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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The **68th JASC** is right around the corner! We have a confirmed delegation of 71 students from all over the US and Japan, who will travel across the US this summer from **August 3rd-24th**.
- ❖ **MEET THE 68TH JASC & CONNECT WITH ALUMNI!** The 68th JASC Final Forum will be held at Santa Clara University on August 21, 2016, and the Final Reception will be held at Hakone Gardens on August 22, 2016.

*For details and information on MANY MORE alumni events, take a look at **page 6!***

THE 68TH JASC IS ALMOST HERE!

UPDATES ON THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE FROM SITE COORDINATORS

With about a month to the 68th conference, we asked the site coordinators to share highlights of their sites as well as some memorable experiences from their planning. With the tireless work and dedicated teamwork of the Executive Committee, the planning for this year's JASC is coming along with a lot of exciting program components. Go ECs! We're almost there!



SITE 1: BOSTON, MA | AUGUST 3-7, 2016

Boston is the opening site for the 68th JASC. We are thrilled to have delegates immerse themselves in the themes of Cultural Understanding; Historical Roots; and Urban Development: Then, Now, and after Disaster.

With the ability to set the tone for the conference, the site will focus on developing delegates' mutual trust, understanding, and communication through some of JASC's fondest traditions (Cultural Presentations and Delegation Skits). We will then challenge the delegates to contemplate the different levels of societal involvement through a one-day intensive on Building Businesses for Change. We are thrilled to partner with the Next Mile Project nonprofit incubator to deliver this changemaking learning.

The Boston tour also covers the anniversary of the Hiroshima atomic bombing. On the following day, we are honored to be joined by Professor Daniel P. Aldrich for programming centered on social capital, community building, and post-disaster recovery. His research on the Fukushima tragedy contains themes that the delegates are invited to contemplate in light of other community-shaking events like the Boston Marathon Bombing, worldwide terror attacks, and historical wartime atrocities.

Putting together these programs and concepts has been a delight for us coordinators – the encouragement in finding others who are just as passionate on how communities continue developing has turned the Boston site into a more contemplative and reflective part of the 68th JASC. With this new direction, we are excited to see what thoughtful discourse comes to our delegates during the conference and beyond.
(Johanna Gunawan)

SITE 2: WASHINGTON, DC | AUGUST 8-13, 2016

One of the most memorable experiences from the D.C. site planning has been the interaction with some of the notable alumni. I had the honor to interview Mr. Kurt Tong at the State Department (p.7), and Mr. Tong's words were truly valuable not only for planning but also in thinking about my future. Furthermore, visiting various locations like the Chamber of Commerce and the JASC archives to plan out each event has truly been unique experience.
(Danny Jeon)

The delegates will visit the nation's capital from August 8th to August 13th. The themes for this site include US-Japan diplomacy, foreign policy, and racial diversity.

To gain hands-on US-Japan diplomacy experience, delegates will visit the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Congress. On the 12th, delegates will discuss US-Japan economic and security issues at a special two-part panel to be held at the US Chamber of Commerce. Following the panels, the Embassy of Japan will host the delegation and alumni for a reception, celebrating the long-standing partnership between JASC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Rounding out the programming, the group will also take a day trip to the Johns Hopkins University campus in Baltimore where they will participate in a panel on the topic of racial issues. The panel aims to highlight the political mobilization of minority groups and explore the current dynamics in both United States and Japan contexts. Lastly, delegates will have the chance to visit the JASC archives in the University of Maryland Libraries. There they will interact with the invaluable memoirs of JASC's 82-

year long history, exploring the archives, which contains conference material, notes, photos, letters and keepsakes from past delegates.





SITE 3: MISSOULA, MT | AUGUST 14-18, 2016

In contrast to the other three sites that are hosted in urban environments, Missoula is a smaller city surrounded by mesmerizing nature. One important aim of this site is to provide delegates with an opportunity to experience the United States in a more comprehensive way, both culturally and geographically.

