

# MOTIVASIANS NEWS

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## MotivAsians Summer BBQ



MotivAsians summer BBQ summoned friends and members on a rare steamy and heated summer weekend in Cleveland. On August 15, 2010, over 40 MotivAsians members gathered at lower Edgewater Park and enjoyed great food and a fun day filled with activities. Members traded gifts and shared laughs in the White Elephant Gift Exchange. This year's summer BBQ cultivated an atmosphere of promoting outdoor sports to invigorate minds and spirits. Members were encouraged to compete in a variety of sporting games –

The All Sports Challenge (included maneuvering a soccer ball, throwing a football, and throwing a frisbee), Soccer Bowling, and Sand Volleyball. From start to finish, the time to complete All Sports Challenge was significantly shortened, as team collaboration was practiced and improved! MotivAsians' talented and skillful volleyball players conducted a series of serious matches under the clear blue sky. Members mingled and bonded in the big family of MotivAsians throughout the entire event. Thanks to Diane for contributing the lively self-created music! Kudos to the Planning Committee for designing and organizing an incredible event!"



## Vi's View

One of the questions I often get is, "Am I a member of MotivAsians?" The answer is simple, if you have ever attended a MotivAsians event or on the email distribution list, then yes! We are a non-dues paying organization that wants to make it easy for you to attend our events, so come out and join us! Speaking of events, take a look at all of the events we

have been working on for you. The next few months are some of the busiest months we've ever planned. Normally, we try to keep it to one event per month, but there is so much excitement and worthwhile events going on, we could not say no. MotivAsians has developed a reputation as an organization

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- Read relevant articles to Asian professionals in Cleveland
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## Recap 2010 Speaker Series: A Conversation with Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita



On June 17, 2010, MotivAsians, in partnership with TiE Ohio, collaborated to host Dr. Hiro Fujita for an aspiring and informative discussion. Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita is the founder, president, and CEO of Quality Electrodynamics (QED). The Mayfield Village-based company was recently named one of the 20 most promising US companies by Forbes,

after only four years in business! Dr. Fujita talked about his journey starting as a PhD candidate at Case Western University to Researcher / Professor at Case to staff scientist at Picker International to Director of Engineering at GE Healthcare. He paid his dues, and learned the business from all angles before branching into his own company. A simple, but memorable quote that is one of the tenants for Dr. Fujita is “Tomorrow only comes after Today.” It’s a simple philosophy that summarizes how he built QED. By working on small progressive daily goals, he methodically worked

toward building his business and making QED into the company it is today. Dr. Fujita also talked about the importance of having a mentor and highlighted his own mentor Kazuo Inamori, founder of Kyocera Corp. Thanks to Dr. Fujita for a wonderful talk!



## New Member Profile - Q & A with Rachel Ng



Rachel is a new MotivAsians member who just came to Cleveland in August 2010. Originally from Grand Rapids, MI, she is a recent graduate from the University of Michigan (yay! or boo!?). Rachel came to Cleveland to work at Cleveland Clinic as a pharmacist (yay!). She was also recently appointed as an American Society of Health System Pharmacists Inpatient Care blogger for 2010-2011 where she will be submitting blogs about pertinent inpatient

pharmacy issues for the national organization. Rachel has already joined the Health Fair Committee for the 2011 Cleveland Asian Festival. In addition, Rachel is a foodie and an “elite” level Yelper.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: hmmm... fave restaurant? That's hard, I gotta say Crop Bistro. Overall, EVERYTHING was so good there.

Q: What do you think of Cleveland?

A: Cleveland's an interesting city and has a lot to offer. I'm constantly finding things to do on the weekends - interesting festivals, arts, music venues, etc. And the food is definitely superb here!

Rachel, Welcome to Cleveland!



Building upon the success of the 2010 Festival, MotivAsians is once again a key part in planning the next Cleveland Asian Festival to be held on May 21 & 22, 2011. If you are interested in being part of planning the 2011 Festival, please contact Vi Huynh (vgh28@yahoo.com). We are looking for energetic volunteers to help us with vendor recruitment, grant / sponsorship development, and market and communications. No experience necessary!

