



# OUTLOOK



IT'S IN OUR HANDS



## Deadline to Mail Census is April 15, 2010!

### CONCERNS FOR THE JAPANESE & JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

The image of Japanese Americans is usually one of Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, and beyond who have been in the country for many generations. However, 2000 Census data indicates that only about 1/3 of respondents fit this image. Another 1/3 are mixed race/ethnicity. The last 1/3 are newer immigrants called Shin-Issei and Shin-Nisei.

In order to get a complete and accurate count of the Japanese American community, we must make sure that mixed race/ethnicity individuals correctly fill out their forms and that new immigrants have resources to submit them.



### CONCERNS FOR JACL

Aside from the above concerns, a 2009 [needs assessment](#) of the JACL helps identify areas of which JACL members should be made aware.

#### Counting the Elderly

One concern for the elderly is that they might forget to fill out their forms or might forget that it is a census year. Please remind our seniors to fill out their forms and help them fill it out.

#### Counting College Students

College students living away from home are counted at school and not at home. Their dorm will count them or their household will receive a census form. Also, Students studying abroad are not counted, while foreign students studying in the U.S. will be counted.

#### The Economy and Transient Housing

With the recession, many families and children may change their living situation. Generally, a person is counted where he or she lives and sleeps most of the time during the year.

### NEW IMMIGRANTS

New immigrants may need language assistance or are not aware of the 2010 Census. 2010 年国勢調査の詳細については、ウェブサイトをご覧ください: [www.fillinourfuture.org](http://www.fillinourfuture.org)



### FILLING OUT RACE

If someone is full Japanese or another Asian group, they can simply check off the correct box or write it in.

What if someone is mixed race or ethnicity?

#### Mixed Race/Ethnicity:

Those of mixed race/ethnicity are able to check more than one category in response to the race question. This allows, for example, a person who has a White parent and a Japanese parent to check both the White box and the Japanese box.

#### Race and Head of Household:

Counting a household is different from counting all the individuals in it. The census only counts mixed-race households if the person of color completes the form as Person #1. As Asian Americans are historically undercounted, it is important that mixed families report the person of color as the head of household.

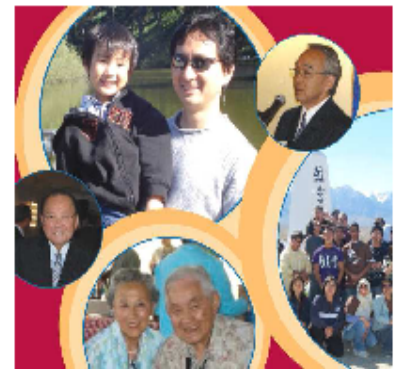
#### Racial Identity:

Some mixed people may identify more with one part of their race than others and fill out incomplete data. In order to get an accurate portrait of the Japanese and all American community, it is important for mixed people to check off all appropriate boxes even if they do not identify with each category.

### CENSUS & CIVIL RIGHTS

Historically, Asian Americans, racial minorities, and immigrants are undercounted, resulting in a huge loss of funding, services, and political representation to these communities. Census data is also used to monitor civil rights issues such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965, hate crimes, and anti-discrimination laws.

For the JACL, the oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization in the nation, the Census is more than a count of everyone; it is a civil rights issue in which justice is served by getting everyone counted. Make sure you, your family, and your community count!



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## President's Message *by Leon Kimura*



Our great community...

We are so very fortunate; to live in a country that embraces the ideals of diversity and fairness. But we must consider that although our nation is set up to be great, it takes great individuals to be selfless and honorable to stand up and pursue what is right.

Recently, I've had the opportunity to witness many individuals including speakers at the Asian Law Alliance and American Muslim Voice events, the Consul General of Japan Yasumasa Nagamine address his guests, and community participants in the preliminary selection deliberations for San Jose's new Independent Police Auditor including our Mayor and City Council. I've mixed with the young legislative staff professionals (and some of the older ones as well) and met with representatives from like minded and purposed organizations.

I am pleased to report that I have found no shortage of great individuals ready, willing and able to carry the torch to uphold diversity and fairness in our community! And this resolve sometimes comes at a personal risk such as when fellow Board member Joyce Oyama chased some ne'er-do-well kids down the street, or when politicians risk their careers and political capital on unpopular but just causes. But a more insidious risk is an apathetic mind or inattentive community leadership.