The site will begin with an event focused on the topic of Japanese Internment, where delegates will explore and engage with the history of a camp that held individuals with Japanese, Italian, and German heritage during WWII.

On the 16th, the delegation will drive out to the Flathead Reservation to learn about the Native American population, an essential component of the American narrative that is frequently overshadowed.

Closing the programming of Montana are our Montana Forum and Reception which, with the cooperation of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, will be held on the 17th. Finally, the delegation will take an excursion to the magnificent Glacier Natural Park, marking the site's end.

Organizing the Missoula site has been very smooth with the cooperation of the Mansfield Center. It is a great experience to see our hard work turning into programs that the 68th delegates will experience this summer. We ourselves, are looking forward to actually being in Missoula to be a part of the scenery that we've seen in photos and also to meet the people.
(Yuki Naruoka)

SITE 4: SAN FRANCISCO / SAN JOSE, CA | AUGUST 19-24, 2016

The SF site has been quite the challenge to plan due to many unforeseen obstacles. However, seeing the site finally come to fruition has been incredibly rewarding! As both site coordinators are UC Berkeley graduates and SF connoisseurs, we are incredibly excited to show the delegates everything amazing the Bay Area has to offer.
(Teresa Anselmo)

San Francisco/San Jose, California is the grand finale of the 68th JASC. This site explores the unique qualities that the Bay Area has to offer, including its unprecedented start-up culture and demographically diverse population.

The first two days of the site are arranged to provide time for delegates to finalize their Final Forum presentations. However, in the midst of intense preparation, delegates will participate in the Diversity Lecture Panel, exploring San Francisco's rich demographic history and delving into topics ranging from LGBTQ issues to women's experiences in work environments in both Japan and the US. The 21st oversees the 68th JASC Final Forum, the culmination of a month's worth of intense research. The Final Forum will be hosted at Santa Clara University, and we extend an invitation to all JASC alumni and guests interested in US-Japan relations.

The 68th JASC
Final Reception

will be hosted at Hakone Gardens, Saratoga. The reception will be thematically centered around Japanese culture, allowing the delegates and alumni a brief glimpse of Japan through a variety of demonstrations and activities. The site will conclude with elections for the 69th JASC Executive Committee and a day of free exploration of the city of San Francisco.





ECs go over their site plans during the Winter Meeting held in January, 2016



Members spread across the US and Japan, Google Hangout is the Committee's main mode of communication



ECs visit supporters of the 68th JASC programs: Mr. Allen Miner and Ms. Kanako Sanford (left) and Ms. Nobuko Saito-Cleary (right).



68TH JASC ROUNDTABLES

The basic unit for academic discussion during JASC is the "Roundtable (RT)". Each RT consists of four Japanese delegates and four American delegates, and is lead by two RT leaders. Here are the seven RT topics for the 68th JASC, each focusing on a specific topic within the context of U.S.-Japan relations. If you have are interested and/or have expertise in any of the RT topics, we would love to have you join one of our RT sessions!



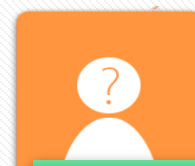
Cultural Shifts in the Modernizing World



Globalization and Economic Development



Future of Education and Cyberspace Usage



Identity: Self and Nation



Law, Society, and our Changing Future



Developing the Future through Science



Democracy and Ideal Governance



Northeastern University



Santa Clara University



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MEET THE 68TH JASC DELEGATION!

