

**ANNUAL REPORT
TO SPONSORS AND MEMBERS
2009**

On behalf of the Directors of the Japan-Virginia Society, it is my pleasure to provide this 2009 Annual Report to Sponsors and Members of the Society. In this report, I shall recap noteworthy activities of the Society and its Board in calendar year 2009.

Programming Highlights:

Our programming activities in 2009 aligned closely with our mission-driven goals of acculturation, education (business and individual), and economic development.

January 4, 2009

Mochitsuki & New Year Party: celebrated in Richmond for Japanese and American families. The event was supported by over 20 corporate sponsors and attracted 277 participants.

June 1, 2009

Virginia Nippon Conference and Golf Classic: with Japanese corporate guests and American friends and sponsors was held at The Dominion Club in Henrico County, Virginia. This was the 19th consecutive year that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Japan-Virginia Society have collaborated on this hallmark friendship and economic development activity.

July 10, 2009

Business Seminar: held in Williamsburg, Virginia, for twenty-two representatives of Japanese corporations.

Topic: Walking the Tightrope: Avoiding Unions and Other Management Missteps
Speaker: Ms. Anne Graham Bibeau, Esq. (Attorney) from Vandeventer Black LLP

September 19, 2009

Medical Seminar: presented for Japanese families at the Newport News Japanese School, with lectures by two Japanese doctors, involving approximately 25 people.

October 4, 2009

Japan Cup Virginia: held in Williamsburg for 26 Japanese golfers of Richmond and Hampton Roads region. This was the third year for this event and it was extremely well received in the community.

October 30, 2009

Business Seminar: held in Williamsburg, Virginia, for fifteen representatives of Japanese corporations.

Title: Defining Virginia's support for International Companies

Speakers: Mr. Roy C. Dahlquist (International Investment Manager),
Mr. C. Knox Hubbard (Senior International Trade Manager),
Ms. M. Leslie Parpart (Valet Program Manager. International Trade),
of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

November 14, 2009

Medical Seminar: presented for Japanese families at the Richmond Japanese School, with lectures by a Japanese doctor, involving approximately 25 people.

November 14, 2009

Consul Services (Passport Renewal and Others): were conducted in Newport News in conjunction with the Embassy of Japan. Over 100 Japanese availed themselves of this on- location service.

The Society had a board of directors meeting twice in 2009 and discussed important matters about our activities and financial issues. In 2009, the Society began providing modest financial support to *Tea Time*, which is a volunteer-driven information magazine published by a small private group of Japanese women living in Hampton Roads Area. We also continue to support other non-profit organizations, which have missions that align with that of The Japan-Virginia Society.

Financial Matters and Membership:

For the year ending December 31, 2009, the Society received cash revenues of \$33,171 and incurred cash expenses of \$14,496 to cover administrative costs and net program expenses for those activities which were not fully self-funding or were free to the communities which we serve.

The Society uses the services of an outside CPA for bookkeeping and records maintenance. Financial statements are reviewed by the Board Members on a monthly basis. Requisite tax documents will be filed by the Society on a timely basis in 2010, under TIN: 54-1419573, a 501(c) 3 designated classification.

During the course of 2009, the Society received funding support from 29 corporate/institutional sponsors and 15 individual and family members.

2010:

The year 2010 promises to be one of quality programming, with new opportunities planned for greater interaction between Japanese and American businesses, economic development professionals, and educational institutions. New outreach programming for school age children also is in the planning stages.

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Your continued individual and institutional support of the mission and programs of the Japan-Virginia Society is appreciated greatly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman of the Board