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2018 Member Report

JASOュニティ

The Japan-America Society of Oregon was formed in 1907 as a friendship society between Americans and Japanese nationals. JASO is the 3rd oldest Japan-America Society in the US.

Our mission today is to support business and develop community by strengthening the US-Japan relationship. We work in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

We are a 501 c3 non-profit organization. We are membership-based, and volunteer-driven. We deliver our mission through programs in business, education and culture; and through member benefits and services.

Our strength is our people. Our Board of Directors, past chairs, committee volunteers, and corporate and individual members. Over 830 people and 145 companies are now connected directly. We have 2 full time and 1 part-time staff.

オレゴン日米協会は1907年(明治40年)にポートランドに設立されました。全米では3番目に長い歴史を持つ民間非営利団体です。

当協会はメンバーシップとボランティアで成り立っており、オレゴン州を代表し (SW ワシントン州を含む)、米国と日本の友好促進を目的としております。企業間や 個人同士のネットワークを広げるためのイベントや、教育、文化、そしてビジネス に関わる様々なプログラムを主催し、日米間の交流に取り組んでおります。

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Business

Business Speaker Series

2018年は米国と日本のビジネスに携わるリーダーや、国際的な課題に関心を寄せる聴講者 を対象に、グローバルな視点での講演会が3回(5人の講演者)行われました。

We hosted 5 fascinating presenters at 3 events in 2018: Haruo Kurata, General Manager of Ajinomoto North America and Dr. Mark Metzler, Professor of History and Japan specialist from the University of Washington; Kenji Kano, Owner of Hakutsuru Saké and Steve Vuylsteke, President and CEO of SakéOne; and Massimo Lazzari, CEO of Columbia Sportswear Japan. A total of 250 attendees learned the fascinating stories and insights from top executives, and spent significant time networking and building relationships.

Our Partners in Business







After Hours

継続的にビジネスネットワークを行うことを目的として行っているこのイベントは、KEEN Footwear そして Lane Powell の協力を得て合計 150名の参加者となりました。

Almost 150 people attended our After Hours Business networking events. KEEN Footwear and Lane Powell were both fantastic hosts. KEEN even offered a special 40% off footwear pricing just to our attendees for the evening.



Tigard にある Pacific Rim Martial Arts Academy はアメリ

"オリンピックトレーニングセン ター"の一つです。その道場で2 度の世界選手権優勝を誇る棟田 康幸氏、そして世界柔道選手権で 銀メダルを誇る田知本 愛さんを 迎えて懇親会を行いました。



Corporate Connections

We enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to learn about the sports connectivitiv between Pacific Rim Martial Arts Academy in Tigard, by visiting to meet two-time judo world champion Yasuyuki Muneta and world championship runner-up Megumi Tachimoto.

Women's Leadership Council

Our new council held 3 successful evens: a formal lunch with business leaders Phyllis Campbell (Chair of JPMorgan Chase Pacific Northwest) and Denise Moriguchi (President & CEO of Uwajimaya); a wine & sushi networking social; and a small business entrepeneur presentation with Chef Naoko and Stacey Givens from The Side Yard Farm & Kitchen. More than 230 attendees enjoyed 3 very different ways connecting with and supporting women in the workplace.

女性リーダーシップ

2017年に設立された WLC は、他分野で活躍する女性リーダーの方々をスピーカーとして迎え、リーダーとしてのチャレンジとその乗り越え方、問題解決策などについてお話をして頂き、パネルディスカッションを行いました。

Language and Culture in the Workplace

Japanese Language for Business classes - now 3 terms per year, 8 weeks per term, at beginner, improver and intermediate levels, available to all members.

One 2-hour workshop for Gold Level corporate members and above in Japanese Business Culture for US Business people, and the same in US Business Culture for Japanese Business people.

8 week language and culture courses, for both Japanese and American employees to be more successful in understanding each other, and interacting in the workplace, delivered at your company, available for all corporate members.

JASO ビジネス日本語教室は今年で2年目を迎えましたが、今年は日米間の文化や習慣と学ぶ教育講座も開講しました。





Education

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Japan on the Road

During the 2017-18 academic year our dedicated team visited 106 elementary school classrooms, teaching 2,753 mainly 2nd and 3rd grade students about Japanese culture. This is officially the largest school outreach program among all Japan-America Societies in the nation!

JOR は、小学生3年生と4年生を対象に日本の文化を紹介するプログラムです。 2017年から18年までの学期は、オレゴン州にある数多くの小学校を訪れ、 約 2750 名ほどの生徒たちに日本を紹介しました。JOR は常にボランティアを募集して

Major JOR Partners







Freeman Foundation

Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl

Our 2nd annual language and culture guiz for high-school students expanded to 8 schools and 13 teams battling to win a trip to the National Bowl in Washington DC. Lake Oswego HS won again, then came 9th overall in the national championships, which won them a trip to Japan during the summer as a part of a USA delegation of youth leaders.

第二回 Pacific Northwest ジャパンボウルでは、 オレゴン州の高校8校、13チームが参加しました。 優勝した Lake Oswego 高校がワシントン DC の決勝戦へと挑みました。

Toyama Cup 🧐



College students from Clark College, Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Mount Hood Community College, Pacific University, University of Oregon and Willamette University gave 4 minute speeches and answered questions on topics of their choosing. This year's winner, Jack Glenn from Willamette, won a one-week trip to Toyama Prefecture, Oregon's sister state.

大学で日本語を学習している学生を対象に、毎年行われるスピーチコンテスト "富山カップ"で、今年はウィラメット大学の Jack Glenn さんが優勝を獲得 されました。Jack さんは「富山県1週間訪問」を受賞し、この夏富山を訪れました。





Shinnenkai

Nearly 200 attendees enjoyed celebrating a traditional New Year's gathering which included osechi, sushi, beer, sake, taiko, calligraphy, kimono, fukubukuro and a number of JASO members showcasing their goods.

2018年新年会は約200名の参加者を迎え、お節料理やお寿司と日本酒、和太鼓、An expanded golf tournament this year 書道、着物、そして福袋など伝統的な催しと共に盛大に行われました。

Sakura Sunday

In late March we gathered on a sunny spring day at the Portland Japanese Garden to enjoy family and child centered activities while enjoying the cherry blossoms on view. We enjoyed a performance from professional pianist Tempei Nakamura, and taiko drumming with En Taiko.

桜サンデーは子供たちも一緒に楽しめるイベントです。 今年は、ポートランド日本庭園の桜を眺めながら、 世界で活躍されるピアニスト中村天平さん、 そして日本から太鼓グループを迎え大盛況なイベントとなりました。

Fundraising

Over 250 gathered at our Annual Dinner this year, enjoying a new atmosphere and program, including a performance by world-famous Hawaiian taiko drummer Kenny Endo.

An expanded golf tournament this year welcomed players in both scramble and stroke play formats. Our 3rd annual Friendship Cup was won by a very small margin, by Team USA once again.



Japanese Beer Garden

Excessively hot weather in mid-July forced us to move our famous beer garden into air-conditioned space at EcoTrust in Portland's Pearl District. This did not distract from the fun, however, with over 200 gathering to enjoy traditional japanese foods and beverages together.



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