68TH JASC EVENTS OPEN TO ALUMNI & PUBLIC

Listed below are the 68th JASC events. Please come out to meet the 68th delegation, exchange opinions on important topics, and connect with current and alumni JASCers! Most JASC events require an RSVP in advance. Please check our website and SNS for updates, and watch out for invitations to follow! **All events are open to both the alumni and public unless otherwise noted.**

Boston			
8/4 Thurs	1pm- (approx. 3 hours)	Opening Ceremony + Topic on Education and Cross-Cultural Communication	Notheastern University
8/7 Sun	TBD	Redevelopment/Recovery Forum	Notheastern University
8/7 Sun	6-8pm	Boston Site Reception (<i>Delegates & Alumni only</i>)	Reischauer House
DC			
8/11 Thurs	10-1pm	Special Panel on Race, Citizenship, and Identity	Johns Hopkins University
8/12 Fri	1-4:30pm	What's ahead? A Future Outlook on United States-Japan Security and Economic Relations	Chamber of Commerce
8/12 Fri	Evening TBD	Washington DC Site Reception (<i>Delegates & Alumni only</i>)	TBD
8/13 Sat	10:30-12:30pm	JASC Archive Visit: A Recollection of 80 years (<i>Delegates & Alumni only</i>)	University of Maryland, College Park
Montana			
8/15 Mon	9:30am- (approx. 2 hours)	Japanese-American Internment Panel	University of Montana
8/17 Wed	3-5pm	Montana Forum	University of Montana
8/17 Wed	6-8pm	Montana Site Reception	University of Montana
San Francisco / San Jose			
8/20 Sat	1-4pm	Panel on LGBTQ+ Issues & Women in the Workplace	Santa Clara University
8/21 Sun	2-5:30pm	68 th JASC Final Forum	Santa Clara University
8/21 Sun	6-8pm	68 th JASC Final Forum Reception	Santa Clara University
8/22 Mon	5:30-8:30pm	68 th JASC Final Reception- A Japanese Cultural Gathering at Hakone Gardens (<i>Delegates & Alumni only</i>)	Hakone Gardens

AN INTERVIEW WITH KURT TONG

68TH AEC CHAIR DANNY JEON INTERVIEWS "SEMPAI" AEC CHAIR KURT TONG (JASC 36 & 37)



PDAS Kurt Tong, 37th AEC Chair,
and Danny Jeon, 68th AEC Chair

On May 13, 68th JASC AEC Chair Danny Jeon sat down with 37th JASC AEC Chair, Kurt Tong to discuss how JASC affected Ambassador Tong's life and to hear what tips he has for future JASCers.

Meeting Kurt Tong is intimidating. His vast experience and pristine reputation precede him that you wonder if you'll be able to hold a conversation with him. But then you meet him, you instantly feel welcomed, and begin to realize how it is that he went from a college student who did not know what the U.S. State Department was to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) for the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs at State Department. This August, he will move to Hong Kong to become the U.S. Consul General.

Looking back at his 28 plus-year career, Ambassador Tong attributes much of his success to JASC. "JASC gave me that spirit, to jump right in instead of being an observer, writing about my observations."

"Since JASC was such an interactive experience where you are dealing with people, I knew that I wanted a career where I would be working in a position that is people orientated and would provide me with international experience."

In the past two years alone, Ambassador Tong has travelled to 45 countries where he is able to build people-to-people relationships with government officials, students and media. "The skills I use today - people skills, negotiating skills, organizational skills - I learned through JASC. The conference is definitely not a regular college experience."

A now seasoned diplomat, Ambassador Tong finds that American delegates participating in an American year are getting a good deal. "People learn more from teaching than studying. In the process of being the one explaining topics to the Japanese delegation, you are challenged to think through what your country is about. Such as race relations, for an American delegate to have to share that with a Japanese delegate means to actually have some thought and explain".

So what is his advice for current and recent JASCers? "The JASC experience, if properly explained, is a real plus. JASC teaches you how to organize events, raise money, write papers, participate". But it should not just be limited to the conference. While it is an extremely valuable program that leads to better understanding of US-Japan relations, he challenges the the current and future generation of JASCers to think about the format and whether the conference's impact can go beyond its participants. In closing he states, "this conference was created and restarted by students. I encourage JASCers to be ambitious, take some chances and to become change agents."



