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OUTLOOK

Annual Appreciation BBQ by Cindy sugino

The **JACL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AND COMMUNITY BBQ** was held at the Issei Memorial Building in San Jose, CA. on Friday, August 23rd, 2013.

This annual BBQ, teasers' and members is JACL's way of success of all JACL

Tables were set building, three Grills room along with all



hosted by the San Jose JACL brings together JACL members, volunteers of the surrounding community. This opportunity to relax and social-saying "Thank you" for contributions that are **key** to the continuing community service and other projects this past year.

amongst the landscape of the Rear Gardens of the Issei Memorial fired up with **Tri tip steaks, chicken, sausages Portobello mushroom the wonderful side dishes prepared by the Board members!**

Thank you to All who attended, special thank to the members and volunteers for their help with the setup and cooking and cleanup.



Volunteers - Heart of the Community

Please join us in celebrating 2013 honorees:

			
Mas Horiuchi	Mike Inouye	Midori Kai	Dale Sasaki

Saturday November 2nd, 2013

Location: Garden Hotel, San Jose airport

1740 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112

Celebration Reservations:

\$100 per person (\$90 San Jose JACL members) \$900 for tables of 10



Program:

Welcome and Introductions

Dinner: Filet Mignon & Salmon Combo.

The Dessert Dash follows dinner. (See Note below)

The Recognition of this year's honorees will follow the Dessert Dash.

The Silent Auction (bidding begins before the program and through dinner and top bidders claim their items after the program)

For additional information or reservations;

RSVP on our Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/events/307077996096922/>

Or contact our San Jose JACL office

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Something to Know about the ‘Dessert Dash Fund Raiser’ *by Sharon Uyeda*

Please attend the 11th Annual Community Recognition Dinner and in addition to acknowledging our distinguished honorees, participate in the Dessert Dash Fund Raiser! Attendees at each table will be asked to donate and in order determined by the amount of monies collected by the tables and averaged by headcount, a representative from each table will get to dash for a dessert for their table to enjoy. ***Monies raised through the Dessert Dash will be allocated to the Chapter scholarship fund and youth activities.*** Remember to bring your checkbook or cash and give generously to support our youth.



Annual Issei Memorial Building Cleanup Day by Hayato Takami

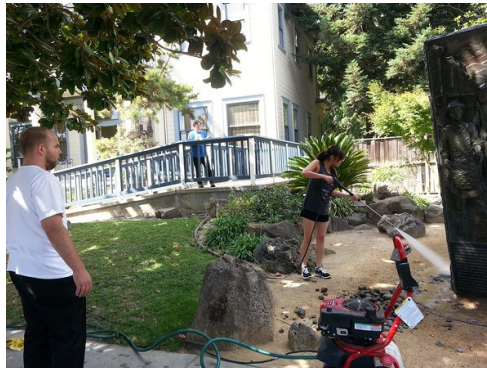


The IMB got a face lift when close to 40 individuals came out to show their support for the annual Issei Memorial Building cleanup on August 16th. Everything from interior deep cleaning to rebuilding of the surrounding backyard fence was performed in the short weekend. A variety of individuals from all walks of life came out to help such as the Nik-kei Singles Club and anime students from San Jose State.

It's hard not to notice the letters shining once again on the IMB sign and the CCLPEP Bronze monument is less "green" in front. ;) Thanks to the Japantown Lions Club, we now have a reconstructed fence encircling the backyard. Some tasks were smaller but took just as much elbow grease; such as the marks being wiped clean off the walls throughout the interior. Whether it was a big or small task, everyone was eager to contribute and show their support in a big way. As is often the case, the community effort ensured that we were able to complete all of the tasks planned and for this we would like to thank all that came to participate and give up their valuable time on a Saturday. Thank you for preserving the mission of the JACL of: "Advocating for justice and working to preserve the Issei Memorial Building for future generations".

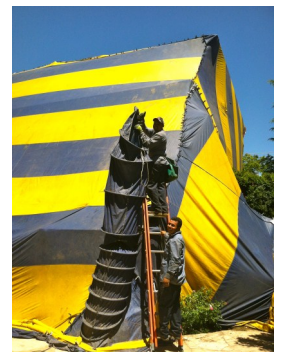
Additional pictures from Jeff Sera can be found at

<http://yukikazu photography.smugmug.com/Groups/SJ-JACL/>



Issei Memorial Building Fumigation by Susan Mineta

In early August, as part of the facility management of our historic Issei Memorial Building, the structure was completely tented and fumigated. The following week, soil treatment for subterranean termites was also conducted. This was a first step in what will be several building maintenance and improvement projects to come over the next year.



