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FIFTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Nov 6, 2019 11am - 2:00pm

[Andrew Jackson's Hermitage](#)

Join our speakers - **Parul Bajaj, Yoshie Lewis and Marsha Mullins**- for a discussion about the importance of philanthropy and preservation. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Parul, Yoshie and Marsha.

JAST's Women's Leadership Forum & Networking Luncheon brings together corporate, political, philanthropic, governmental and non-profit sector leaders to champion more active roles for women in decision-making at all levels of society. Future prosperity and economic competitiveness of Japan and the U.S. require that greater numbers of women step up and take the lead!

Please click [HERE](#) to make your reservation.

There will also be optional tours of The Hermitage mansion.

For questions or sponsorship inquiries, please contact jastninfo@jastn.org (615) 663-6060.

Member Spotlight - Bridgestone Americas, Inc.

JAST recognizes our Chairman's Round Table level member - Bridgestone Americas, Inc.

Bridgestone is the world's largest tire and rubber company. The business and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market a wide range of tires to address the needs of a broad range of customers. The Bridgestone family of companies also operates the world's largest chain of automotive tire and service centers. Additionally, the corporation signed on as an official Worldwide TOP Partner of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2014. The 10-year partnership will see Bridgestone serve as a Worldwide TOP Partner at the upcoming Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, and the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The long-term commitment to the Olympic Movement furthers Bridgestone's proud sporting heritage and history of innovation, which extends more than 100 years, and will showcase Bridgestone Corporation's commitment to community service, social

responsibility, environmental stewardship, and respect for diversity.

Bridgestone has been a major supporter of JAST for many years through membership, sponsorship of programs in Middle Tennessee like the Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival. Christine Karbowiak, CAO, Executive Vice President and CRO, served as the chair of JAST's board of directors and is currently an active board member, for which we are most grateful.

JAST is thankful to Bridgestone for their generous support! For more information about Bridgestone please visit their [website](#).



Volunteer Spotlight - Madeline Adams

Madeline Adams began her journey with Japan during 2000-2002 on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program in Haramachi-shi (now Minamisoma), Fukushima. Hailing from Philadelphia, PA, the lifestyle in the countryside was eye-opening and refreshing, and allowed her to learn Japanese during her two years there. Madeline also enjoyed learning more about Japanese culture and took advantage of the countryside by setting up her paints on the side of the road or rice fields, sketching on her travels throughout the country.

Madeline's journey took her to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, leading tours for school groups and receiving an M.F.A in painting and to the Birmingham Museum of Art and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, developing and running programs for youth and families. Today, she brings her passion for education and the community to Homework Hotline, a non-profit that provides free tutoring for TN students over the telephone and online, as the assistant director.

Madeline has been on the Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival Planning Committee for four years and Master of Ceremonies. She recently joined us at the Memphis Japan Festival as Master of Ceremonies (picture above) and looks forward to a continued relationship with JAST!



JAST Winter Mixer (忘年会)

Dec 12, 2019 5pm - 7pm

[Bar Otaku](#)



Join JAST as we celebrate another wonderful year of Japan-Tennessee relations. JAST member Bar Otaku will have a happy hour menu, which will include a special cocktail. Please register [HERE](#).



**MEMPHIS
JAPAN
FESTIVAL**

メンフィス日本祭り

Thank you for your support of the festival!
Please check out the [Memphis Japan Festival Facebook page](#) for more photos.



Welcome JAST New Members

-*Kristen Bratten*

-*Maki Futami*

Become a member of JAST today!

Upcoming Community Events:

The Tokyo Grace Gospel Choir Performance	Oct. 17-21
Let's Sing Gospel Performance	Oct. 21

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