Kurt Tong speaks to the JASC delegation in 2013

SIMPLE WORDS, PUT INTO ACTION:

COMMUNICATION, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT

A STORY BY CHRISTINA LUNDBERG, DAUGHTER OF 1ST JASC (1934) DELEGATE

Christina Lundberg is the daughter of a JASCer who participated in the 1st Japan-America Student Conference in 1934. She shares the amazing story of her mother's life-changing journey that started with JASC.

My mother, Patricia Hosford Lundberg, was a participant in the 1st Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) in 1934. She graduated from the University of Southern California the same year with a degree in Social Work.

My mother was brought up in San Dimas, California by my grandmother, a graduate from a teacher's college in New York, and her father, who held a Master's degree in agriculture from Cornell University. My grandparents set out from New York for Southern California to promote the growth of citrus ranches in Southern California. They arrived, set up a ranch, and helped develop a citrus co-op in San Dimas for farmers to sell the fruit. They had four children, of which my mother was the third.

Life has a curious way of ups and downs; when my mother was five years old, her father contracted diphtheria and died within 24 hours. This left my grandmother with four children, ages three to eight, to bring up and run the citrus farm on her own. The one factor that was important in the Hosford family

was education. All four children went onto college and became graduates of either Mills College, the University of Chicago, Stanford University and the University of Southern California.

MY MOTHER JOINS THE 1ST JASC

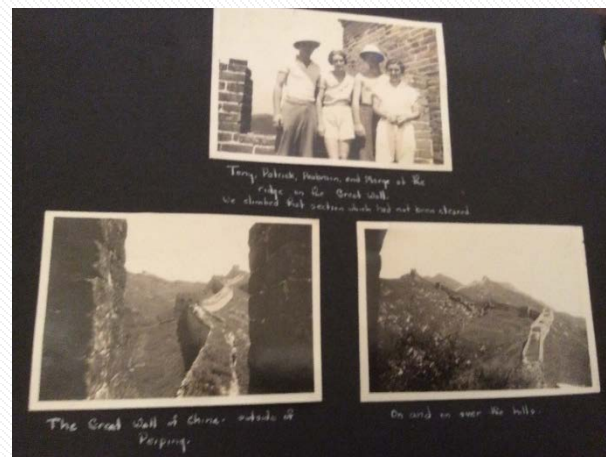
The first JASC was proposed by Namiji Itabashi with the assistance of the English Speaking Society (ESS) and students of Tokyo universities. Itabashi's theory was that they needed to stabilize the Pacific to gain world peace. Could this be accomplished by students?

Itabashi and his colleagues traveled to the United States, first to Seattle, then to Portland and Southern California, and finally the Mid-West and the East Coast to see if they could interest 50 students to participate. Itabashi and his group were well received and succeeded in enlisting 99 participants. This was a time when the United States was recovering from the Great Depression, and as Japan was taking an aggressive policy towards China, the US-Japan relationship was

strained. Despite the circumstances, the foresight that these people had was that by learning about each other and their cultures on a one-on-one basis, they could transcend the barriers of governments.

Did it work? As I explored the itinerary of the trip in 1934 and the paths that my mother and the participants took in their lives, I believe it made a big difference.

When my mother heard of JASC, she immediately asked my grandmother if they had funds for the trip. They would travel by ship to Japan with a short excursion to China. The goals of the trip were: learning Japanese and Chinese cultures, participating in forums and lectures on important topics, visiting cultural sites, and engaging with the people. As we know, education comes not only from institutions of learning, books, and today, the internet, but from the interaction with others. This was the perfect opportunity for my mother to begin her life as a young adult, by learning of the world beyond her immediate environment. Her mother also agreed that she should travel while she was a student; as an adult she would raise a family, and would have no time for these types of adventures.



A peek into Patricia's scrapbook from her JASC trip

She applied for the conference and was granted a spot by the USC Dean of the Graduate School and the Chairman of the JASC Committee on Selection. The offer letter, which my mother held on to, stated that the conference was to take place in Tokyo from July 19 to July 26, 1934. The trip was around 2 to 3 months; the ship crossing was 14 to 20 days, and there was a

side trip to China. The group was composed of students from universities around the United States.