But in researching the legacy and history of the Issei Memorial Building (IMB) for the Centennial Celebration, I didn't have to go far to find great individuals and organizations who are tied to this venerable building and made major differences in the fair and equitable treatment and provision of services to our Nikkei community. You can tie the roots of many individuals, projects, organizations and activities to the IMB and to the San Jose JACL such as: Yu-Ai Kai, Fuji Towers, Asian Law Alliance, Health Insurance, Nisei Bowling League, Taiko, Day of Remembrance, Dance Classes, Bridge Club, and Kumamoto Kenjin Kai.

So, please remember our roots and do your part every day to uphold the great legacy of the IMB and JACL!

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## Looking for a Party Venue? Consider the IMB

*by Tom Oshidari*

Most of you know the Issei Memorial Building (IMB) as an historic landmark in San Jose's Japantown. A vision that perhaps does not come to mind is the IMB as a venue for a family garden party. But your party place it could be!

The IMB has a beautiful backyard and an available kitchen, tables, and chairs suitable for groups up to 100. San Jose JACL members and non-profit groups can rent the facility for nominal rates of \$25/two hours, \$50/four hours, or \$100/day. The IMB insurance policy requires that any renter of the IMB provides a certificate of \$1million liability naming the San Jose JACL as additional insured. Organizations routinely would have such insurance to be able to supply the required certificate. Individuals who have \$1million liability umbrella homeowner's coverage likely can have their carrier provide the required certificate at no charge.

Contact Noriko at 408 295-1250 or [sanjosejacl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sanjosejacl@sbcglobal.net) to check availability.

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# NOC Presents 30th Annual Day of Remembrance Program

by Reiko Nakayama, NOC Chairperson

“Redress/Reparations: Unfinished Business” was the theme of the 30th Annual San Jose Day of Remembrance which was held at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin on February 14, 2010. For 30 years, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee has presented this special program commemorating the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Traditionally held on or near February 19, the day in 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, this year, Day of Remembrance competed with Valentine’s Day and Lunar New Year, and still attracted about 250 people to hear an array of speakers and cultural performances.

Emcee Will Kaku pointed out that the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 attributed the incarceration of Japanese Americans to “prejudice, war hysteria, and the failure of political leadership.” “We need to hold all political leadership accountable for defending our civil liberties, he said. “Let us not forget the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said ‘injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.’ There is much unfinished business and work we have to do in this community.”

Gary Jio delivered the NOC keynote address, highlighting his speech with excerpts from songs from the 60’s to the present. His message was twofold: Day of Remembrance was a huge influence during the redress movement, keeping redress and reparations for Japanese Americans in the public mind. To keep Day of Remembrance relevant today, it must tell the stories of the camps vividly enough to be felt personally, and relate to current civil liberties issues, such as Japanese Latin American redress and reparations, equality for members of the Muslim American and LGBT communities. He reminded us that according to the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” “Let us not be silent friends,” he said.

Grace Shimizu, of Campaign for Justice, described the hardships her father suffered when he was abducted from his home in Peru, to forced labor in a prison camp in the Panama Canal Zone, and incarceration in the Department of Justice camp in Crystal City, Texas. She urged support for H.R. 42/S. 69 which will allow a commission to investigate the Japanese Latin American experience during World War II and make recommendations it deems appropriate.

Congressman Mike Honda, a long time supporter of NOC, urged the audience to take action on the bill to allow testimony from Japanese Latin Americans to be recorded in formal hearings by contacting members of Congress who are inclined to vote “no” or are fence-sitting.



The traditional candle lighting ceremony, accompanied by the solemn tones of Mr. Kanow Matsueda’s shakuhachi, was narrated by San Jose JACL president Leon Kimura, with NOC Chair Reiko Nakayama. As they called the names of the camps and the number of persons incarcerated in each camp, the Shibayama family, Art, Betty, son, Brian, and daughter, Becki, lit the candles for each of the ten camps, plus one candle for the Department of Justice camps and the veterans of World War II.