President's Message *by Leon Kimura*



Sometimes I feel like being in the JACL is like being the President of your High School Senior Class... You have this responsibility or obligation to your classmates to volunteer to organize the class reunions - for - the - rest - of - your - life! Sure, I suppose you can delegate. But in the back of your mind, you KNOW that the job is really something that people are counting on you to do. So, being in the JACL or any volunteer organization for that matter is kind of like that I think. People begin to count on you being there and you don't want to let them down.

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Now, I never was the Senior Class President but I have been on the JACL Board for many, many years now. And as I look around our community, I note that there are dedicated volunteers everywhere! So that is why I am especially gratified to see that this year our Recognition Dinner theme is dedicated to the community volunteers! They really are the heart of the community and it is so good to know that there are so many "other" Senior Class Presidents out there! ;)

So, please join me in showing our appreciation and cheering on this year's honorees at the San Jose JACL Recognition Dinner on November 2nd! Being a perpetual volunteer is normally a thankless job so this is your chance to change that and buy a friend a drink, give a well-deserved handshake or a warm embrace! Or a sincere "thanks for all you do" would be remembered for a long, long time. Hope to see you there and remember to return those overdue library books!

San Jose JACL Annual General Election Meeting

by Tom Oshidori



Held on Wednesday, November 6th:

San Jose JACL's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, at the Issei Memorial Building. The event will start at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner. The business meeting will start at about 6:45 pm with a recap of the Chapter's year and the election of a slate of Board Members to a two-year term. Sue Shigemasa and Cindy Sugino are coordinating the election. Following the General Meeting will be a regular Board Meeting, where a slate of Executive Officers will be voted upon.

A quorum or 20 Chapter members in good standing (membership is currently active) is required in order to have a valid election; so please plan to attend

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The San Jose JACL Board meets on the **First Wednesday** of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the Issei Memorial Building. Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Come and help shape San Jose JACL's future.

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2013 National Convention – Justice for All *by Leon Kimura*



The San Jose JACL had four representatives attend the convention. **Sharon Uyeda, Wayne Tanda, Carrie Kimura** and myself participated in a memorable program in our nation's capital.

Representative Zoe Loftgren with JACL delegates from San Jose and Gilroy



“**Washington, D.C.** -- The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) completed its 2013 National Convention in Washington, D.C. with the theme of "Justice for All." The Convention celebrated the 25-year anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (the Redress Bill) with a focus on civil rights. Starting out the convention on Wednesday, July 24, was the Opening Banquet which featured a number of prominent guests. An interesting Plenary Session on Redress featured the Honorable **Norman Y. Mineta, Wade Henderson, and John Tateishi** with **Carol Izumi** as moderator. A Civil Rights Plenary Session had a panel consisting of **Stuart Ishimaru, Mee Moua, and Hilary Shelton**. A variety of workshops were held. Receptions held at the National Archives and at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan to the United States were outstanding features of the convention along with the Legacy Luncheon. Visits to Members of Congress and the National Council sessions kept delegates engaged.” **Excerpt from Message from Floyd Mori, 2013 National Convention Chair**

As Floyd outlined above, the convention was packed with an inspiring array of activities and speakers that recapped a 25-year history of JACL efforts to protect and preserve the civil rights of Japanese Americans. And truly inspirational was the information shared by speakers like **Wade Henderson** who recounted the efforts of NAACP leaders to help the then fledgling JACL establish a leadership presence. And representatives like **Mee Moua** of the emerging AAPI, and indeed all communities of color, reflected that the JA legacy is even now so very important to the ongoing struggle in attaining civil liberties for all. It is sobering to think that after 25-years there is the need to tell and retell the story of our Nikkei struggles and of JACL roles to enable others to study and benefit from our achievements.



Memorial to JA Patriotism



(L) Convention committee members enjoy the Closing Reception at the Ambassador's home. Left to Right: John Tobe, Amy Watanabe, Secretary Norman Mineta, Mrs. Deni Mineta, Martha Watanabe.

2013 National Convention – Justice for All(continued)

This convention flooded your senses with inspirational messages from the past through: listening to speakers from like-minded organizations; shaking the hands of legends in the redress movement like **Norman Mineta** and **John Tataishi**; witnessing for the first time at the National Archives the pairing of the original documents that first incarcerated (Executive Order 9066) and then freed (H.R. 442) 120,000 Japanese Americans; absorbing the ambiance of the incredible Residence of Ambassador **Kenichiro Sasae** while first greeting his guests then honoring Speaker Jim Wright, Glenn Roberts, and the late President Ronald Reagan with the presentation of the first Governor **Ralph L. Carr** Award for Courage and then again hearing Ambassador Sasae and our National President **David Lin** speak on a fresh new day at the reflecting pool, monument and inscription walls at the Memorial to Japanese-American Patriotism in WWII. As you can see the Nikkei history was given its due recognition.