Another important factor that made the conference unique was that the following year, Japanese students were to come to the United States to experience American culture in return. This was a perfect way to share their experiences and come full circle. The 2nd JASC was realized the following year, in 1935.

This was a time where there were no televisions, radios were still new, telephones were rare, and the internet was decades away. Information had to be sought out by traveling to a library, joining a class, or writing a letter. In certain ways, the world was bigger than it is today.

LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS BORN ON A SHIP DECK

As I look at the photos of the ship crossing the Pacific Ocean, I see a young woman who enjoyed a good party and was known as Patrick, not Patricia or Pat. One story my mother shared was that upon arrival to the ship, some of the lively young men, to impress the girls, started a football game. They borrowed a purse as the ball. Yes, the game ended abruptly when one man tossed it high and another could not catch it before it hit the ocean and sank to the bottom. Identification, passport and all! Parents are human, too.



The American Delegation of the 1st JASC on their trip to Japan

The trip was an opportunity to meet the others and develop lifelong friendships. My mother met several friends whom she stayed close to for the rest of her life.

One of them was a young man named Fulton "Tony" Freeman, who came from Pasadena, California. This was near San Dimas, but a totally different stature of people lived in this town. Tony's dream was to attend Lingnan University in China at the end of the conference, and then to ride his bicycle around the world to the Olympics in Germany with 2 other young men. This was 1935! What brave, adventurous people. Tony kept his word and started off on his trip, but

unfortunately became very ill and was hospitalized in Greece, while the others continued their ride.

Later in his life, Tony Freeman served as a diplomat in the United States Foreign Service and was stationed in China, using his language skills. He was then appointed by President John F. Kennedy as Ambassador to Columbia, and then by President Lyndon Johnson as the Ambassador to Mexico City from 1964 to 1969. He served many US Embassies throughout his career. He married an extraordinary woman, Phyllis, and they brought up their three daughters while in service.

I had the honor to first meet Mrs. Freeman when she came to visit my mother who was dying of cancer in 1989. I had wondered why she had contacted my mother, asking if she could spend the day with her. She arrived with a large scrapbook of letters that her husband wrote to his family on his trip to Japan and China and the remainder of his trip that following year. The day was theirs; the time shared was precious to my mother.

There were other names that my mother shared: Antonette Maroda Dugan and her husband Vincent, a physician, brought up their two daughters in Visalia, CA. Margaret Duguid Michel and her husband Walter were neighbors of ours in Pacific Palisades, CA. Margaret (known as "Dugie") was the owner of the famous "football", aka purse, that resides at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Akira Oshida went on to be an instructor at the Army's Language school in Monterey, CA. Elizabeth Edmunds Wheaton lived in Carmel, CA where she and her husband brought up three daughters.

As I read the information that my mother kept, I see that many went into teaching, news media, foreign service, and other employment that connected them to Japan. Some returned to live in Japan and many made practice of visiting or welcoming visitors from Japan.

MESSAGES FROM THE 1ST DELEGATES

In 1974, many of the 1st conference delegates returned to Japan for a 40th reunion, my mother among them. Again in 1984, many returned to Japan for the 50th anniversary. My mother was asked to address the group. In her speech she stated, "today there are many exchange programs ranging from junior high school age through university age. But the format developed by JASC offers a rare opportunity for group discussion and exchange of ideas". She spoke of the responsibility of the alumni, which were 1) to make certain these conferences continue; 2) to assist all in realizing the original goal of JASC: that we each do our part to bring peace throughout the world.

She quoted Elizabeth Edmunds Wheaton, another member of the 1st conference: "let us envision one great broad ocean reaching around the globe to touch every shore of every vast continent and every tiny isle - one ocean to link the lands to make us peoples of the world, one."

