

The Japan-America Society of Georgia  
**2023 Annual Dinner Gala  
& Mike Mansfield  
Awards Ceremony**



ジョージア日米協会  
**2023年度 年次晩餐会**  
マイク・マンズフィールド賞授賞式



**Day  
Lancaster**



**Yumiko  
Nakazono**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023.**

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# 2023 Annual Dinner Gala

## **Networking Reception & Sokubai Fundraiser**

❖ *Sliced Smoked Salmon, Lemon Crème Fraîche on Dill Lavosh*

## **Welcome & Acknowledgement of Special Guests / Sponsors**

James Whitcomb  
Chair

Jessica Cork  
Chair Emeritus

## **Ambassador Mike Mansfield Awards Presentation**

❖ *Day Lancaster, Outstanding American*

❖ *Yumiko Nakazono, Outstanding Japanese*

## **50 Year Anniversary of The State of Georgia Tokyo Office & Gift Presentation**

## **Toast by the Consul General of Japan**

The Honorable Mio Maeda  
Consul General of Japan

## **Dinner**

❖ *Bibb Lettuce Salad: Citrus Segments, Strawberries,  
Walnuts, Honey Poppyseed Dressing*

❖ *Tenderloin & Salmon, Yukon Gold Potato Puree,  
Roasted Baby Carrots, Asparagus, Heirloom Tomatoes,  
Chardonnay Thyme Butter*

❖ *Key Lime Pie- Raspberry Coulis, Fresh Strawberries*

## **Dinner Performance**

Junko Fujiyama  
Singer/Songwriter

## **Door Prize Drawing**

Yoshi Domoto  
Executive Director

## **Closing Remarks**

James Whitcomb  
Chair

# Ambassador Mike Mansfield Awards

The Mike Mansfield Awards were established in December 1985 by the Executive Committee of The Japan-America Society of Georgia in honor of former Ambassador Mansfield's outstanding and steadfast efforts in fostering goodwill between Japan and the United States. The awards are presented to outstanding Americans and Japanese who have continuously contributed their efforts toward promoting better understanding of cultural and economic issues between the peoples of the United States and Japan.

## 2021 Award Recipients



**Day Lancaster** was born in Japan to missionary parents and lived there until graduating from high school. After receiving a B.A. in Japanese Studies from Earlham College, he worked for two Japanese electronics companies and subsequently joined the Georgia Department of Industry and Trade, where he worked for eight years, four and a half of which were in Tokyo as Managing Director spearheading the effort to attract over 100 companies from the Pacific Rim to Georgia. After acquiring an Executive MBA from Georgia State University, Lancaster joined an intercultural communications consulting and training firm before starting his career in commercial real estate. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Lancaster serves on the Board of Directors of The Japan America Society of Georgia and served as chair in 2012 and 2013. He has also served as both an officer and a director of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia and chaired the Yamabikokai, a subcommittee made up of Americans working for Japan related companies. During the Centennial Olympic Games he was the ACOG Envoy to the Japanese Olympic delegation, heading up a volunteer team of 18 staff people who assisted the athletes and staff in the Olympic Village and various venues.



**Yumiko Nakazono** was born and raised in Kagoshima, Japan. She graduated from the Faculty of Law, Economics and Literature at Kagoshima University, where she majored in English and American Literature and Linguistics. She worked for Fuji Xerox Corporation before joining Georgia's Japan office in 1989. She was promoted to the position of managing director just five years later. She served under six Georgia governors, during which time the Japanese corporate presence in Georgia has grown significantly. Under her leadership, Japan has become one of Georgia's top foreign investors with over \$11 billion in investment since the 1970s. Ms. Nakazono was also presented the Governor George Busbee Award in 2007, which recognizes an individual who has contributed to building ever stronger relationships between Japan and Georgia.

## Mike Mansfield Awards Recipients



Year	Outstanding Georgian	Outstanding Japanese
2021	<b>Day Lancaster</b> NAI/Brannen Goddard	<b>Yumiko Nakazono</b> Georgia Dept of Economic Development
2012	<b>Alex Gregory</b> YKK Corporation of America	<b>Tom Yamamoto</b> Murata Electronics N.A.
2006	<b>Glenn Cornell</b> Georgia Dept. of Economic Development	<b>Taizo Nishimuro</b> Toshiba Corporation
2002	<b>Daniel P. Amos</b> AFLAC Inc.	<b>(No Winner)</b>
2001	<b>(No Winner)</b>	<b>Tadahiro 'Tad' Yoshida</b> YKK Corporation
2000	<b>(No Winner)</b>	<b>Toshiyuki Imazu</b> Matsushita Communications Ind. Corp.
1999	<b>Joe White</b> Troutman Sanders	<b>Masako 'Mako' Nakai</b> Columbus Saturday School
1998	<b>Joe Frank Harris</b> Former Georgia Governor	<b>Tadayuki Nonoyama</b> Ambassador to Sweden/Norway
1997	<b>Ronald W. Allen</b> Delta Air Lines, Inc.	<b>Naohiko Kumagai</b> Mitsui & Company, Ltd.
1996	<b>John E. Endicott, Ph.D.</b> Georgia Institute of Technology	<b>Gen-Ichi Nakamura</b> Nishi Tokyo University
1995	<b>A.W. "Bill" Dahlberg</b> The Southern Company	<b>Takashi Ishihara</b> Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.
1994	<b>Don Sands</b> Goldkist, Inc.	<b>Susumu Yamaji</b> Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.
1993	<b>Andrew Young</b> Former Mayor of Atlanta & Ambassador	<b>Kageshika Matano</b> Japan Fair Trade Commission
1992	<b>John Georgas</b> The Coca-Cola Company	<b>Norio (Nick) Tsubokawa</b> YKK (USA), Inc.
1991	<b>Sam Ayoub</b> Seaboard Management Corp.	<b>Minister Takayuki Kimura</b> Embassy of Japan
1990	<b>The Honorable Jimmy Carter</b> Former President of the United States	<b>Kazuo Chiba</b> Former Ambassador of Japan
1989	<b>Governor George Busbee</b> King & Spalding	<b>Norishige Hasegawa</b> The Sumitomo Chemical Co.
1988	<b>James Balloun</b> McKinsey & Co., Inc.	<b>Yoshio Takei, M.D.</b> Emory University Hospital
1987	<b>Governor Carl E. Sanders</b> Troutman, Sanders Lockerman & Ashmore	<b>Yoshinori Kitano</b> YKK (USA), Inc.
1986	<b>Robert J. Broadwater</b> JASG Senior Advisor	<b>Futoshi (Fred) Chanoki</b> Murata Erie, N.A., Inc.

### **About Mike Mansfield**

*Mike Mansfield was first elected to the United States Congress in 1942 as a Representative from the State of Montana. He was elected to the United States Senate from Montana in 1952 and re-elected in 1958, 1964 and 1970. He was elected as Senate Majority Leader in 1961 and served in this capacity until his retirement from the Senate in 1977 – longer than any other Majority Leader in the history of the U.S. Senate. Throughout his career, Mr. Mansfield accepted a number of foreign policy assignments to the U.N. – West Berlin, Southeast Asia, and the Peoples Republic of China – at the requests of four presidents. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed him Ambassador to Japan (the twenty-second American Ambassador to Japan) and President Ronald Reagan subsequently renewed the appointment. At his retirement from that post in 1988, he had served longer than any previous American Ambassador to Japan.*

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