



JASC Journal

Spring 2013

Getting Together

More JASC Events Coming in the U.S. Soon

Reception at Consular Residence in New York

On February 21, 2013, JASC alumni gathered for a reception at Ambassador and Consul-General of Japan Shigeyuki Hiroki's residence in New York City. Ambassador Hiroki was a JASC 28 (1976) delegate and the chair of JASC 29 (1977). The reception included speeches by Ambassador Hiroki, JASC 28 & 29 (1976 & 1977); ISC Board Member John Shook, JASC 29 (1977); ISC Board Member Elizabeth Poon, JASC 44 (1992) and current JASC AEC chair Paul Yarabe, JASC 64 & 65 (2012 & 2013).

D.C. Happy Hour

Just a few weeks later, JASCers got together in Washington, D.C. for a happy hour. JASCers from JASC 8 (1947) to JASC 63 (2011) and many in between were in attendance.



Ambassador Shigeyuki Hiroki, JASC 28 & 29 (1976 & 1977), with ISC Board Member, Mr. John Shook, JASC 29 (1977)

May 8th Fundraiser in New York

ISC hopes to carry the momentum from the reception forward with several upcoming events around the country.

On Wednesday, May 8 at the MetLife Auditorium in New York City (1095 Avenue of the Americas), JASC will host a fundraiser to support this summer's conference. The

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JASC IN NEW YORK CITY FUNDRAISER

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER GLEN S. FUKUSHIMA
JASC 22 & 23 (1970-71)
SENIOR FELLOW, CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS
FORMER PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN JAPAN
FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE FOR
JAPAN AND CHINA

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MetLife Auditorium

1095 Avenue of the Americas

(6th Avenue between 41st & 42nd Street)

RSVP/Questions?

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June 6th JASC/KASC Symposium in D.C.

On June 6, ISC will be hosting a symposium in Washington, D.C. to discuss the U.S.-Korea-Japan trilateral relationship and partnership. With the growing strategic and economic importance of Japan and Korea to the U.S., and of Japan and Korea to each other, ISC sees value in a trilateral discussion about the issues facing each country and the broader region. The KASC and JASC AEC's are deciding the topics for the event and will moderate a panel of experts who will engage in a discussion on geo-political, economic, cultural, and historic topics important to the region.

Plans are also being made for a reception in San Francisco this July when the American delegates are there for American Orientation.

Please contact jasc@iscdc.org if you have questions, would like to get involved or would like to bring an event to your area.

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fundraiser is from 6:00 to 8:00PM and Glen S. Fukushima will provide a keynote address. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Chelsea Irvin at cirvin@iscdc.org. Please find more details below.

Help Raise \$20,000 for JASC This Summer

New York Fundraiser

On May 8, 2013 JASCers will gather for a fundraising event in New York City. The event will be hosted by a committee of dedicated JASC alumni who have tasked themselves with raising \$10,000 to go towards this summer's conference.

New York City vs. The World Campaign

Supporters of JASC are not only in New York, but all around the world. We are challenging our supporters to match the goal set by our New York alumni and raise \$10,000 to go towards this summer's conference.



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An Update on JASC 65

by Paul Yarabe, Chair, 65th JASC AEC

The 65th Executive Committee is working hard to plan this summer's conference. Currently, our main focus is selecting delegates, and we are reading through dozens of applications. Thanks to everyone who has helped us with recruitment so far, we have received over 80 applications from talented students eager to become JASCers. Our goal is to select a group of delegates with a variety of personal and academic experiences and a desire to delve deeply into the Roundtable topics with an appreciation of the multitude of perspectives on each issue.



The 65th JASC AEC

Our other focus is on site planning. This year's sites are Kyoto, Nagasaki, Iwate, and Tokyo in Japan. In Kyoto, we will explore the themes of the environment, and Japanese cultural heritage and history. We will next move to Nagasaki where we will discuss the US-Japan military alliance in light of recent security issues and examine the state of heavy industry in Japan by visiting Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. While we embark on a sunset cruise through the islands of Nagasaki, we will examine how demographics and economics affects life on the many islands in Japan. Following Nagasaki, we will move to Iwate and explore the theme of revitalization from many points of view – economic, psychological, and infrastructural. Finally, we will engage in discussions with policy leaders in Tokyo, and end with a final forum that we hope to broadcast to as many students as possible. If you would like more information about the plans for the 65th Conference, feel free to contact ISC or myself anytime.

Thank you, Steve!

Steve Moss recognized for years of service to JASC

ISC wouldn't be what is today and JASC may not even exist had it not been for a small group of individuals. Steve Moss is one of those individuals who has been instrumental in the success of JASC and ISC.