Following the ceremony, the candlelight procession filed through the streets of Japantown, led by banner bearers from NOC and Silicon Valley JACL.

Two cultural performances rounded out the program: Kanow Matsueda, shakuhachi, and Julie Masazuki Sumida, koto, in formal kimono,

played three pieces by classical and modern composers. San Jose Taiko performed a rousing medley of songs including the original composition, “DoR”.

Reverend Michiko Nishinosono of Wesley United Methodist Church delivered the Aspiration and Reverend Gerald Sakamoto of San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gave the Benediction. Imam Tahir Anwar of the South Bay Islamic Association made a statement of support.

Day of Remembrance is the product of many hours of effort by many people and through donations from organizations and people who support it. NOC thanks everyone who made DOR possible throughout its first 30 years.

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## 2010 JACL/OCA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

*by Tom Nishikawa*

The JACL/OCA (Organization of Chinese Americans) leadership conference was an enlightening and incredible experience by all the participants. I believe that doing a joint program with OCA has improved and given the conference a broader perspective than when it was JACL alone. This conference gave both the JACLers and OCAers a better view of our common API community. Correctly or incorrectly the vast majority of non-API Americans view us as a single group. We (the API community) know that this is not the case. Our cultures vary all over the map but we still have many values and concerns in common.

But the good news is that we share common needs and face similar difficulties. By working and supporting one another we can collectively be more effective in the political process. This means politically we have larger numbers together. Leaders are more apt to listen to our concerns because we represent a larger body of the people in our American society. We can collectively support and endorse issues and concerns that effect us all.

The conference touched on our history. It dwelled on issues that effect us all – health, immigration and even the census.

We saw the “Art of Gaman” at the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery with the author of the book as one of the docents. We visited the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism (NJAMP) and what it meant as described by docent Warren Minami. Warren was also a former Chair of the NJAMP foundation.

We had an excellent leadership training (LEAP) session which is targeted to the API community. We examined our social and cultural values and how it effects our behavior. These social and cultural values shapes us and affects the way the population at large perceives us. Sometimes in a positive way and other times hinders our advancements in the larger American society.

We heard first hand from Bruce Yamashita (Capt., USMC Reserves (ret.)) the institutional discrimination that effected him. These kinds of discriminations often occur and are ignored or overlooked by many institutions. The military services often are at the forefront curbing racial discrimination in our society. But unfortunately, it still occurs and is hidden in the institution. We heard his story and learned of his travails. A PBS documentary was made about him called “A Most Unlikely Hero”.

On two different evenings we had dinners with former Secretary Norman Mineta and Congressman Michael Honda. In a relaxed and casual environment of a restaurant we were able to have extensive dialog at the gatherings. We heard how the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) functions within the US Congress. Its chair is Rep. Michael Honda (CA-15). Gloria Chen, CAPAC Executive Director briefed our Conference. Scott Nishioki, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Jim Costa (CA-20) gave us his insights into the workings of Capitol Hill.

We were given briefings by many members of the White House staff that were Asian Americans in the Obama administration. Asians Americans have many and key roles in this administration. We were briefed on hate crime incidences that occur in minority communities – its history and how it fares today. We had a discussion with Michael Lieberman (Anti-Defamation League (ADL)) and Deepa Iyer (South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)).

We had a session on coalition building – doing it effectively across ethnic minority communities. Art Ruiz (State Farm Insurance), Charles Kamasaki (National Council of La Raza), Richard Foltin (American Jewish Committee), and Hilary Sheldon (NAACP) participated in a panel discussion. Both Foltin and Sheldon were guest speakers at the 2008 JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City.

On our final day we met with many members of congress -Rep. Maize Hirano (HA-02), Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (GU), Rep. Mike Honda (CA-15), Sen. Daniel Inouye (HI), Rep. Judy Chu (CA-32), Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (AS), and Rep. Gregorio Sablan (MP). All are members of CAPAC. There are now 15 CAPAC members with 14 who are associate members. CAPAC can and has influenced U. S. legislation.

The strong message that was made by many/most of our speakers was that relationships are very important. We should cultivate them on an on-going basis. When we need to convey our concerns on specific issues, we are more likely to be heard. The second message was that we need to cultivate coalitions with other minority groups as numbers translate to influence, power and effectiveness.