## Yvette Obias in the Community



Congratulations to Marie Yvette Obias who on July 9, 2010 was nominated and accepted to join the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization here in Cleveland. The InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF) is a "Cleveland-based interfaith group that promotes peace and human rights in Central America and Colombia." People of faith and conscience founded IRTF after the 1980 execution of four U.S. church women in El Salvador by U.S.-trained soldiers. (The Cleveland mission team lost Jean Donovan and Sister Dorothy Kazel.)" As a member of the board, Ms. Obias participates in bi-monthly meetings as well as serving on sub-committees that fosters the relationships between other non-profits and IRTF. For information,

please visit their website at <http://www.irtfcleveland.org/>

In addition to being on IRTF's board of directors, Ms. Obias currently serves as Board Secretary of Asian Services In Action, Inc (ASIA, Inc). ASIA, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides multiple civil and humanitarian services to immigrants and refugees in the Cuyahoga and Summit counties. She has been serving as a member of the board since 2006 and as their secretary since 2008. For more information, please visit their website at :

<http://www.asiainc-ohio.org/>



**Asian Services In Action, Inc.**

## AABA Ohio General Body Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 5:30 pm

\*\*Social hour with drink and appetizer specials to follow\*\*

Now that the Asian American Bar Association of Ohio is becoming more active, we would like to gather members, potential members, and anyone interested in the Asian Bar to help set a new course for AABA Ohio. Get involved and shape the future of AABA!

The agenda will include reports back from the various groups working on the issues that the attendees at the first General Meeting decided were important for the organization - Mentorship, Career Development, Community Service, Social Networking, Membership, and Bar Liaison/ Increasing AABA Visibility. We will also be planning upcoming events.

The meeting will be held at Ulmer & Berne, 1660 West 2nd Street, Suite 1100, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Visit [AABAOhio.org](http://AABAOhio.org) or email us at [asianbar@aabaohio.org](mailto:asianbar@aabaohio.org) for more information!

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## Looking for a Roommate

2-bedroom upstairs suite for rent in South Euclid that is currently occupied by 2 young females (professional and students). One bedroom is furnished with a full-size bed and the other is empty, with small sitting/office area (furnished with a desk), 3 closets (1 linen closet) and half bath. The entire upstairs is very private, as there is a door at the top of the stairs, so that you can keep the dogs out of your space if you prefer. The living space in the house is shared: updated kitchen, updated full bath, living room, dining room, and basement (free laundry

facilities). \$550 monthly rent includes all utilities (water, electric, gas, sewer, and trash), off-street parking, and wireless internet. The house does have a dishwasher and air conditioning (A/C). No pets, as I already have two small (15 lbs) Shih-Tzu dogs, who are extremely friendly, hypoallergenic and little shedding. Neither of us smoke, prefer either a non-smoker or outside smoker. Available in October.

Located on a side street off of Cedar Rd/Warrensville Center Rd, and within walking distance to shopping, grocery stores, restaurants, and parks. Only a few minutes drive to Legacy Village, Beachwood Mall, John Carroll University/JCU, CASE/CWRU, Notre Dame College, Coventry, Little Italy, etc.

Females Only

Contact Jennifer at 440-669-7401 or [jluu0778@hotmail.com](mailto:jluu0778@hotmail.com)

## Asian Basketball Tournament

**\$1000 WINNER TAKE ALL !!!**  
(Prorated if less than 8 teams play)

**WHO:** Anyone of Asian descent and if you are married\* to an Asian

(Must have a valid marriage license as proof)

**WHAT:** Single Elimination, NCAA rules apply, 2 certified refs, 2-20 minute continuous halves except in last 2 min.

**WHERE:** Mt. Carmel Gym, 1355 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**WHEN:** October 30, 2010 1<sup>st</sup> game 8PM sharp

**WHY:** Proceeds go towards Autism Speaks. This is a fundraising event. There will be door prizes, bake sale, raffles, etc...

**COST:** \$350 per team, 12 teams max, so hurry and register by 10/17/10

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## Vi's View (continued from page 1)

that is respected and sought out to partner with on events. With the historical first ever Cuyahoga County Executive election taking place this November 2, this is our opportunity to be heard. That is why MotivAsians is Co-sponsoring two County Executive Candidate Forums. On September 28, you will have the opportunity to hear the candidates talk about issues affecting young professionals in Cleveland and on October 20, the candidates will speak on issues that affect the Asian community. On Oct 7, we are partnering with Ten Thousand Villages to bring you a most unique networking opportunity to meet other internationally minded individuals in

Cleveland. In addition, Spotlight Cleveland will be held on October 16, and will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about the different organizations in Cleveland and how you can get involved. And finally, we will wrap up our 2010 Speaker Series with Dr. Ye-Fan Glavin on November 4. Whew! What a packed agenda of high quality events. I hope to see you at 1 or 2 or all of them! As always, contact me if you have ideas, comments, or suggestions!

