

THE 38th JAPANESE-AMERICAN BUSINESS DINNER MEETING
Nakama no Kai
仲間の会

Sponsored by the Asian Studies Program, Bowling Green State University
Thursday, 19 January 2011
5:00 P.M.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN BUSINESS FELLOWSHIP

You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend the **Nakama Meeting** and share friendship and light moments with executives of Japanese and American companies from Northwestern Ohio.

Ohios New Model of Economic Development

Guest Speaker:
Christiane Schmenk
Director, Ohio Department of Development

Christiane Schmenk became Director of the Ohio Department of Development on August 1, 2011. Prior to this appointment by Governor John R. Kasich, she served as chief legal counsel for the department.

Before joining the Ohio Department of Development, Schmenk was vice president of External Affairs at The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. During her 17 years at Scotts, she also served as assistant general counsel, chief ethics and compliance officer, and director of Environmental Stewardship. Schmenk also practiced law with Buckley, King and Bluso, LLP in Columbus and was in-house corporate counsel with Wendy's International, Inc.

Between 2008 and 2011 Schmenk served as the mayor of Marysville. She has been president of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of Memorial Hospital of Union County, and on the executive committee of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce board of directors. Schmenk holds a law degree from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science from Ohio Northern University. She was born and raised in Ohio and currently resides in Marysville with her husband, Mike, and their two children.

GOALS OF NAKAMA 仲間の会の目的

- (1) To foster friendship and cooperation between Japanese and American business executives and their spouses;
日米企業人の友好と協力
- (2) To encourage mutual understanding of Japanese and American cultures; and
日米文化の総理解とその促進
- (3) To help minimize the difficulties and maximize the opportunities in doing business together.
ビジネスの機会拡大と障害除去

Program and Schedule:

Place: The Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Bowling Green State University
Room 207, Mylander

5:00 Reception with Wine and Cheese

5:30 Welcome Greetings:
Akiko Kawano Jones
Director, Asian Studies Program

“Ohio’s New Model of Economic Development”
Speaker: Christiane Schmenk
Director, Ohio Department of Development

6:30 Dinner

Introduction of Members

7:30 Remarks:
Mary Ellen Mazey
President, Bowling Green State University

8:00 Closing

Registration:

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person / **\$60.00** with spouse
Please make your check payable to: “B.G.S.U. Foundation” and
mail your registration and check to:

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Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, 5 January 2012.
The registration form is provided on the next page.