Shea Aoki, who has attended every Convention since 1930,

But that's not all folks. The past and the present blended seamlessly as the JACL planners orchestrated what was essentially a storming of Capitol Hill when all the delegates teamed-up armed with immigration reform fact sheets and talking points and simultaneously called on 64 congressional offices! We visited an old friend, **Rep. Zoe Lofgren** and it was great to see the Congressional Gold Medal replica she received for helping orchestrate and preside over our local San Jose ceremony honoring our WWII veterans prominently displayed in her D.C. office! She, as always, was totally current with the issues (her background in immigration law didn't hurt in this case!). As you are aware, the San Jose

Chapter strives to maintain open relations with all our elected politicians and their staff to facilitate information exchange and support when necessary so we presented her our 2014 National Convention refrigerator magnet and also with the latest JACL Power of Words material, which she said she would read on her flight back to Cali an hour or so later on...

And on the convention floor, a highlight was the unanimous passage of a resolution for comprehensive immigration reform! The San Jose Chapter was one of 24 co-sponsors of the effort headed up by our Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District. Another highlight for San Jose was when 2014 Convention Chair Wayne Tanda and I pitched attending the National Convention next year in San Jose during Obon Week!

What I would like to leave you with is that we are all aware of the awe inspiring Nisei who fought for our country and for our acceptance during WWII. But **John Tateishi** also pointed out the importance of the leadership role the JACL played after the war to push the redress and reparations effort forward even when the JA community was not yet in favor of this course of action. The legislative strategies were complex and the JACL leaders navigated the minefields with skill, sometimes with luck but always with the help of some seasoned supporters. And now, in today's political diaspora, where black and white have oft become varying shades of gray, the JACL plays an ever-important role in upholding a simple standard of justice. The right to bear that standard was hard-fought and tore apart our communities, our families, and our brethren. The JA community survived and thrived, but at a cost, One that needs to be remembered, so that others may benefit from these sacrifices and help create a more perfect union and indeed, Justice for All!



Fare Thee Well Consul General Hiroshi Inomata *by Leon Kimura*



On July 15th, the local San Jose Japantown community and other JACL guests gathered at the Issei Memorial Building to bid a fond farewell to Consul General of Japan Hiroshi Inomata and his lovely wife Midori. He was presented with a special Japantown bronze bell! Throughout his consular stay based out of San Francisco, Inomata-san was always remained personable and approachable. He genuinely loved to interact with people in so many different settings and situations.

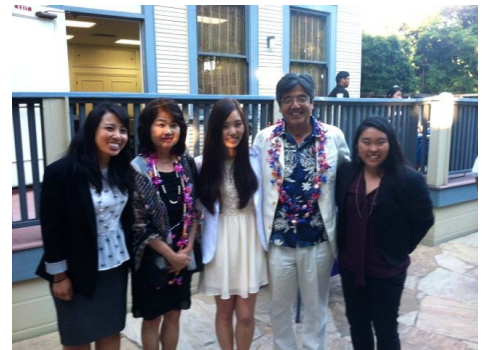
Whether planting the flowering cherry trees in communities throughout his territory, to breaking bread at a dinner with the Ambassador's and JACL representatives at the St. Francis Yacht Club, he always had a quick smile and equally quick mind.

His new assignment is in Pakistan and we have yet to see who his replacement will be in November. But Inomata-san will be a very hard act to follow! You can still talk to him in Pakistan on Facebook as he regularly follows and posts comments on "friends" pages!



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Announcements:

 <p>Happy HALLOWEEN</p> <p><i>Thursday October 31st</i></p>	<p>Halloween in Japantown</p> <p>San Jose Taiko</p> 
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San Jose Taiko will again be performing at Wesley First United Methodist Church for a Halloween kickoff performance before they take their magic to the streets of Japantown! Treats will be available at the historic Issei Memorial Building for the ghosts and goblins that come out in the evening for Halloween in Japantown!

San Jose JACL Monday Night Football by Evan Brand and Jason Yonehiro

ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS!