MY MOTHER'S JOURNEY AFTER JASC

After returning from JASC, my mother took my grandmother's advice and traveled through the Panama Canal by ship and across the United States via automobile with Betty Sargent, another member of the 1st conference. She then settled in Coronado, CA, and worked at a children's home as a social worker. As life has its surprises, she fell in love with a naval officer pilot and was married in 1940. They brought up my brother and I to believe in people, to approach situations with conversation, not first impressions, and to value peace. What my grandmother didn't predict was that this Naval pilot would become a captain for a major airline, and traveling would become one of the great 'perks' for the couple.

My mother's insights to traveling laid the groundwork for me. Learning about the new environment and cherishing the visit, not bringing your environment with you, was an approach she stressed, which lead me to study cultural anthropology in college.

While my mother did not work after marriage, she was involved in the UCLA/California Rehabilitation Center as a volunteer, working with polio victims and others who had struggles with medical issues. She never lost her ability to transcend barriers, to reach out to individuals through the raw forms of communication that make us all human.

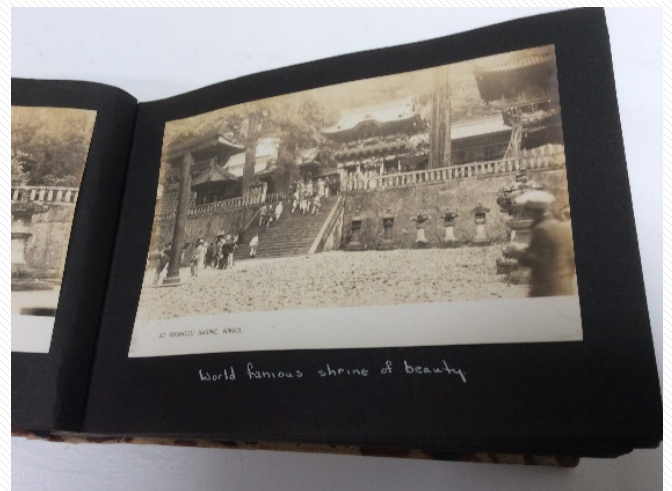
FROM MOTHER TO DAUGHTER TO FUTURE JASCERS

Throughout the years we had many visitors from Japan, as my mother kept a strong correspondence with her Japanese friends and contacts. I welcome this opportunity to share with the JASC community some of my findings from browsing my mother's legacy. The intelligence and foresight of Mr. Itabashi and the ESS, and the adventurous young people who struck out on this 1st conference at a very different time in the world to achieve a goal of peace through relationships and communication is truly phenomenal. It sets the foundation for many, and it shows that wars and

governments at large do not always achieve what individuals can do for peace.

As I look at the scrapbooks today, I recognize the many places they visited. Some of the faces are familiar, as are some of the names. My mother was quite detailed and listed many of the names of persons in the photos. I am hoping her photo albums can help identify others on the trip.

I will be sending my mother's scrapbooks, letters and articles to ISC for them to display and keep in their archives at the University of Maryland. I hope someday you will have the opportunity to look at the scrapbooks, as they are of a different era and will help you see what the world looked like on that first trip.



Particia's materials will be donated to the JASC Archives at the University of Maryland

OFFICE UPDATES

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES: ISC STAFF AND INTERNS

ISC has a full team of staff, small but tight-knit and full of spirit!

Joined by our third full-time staff member, **Peter Taves** (far left in the picture; Korea-America Student Conference Program Manager) in February 2016, ISC now has a full team of staff. Please visit us in our office the next time you are in Washington, DC!



Intern Hyunwoo's last day
(also check out our new ISC logo in the office!)

We are fortunate to have a number of skilled and dedicated interns who greatly contribute to the daily operations of ISC. Keep up the great work, ISC interns!

Hyunwoo Yang completed his six month internship in May, 2016 where he focused on Flickr & website management in addition to KASC & JASC program assistance. Good luck in your future endeavors, Hyunwoo!

In June, we were joined by a new short-term intern, **Robert Duanmu**, who has been working on graphic design projects and JASC programming. Being a JASC AEC himself, he will act as a pipeline between ISC and the JASC Executive Committee. Welcome on board, Robert!



