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Fall colors; summer weather!



Over the past couple of weeks, I have enjoyed seeing the leaves changing colors while I explore the mountains of Colorado. Like everyone else, though, I am amazed by the heat that is lasting through to October! Pretty soon, I'm sure, we will be moaning about the snow and wishing again for what we don't have!

This issue marks my first year with Japan America Society of Colorado. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my time as Executive Director, and look forward to my second year with this fantastic organization!

Over the past year, I have introduced some new events and programs. It's hard to name a favorite, but a few

come to mind: our calligraphy workshop in July, the lecture on Kimono back in February, and our business protocol seminar in March are definitely on the top of the list. I also loved meeting with new members, and several non-members, at our Meishi Mixer on September 21st (see page 2 for details).

In addition, I have had the pleasure of helping coordinate Japan Cup, the Consul General of Japan Charity Golf Tournament and, most recently, the upcoming Pioneer Awards Banquet honoring Isao "Kami" Kamitani (page 3).

These larger-scale programs and events have been a joy to work on,

and hopefully a joy for participants as well!

As I enter into my second year, I hope to continue this momentum. We will have more Meishi Mixers, new language classes, business-focused programs and more. Stay tuned!

Before we head into the rest of the newsletter, I want to take this time to thank all of you who have made my first year such a wonderful experience. You know who you all are. :)

Happy Reading!

-Dilek



Saying goodbye

On Friday, September 10, 2010, longtime JASC member and friend Mrs. Kyoko Kita passed away at the age of 84. Mrs. Kita, or Kita-Sensei, as she was widely known, moved to Colorado from her native Japan in 1975. Since then, she became a prominent member of the Japanese community, and was admired by many for her amazing talent as a *Riji* (highest-ranking teacher) in the Sogetsu branch of *ikebana*. She also taught *sado* (Japanese tea ceremony), Japanese cooking classes, and was recognized in 2009 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for her efforts in promoting Japanese culture in the U.S.

Kita-Sensei's memorial service took place on Saturday, Sept. 18, and hundreds were in attendance. She will be missed by everyone at JASC.

Fall Issue

October 2010

Upcoming Festivals & Holidays in Japan:

- 秋の高山祭り (Aki no Takayama Matsuri; Takayama's Fall Festival): October 9 & 10
- 体育の日 (Taiiku no Hi; Health & Sports Day): October 11
- 文化の日 (Bunka no Hi; Culture Day): November 3
- 七五三 (Shichigosan; 7-5-3): November 15

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First Meishi Mixer: Tuesday, September 21st

On **Tuesday, September 21st**, 35 JASC members and friends gathered at the Breckenridge Brewery on Blake Street in Denver for the first ever JASC Meishi Mixer. The event, which was co-sponsored by JASC Corporate Members

We had representatives from a variety of business, including American Zephyr, Leprino Foods, M.E.M. Travel, Polsinelli Shughart and more! In addition, we had a mix of Japanese and non-Japanese, members and friends.



Everyone at Breckenridge Brewery

was Yuko Higashiyama of Hayashibara won a \$25 gift card for Breckenridge Brewery. Congratulations, Yuko-san, and thank you to the Brewery for donating the card!

*www.insidejapantours.com



Mat Eccles, InsideJapan Tours

Inside Japan Tours*, gave participants the opportunity to mingle and network with a diverse group of individuals who all shared at least one common interest: Japan.

Everyone exchanged their *meishi* and, once the appetizers were brought out, many sat down around the tables in the back room—changing seats every now and then to meet new people.

We held a drawing towards the end of the evening, and it

Next Mixer: Monday, November 8th

We had such a great time at our last Meishi Mixer, that we've already lined up our second!

The next JASC Meishi Mixer will take place on Monday, **November 8th** at the **Hotel Boulderado in Boulder** (address below).

JASC recognizes many of its members are based to the north of Denver and, thus, are unable to attend as many events as they might like.

As such, we are hosting our next Mixer in Boulder at this lovely location. We will again have a private space, and a small selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The co-sponsor for the evening is JASC Corporate Sponsor **DecorAsian***, who recently acquired more than 700 beautiful Japanese antiques—some of which will be on display at the mixer.

