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OUTLOOK

28th Annual San Jose Day of Remembrance, February 17, 2008



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San Jose JACL Info Table



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Neil Kozuma, Will Kaku



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Gary Jio, Ogawa Family,
Samina Faheem Sundas,
Kenzo Kimura, Neil Kozuma,
Gail Sueki, Tom Oshidari



Ogawa Family
Colin Boon, Yukio Ogawa,
Yoneko Ogawa Leslie Ogawa-
Boon



San Jose Taiko

Photos Courtesy of Andy Frazer

SJ JACL participated in the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee's 28th annual Day of Remembrance ceremony held on Sunday, February 17, at the San Jose Buddhist Church in Japantown. The 2008 event theme was "20 Years After Redress: Civil Liberties and War", reflecting the 20 year anniversary since passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided redress to Japanese Americans interned during World War II. The chapter was proud to represent JACL at this local event, in light of the fact that JACL was the leading community-based organization which contributed to the passage of the Act. Guest speakers included Carolyn Kameya, an activist during the redress and reparations movement, Samina Faheem Sundas, Executive Director of American Muslim Voice, Imam Tahir Anwar, Director of Religious Services at the South Bay Islamic Association, and Mike Honda, former SJ JACL President and now representative of the 15th Congressional District of California. Each provided a unique perspective about internment and the subsequent struggle to achieve redress. SJ JACL's contributions included a speaking role highlighting JACL's leadership during the Redress movement, enlisting the participation of a three generation family in the candle lighting ceremony (Yukio & Yoneko Ogawa, Leslie Ogawa Boon, Colin Boon), and carrying the banner for the candlelight procession through Japantown.

Issei Memorial Building Renovations *By Tom Oshidari*

The historic Issei Memorial Building (IMB), originally built in 1910 as a hospital to serve the Japanese American community and last renovated 25 years ago, is fast approaching its 100th anniversary.

The SJ JACL Board in its designated role as caretaker for the community of the IMB has set as top priority for the year to establish plans to carry the venerable building on through the next 100 years. Gail Sueki will be the chairperson and Leon Kimura is heading the building committee to come up with renovation plans, while Jeff Yoshioka is focusing on financial issues.

If you have ideas about the community needs for the IMB or are interested in helping with this project in anyway please contact us at info@sanjosejacl.org.

41st Annual San Jose JACL – Tokutomi Mathematics Contest

The 41st Annual San Jose JACL – Tokutomi Mathematics Contest was held on January 12, 2008 at Santa Teresa High School.

The Grand Prize winner in the senior division (grades 10 - 12) was Tony Ho, a tenth grader from Lynbrook High School and the Grand Prize Winner in the junior division (grades 7 - 9) was Hye-Won Chi, a ninth grader from Lynbrook high school. A total of 23 awards were given in each division.

The Silver Anniversary School Award for the senior division school was Lynbrook High School and the 25th Anniversary School Award for the junior division school was Miller Middle School.

All the participants that took the contest received a participation award.

An invitation is sent to all schools in the Santa Clara County in December and 14 schools participated with a total of 121 students taking part.

The chairpersons of this event are Pauline Nguyen of Santa Teresa High School and Chris Tsuji, CMC N Treasurer. Also on the committee was Mark Kobayashi, the National JACL treasurer.

The sponsors of this event are San Jose Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), California Mathematics Council Student Activity Trust, Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Association, and the Santa Teresa High School Mathematics Department

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ADOPTS RESOLUTION HONORING JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HEROES

Sacramento, CA – Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 33, authored by Assemblymember Mike Eng (D- Monterey Park), was adopted by the California State Senate today with a unanimous vote. Specifically, AJR 33 urges the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to approve a commemorative postage stamp honoring the Nisei (Japanese American) veterans who served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Over 20,000 Japanese Americans enlisted into the United States Army during World War II, despite being sent to internment camps and facing prejudice after the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941. Among their many battles, Nisei soldiers in Europe fought at Monte Cassino and Anzio and freed and aided Holocaust victims from the Dachau concentration camp. The most famous unit, the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, also known as the “Go For Broke” regiment, became one of the most decorated and acclaimed units in American history.

The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service reviews all suggestions and recommendations to the Postmaster General every year on what future stamps will be created. There are currently no stamps honoring Japanese American soldiers who fought in World War II.

“The state of California has spoken pretty loud and clear with respect to this very important issue,” stated Assemblymember Eng. “We are now one step closer toward ensuring that these special war heroes receive the honor they deserve.”

