



OUTLOOK

JACL's 7th Annual Community Recognition Dinner *By Pat Nakashima*

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, the San Jose JACL will host the 7th Annual San Jose JACL Community Recognition Dinner at the Holiday Inn-San Jose on North First Street. Dinner reservations are \$75 each; table of 10 for \$750. In conjunction with the dinner, there will be a silent auction and benefit drawing to raise funds for chapter programs. This is our chapter's major fundraiser.

This year the chapter will honor five deserving community members. The honorees are:

Warren Hayashi who is currently Nikkei Matsuri Committee Chair and serves on the boards of the Wesley Methodist Church, Fuji Towers and Japantown Community Congress of San Jose.

Ray and Lucy Matsumoto, longtime members of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin and Advisory Board, Yu-Ai Kai, and San Jose JACL. They have been especially supportive of the youth scholarship program through our chapter.

James B. Peckham, Sr. and James B. Peckham, Jr. During World War II, many properties in San Jose were protected by the benevolent watchdog lawyer from one of San Jose's founding families. The Peckhams used both eyes and the law to monitor numerous Japanese businesses and homes. The Peckham family is



Warren Hayashi
7th Annual San Jose JACL Community Recognition honoree's

Lucy & Ray Matsumoto

Clodelle & James B. Peckham Jr.
Jimi & Eiko Yamaichi

James B. Peckham Sr.
Nihonmachi Outreach Committee

credited with saving Japantown during the four years when it stood boarded up and empty.

Jimi and Eiko Yamaichi. Jimi currently serves as the curator of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, leading many walking tours of Japantown. He also serves on the boards of Fuji Towers, Nikkei Matsuri Committee, and the Advisory Boards of the San Jose JACL, and San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. Eiko is always there to support Jimi as well as volunteering at Yu-Ai Kai, JAMSj and the Buddhist Women's Association of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin.



Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC). Founded in 1979, NOC is actively involved in the annual Day of Remembrance and was a driving force in the attainment of redress and reparations for internees of World War II. NOC initiated the Day of Remembrance celebration in 1981.

Finally, we continue to plan our capital campaign as we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the IMB in 2010.

For more information, contact Jeff Yoshioka at (408) 363-8191 or jyoshioka@msn.com.

General Election

Please join us at the Chapter's Annual General Election and Potluck Dinner. At this event, the membership will elect its board of directors, and then the board of directors will elect the officers for the 2009 year. Along with the elections we will be having a potluck dinner. So please come out to vote in the new board, and you will get a bonus of a delicious potluck dinner.

Please let me know if you will be attending the potluck and what dish you will be making. I can be reached at (408) 363-8191, or E-Mail: [jyoshioka@msn.com](mailto: jyoshioka@msn.com)

If you need a ride to the meeting, please give Jeff a call and he will arrange for a ride to the meeting.

Date: **November 14, 2008, Friday**
Time: **6:00pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00pm General Election**
Place: **Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth Street, San Jose, CA 95112**
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San Jose JACL Summer BBQ *By Pat Nakashima*

The chapter's annual barbecue to say "thank you" to our volunteers and supporters saw a good-sized crowd of people gathering in the back yard of the IMB on Friday evening, August 1. Many thanks to all those of you who were able to come by to enjoy the delicious eats put out by Jeff Yoshioka and his hard-working helpers and the board members who brought out wonderful salads, side dishes, tsukemono, musubi, other great Japanese dishes, and yummy desserts – ice cream !



Paul Nishimatsu, Master BBQ Chef



Len Fujita and Michael Yoshihara Entertains the crowd



Kazu Kimura enjoys his ice cream

We also very gratefully acknowledge the wonderful music provided by Michael Yoshihara and Len Fujita. They not only provided 'mood music' while everyone was eating; they continued to play throughout the evening – even while we were putting things away! The music probably helped us all to find a rhythm to work to! It was an enjoyable evening to socialize, mix and meet different people and, once again, to thank our invaluable community volunteers and supporters. Our chapter is only as strong as our members and supporters allow it to be. It was good to see so many of our scholarship donors present and President Gail Sueki acknowledged the many ways so many who attended give to our community and to our chapter. It's been a busy year and we're not finished yet.