Happy staff picture with Robert (center)!

GREETINGS FROM NEW ISC INTERN, ROBERT!

Hello, I am **Robert Duanmu**, an intern at ISC. Ever since starting college I have been fascinated by East Asian societies, particularly Japan, which has made working at ISC a delightful and rewarding experience. I am at the same time working on the 68th JASC as an American Executive Committee member, and it has been very interesting to work on the same tasks at these different angles.

JASC PARTICIPATES IN SAKURA MATSURI



Setting up the tent!

On April 16, ISC participated in the 56th Annual Sakura Matsuri. The Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival is the largest one-day celebration of Japanese culture in the United States, and the grand finale of the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC. In partnership with Japan-America Society of Washington DC (JASWDC), JASC ran a Japanese culture tent, featuring traditional "Omatsuri" games: "wanage" ring toss, "yo-yo" water balloon fishing, and super-ball scooping.



Promoting JASC to guests



Big crowd of future JASCers!

Thanks to interns Seowon and Hyunwoo, who played a major role in planning, and local JASC alumni and ECs who helped out on the day as volunteers, our booth was a HUGE success! Many people visited our tent and enjoyed playing traditional Japanese games while they learned about our programs.

By participating in one of the largest Japanese events in the DC metro area, we were able to promote JASC to a wider audience and connect with other Japan-related businesses and initiatives. We were happy to meet many future JASCers, not only high school and university students, but elementary and middle school students!

Special thanks to: Alex Evans, Svet Ikononova, Danny Jeon, Kat Jordan, Makiko Toyoda, Anna Zeng, ISC Interns Seowon & Hyunwoo



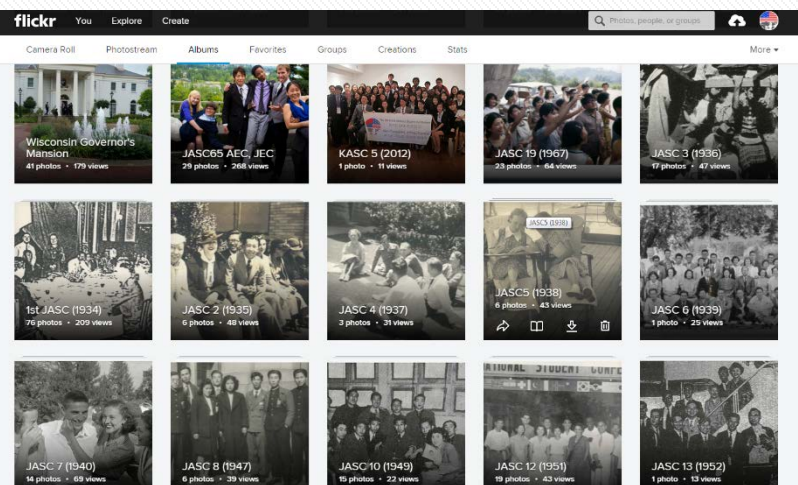
"Omatsuri" games: yo-yo fishing (top) and super-ball scooping (bottom)

JASC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PHOTO CAPTIONING PROJECT

JASCers, have you visited our [flickr site](#)? At ISC, we are launching a project to better organize the valuable pictures that we have stored in our flickr albums. In addition to uploading more pictures from older JASC years,



we would like to add captions to the pictures to better understand the places, people and events captured in each of the pictures. This will help ISC use the pictures more effectively for publication and outreach purposes. We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers from each JASC year (someone with a good memory!) to help us out by writing short captions for pictures from your JASC year.

If you would like to help, please contact us at info@iscdc.org. Also, we are always looking for more pictures from earlier JASC years. If you have any pictures that you would like us to include on the flickr page, please send them to our office via mail or email!

Alexander Evans, JASC 63 (2011), recently assumed the role of Research and Japan Studies Program Coordinator at Johns Hopkins SAIS, and will spend the summer in the Yokohama area for language study at the Inter-University Center. If anyone is interested in pursuing graduate school in Washington, DC or meeting up in Japan, he can be reached at aevans46@jhu.edu.

