

JAPAN AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA



Hi {FIRST_NAME|Member},

November 2010

December 16, 2010 at the JASP Annual Dinner

Join us at the JASP at the **Duquesne Club** on **December 16, 2010** for the 2010 Annual Dinner. The keynote speaker, His Excellency **Ichiro Isaki**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Honorary Consul General of the Embassy of Japan. Guests will enjoy a silent auction before dinner, starting at 6:00 PM. Dinner program following. [Click here](#) to buy tickets and for more information.

Consider donating a gift to our silent auction! Items include electronics like an iPad, iPod, bluray players, kitchen gadgets, golf items and gift baskets. For more information, contact kchaney@us-japan.org or fax the silent auction donation form to 412-433-5020.



Obento Program

If you are looking for a fun and interesting way to learn about Japanese culture and build cultural connections for your employees, the JASP has an obento program designed for you. Learn about obento (Japanese boxed lunch) and why it's healthy, economical, and sustainable. We will come to your location, make a presentation about Japanese obento, why they are important and how the attendees can make them at home. Then serve an obento. Contact Katsuko Shellhammer for more information at shellhammer@us-japan.org.



"Obento of a JET" by Marie Pappas

Corporate Spotlight – U.S. Steel



United States Steel Corporation

United States Steel Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, is an

integrated steel producer with major production operations in the United States, Canada and Central Europe. U. S. Steel is a long-time JASP member, and has cultivated a history of involvement through our employees. Rick Harper, Manager –

Sales, and Joe Scherrbaum, Vice President – Sales, dedicate their time and energy to the annual golf outing and dinner, respectively. The JASP's Annual Paul J. Wilhelm Memorial Golf Outing is named for the former vice chairman of USX Corporation and president of U. S. Steel Group. U. S. Steel has an annual raw steelmaking capability of 31.7 million net tons. The company manufactures a wide range of value-added steel sheet and tubular products for the automotive, appliance, container, industrial machinery, construction, and oil and gas industries. [Read More.](#)

Volunteer Spotlight – Sue Neff



Sue became an active JASP volunteer when she retired from her job as an elementary art teacher in 1971. Sue knew firsthand how wonderful the JASP's school visit program was, because JASP volunteer, Kazuko Macher had visited Sue's school to do Kamishibai several times. From 1972-1975 Sue was a volunteer education director for the JASP. She enjoyed working with the volunteer speakers and the classroom teachers. [Read More.](#)

Fall Intern, Marie Pappas

April warm enough to be outside, although nippy, my friend and I went to a local park in Kitakyushu, Japan, for a late picnic. Settled down, a group of children came to and walked past us. Paused. Walked back and...walked past us again (a little closer this time! Foreigners!) Soon they were gathered around whispering until, finally, one brave soul asked "Do you speak Japanese?" I answered in the affirmative. "Where are you from? Why are you here? Where do you come from? How old are you? How tall are you? How do you read? Can I see? It's in English!" My head to the ground, were instantly surrounded by a group of these children like accused prisoners being led before a tribunal. [Read more.](#)

Endo Concert Photos

The Endo International Foundation sponsored a concert by Kenny Endo and the Endo Men's Guild was held at the Pittsburgh Glass Center. The group assembled an ensemble of traditional Japanese instruments to premiere a new piece titled 'Ma' vs 'Ma' as traditional Japanese music and the dynamic original compositions. Check out photos by [clicking here.](#) The tour to the United States continues with a final performance in Pittsburgh. For more about the rest of their tour [click here.](#)



The Way of Samsara

From November 5, to January 17, 2011
Location: [Pittsburgh Glass Center](#)
1000 Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206

"The Way of Samsara" is artist Fumino Hora's new installation featuring paper, photography and video. The gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday; however it is better to call before they are open, before making a visit.

But the artist please visit her website at:
www.fuminoart.com.



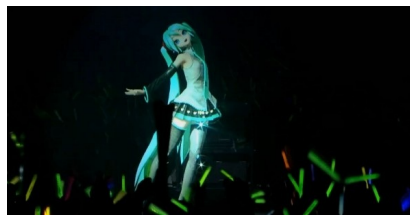
Marie's interest in Japan began when she won the James Bradley Peace Foundation scholarship to go live and attend high school in Osaka, Japan for a year when she was 16 years old. Fascinated by the different culture and language, Marie continued to study Japan and Japanese when she returned to the United States, and came to Pittsburgh to attend the University of Pittsburgh in 2007. As a part of her course of studies she had the opportunity to spend a wonderful year studying at the University of Kitakyushu. She is graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in December with a double major in Japanese and Political Science and wants to eventually become a Japanese-English interpreter.

Keizai Koho Center Fellowship



Social Studies teachers and school administrators who have never been to Japan could be eligible to apply for the 2011 Keizai Koho Center Fellowship, a ten day trip to Japan. [Click here](#) for more information.

Japan's Latest J-Pop Star



Hatsune Miku has topped the pop charts in Japan, sold out stadium concerts and become a legitimate cultural phenomenon. The interesting thing is that Miku doesn't exist -- at least not in any traditional sense of the word. Miku is a computer-generated avatar that performs songs with the help of a live band. But unlike say, Gorillaz, a cartoon band that merely serves as the public face of an artistic collective, everything about Miku comes from a computer. She is the product of a company called Crypton Future Media, which synthesizes Miku's voice using Yamaha's Vocaloid software. [Read More.](#)

The JASP Mission

The Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP), established in 1986, is an association of individuals and corporations actively engaged in bringing the peoples of Japan and America together in understanding, appreciation and cooperation in order to promote a better relationship between the countries.



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