Please join us for our next Mixer! Be sure to bring plenty of business cards so you can really expand your network and make useful contacts.

Details are as follows:

Date: Monday, November 8th

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: 2115 Thirteenth St. Boulder, CO 80302

Price: \$10 for JASC Members; \$15 for non-members

*www.decorasianstyle.com

Here is what others had to say about our September 21st Mixer:

- *"Thank you for organizing the Meishi Mixer! I really enjoyed myself, and look forward to attending more JASC events in the future."*
- *"Thanks for arranging the Meishi Mixer! It was really good getting the chance to meet other members in an open forum."*
- *"Thanks for all your work in setting up the Meishi Mixer. That was SUCH a good time. And who knows what may come of it."*



Upcoming Event: Pioneer Award Banquet, October 23rd

If you have not yet purchased your tickets to attend the JASC Pioneer Award Banquet, **now is the time!**

We have already sold close to 200 tickets, and our goal is 250. You can help us reach this goal by registering today, and joining us for what we know will be a very special evening.

What is a Pioneer Award?

The Pioneer Award is given by JASC to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions as true pioneers in the development of good relations between Colorado and Japan and have overcome challenges to improve our community.

This year, we will present the Pioneer Award to **Mr. Isao "Kami" Kamitani**, in recognition of his stellar career developing business,



Isao "Kami" Kamitani

trade, and friendships between Colorado and Japan. The loyalty, trust, passion and incredible humility he brought to successfully developing these grass root relationships over the past thirty plus years is unmatched.

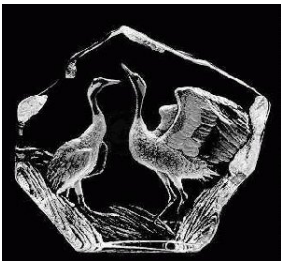
Kami, a **two-term president and founder of JASC** and a multi-term president and founder of the Japanese Firms Association, continues to be engaged in our community in his role as a cultural ambassador and business advisor.

How can I buy tickets?

We have made the process of buying tickets for this event easier than ever, as you can now purchase individual tickets online, **through the JASC website!**

Don't delay! Buy your tickets today, and join JASC in making this as memorable an evening as possible for Kami and his wife Miyoko, and Kami's brothers, sister and siblings-in-law flying in from Kyoto, Japan!

We'll see you on the 23rd!



A Pioneer Award

Who is receiving this year's award?

*If you would like to purchase tickets, or have questions about the various sponsorship levels available, please call Dilek Eccles at JASC on **303-592-5364**, or send an email to jascolorado@att.net.*

Thank you!

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Nihongo Corner: Keigo!

This week's Nihongo Corner comes to us from JASC member Miyuki Erickson, and covers the infamous Japanese language topic of Keigo—or, honorific language.

Keigo is a really important aspect of Japanese language, especially in the business world where status comes into play on a daily basis.

Keigo affects verbs, mainly, and it is amazing sometimes how different a word can become when it takes on one of the three types of Keigo (listed below).

Miyuki-san's lesson defines the three types, gives some examples and then shows how we can use Keigo in conversation. This is just a small sample of the many verbs that are affected by Keigo! Enjoy!!

けいご しゅるい

敬語の種類 *Keigo no syurui*: Types of Keigo

そんけいご

尊敬語 *Sonkeigo*: Used to elevate others

けんじょうご

謙讓語 *Kenjougo*: Used to lower yourself (when speaking with a superior)