In 1979 Steve participated in JASC as a student delegate, and also played a key role in the founding of JASC Inc. which ensured the stability of the program. He remained involved as a supporter of JASC and board member. During his tenure on the board of directors, JASC Inc. changed its name to ISC and added the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) to its programming. Under Steve's leadership, both JASC and KASC have not only been able to survive, but have thrived and maintained their position as the premier student-run exchanges between the U.S. and Japan and the U.S. and Korea.

We thank Steve for his tremendous contributions to ISC. More information (and pictures) available at <http://iscdc.org/blog/>.



Steve Moss



Kristy Holch (left) chats with Leah Flake JASC 61 & 62 (2009 & 2010) at an event in D.C. last June

New ISC Board Chair

Kristy Holch, JASC 38 (1986) has been appointed chair of the ISC Board of Directors. She will succeed Steve Moss in chairing the board.

Kristy is an independent writer and consultant based in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has been serving on the ISC Board of Directors since May of 2006 and most recently has served in the position of secretary.

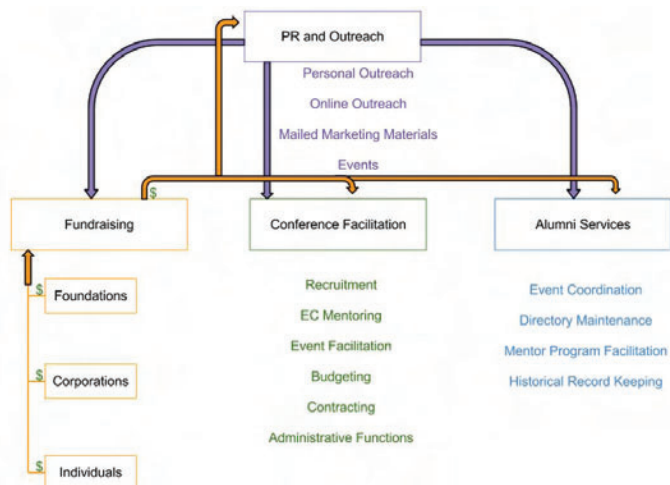


ISC Creating Strategic Plan, Looking for Alumni Input

ISC is currently creating a strategic plan that will serve as a guide for the next 5 years.

Given the grassroots nature of JASC, ISC staff would like to involve alumni in the planning process as much as possible.

In the coming weeks, periodic posts on the ISC blog will ask for alumni to leave their input by commenting on the posts or on Facebook. These blog posts will share the tag “2013 Strategic Plan” and will be accessible at <http://iscdc.org/blog/blog/tag/2013-Strategic-Plan/>.



A visualization of ISC's activities. The strategic plan will plot the course for ISC in these areas over the next 5 years.



ISC's 2013 Fall Board Meeting

The plan will break down ISC's Organizational Activity into 4 core functions:

1. **Fundraising**-Fundraising produces the cashflow to support the other core functions.
2. **Conference Facilitation**-ISC supports students in their planning and implementation of JASC and KASC.
3. **Alumni Services**-ISC provides some basic services to alumni of JASC and KASC.
4. **PR and Outreach**-Public Relations and Outreach increase program visibility in order to more easily accomplish the goals within each of the other core functions.

The purpose of the strategic plan will be to understand each of these areas and set goals and benchmarks for each area over the next 5 years. Visit <http://iscdc.org/blog/blog/tag/2013-Strategic-Plan/> to read more and start giving your input.

JASC Dissertation to Shed Light on the Story of JASC

Mr. Nobuyuki Nakamura, JASC 55 (2003), is a Ph.D. candidate at Osaka University's School of International Policy. He is studying JASC's history in the prewar and postwar periods, and he is hoping to complete his dissertation by December 2013. For his studies, Mr. Nakamura has been meeting with several JASCers and JASC-related persons, including the late Ms. Elanor Hadley, GHQ economist; Mr. Saburo Shiroyama, novelist; and Ms. Yoko Miyazawa, wife of former Prime Minister Mr. Kiichi Miyazawa. To develop his dissertation, Mr. Nakamura studied at the University of Southern California's Public Diplomacy Program for 7 months last year.



Nobuyuki Nakamura with Mr. Shoichi Nakase JASC 8 & 9 (1947 & 1948)





JAScer Notes

Manabu Taketani JASC 64 (2012) would like to share a message with his fellow JASCers: A year has passed since the 64th Japan-America Student Conference, and yet not a week has gone by where I have not thought of all the wonderful friends and memories that were made. It was an incredible opportunity and a privilege learning and living life alongside bright scholars of my generation. Although we may not be sharing living spaces together; through the use of social media and other tools such as Skype, we are still able to keep in touch with each other wherever life takes us. I believe that even though the conference may be part of our past, we should continue the practice of supporting and sharing our great ideas with each other in order to accomplish big goals. There is a saying that really resonates with me that I believe describes JASC; “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” It is my sincere hope that we continue to build each other up and foster the relationships that were built during the Japan-America Student Conference.