My participation energized me by providing some tools in how to be more effective in JACL and be a better advocate. Some of the ideas I knew from the past and this conference helped reinforce them.

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## **Nikkei Matsuri - Ika Booth**

*by Sue Shigemasa*

Back by popular demand, the San Jose JACL will be selling ika (calamari) at the Nikkei Matsuri on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The annual festival will be held at the San Jose Buddhist Church at 5<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Streets in San Jose. Please stop by and say hi to our hard working volunteers and support your organization and community. The monies raised will be used for various programs, including the senior fishing trip and maintenance of the Issei Memorial Building.

Come and see if the "Ika Man" has returned!

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, openings are still available to prepare and sell the ika and iced tea. Please contact Tom or Sue Shigemasa at (408) 224-5322 if you wish to be a part of this wonderful experience.



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## **Children's Day: June 25, 2010**

*by Kari Dobashi-Barton*

The San Jose JACL will be hosting the 4th Annual Children's Day Event at the Issei Memorial Building on Friday, June 25, 2010 from noon to 2pm. Last year, over 125 children, parents and grandparents enjoyed a fun picnic lunch and exciting activities. The beautifully landscaped back yard will again be open for families to come and enjoy a picnic lunch, beverages and dessert provided by the San Jose JACL. There will be crafts and activities for the kids and information available about the San Jose JACL, including chapter events, scholarships, community service and membership.

Come join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of the Issei Memorial Building- kid style! Please RSVP to Kari Dobashi-Barton if your family will be coming. For more information, or to volunteer for the Children's Day Event, please contact Kari at [karibarton@yahoo.com](mailto:karibarton@yahoo.com) or (408)221-3775.

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## **50<sup>th</sup> Haru Matsuri Festival** *by Leon Kimura*

Morgan Hill is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Haru Matsuri this month! To start the festive weekend on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 12 to 5:00, the NorCal Taiko Expo will take place at the Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center (17000 Monterey St. in Downtown Morgan Hill) featuring 10 taiko groups from all over Northern California, reportedly the largest gathering of performing taiko groups in CA.

Then on Sunday, April 18 from 11 to 5:00 at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center (a country block from my mom's house) at 16450 Murphy Avenue, this year's Haru Matsuri Festival will provide a wider range of foods, entertainment and Japanese Culture including a Recognition Ceremony honoring the founders of this event, the oldest continuous festival in South County!

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## **American Muslim Voice 2010 Peace Conference** *by Leon Kimura*

I had the pleasure of attending the American Muslim Voice (AMV) conference on March 20<sup>th</sup> along with Tom Oshidari, Yoshiro Tasaka, Will Kaku and Gary Jio. I was happy to see that the API community was well represented in the crowd of approximately 300 attendees in the impressive Santa Clara Muslim Center. Numerous awards were presented that evening including the Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Award presented by Kathryn Korematsu to Banafsheh Akhlaghi for showing courage and commitment to protect civil liberties and constitutional rights despite the current political climate.

Speakers included Judge Ladoris Hazzard Cordell, Milpitas Vice-Mayor and long-time JACL supporter Pete McHugh, Professor Dr. Hatem Bazian and AMV founder Samina Sundas. The evening had many poignant messages, a few of which included: "Community is made up of more than the people you know." And "Be heroic" such as how legend portrays King Christian X of Denmark for courageously wearing the yellow star armband used to identify the Jewish people during WWII. The quiet but heroic action prompted all the danes to also don the yellow star and effectively negate the "profiling" action.

We are all in the same boat when it comes to the need to combat discrimination, so when an Abercrombie and Fitch supervisor fires an employee for refusing to remove her hijab headscarf, a part of her Islamic religious practice, we must take the heroic path and protest this violation of civil rights. To paraphrase a speaker at the recent Asian Law Alliance Gala: Two persons were in a boat and one started to drill a hole in the bottom. When the other asked him to stop, his response was, "What's your problem!!! I'm drilling on my side of the boat!"

Please join me and be heroic when you witness discrimination, prejudice and ignorance in your everyday lives. Do your part to help take away their drill!