31st Nikkei Matsuri set for May 4 *By Jeff Yoshioka*

Well, it's that time of year when the cherry blossoms start to bloom, and the annual festival in Japantown comes around. This year the festival will be on Sunday, May 4th. As in the past there will be food, drinks, entertainment, and crafts galore. This year there will be a dedication of the new Japantown landmarks at 11:00. We will again sell Fried Ika & Ice Tea, and can use your help. If you could volunteer, please give me a call at (408)363-8191, or e-mail jjoshioka@msn.com

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The San Jose JACL Board meets on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 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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San Jose JACL Annual Recognition Dinner set for November 1st

This is a Save the Date notice that the annual San Jose JACL Recognition Dinner is set for November 1, 2008 at the Holiday Inn on First Street (the former Hyatt of San Jose). At this time, the dinner committee is contacting potential honorees for this year's dinner. 2008 is a very exciting time for Japantown with all the dinners, festivals, new stores, of course the Corp Yard Project. We hope to make this a nice ending to a real exciting year.

2008 Scholarship Recipients *By Sharon Uyeda*

The following students were selected to receive scholarships from the San Jose JACL or administered by the Chapter:

Jeffrey Morimune, senior at American H.S., will receive the Kenji and Shizu Sakauye Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 and renewable for three additional years for \$2,500 each year. His parents are Mark & Diane Morimune.

Andrea Hyde, senior at Leigh H.S., will receive the Kenji Sakauye Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. Her mother is Cathryn Hyde.

Erica Baba, senior at Saratoga H.S., will receive the George Masunaga Endowment Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Her parents are Kenji & Maya Baba.

Conor McClure, senior at Lincoln H.S., will receive the San Jose JACL Chapter Award in the amount of \$2,000. His parents are Sue Sakai & Jim McClure.

Alexa Chavez, senior at Los Gatos H.S., will receive the Phil Matsumura Community Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Her mother is Tina Shinmori.

Brad Matsushita, senior at Cupertino H.S., will receive the \$1,000 Masuo B. Nakamura Memorial Scholarship and the \$500 Karl Kinaga Memorial Scholarship. His parents are Laurie & Osamu Matsushita.

Nicole Yamamoto, senior at Mt. Eden H.S., will receive the \$500 William K. Yamamoto Memorial Award and a \$500 CYS Scholarship. Her parents are Bill & Reiko Yamamoto.

Bryan Finney, senior at Bellarmine College Preparatory, will receive the \$500 Ada Y. Uyeda Memorial Scholarship and a \$500 CYS Scholarship. His parents are Anne & Damon Finney.

Michael Nakamura, senior at Sacred Heart Preparatory, will receive the Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship in the amount of \$750. His parents are Scott & Sandra Nakamura.

Nancy Yokoyama, senior at Silver Creek H.S., will receive the \$500 Lanette Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial Scholarship. Her parents are Kirk & Pauline Yokoyama.

Erwina Kwan, senior at Presentation H.S., will receive a \$500 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship. Her parents are Bud Kwan & Fanny Liao.

Michael Miyakusu, senior at James Lick H.S., will receive a \$500 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship. His parents are Tim & Patricia Miyakusu.

Members of the selection committee were Gary Jio, Mitsu Kumagai, Pat Nakashima, and Joyce Oyama. Sharon Uyeda served as chair.

This year's scholarships totaled \$17,250. The various scholarships were made possible through the generosity of the CYS group, John and Alice Hayakawa, Rose Kinaga, Michi Masunaga, Ray and Lucy Matsumoto, the Matsumura and Ota Families, Jackie Nakamura San Jose JACL, San Jose Ninja Youth Foundation, Shizu Sakauye and Family, Henry and Sharon Uyeda, and the William K. Yamamoto Fund.

The annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 26th at the Issei Memorial Building. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all the recipients!
Sharon Uyeda, Scholarship Chair



A picture of the 2007 Scholarship Recipients

San Jose Sabercats Home Opener Game *By Nancy Kerbel*



A group of JACL SaberCat fans rocked down the HP Pavillion on Saturday, March 16th for the team's season opener against the Arizona Rattlers. The night opened with the unveiling of the 2007 Areen Bowl Championship banner and a look at the impressive Championship trophy.