Vi  
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# Choosing Our Future in Cuyahoga County

# *real* THE DECISION

A Debate & Forum With Cuyahoga County Executive Candidates &  
Young Professionals

**TUESDAY 9.28.2010 • 6-9PM**

**WOLSTEIN CENTER**

**MODERATED BY ERIC WELLMAN**

Please enter at the Annex Entrance located near the corner of 21st and Prospect,  
directly left of the Time Warner Cable entrance. Parking available at the south garage  
entrance located on 21st Street, accessible from Prospect, \$1 per hour or \$6 maximum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
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# Fiesta!

A Multicultural Networking Event



Thursday, October 7, 2010  
at Trinity Commons

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.    6:00 - Program

- Network with professionals from locally based International organizations.
- Enjoy an evening of shopping, music and sample international food!
- Ten Thousand Villages Marketplace - All sales benefit our global artisans.
- Silent Auction & Chance Raffles local and fair trade!
- Cash Bar - beer, wine, and soft drinks.

**Tickets:** \$25.00 in advance  
(\$15 tax-deductible)

\$40.00 at the door  
(based on availability)

Fiesta  
Community  
Partners:



3 Easy Ways to Order:

**Online**  
[www.ttvccleveland.com](http://www.ttvccleveland.com)

**Phone**  
216-575-1058

**In Person**  
Ten Thousand Villages in  
Cleveland - Trinity Commons  
2254 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 4411



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Free parking is available in the Trinity Commons parking lot off Prospect. Overflow parking is available in the CSU parking garage off 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

This event is free and open to the public

GET INVOLVED!

# SPOTLIGHT CLEVELAND

A dynamic group of organizations, intent on seeing Cleveland continue to be a great place to live, learn, work, and play, is hosting a program that spotlights opportunities for YOU to get involved with organizations in Cleveland.

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 16, 2010**

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 2:30 p.m.)

## The New CSU Student Center

Cleveland State University  
2121 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44115

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

- Connecting with your peers in the Greater Cleveland Community? •
- Learning about internship, mentorship, apprenticeship or co-op opportunities? •
- Revitalizing the downtown core? •

Come learn about many of the initiatives happening to make Cleveland a better place. Scheduled speaker is **U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown**.

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MOTIVASIANS POLICY BRIDGE



# Cuyahoga County Executive Candidates Forum

A discussion with Cleveland's  
Asian Community

***Get to Know All the  
Candidates!***

***Voice Asian Community  
Concerns!***

***Be Informed and Make Your  
Own Decision on November  
2nd 2010 General Election!***

**Date/Time:** October 20, 2010  
6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Asian Town Center  
3820 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**Candidates:** Matt Dolan  
David H. Ellison  
Ed FitzGerald  
Ken Lanci  
Tim McCormack  
Don Scipione

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• MotivAsians • Organization of Chinese Americans of Greater Cleveland •  
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# MOTIVASIANS

Cleveland's Asian Professional Organization

## 2010 Speaker Series: A Conversation with Dr. Ye-Fan Glavin

Thursday, November 4, 2010

6:00pm Registration and Reception

6:30pm Presentation & Discussion

7:00pm Networking



Foundation House  
Cleveland Clinic  
8615 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44195

Appetizers will be provided.  
**FREE** event, but registration is required.  
Seating is limited.

RSVP by clicking the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/2cbwg9c>

Dr. Glavin is the founder and president of China Invests in America, LLC (CIA), with faculty and senior advisor appointments at Case Western Reserve University and Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. CIA seeks to engage Chinese and US governments, academic institutions, community organizations and entrepreneurs to support Chinese trade and investment in the USA, as well as to promote bilateral commercial and technology collaborations. Dr. Glavin serves as an advisor to China's New and Renewable Energy International Office, the China Chamber of Commerce of Machinery and Electronics, Chinese Law Association on Science and Technology, Tsinghua University and the Cleveland Foundation. She also serves on governing boards, including the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio State International Trade Global Market Advisory Group. Dr. Glavin will discuss opportunities for the US and China during a financial crisis as well as her roadmap to success.

MotivAsians for Cleveland is a premier organization cultivating a vibrant Asian community for Greater Cleveland by promoting the attraction and retention of Asian-American professionals through leadership & professional development, community engagement, and networking.

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