# TOYO'S CAMERA

~Japanese American History during WWII~

**Saturday, April 17, 2010 11:00 am | 2:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 18, 2010 1:30 pm**

## Camera 12 Cinemas

201 S. Second Street, Downtown San Jose

**Advance Tickets \$11**

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### Introduction:

While cameras were prohibited in internment camps, there was one photographer who smuggled in a lens and built a camera with it, to capture life behind barbed wires. That photographer was Toyo Miyatake. Toyo's photographs of internment camp capture the compelling stories of Japanese Americans during World War II in this feature documentary "TOYO'S CAMERA ~Japanese American History during WWII~."

The myriad of photographs of the Japanese and Japanese American internees' daily lives faithfully portrays the time period. This story about their internment is not told from the perspective of the Japanese American victims, but from a third person party's neutral point-of-view.

### A Collaboration of Artists:

The works of Toyo's mentors and companions, 20th century's famed photographers Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, are also uncovered in this film. Close to 500 riveting photographs of the Japanese Americans internment come to life on the big screen. Coupling with Toyo's photographs is world renowned Grammy and Golden Globe Award winning artist, Kitaro's euphonious music. The powerful and vivid songs dramatically add energy to Toyo's photographs. The film ends with "Kenji," a song by Mike Shinoda from the world famous American rock band Linkin Park. Shinoda, of Japanese American decent, wrote this song based on his grandfather's internment.



The thirty individuals who were interviewed each share their deep, intimate stories, which brings more life to the produced "In the Soup" (Starring Steve Buscemi), which won the Sundance Grand Jury Prize: Dramatic at the Sundance Film Festival. As a veteran in the film industry, Suzuki has directed 22 feature films, but this was his first documentary feature film.

Proceeds to benefit San Jose JAACL, Yu-Ai Kai, CATS, and JAMsj.

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## **NCWNP 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MEETING HOSTED BY THE SAN JOSE JACL** *by Neil Kozuma*

On February 6, 2010, the San Jose JACL hosted the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District meeting. The NCWNP is comprised of 34 local JACL chapters. Quarterly meetings are hosted by different Chapters and the next District meeting will be held on May 3, 2010 by the Tri-Valley JACL Chapter.

Over fifty participants discussed JACL chapter and national education and civil liberty issues at the Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Center. Highlighted discussion items were the USPS commemorative stamp honoring the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, history textbooks explaining the Japanese internment experience, survival of Japanese American newspapers and future JACL membership.

Keynote speakers were San Jose City Council District 3 Member Sam Liccardo (representing Japantown) and California's recycling outreach representative Divina Cardiz. Sam shared his commitment to maintaining the rich history of San Jose's Japantown along with funding to maintain Japantown's streetscape. Divina provided Japantown an opportunity to receive free recycling and litter containers for various community events.

District meetings allow JACL chapter delegates and guests an opportunity to meet and hear from other local chapters about issues important to the local community all the way up to and including National and International issues. Please let us know if you have any issues that you would like us to pursue in the future.

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## **Announcing the 2010 Scholarship Recipients** *by Sharon Uyeda*

This year, 13 scholarships will be awarded at a luncheon in May to very deserving high school seniors. The scholarship selection committee, composed of Gary Jio, Dr. Mitsu Kumagai, Joyce Oyama, and chaired by Sharon Uyeda, met and selected the following students to receive the following scholarships:

\$2,500 Kenji & Shizu Sakauye Scholarship (renewable in the amount of \$2,500 for 3 additional years and totaling \$10,000) to Daren Matsuoka – Cupertino H.S. – parents: Richard/Barbara Matsuoka.

\$3,000 Kenji Sakauye Memorial Scholarship to Melissa Wilcox – Los Gatos H.S. - parents: Kendall/Karen Wilcox.

\$2,500 George Masunaga Endowment Scholarship and \$500 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship to Timothy Wang – St. Francis H.S. – parents: Stan/Victoria Wang.

\$2,000 Phil Matsumura Community Scholarship to David Santo – Pioneer H.S. – parents: Dan Santo/Vera Matsumoto.

\$1,000 Masuo B. Nakamura Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 San Jose JACL Chapter Award to Mika Matsumoto – Live Oak H.S. - parents: Michael/Miki Matsumoto.

