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**It's 2011 - - - Welcome to the Year of the Rabbit!**



**In Japanese tradition, rabbits live on the moon**, where they pound sticky rice into cakes (mochi). One story is that the Lord of Heaven heard that the Fox and Monkey and Rabbit were best friends, so he went to visit them. To feed their guest, the friends went out hunting for food. Monkey brought back fruit and nuts and Fox caught a fish, but Rabbit found nothing. In desperation, he told Monkey to make a pile of thistles and Fox to set it on fire, and threw himself on it to become dinner for their guest. The Lord of Heaven then restored the rabbit to his previous form and took the rabbit to live on the moon, where he continues to enchant the world with his antics.

In some societies, the rabbit is a sign of wealth (proliferation); in some, he is a cunning trickster; in yet others, he brings good luck. In any case, Japanese children

love to look for the rabbit in the moon, and rabbit-shaped cakes and confections are popular for traditional moon-viewing parties in the autumn.

## **IN THE NEWS**

We regret that the presentation of **From Black Ships to a Black President** had to be postponed, as our speaker, Dr. William Farrell, was snowed in in New England. Dr. Farrell has promised to re-schedule with us at a later date, so please look forward to seeing this unique presentation of US-Japanese history through wood-block prints, post cards, and political cartoons...perhaps in the spring, when the danger of snow has passed!

**JASGC's Annual Board Meeting** was convened as scheduled on January 27, 2011, with 14 board members, 2 staff members, and 1 observer present. Heartfelt thanks were expressed to long-time board members **Julie Hagen** and **Bob Hitch**, who decided to step down from the board this year. Julie has served JASGC in the past as Treasurer of the Board, and Bob as President; their support and contributions to the Society have been invaluable. The Board welcomes a new member, **Santa Jeremy Ono**, PhD, who is currently Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and University Provost at the University of Cincinnati.

**JASGC's Interim Executive Director in the News:** **Amy Murray**, the Society's Executive Director since October, was appointed to the Cincinnati City Council, and sworn in at its first meeting of the year on January 12. This is great news for Amy, and will be a wonderful opportunity to increase the Society's visibility in the Cincinnati area. Congratulations, Amy!



# **INTRODUCTIONS**

We would like to welcome the following new members who joined JASGC during 2010:

## **New Corporate Members:**

**Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd**, Chicago, IL. Mizuho Corporate Bank's Industrial Research Division presented a seminar to our members in September: *The Auto Industry's Environmental Changes, and Future Prospects*

## **New Individual/Family Members:**

Mr. Hiro Adachi, Union, KY  
Mr. John Graves, Cincinnati, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kingsolver, Walton, KY  
Ms. Priscilla Oehlschlaeger, Cincinnati, OH  
Dr. & Mrs Santa J. Ono (Gwendolyn Yip), Cincinnati, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Romanelli, Cincinnati, OH  
Ms. Lila Seest, Cincinnati, OH  
Dr. Kinji Tanaka, Cincinnati, OH

**Staff Member: Carolyn Barricklow**, Assistant to Executive Director



Although she has been with the Society since March of 2010, some of you may not have met Carolyn. Originally from Rising Sun, Indiana, and a U.C. graduate, she came to the JASGC office from a varied career as a teacher and missionary in Hiroshima, Japan, and then as a Japanese interpreter/translator at manufacturing facilities in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. About her new job, she comments, "I really enjoy getting to know people from so many different companies; Cincinnati has a very strong Japanese connection." Carolyn lives in Loveland with 2 feline companions, and enjoys reading, gardening, and attending science fiction conventions.

## **Japan Travel Opportunity:**

The 21<sup>st</sup> **America-Japan Grassroots Summit** will be held June 27-July 4 in Kochi Pref. in Japan. The trip is open to all and has four features you do not normally find on trips to Japan:

- 1) Interesting, rarely visited location; Kochi Prefecture on Shikoku, with locally organized events
- 2) Home stays for 3 nights arranged by the summit organizers with local families
- 3) Great price- \$2200 (depending on departure city) including airfare, 6 nights stay, most meals
- 4) A chance to participate in the 5-day grassroots summit activities

NAJAS (National Association of Japan-America Societies) is a partner of the Center for International Exchange, the organizer these summits for 20 years. It's a great tradition of grassroots contact and a terrific opportunity to see Japan reasonably. You can find the electronic brochure on the NAJAS website: <http://www.us-japan.org/>. [NOTE: This area of Japan is the home of **John Manjiro**, the stranded Japanese fisherman who lived in New England for 10 years, and later served Japan as interpreter and diplomat when it opened up to international commerce in the 1850's]

## **Mike Mansfield Fellowship Opportunity**

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is now recruiting the 17<sup>th</sup> group of participants for the **Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program**. This intensive, 2-year program was established by the US Congress in 1994 to build a corps of federal employees who, because they have lived in Japan and worked on projects in Japanese ministries, can manage the US-Japan relationship more effectively when they return to their US government agencies. This fellowship is available to applicants who are US citizens and current federal employees with at least 2 consecutive years of service. Application deadline is April 1, 2011. For more information, call JASGC at 513-579-3114, or go to the website: [www.mansfieldfdn.org](http://www.mansfieldfdn.org)

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Upcoming Events Calendar イベントカレンダー  
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<p><b>March 1, 2011 (Tuesday) 5 ~ 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Sharing in Asia's Dynamism: <i>a conversation with Deb Henretta, P&amp;G's Group President Asia</i></b> Opportunities abound to export products and services to “the fastest growing region of the world,” to invest there and attract investment from Asia to our tri-state region. <b>Deb Henretta</b>, Group President – ASIA for The Procter &amp; Gamble Company, will discuss the Asia economy and its impact on our own economy. Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2011, at the <b>Taft Conference Center</b>, 245 Walnut St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks, plus cash bar available. More information at the JASGC NEWS page: <a href="http://www.jasgc.org/">http://www.jasgc.org/</a></p>
<p><b>March 2, 2011 (Wednesday) 9am ~ 12:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>2011 Spring Term: One-Day Consulate Service</b> is set for Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. (Apply/renew Japanese passports and legal certificates/documents) For <a href="#">more information</a> and inquiries, please call the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit at 313-567-0120 Ext. 215.</p> <p>在デトロイト日本国総領事館による領事出張サービスが、Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber (シンシナティ商工会議所)内グレーターシンシナティ日米協会にて行われます。実施日時：2011年3月2日(水) 午前9時から午後12時30分まで。旅券申請締切日：2011年2月9日、在デトロイト日本国総領事館必着 このサービスを利用するための必要書類、証明書申請や在外選挙登録のための事前申し込み先などの詳細は、<a href="http://www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jp/ryouji/One%20day%20Consulate.html">http://www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jp/ryouji/One%20day%20Consulate.html</a> で見ることができます。</p>