Elaine Le JASC 63 (2011) is currently studying abroad at Hokkaido University in Sapporo. She attended the JASC 64 Final Forum and hopes to go to the 65th in Japan. During her winter break, she flew to Kansai International and caught trains all the way back to Sapporo while visiting JASCers (Pictured with **Chinami Tajika** in Fushimi Inari). Before finishing her



program, she hopes to visit more JASCers around Japan and Asia. If anyone plans to come to the Sapporo area, please contact her at ele2@wisc.edu.

Henry Luu JASC 62 (2010) has been busy exploring places far and wide with JASCers. Recently, he’s been spotted wandering Portland OR donning hipster glasses with **Rebecca Paulocci** JASC 63 (2011), hopping the border into Quebec from Vermont with **David Myers** JASC 61 & 62 (2009 & 2010), and enjoying random day trips to Florida for a couple hours on Sundays to avoid the cold Northeast air. He delivered several critically acclaimed solos during a recent JASC concert with fellow JASC alumni (JASC 61-63) at a New York City karaoke lounge, which also saw many other highly rated solos, duets, and group numbers in both English and Japanese. He’s hoping the group can get together soon for a much-requested encore performance.

Yoshi Kanemitsu JASC 60 & 61 (2009 & 2010) will start working in the McKinsey&Company’s Tokyo office from April, 2013 after receiving his M.E. from The University of Tokyo. If there are any JAScer currently working or interested in working at McKinsey, he would like to be contacted jasc61.yoshi@gmail.com.

Hidemi Michael Tanaka JASC 59 & 60 (2007 & 2008) will be promoted from Catalina Restaurant Group Inc. (CRG) to parent company Zensho Holdings Co., Ltd. in April, 2013. At CRG, he was working as a Purchasing Manager for 1.5 years in Carlsbad, California. Hidemi will be in Tokyo for about a year, learning Zensho’s restaurant operations, food production, logistics, and global procurement.

Yayoi Shionoiri JASC 52 (2000) continues to work at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and recently served as legal counsel for Gutai: Splendid Playground (<http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/exhibitions/on-view/gutai-splendid-playground>), a retrospective of the Japanese Gutai art movement, on view until May 8, 2013 at the museum. If any JASCers find themselves in the NYC-area and would like to visit the Guggenheim, please let me know at yayoi.shionoiri@gmail.com and she can put you on the staff guest list.

Mitzi (Hnizdil) Carlin JASC 44 & 45 (1992 & 1993) has made a career shift from direct sales and recently become a Certified Health Coach. On the military and family front, this summer Mitzi’s husband will finish up his time as Commanding Officer of a large security force battalion, which means Mitzi’s duties and commitment as “the CO’s wife” are winding down, too! They will transfer to Washington, DC in July.

Rebecca (Dinwoodie) Flynn JASC 42 (1990) works as the Associate Director of the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics at the University of Oregon. She lives in Eugene with her partner, Sharon, and their daughter Hailey and son Atticus.

Lara (Darden) Schalken JASC 42 (1990) recently joined Hilton Worldwide as an e-commerce manager. Fun to have a job where logging onto Facebook is actually part of your work responsibilities! She attended the JASC opening ceremony last summer at SMU in Dallas and is enjoying life in Frisco, Texas with husband Wim and son Bram (11).

Melissa Spivack JASC 37 & 38 (1985 & 1986) was recently hospitalized with acute respiratory failure. After ten days in the ICU, she was able to go home. She has ALS, and she beat some tall odds surviving. She was



blown away by the outpouring of support from the 37th and 38th JASC! The great memories people shared were amazing. And she had special visits from **Noriko Sakakibara**, **Hiroshi Yamaguchi**, and **Takeshi Shinozaki**.

Andrea G. Menin JASC 36 (1984) is finishing up a 2nd Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy, in preparation for a move to small town Chelan, Washington, where her Forest Service husband lives. Meanwhile, they are still in West Seattle most of the time, the beach neighborhood of Seattle, for visits. She has one child still in high school and a freshman at the University of Portland, but she'll be a Husky two times over come June! She says, "Hello to 36th JASC friends!"



Professor Todd Jay Leonard JASC 35 (1983), pictured above, was recently promoted to full-professor and invited to be a faculty member in the Graduate School of Education at Fukuoka University of Education, Kyushu. Last March, Professor Leonard received the "Frank Forwood Award for Excellence in Presented Research" from the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion (ASSR) at the annual conference for the Southwest Commission for Religious Studies (SWCRS) in Dallas, Texas. Since participating as a summer exchange student with Youth for Understanding (YFU) in 1979, Leonard has maintained a continuous connection with Japan. Leonard relocated permanently to Japan in 1989 where he initially worked as an ALT for the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) (Hirosaki, Aomori) before accepting a faculty position at Hirosaki Gakuin University where he taught for 18 years. In 2010, he accepted a tenured position at Fukuoka University of Education where he is currently employed. He is the author of 20 books, numerous academic articles in the areas of cross-cultural understanding, English education, history and spirituality. He now resides in Munakata-shi,

Fukuoka where he teaches and writes. He can be contacted by e-mail at: leonard@fukuoka-edu.ac.jp and his website is <http://www.toddjayleonard.com/>.