ていねいご

丁寧語 *Teineigo*: Used only to express politeness

一般 (<i>ippan</i> ; plain form)	そんけいご 尊敬語	けんじょうご 謙讓語	ていねいご 丁寧語
いう 言う (<i>iu</i> ; say)	おっしゃる <i>ossharu</i>	申す <i>mousu</i>	言います 言います <i>iimasu</i>
みる 見る (<i>miru</i> ; look)	ご覧になる ご覧になる <i>goran ni naru</i>	拝見する 拝見する <i>haiken suru</i>	みます 見ます <i>mimasu</i>
くる 来る (<i>kuru</i> ; come)	いらっしゃる <i>irassharu</i>	参る 参る <i>mairu</i>	きます 来ます <i>kimasu</i>
いく 行く (<i>iku</i> ; go)	行かれる <i>ikareru</i>	うかがう <i>ukagau</i>	いきます 行きます <i>ikimasu</i>
しる 知る (<i>shiru</i> ; know)	ご存じになる ご存じになる <i>gozonji ni naru</i>	存じ上げる 存じ上げる <i>zonji ageru</i>	知っています 知っています <i>shitteimasu</i>
たべる・のむ 食べる／飲む (<i>taberu/nomu</i> ; eat/drink)	めしあがる 召し上がる <i>meshi agaru</i>	いただく 頂く <i>itadaku</i>	たべます・のみます 食べます／飲みます <i>tabemasu/nomimasu</i>

Sample dialogue between an executive assistant (A) and a vendor (V)

(V): ^{かいしゃ} △△会社の〇〇と申します。 ^{もうします} ××社長との打ち合わせに参りました。

I am 〇〇 from △△ company. I am here for a meeting with Mr./Ms.××.

(A): ^{まち} お待ちしておりました。 ^{ちや} お茶かコーヒー、 ^{めしあがりますか} どちらを召し上がりますか？

Thank you for coming. Would you like some tea or coffee?

(V): ^{いただきます} お茶を頂きます。 Tea, please.

(A): ××社長、△△会社の〇〇様がいらっしゃいました。

Mr./Ms.××, Mr./Ms. 〇〇from △△company is here to see you.

(V): ^{ほんじつ} ××社長、 ^{じかん} 本日はお時間を頂戴しまして ^{ちようだい} ありがとうございます。 ^{へいしゃ} 弊社の ^{あたらしいせいひん} 新しい製品の ^{きかくしょ} 企画書 ^も をお持ちしましたので ^{ごらん} ご覧になってください。 ^{ごぜんじ} 社長も ^{ごぜんじ} ご存じのとおり、。。。。

Mr./Ms. ××, thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. I brought a proposal of our new product which I hope you will look over. As you already know . . .

Tea Ceremony Viewing

On Sunday, October 3rd, Sho-Fu-Kai, the Denver Botanic Gardens Tea Ceremony Guild, welcomes you to its fall tea ceremonies.

Held in the Japanese Garden, this is a marvelous opportunity to watch and learn from lifetimes of tea ceremony study working in harmony. The experience includes two different styles of tea ceremonies: one in the Tea Ceremony House and the other outdoors in the Garden Setting.

There will be two time slots available: **1 PM or 2 PM**. Please make an effort to arrive early, as late arrivals may not be admitted.

Please ensure you wear appropriate attire; avoid shorts, jeans, sleeveless shirts, sandals. Please also refrain from bringing in outside food or drink. Participants should be at least 12 years old.

The cost to participate is **\$15 for Botanic Garden Members & seniors**, and **\$20 for non-members**.

Contact Ms. Akima Hiroko at 303-665-1954, or kakima@ix.netcom.com for more information.



Japanese Language Speech Contest!

The Consulate-General of Japan at Denver and Colorado Japanese Language Education Association (CJLEA) are pleased to announce that the **24th Annual Colorado Japanese Speech Contest** will take place on **Saturday, November 6, 2010**, at the **Denver Buddhist Temple Auditorium!**

This is an annual event held to demonstrate language skills of students learning Japanese in **Colorado and Wyoming**. The contest will feature **nine different categories**, ranging from elementary to college, and also has a category for heritage speakers!

The deadline to enter is **Friday, October 15th, 2010**. If you would like to find out more information, and download your application, please [visit the CJLEA site](#) today.



Japanese Studies!

The **2011 Reischauer Scholars Program (RSP) is currently accepting applications** from all current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors (Classes of 2011, 2012, and 2013) in the United States. The RSP is opening up the application process to high school sophomores for the first time. Please note that there is a possibility that the 2012 RSP will not accept applications from high school seniors.