Members Judy Mine and her group including sons, Brendan and Colin, Leon Kimura, Ron Yamamoto, Sharon Uyeda, Tim Tom, Kirk Shimoto, and his niece & nephew cheered as the SaberCats served the Rattlers an impressive 63 - 43 defeat. Paul, Kayla and Lia Nishimatsu brought a group of middle schoolers Melissa, Skye, and Becca who helped cheer the team to victory. The girls arrived in the game wearing their matching team soccer sweat shirts and early in the game changed into matching SaberCat t-shirts.

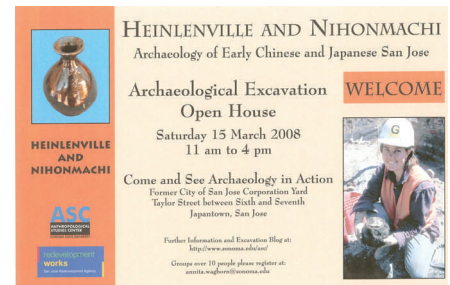
LeAnn Clinton, Rick and sons, Matt and Sean seemed to really enjoy Bubble boy the outstanding half time entertainment.

Alex Kami, Colleen Oda, and Jeff Yoshioka were happy to see San Jose JACL listed on the Jumbotron. Lynda Yoshioka Drennan brought her daughters, Amanda and Katy who were surprised when they got on the Jumbotron with their banner.

Be sure to purchase your tickets for the next JACL SaberCat game Night... May 17th. The San Jose Sabercats against the Utah Blaze at 7:30 a guaranteed great time.

Open House For Archaeological Excavation of Corporation Yard *By Amy Halcrow*

On Saturday, March 15, 2008 more than 500 people weathered the cold wind and rain to get a glimpse of what has been unearthed at the City's former Corporation Yard in Japantown. Students from the Anthropological Studies Center of Sonoma State University led tours of the excavation site where archaeologists were knee-deep in mud ready to answer questions. The Redevelopment Agency set up story boards telling the history and showing a map of Heinlenville, San Jose's last Chinatown. On display were some of the items already found, mostly porcelain shards and tiny glass medicine bottles. Connie Young Yu, a historian whose grandfather ran a general store on the main street, Cleveland Avenue, shared stories learned about life in Heinlenville.

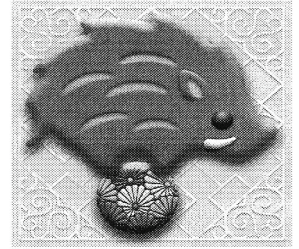


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Groundbreaking Ceremony



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Calendar of Events

Legend:

IMB = Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth Street, SJ
 WUMC = Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. Fifth Street SJ

April

2 - Corp Yard Update Northside Community Center
 6:00p.m.
 11 - San Jose JAACL Board Meeting [every 2nd Friday of the month] 7:00p.m. IMB
 26 - San Jose JAACL Scholarship Lunch, IMB 12:00p.m.

May

4 - Nikkei Matsuri Festival - San Jose Japantown
 9 - Board Meeting [every 2nd Friday of the month]
 7:00p.m. IMB
 22 - Yu Ai Kai - Sake San Jose, Japantown 5:30 p.m.
 31 - Nihonmachi the show SJ Buddhist Church Betsuin Annex Show times 1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

June

13 - San Jose JAACL Board Meeting [Every 2nd Friday of the month] 7:00p.m. IMB

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2008 San Jose JACL officers & board take the oath of office from Randy Okamura

Nihonmachi The Place to Be - A Musical Journey for the entire family is coming to San Jose for two shows on May 31, 2008. The shows are at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00p.m. at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Annex. General admission is \$25, and \$20 for seniors and children. For more details go to www.sanjosejacl.org

The chapter has reserved 20 tickets (each show) for the afternoon and evening show for the membership for \$20. It will be a first come first serve basis so contact the JACL office or email sanjosejacl@sbcglobal.net to reserve a seat.

Redress event - 20 years later - The San Jose JACL will be hosting a forum on August 9, 2008 at 1:00P.M. at San Jose City College. The chapter is working with NOC (Nihonmachi Outreach Committee) and San Jose City College to present this educational forum that will reflect on the events activism that led to passage of the historical **CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT LEGISLATION OF 1988**. The Redress Forum Committee is still finalizing details for the event, but tentatively scheduled to speak are Former Secretary of Transportation **Norman Y. Mineta** and **John Tateishi**, who served as the National JACL Director of Redress.

Visit our website at www.sanjosejacl.org for updates on these and other exciting events!