Larry Ingraham JASC 26 (1974) recently met with former Indiana Senator Dick Lugar (left above) and **Glen S. Fukushima** JASC 22 & 23 (1970 & 1971) (right above) at a program by the Japan America Society of Indiana in Indianapolis.

Tomiye (Takeda) Akagi and **Teresa (Takaki) Matsushima** both JASC 25 (1973) met for dinner in Portland, OR in October 2012 (picture to right).



Akira Tana JASC 25 (1973) says, "It was fantastic to see so many JACSCers at the Freight and Salvage in Berkeley last August to see my band, the Secret Agent Men play the music from the films of James Bond." His recent project is a group called "Otonowa" and more info is available at www.otonowa-usa.com/. There will be a new CD available in mid March and the music features beautiful Japanese melodies from the worlds of Japanese folk and pop music but with a jazz twist. Songs like "Momiji," "Furusato," "Akatombo," "Nada Sou Sou," "Sakura," and "Yashi no Mi" are some of the selections included in this presentation. It will be available through my website www.akiratana.com and also available on iTunes and Amazon other various digital outlets. Please look out for it! A portion of the sales of the recording will go towards aiding the relief effort in Tohoku. The group will be touring Japan w. guest artist, Saki starting March 26 in Tokyo and will be performing for the communities in Tohoku which are still recovering from the devastating earthquake/tsunami a few years ago. Akira can be reached at acanatun@sbcglobal.net.



Planned Giving

Make JASC a Part of your Estate Plan, a Q & A with Heather Conahan, Esq.

Heather K.L. Conahan JASC 43 (1991) is a graduate of Tulane University Law school. She currently resides in Honolulu, Hawaii with her husband and son where she is a practicing attorney specializing in gift and estate tax planning, charitable giving and multi-generational wealth transfers. She recently sat down for a phone interview with JASC Program Manager Dan Jodarski and answered questions about planned giving to JASC.

1. When is the best time for JASC alumni to plan their estate?

NOW! But seriously, if you have children of any age or own any real estate, you want to think about starting to do some estate planning to make sure your children are properly provided for and that your assets go to the beneficiaries of your choosing.

2. How should alumni go about writing a will and including JASC?

It would be best to find a good estate planning attorney. Although a will is good first step, most people create a revocable living trust in order to avoid probate and to take advantage of certain estate tax laws that apply to married couples. JASC can be included in your estate plan in many different ways that your estate planning attorney can discuss with you.

3. Is there a tax penalty or award to your estate if you include JASC in your will estate plan?

Naming JASC as a beneficiary has several different advantages or little or no disadvantages. Any amounts designated to go to a charity in a qualified manner are NOT subject to estate tax which is current 45% for amounts over \$5,250,000. Although direct gifts are the easiest to provide for, there are also other qualified vehicles that would allow you to name an individual income beneficiary for life (e.g., children), and then to name JASC as a remainder beneficiary. Again, you should discuss these options with your estate planning attorney.

4. How can JASC alumni go about finding an estate planning attorney?

The best way to find an attorney is to ask acquaintances. Getting a positive review of an estate planning attorney from a trusted source is always a good start. You should also talk to at least two or three attorneys before making your selection. Most estate planning attorneys provide for an initial free consultation for 30 to 60 minutes. Your estate planning attorney should not be a one-time contact. This person will hopefully be with you through various life changes, such as children graduating from high school or college, getting married, etc. So a personal connection is important. If you don't feel comfortable, for whatever reason, keep looking.

Heather has kindly agreed to answer your general estate planning questions as well as to discuss any opportunities to include JASC in your estate plan. Please email jasc@iscdc.org if you'd like to be in touch with Heather or visit her firm's website <http://www.lodenandconahan.com/>.

Office Notes

Have you logged in to the new online alumni directory?

If not email jasc@iscdc.org to obtain your unique key to setup your account.

This improved Directory offers a platform to read about and connect with fellow alumni from all years of the Conference.

The site will be accessible ONLY to JASC Alumni with a valid email address and verified directory account, so your information will not be open to the public.



Hundreds of JASC Photos Now Online!

ISC staff and interns have been working to recover pictures dating back to the beginning of the conference and post them on the JASC Flickr Page.

If you have photos from your conference email jasc@iscdc.org for instructions on how to submit them.

[Click Here to visit the JASC Flickr Page](#)



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