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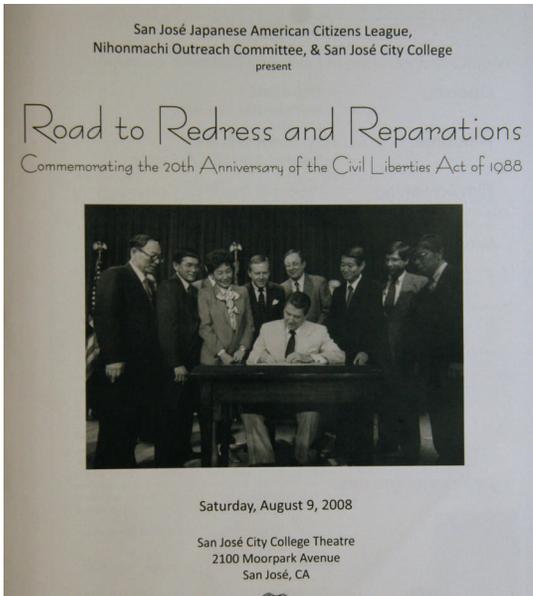
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San Jose JACL Commemorates Civil Liberties Act of 1988 *By Pat Nakashima*



On Saturday afternoon, August 9, 2008, the program “Road to Redress and Reparations: Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988,” co-sponsored by San Jose JACL, San José City College and Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, brought together more than 230 attendees to watch the video “Redress: The JACL Campaign for Justice”(produced by the National JACL) and to listen to three outstanding speakers tell of their involvement in the process which, ultimately, led to the passage of the momentous Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Gail Sueki, President of SJ JACL, acted as mistress of ceremonies for the afternoon. Host San José City College’s President Michael Burke welcomed the audience.

The video documented the process of the redress and reparations movement which culminated in the Civil Liberties Act signed by President Ronald Reagan. The main purpose of this event was to educate and inform the public not only about the Civil Liberties Act but also to see what its importance is today in light of policies and attitudes that can be seen in contemporary society. After the showing of the video, keynote speaker the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation in the G.W. Bush administration as well as former Mayor of San Jose, spoke of his involvement with the process of

getting the Civil Liberties Act through Congress. John Tateishi, former Executive Director of JACL as well as JACL Redress Director and Susan Hayase, local activist with the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, also added more details and specifics about the long process. With the aid and support of many influential legislators as well as the grassroots involvement of groups like JACL, NOC, LEC, and WRAA and, most importantly, the testimony of internees who were finally able to express their feelings, many having been held in check for over 40 years, House Bill 442 (a salute to the heroic Regimental Combat Team) became the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. What the bill did, in addition to offering reparations (in the form of \$20,000 to all surviving internees) was, most importantly, to offer an apology to the citizens of this country who, through no fault of their own but because of the ‘accident of birth’ were born into immigrant families whose ancestors came from Japan. The apology and acknowledgment that the government of the United States acted wrongly in suspending the civil rights of its own citizens is a valuable lesson which can never be over-emphasized. Michael Pearce, the winner of the San Jose JACL-sponsored essay contest, was present at the event to read his winning effort. Michael read with conviction and authority as he underscored the importance of learning the lessons of the past. It was also very nice to have had Terence Nonato, another participant in the essay contest, present at the event.

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Keynote speaker, Norman Y. Mineta

Photographs By Tom Nishikawa



Front row: Gail Sueki, Chapter President, John Tateishi, Susan Hayase, Norman Mineta, Pat Nakashima

Back row: Tom Oshidari, Kenzo Kimura Event Chairperson, Jeff Yoshioka, Larry Oda National JACL President



Michael Pearce, Essay contest winner



Civil Liberties Act *(continued from page 3)*

At the end of the program, attendees were invited to enjoy some light refreshments (provided by Santo Market, Minato Sushi and Yu-Ai Kai) and visit the displays set up by the San Jose JACL, National JACL, Japanese American Museum of San Jose, the Asian American Curriculum Project, Asian Law Alliance, and Campaign for Justice.