Please join your fellow JACL members for our first ever San Jose JACL Football Night Jubilee, Monday, November 25th at 5:30 PM at New Jerseys Sports Bar in Campbell. As part of our Bay Area sports tradition, come cheer on your soon-to-be Santa Clara-based, San Francisco 49ers as they face the Washington Redskins, while enjoying wings, burgers, beers, and lively conversation! New members to sign-up will receive a FREE appetizer, so help spread JACL awareness and invite all the fantasy football friends you know! This event is NOT to be missed! So come down to New Jerseys Sports Bar and make our event a success!



WHERE: The New Jersey's 923 W. Hamilton Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008

WHEN: Monday, November 25th at 5:30 PM

24th Annual High School Leadership Conference



It's that time of year again; time to find the leaders of tomorrow who are high school juniors and seniors today! Help us outreach to high school students across the golden state to participate in the 24th Annual APYLP Leadership Conference for high school students.

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Valley of the Heart by Leon Kimura

There once was a valley named Santa Clara. And in that valley lay a farm. A modest farm share-cropped by a Japanese American family and a Mexican American family. Then there was this place called Pearl Harbor...

This is the setting for "Valley of the Heart" a quite amazing new play by **Luis Valdez** (Zoot Suit) and **El Teatro Campesino**. It is filled with powerful emotions and chronicles much of the trials and tribulations of the early valley immigrants coupled with an accurate depiction of the period of wartime incarceration and passions.

It had a short run in August-September and played to sold out audiences with standing ovations. We are now looking to work with El Teatro Campesino to bring the play to San Jose. Hopefully in time for the July 2014 JACL National Convention. If there are ways that you can help support this effort, including funding, please let us know. Please take a minute to search on-line or visit the previous campaign effort website at <http://igg.me/p/428743>. Thank you!



Join JACL For Third Thursdays Dining Out

Please join us at our continuing Third Thursday's Dine-Out social-fundraisers! Come to dinner and break bread with new and old friends in an evening of relaxed conviviality! These next three San Jose restaurants **do not require** you to bring a flyer. Just mention the San Jose JACL when you pay and they will ensure that we get a portion of the proceeds. We try to arrive around 6:30 pm but you can come anytime for dinner to support our Chapter fundraiser. Thanks everyone!

Thursday October 17th: **Tsugaru Restaurant**, 224 Jackson St.

Thursday November 21st: **Minato Restaurant**, 617 N. 6th St.

Thursday December 19th **L&L Hawaiian Barbeque**, 579 Coleman #40 (at the end of the main entrance off Coleman) And L&L BBQ will offer this fundraiser **all week, all day** from Sunday December 15th through Sunday December 22nd! So please stop by often while doing your final Xmas shopping!

Pictures from our last Social at Sweet Tomatoes



Honoring our Nikkei veterans
 Who have served
 In the United States military
 Beginning with
 The Spanish American War
 And carrying the banner through
 WWI and WWII
 Korean Conflict and Vietnam War
 To Today
 In Afghanistan and Iraq

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Judy Niizawa, President
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I - IMB Hall Clean Up
 O - Outlook

B - Appreciation BBQ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION WISH LIST

If you can donate a sturdy credenza to use in our front lobby to display handouts and to store extras, we would sincerely appreciate it!

The Yu-Ai Kai newspaper shed activity has now been relocated to their facility and we will be using the shed space to store gardening tools, portable BBQ, household repair tools, and outdoor equipment and furniture. We hope to make it easier for all community members who wish to use the patio and garden space to do so more efficiently. We would also like to organize the shed and have tables, chairs, the BBQ, and other equipment readily available for outdoor use on the patio and lawn. Used tools in good shape welcome! Please provide an estimated value and a receipt will be mailed to you. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Therefore, we would appreciate your help in providing the following:

Shade Canopies, (collapsible)

Folding Tables (all sizes)

Folding chairs

Lightweight Blue Poly Tarps (dust covers)

Gardening Tools (pruning shears, lopper, pole saw, shovel, rake, etc.)

Handyman Tools (Tool chest, hammer, saw, pliers, drill, files, screwdrivers, etc.)

50-100 foot Extension cords and power strips

Portable PA system

Saw horses/Workmate

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October

- 2 Board Meeting
- 17 3rd Thursday Dine-Out @ **Tsugaru Restaurant** –224 Jackson
- 31 Halloween in Japantown

November

- 2 Recognition Dinner
- 6 General Meeting / Elections
- 7 Board Meeting
- 21 3rd Thursday Dine-Out @ **Minato's** , 617 N. 6th St

December

- 4 Board Meeting
- 19 3rd Thursday Dine-Out @ **L&L Hawaiian BBQ**, 579 Coleman #40 (All week!)

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