

# DAS NEWS

Fall 2005 edition

*The Rising Sun in the First State*  
<http://delawareanimesociety.com>



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## DAS – Who We Are

Delaware Anime Society (DAS) is a place for people with an interest in Japanese anime (animation), manga (comics), music, and pop culture to meet with like-minded individuals in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

We hold monthly meetings that include screenings of popular Japanese anime titles that are not available on U.S. Television. We also offer group trips, mini-cons, web groups, exclusive merchandise, vendor discounts, and more!

DAS is free to join and has chapters in New Castle and Kent/Sussex counties in Delaware; as well as our newest affiliate chapter, DAS Kanameiji in West Chester, Pennsylvania. We also welcome out of state fans.

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## japanese word of the month

**Genki** – this word does not have one single direct translation to English. It can mean “vigor”, “vitality”, “energy”, or being happy and/or healthy.

Phrases incorporating genki include:

**Genki o dashite** - “Cheer up”

**O-genki desu ka?** - “How are you?”

**Genki desu** - “Fine, thank you.”

## ZENTRANCON

DAS is a proud co-sponsor of **Zentrancon**, a new sci-fi/fantasy/anime convention taking place in Philadelphia on **October 16** at The Rotunda (between 40<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets).



Included will be a dealer's room, a video room (showing various sci-fi, cult and anime films), panels, a rave, and a costume/cosplay show!

Zentrancon is also pleased to announce as it's special guest, noted voice actress **Corrine Orr!** Ms. Orr was the original English voice of “Trixie” in the anime classic, *Speed Racer*. Currently, she is known as the voice of the Snuggle Bear in television commercials.

In addition to announcing our special guest, a mascot fanart contest was held in August with a wide array of talented fan artists submitting their vision of the Zentrancon mascot, Fuko. Our first place winner, Anjel, submitted “Mecha Fuko” (above). All the submitted designs, including “Mecha Fuko” will be featured on exclusive Zentrancon merchandise, as well as in advertising and the official Zentrancon booklet.

<http://www.geocities.com/zentrancon>

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## DC Anime Art Show

Saturday, October 22, 2005

A display of anime-related fan art, sponsored by the DC Anime Club will take place at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library Exhibit hall in Washington, DC.

For more information, or if you are interested in contributing artwork to the show, please visit the DC Anime Club's website: <http://dcanime.umd.edu>

## DAS STREAMING RADIO

DAS is now the first anime club in Delaware to have its own live weekly streaming radio broadcasts featuring anime, gaming, J-pop and J-rock music!

DJ Dan (DAS Kanameiji) pumps up the vibes on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Listen in at: <http://zigdasradio.qc1.net:8100/index.html>

NeoChichiri does the honors on Tuesday and Friday nights from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Listen in at: <http://dasradio.endoftheinternet.org>

\*\* A player such as WinAmp is needed to listen \*\*

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## HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE SPECIAL EVENT

The DAS has been asked to do a special program/presentation in conjunction with the Schwartz Center for the Arts presentation of *Howl's Moving Castle*.

The film will be shown on Sunday, September 4 and Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. both nights. DAS will present both a pre- and post-film program including a cosplay presentation!

DAS is proud to have been asked to participate in what we hope will be a well attended and fun event.

<http://www.schwartzcenter.com>

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## EXPLORING ASIAN CULTURE: THE PAGODA

*(submitted by Annie Dzus)*

During the early 1900s, William Abbott Witman, Sr. stopped his stone quarry operation on Mount Penn near Reading, Pennsylvania. He discovered he was permanently damaging the mountainside, and decided to make amends to the city by replacing the damage

with a luxury hotel.

The hotel was built in the style of a castle of the Shogun Dynasty of Japan, and it was called The Pagoda. However, in combination with his license for serving alcohol being denied, and the not-so-easily accessed road that led to The Pagoda, Witman eventually had to close the hotel. He sold The Pagoda to a businessman named Jonathan Mould, who then donated it back to the City of Reading.



*The Pagoda*

Over the years, The Pagoda has been used for many events include as a news transmitter before radio and television became popular. By deciphering the blinking lights on the of The Pagoda through a modified Morse code, the residents in the city below could discover breaking news stories such as election results.

Today, The Pagoda is a popular stop for sightseers and an incredible landmark. Upon entering The Pagoda, one walks through a magnificent Japanese temple gateway. The interior of the building is lined with red and yellow tiled floors; and a traditional oak staircase leads to the upper levels. A 6<sup>th</sup> floor observation deck allows visitors to take in a breath-taking view of the valley below, including the city of Reading.

On the rooftop stands a four foot tall Shanchihoko or dolphin, which is a Japanese water symbol believed to protect buildings from fire. Finally, The Pagoda holds a bell, cast in Japan in 1739. Inside the bell is a transcription that most scholars believe to be the names of the bell's donors and a prophesy regarding the end of time.

The Pagoda is open to the public daily from noon to 5:00 p.m. There is also a gift shop, located on the 4<sup>th</sup>

floor that is open daily (except for Wednesday and Thursday) from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 610-375-6399 or visit The Pagoda site at <http://www.pagodaskyline.org/pagoda/>



The Pagoda bell

## DAS HAPPENINGS

Meeting information -

### **West Chester (PA) Chapter**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
Seven Oaks Apartments, West Chester, PA  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Video gaming hour  
3:00-8:00 p.m. Meeting (anime screenings)

### **Kent/Sussex (DE) Chapter**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Superior Comics, downtown Dover, DE  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Video gaming hour  
3:00-8:00 p.m. Meeting (anime screenings)

Last Saturday of the month  
Superior Comics, downtown, Dover DE  
4:00-8:00 p.m. Video gaming, anime and films  
(themed meeting)

### **New Castle (DE) Chapter**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Brandywine 100 Library, Wilmington, DE  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Video gaming hour  
3:00-8:00p.m. Meeting (anime screenings)

Each chapter has it's own play list of set anime titles, as well as slots for random audience picks. To find out what is currently showing, please check the DAS website at: <http://delawareanimesociety.com>

## About Me



Hi, my name is Dan, and I go to the club meetings.

Okay, enough of that!

Hey guys! I'm your gaming nerd/super geek computer guy here to talk a bit about myself in this issue of the DAS newsletter.

I'm your typical gamer brought up on many systems in that void of society known as the Poconos in mid-state Pennsylvania. I like to play Ikaruga, Torus Trooper, and many other crazy shooters. I also enjoy coding in Flash. My sign is Capricorn and I enjoy long walks on the beach.

DON'T FORGET TO FLAP YOUR ARMS!

Hugs & Kisses, Dan

(Dan is a member of the West Chester (PA) chapter and is one of our resident Djs)

## FAN ART

Special Otakon fan-art of our mascots Momo and Taro by Tim Pierpont from the (Kent/Sussex Chapter).



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