Leah Flake, JASC 61&62 (2009&2010) and **Dan Jodarski**, JASC 62&63 (2010&2011) has the following message for fellow JASCers: We're excited to have recently bought our first home in Northwest DC, after waiting almost a year to close. We've already had one JASC friend stay with us, and hope other JASCers who pass through DC can come visit our new "JASCastle"! We're both still working in the area, enjoying life, and looking forward to welcoming JASC 68 to DC this summer.

Svetlana Ikononova, JASC 61 (2009) is working to finish her Ph.D. in chemical engineering at University of Maryland, College Park. If any JASCers come to D.C. area, don't hesitate to say hi!

Kevin Lo, JASC 52 (2000) is taking a short break from his job in San Francisco, and working in Chicago for a summer fellowship project "Data Science for Social Good". [<http://dssg.uchicago.edu>] He misses the nice West Coast weather, but would love to connect with any MidWest JASC'ers past and present.

Sarah Miller, JASC 46 (1994) sends the following message: Hi JASCers! I'm living in Tacoma, WA, and working for Sound Transit, our regional transit authority. I love being part of an organization working to improve public transportation in the Tacoma-Seattle-Bellevue-Everett region. I run the transit safety program, a good mix of policy and outreach. For my fellow 1994 JASCers, we can now take light rail from the airport to the University of Washington- I think we rode buses!



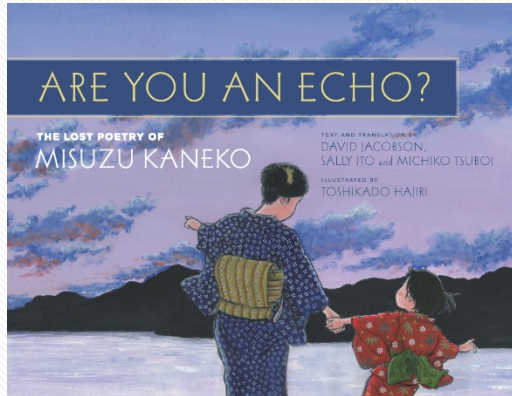
Wayne Miller, JASC 41 (1989) has the following message for fellow JASCers: Hey Everybody! In 1993, four years after my participation in JASC 41, the late HERB REED (founding and naming member of THE PLATTERS) hired me to perform with his group. For the last 23 years, it's been my pleasure to travel the world carrying on the legacy as the senior member of the iconic group. Last september, during our tour of japan, I invited several of my brothers and sisters from JASC 41 to our performance at KENTOS. Our mini reunion was amazing and consequently bittersweet as we lost our dear brother KENGO YOSHIHARA several months laterIn closing , I wish all the best for the 68th JASCers.



*The group will be returning to Kentos in Japan (by popular demand) 9/30/16 - 10/6/16. For more information, please visit: www.theplatters.com



David Gross Jacobson, JASC 36&37 (1984&1985) will publish his first book in September 2016. A longtime employee of Seattle's Chin Music Press (which specializes in books about Japan and Asia), David will be releasing an illustrated children's book called *Are You an Echo? The Lost Poetry of Misuzu Kaneko*. Combining Kaneko's tragic life story with a selection of her writings, the book introduces readers to this wonderful poet, whose words so captivated and consoled Japan after the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami.



David Shiver, JASC 31 (1979) reports that he passed the JLPT N2 test this past December 2015 after taking a Japan Society prep course. His 11-

year old son, Roberto Shiver, is busy learning Japanese too at Sokogakuen's children's program in San Francisco. David reports that he and his son are frequent visitors to Japan, especially for skiing at Nqzawa Onsen in Nagano Prefecture!

Kate Shields, JASC 24 (1972) has sent some photographs from JASC 24, which are now uploaded to our flickr page. The newly added JASC 24 pictures are viewable [here](#).



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