The RSP is an online course for high school students sponsored by the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) at Stanford University. Named in honor of former Ambassador to Japan Edwin O. Reischauer, the RSP annually selects 25–30 exceptional high school students from throughout the United States to engage in an intensive study of Japan. **Selected students will participate in this online course in Japan from February to June 2011.**

Currently entering its eighth year, the RSP provides students with a broad overview of Japanese history, literature, religion, art, politics, economics, and contemporary society, with a special focus on the U.S.–Japan relationship. Ambassadors, top scholars, and experts throughout the United States and Japan provide online lectures and engage students in live discussion sessions.

Students who successfully complete the course will earn Stanford Continuing Studies Program (CSP) credit and a Certificate of Completion from SPICE, Stanford University. The RSP will equip participants with a rare degree of expertise about Japan that may have a significant impact on their choice of study and future career. **Students do not need to know the Japanese language to participate in this course, and there are no student fees.**

Please download the 2011 Reischauer Scholars Program application at <http://reischauerscholars.org>. **The application deadline for the 2011 RSP is October 15, 2010.** All applications must be postmarked by this date.

For more information, please e-mail Naomi Funahashi, Reischauer Scholars Program Coordinator, at nfunahashi@stanford.edu.



Members' Corner!!

New and Renewed Individual Members!

Friends:

- John & Elizabeth Crossman
- Min & June Mochizuki

Families:

- Adele Arakawa
- John & Grace Bond
- Chris & Kim Chandler
- Jennifer Dudley & Merritt Malin
- Morgan Smith

Individuals:

- Shigemi "Sherry" Cree
- Hans Eyman
- Wanicha Jones
- Eric Justice
- Sarada Krishnan
- Paul McElwain
- Fuji Murakami
- Marie Nakagawa
- Suzuho "Suzy" Shimasaki

Educators:

- Masako Beecken
- Mamiko Ikeda
- Rie Seaver

Students:

- Miriah Connors
- Brittany Quinn
- Ayako Sato
- Wei-chen "Grace" Tung
- Tracey Wood
- Yulong Yang

Membership Drive!!

As many of you know, JASC has been taking a more active approach to get back those memberships we have lost over the years.

You may be one of those long-lost members to whom we've sent a new invoice and letter in recent weeks.

Please, take the time to fill in and return your membership form and payment **TODAY!**

We continue to receive positive feedback on the programs and events that have been introduced/brought back over the past year, and **it is you, the member, that enables us to do what we do.**

We have a membership target in mind, and hope you can help us reach this goal. If your membership has lapsed, and you still want to be a part of JASC, take five minutes right now and visit the membership section of our site to join again.

Also, if you have a friend or family member whom you know would like to be a part of JASC, **please spread the word about our organization!**

In addition to receiving our newsletter, *Kakehashi*, and regular updates, members will also receive discounts to most/all JASC events and programs.

Those attending our Meishi Mixers, for example, will receive at least \$5 off each time; **the discount is even greater** for our language courses and annual dinners.

For more information on JASC membership and benefits please visit: www.jascolorado.org/membership2.php! Domo!

Membership Levels

INDIVIDUAL:

Friend: \$150
 Family: \$75
 Individual: \$48
 Educator: \$40
 Student: Free! (with ID)

CORPORATE:

Investor: \$5,000
 Benefactor: \$3,000
 Patron: \$1,500
 Supporter: \$650
 Associate: \$300



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Kaiwa Club!

JASC continues to hold its *Kaiwa Club* **every Wednesday** of the month (excluding the fifth Wednesday). We meet at **Buzz Café in Denver**, from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**. **Nami Larson** from the Consulate General's Office and Dilek Eccles teach various aspects of Japanese language and culture. Each week has a different theme: pair conversation, small group discussion, grammar and games. *Kaiwa Club* is **free for members to attend**.

The theme for the first week is pair/group talk; the second, third and fourth weeks are a combination of a thirty-minute lesson (on grammar, vocabulary or culture) followed by an hour of pair/group talk.

Don't be shy; join us at the next meeting!

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