – 'Ma' vs Grove" Comes to Pittsburgh!



The JASP is proud to present the November 6th performance of the Kenny Endo Ensemble Taiko concert at the Manchester Craftsman's Guild.

Kenny Endo is a world famous taiko drum artist who has the honor of being the first non-Japanese national to receive the title of Natori (stage name and master's degree) of Hogakuhayashi - traditional drumming.

[Click here for further information.](#)

Japan in the Schools

It's back to school time again! The JASP offers various Japanese cultural programs to enhance curriculum. Area educators wishing a classroom visit can submit a request on line or by contacting the JASP outreach coordinator, Katsuko Shellhammer at kshellhammer@us-japan.org. To learn more about our other education programs please see the link to our education brochure. [Read More](#)

Otakon 2010

The Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania intern Stephanie Otakon.JPG Guerdan went undercover July 29-August

Toshiba Appoints Shigenori Shiga, JASP Board Member, Westinghouse Board Chairman

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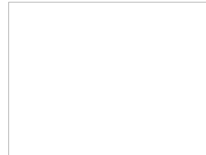
Shigenori Shiga is the new Chairman of Westinghouse, replacing Steve Tritch, who retired July 1.

Mr. Shiga has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Coordination Officer for Westinghouse since 2006 and

concurrently serves as Executive Vice President of Toshiba Corporation's Power Systems Company. His primary responsibilities are to provide strategic oversight and supervision of the Westinghouse Board of Directors.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Kazuko Macher



The inaugural JASP Volunteer Spotlight features Ms. Kazuko Macher, good friend of the JASP for many years and Volunteer of the Year for the JASP in 2006. Ms. Macher is pictured (on right) at the Japanese Speech and Language

Contest with Ms. Yuko Suzuki (left) from the Consulate General of Japan, NY.

[Click here](#) to read more about Ms. Macher.

Volunteer Meeting

You are welcome to join the staff of the JASP and JASP volunteers for a pot luck lunch at the home of the executive director, Donna Lee Siple. The party will be held September 15 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. It will be a great time to reconnect, meet new people with similar interests and enjoy a delicious lunch. If you are interested in volunteering for the JASP you are welcome to attend. RSVP to Katsuko Shellhammer at kshellhammer@us-japan.org.

Climbing Fuji-san on the Fourth of July

Dennis Mt Fuji.JPG

By Dennis Unkovic, Board Member of the JASP

At 9:00 PM on the Fourth of July,

1 at Otakon, a Japanese anime and culture convention in Baltimore, MD. For four days she and three friends enjoyed the multitude of Japan- and anime-centric experiences available to attendees of the largest convention of its kind on the east

coast. [Read More](#)

my son Peter (a medical student) and I began to climb Mt. Fuji. We started at the Fifth Station, which is at 5,000 feet. Nine hours later, we reached the top of the Fuji Yoshida Trail. It is truly exhilarating to reach the top and to watch the sun rise from more than 12,355 feet. [Read More](#)

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