Many thanks to all those who attended and who filled out evaluation forms. Part of the funding of this program was made possible by the JACL Legacy Grant Fund Program. Tom Oshidari of SJ JACL spearheaded the chapter effort to obtain a grant and the chapter was one of the recipients. Among the comments received in the survey were the following:

"I have lived through the evacuation, this forum gave me a better appreciation of redress."

"It was a privilege to be here and hear the people who made this happen."

"Very educational. I learned more than in my college course."

"I lived through it all, but still was surprised to learn to what extent everyone had to work to get the work done. Very inspiring."

"Very informative. Nice that so many community leaders took time to talk to everyone. The winning essay was excellent and well delivered."

The attendance of Larry Oda, JACL President, and David Kawamoto, VP of Planning and Development, and district board members Emily Teruya, Gordy Kono, April Goral, and Sharon Uyeda (SJ Chapter) were also acknowledged. Additionally, the SJ JACL chapter would like to recognize funding sponsors Southwest Airlines, AT & T, and NCWNP JACL District support. Other chapters also contributing by attendance or donation were: Diablo Valley, Fresno, Gilroy, Hawaii, Marin, Pennsylvania, San Diego, San Francisco, San Benito, San Mateo, Sequoia, Watsonville/Santa Cruz, and West Valley.

The Redress Forum Committee, ably headed by Kenzo Kimura of the San Jose JACL, included Gary Jio and Reiko Nakayama of Nihonmachi Outreach Committee and Neil Kozuma, Tom Oshidari, Pat Nakashima, Jeff Yoshioka, and Gail Sueki of SJ JACL. The committee thanks the many volunteers who helped the day of the event by directing traffic, setting up displays and food tables, ushering and handing out programs, and helping with clean-up.



John Tateishi



Larry Oda



Kenzo Kimura



From L to R: Gail Sueki, Susan Hayase, John Tateishi, Michael Pearce, Terence Nonato, Norman Mineta, Kenzo Kimura



Reiko Iwanaga, Norm Mineta, Paul Fong, Helen Hayashi, Sam Liccardo



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Tom Oshidari

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JACL National Convention

By Sharon Uyeda, Chapter Delegate to the Convention

The JACL National Convention was held in Salt Lake City, Utah from July 16 - July 20. San Jose was well represented. Tom Nishikawa and I were the two Chapter delegates. The *Pacific Citizen* had a special Convention issue, which covered many of the happenings during the Convention. I would like to highlight two things. First was the standing ovation that Mark Kobayashi received for his outstanding job as National Secretary/Treasurer. It was a wonderful acknowledgment for all the hard work Mark did during his two terms. Second was the Chapter receiving a \$2,700 Legacy Grant for the Redress Forum that was held in August. Chicago will be the host of the 2010 JACL National Convention and plans are already underway.



Emily K., Lisa K., Allison K., Mark K., Reiko and Milo Yoshino



Diablo Valley Gordy Kono and JACLer of the Biennium Emily Teruya

Reflections on the Convention

By Jeff Yoshioka

This was my first convention to actually go to the events and participate. Salt Lake did a great job and I had a wonderful time. I drove to Salt Lake with San Jose JACL Youth Mariko Fujimoto, Andrew Knaack, Jeffrey Fudenna, and Linda Fujimoto a mother. On the 12 hour drive home we had a lot of time to talk and debrief about the convention.

I think the strength of the organization is the youth and young professionals. I hope we can keep them interested and involved. We hosted the 2007 Youth conference in San Jose, and I was so happy to see so many from that conference at the convention and involved on the Youth Council and National Council.

We are already talking about ways to fundraise to send youth to the 2009 Youth Conference in Minnesota, and the 2010 National Convention in Chicago. Sorry, I don't think I will be driving from San Jose on either of those trips.



Jeffrey Fudenna, Norman Mineta, Mariko Fujimoto
And Andrew Knaack



Linda Fujimoto, Jeff Y., Andrew K.
Mariko F., Jeffrey F. ready for the long drive



Andrew K., Norm Mineta, & Gail S.

San Jose JACL Activities and Participation

7/16 – National JACL Convention – Salt Lake City – Gail S., Tom Nishikawa, Sharon U.,

7/20 Jeff Y., Leon K., Mark K., Greer Nishikawa, Lisa K., Andrew Knaack, Jeffrey Fudenna, Mariko Fujimoto,
Linda Fujimoto, Emily K., Allison K.,

7/23 Outlook Mailer – Amy H., Jeff Y., Cecily N., Lia N.



Allison, Gail, Emily matching sisters



Tom & Greer Nishikawa



Emily T., Sharon U., Leon K.

8/1 JACL Summer Appreciation BBQ – Gail S., Leon K., Jeff Y., Pat N., Sharon U., Joyce O., Kenzo K., Mark K.,

8/9 Road to Redress & Reparations Forum – Kenzo K., Gail S., Tom O., Pat N., Jeff Y., Sharon U., Joyce O., Leon K.,
Amy H., Tom Nishikawa, Ron Y.,



Ray & Lucy Matsumoto, & John Hayakawa



Alex Kami, Jim Nagareda, Linda Fujimoto



Aggie Idemoto, Lisa Kobayashi

9/8 Recognition Dinner Mailer – Jeff Y., Pat N., Neil K., Leon K.

9/12 SJ JACL Board Meeting

9/20 35th Anniversary San Jose Taiko Concert – Jeff Y., Joyce O.



Nancy Kerbel, Sharon U., Pat N., Mark K



Noriko & Doug Ray, Colleen Oda.



Greg & Nick Hori, Emily K., Karen Thjan,

Tim Tom, Colin Boon.

Civil Liberties Report

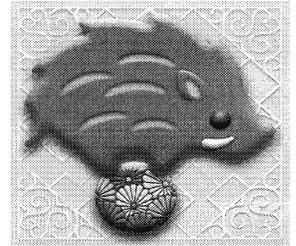
As a member of the Asian Pacific Islander Justice Coalition (APIJC) (which the chapter is a founding member) the chapter has signed onto a few letters of support. The chapter signed onto a letter against the Ladies Professional Golf Associations proposed fine and penalty of players that could not pass an English test. This letter had a positive outcome with the LPGA changing their mind on the proposed plan. The chapter also signed onto a letter of support for Filipino Veterans right to receive benefits, and Hotel workers right to unionize if they choose. The chapter signed onto a letter of support for a hearing on Redress for Japanese Latin Americans by the Campaign for Justice. **Please go to the chapter website under Civil Liberties to view the letters, or more information on these issues.**

Michael Yoshihara, CFS

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Save the date on Saturday, November 22, 2008, 2:00 p.m. Fourth Street Bowl for the 4th Annual San Jose JACL Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser. Please come and enjoy some bowling, snacks, drinks, fun and help raise funds for the San Jose JACL. There are prizes for top fundraiser, top male bowler, top female bowler, and top youth bowler. If you are interested or would like an entry form, please contact Jeff Yoshioka for more details. jjoshioka@msn.com or check out the website for details www.sanjosejacl.org
Here are some pictures from last year's event.



Greg & Nick Hori, Emily Kobayashi, Gail S. & Emily Teruya having fun Top Fundraiser & Top Male Bowler Franco Imperial, 2nd place Male Bowler Leon K., 2nd place Fundraiser Wisa Uemura Top Female Bowler Chris Kawashima

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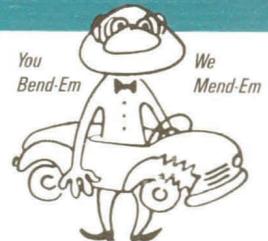
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Calendar of Events

October, 2008

4 - Spirit of Japantown Festival, 10am- 6pm Japantown
10 - SJ JACL Board Meeting, 7:00 IMB

14 - SJ JACL General Election/Potluck 5:30 IMB

15 - JAMsj Winter Boutique, Buddhist Church

22 - San Jose JACL Bowl - A - Thon, 4th Street

November, 2008

1 - 7th Annual Recognition Dinner, 5:30 pm, Holiday Inn

December, 2008

12 - SJ JACL Board Meeting, 7:00 IMB

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More Pictures from the Forum, Convention, and BBQ



Nice crowd enjoys a summer night



Tim Tom & Randy Okamura



The Kimura Family enjoy the BBQ



The Horis & Boons



Work session at the convention



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