\$750 Ray & Lucy Matsumoto Vocational Scholarship to Melissa Tanaka – Los Altos H.S. – mother: Li Mei Chen.

\$500 – Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship to Kelli Hashimoto – Los Gatos H.S. – mother: Elvia Tahara.

\$500 – CYS Scholarship to Carly Yamaichi – San Jose High Academy – parents: George/Lynne Yamaichi.

\$500 – Karl Kinaga Memorial Scholarship to Tomomi Yuasa – Lincoln H.S. – parents: Kazuo/Naoko Yuasa.

\$500 – Ada Y. Uyeda Memorial Scholarship to Carly Meglio – Livermore H.S. – parents: John/Kim Meglio.

\$500 – San Jose JACL Chapter Award to Alyson Yamaichi – San Jose High Academy – parents: George/Lynne Yamaichi.

Heartiest Congratulations to all the recipients.

## An American Odyssey of the Immigrant Japanese ~ A Tribute to Judge Wayne M. Kanemoto

A very special book is being gifted to donors supporting the San Jose JACL efforts to maintain our heritage through preserving the 100-year old Issei Memorial Building (IMB) during this Centennial Celebration year! For a minimum contribution of \$150 you will receive your personal copy of the 48 page hardbound book and for donors of \$1,000 or more, the authors will personally autograph your copy and you will receive two seats at the Centennial Celebration luncheon on October 23<sup>rd</sup>! For donations of \$5,000 and above, you will be upgraded to a full table of ten seats with five autographed copies for you and your guests!

Co-author, retired Judge Gerard J. Kettmann describes the book as follows:

*This biography is a tribute to the late Judge Wayne M. Kanemoto, a Nisei Japanese American, and a retired Santa Clara County judge, and to the Japanese American people and their descendants who have made America a better place to live for all of us. Judge Kanemoto passed away on May 24, 2008. He had just turned 90 on March 9, 2008.*

*This is a collection of short autobiographies prepared at various times by Judge Kanemoto, now collated into a whole by his friends. It is the story of a people who, in the 19<sup>th</sup> and*

*20<sup>th</sup> centuries being oppressed by hardship in their homeland, Japan, sought liberty, prosperity and happiness in the new world, America, and who, upon arriving in the new world, again were the victims of oppression. Laws were passed limiting their freedom to make a living. Their plight was greatly aggravated by the war between Japan and America, by the disruption and loss of their homes and property and their forced evacuation and internment in relocation camps; but mitigated to some small but positive degree by their thoughtful and helpful non-Japanese neighbors.*

Judge Wayne was a long-time supporter of the JACL and as a member of the Nisei Service Center, Inc., the previous owners of the IMB, deeded it to the San Jose JACL, to operate and maintain on behalf of the Nikkei community. The book is being offered as a fundraising gift for the preservation of this community landmark.

Printing costs are being borne by the San Jose JACL and no proceeds are being taken by the authors or the Kanemoto family. Please send your generous donations to our office for your copies. Thank you in advance for your support!



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Young adults, who are uninsured after graduating from college or are self-employed, are in need of affordable health insurance. According to a study by the Commonwealth Fund, *young adults are disproportionately represented among people who have health insurance, accounting for nearly 30 percent of the 45 million uninsured people under age 65, even though they comprise just 15 percent of the population.*

Fortunately, JACL Health Benefits now offers a solid solution: the **Active Choice Plan**. The Active Choice health insurance plan, an *affordable* option created specifically to fit the needs of students and young professionals ages 18-29, includes: prescription coverage, medical coverage, accidental death coverage, national coverage, worldwide coverage, and personalized service. If you sign up for JACL membership, the Active Choice Plan is one of the most inexpensive individual health insurance options on the market at **\$110/month in Northern California**.

JACL Health Benefits and Blue Shield of California, both non-profit organizations, are providing the Active Choice Plan as a community service to California members of the JACL, so there are no brokers or fees collected by JACL Health Benefits. With this plan, the options of culturally-sensitive customer service in English, Japanese, and Chinese are available. **The Active Choice Plan is a viable solution for young adults who seek to be socially responsible and protected during this critical period of healthcare reform in our country.**

We encourage you to please visit [www.jaclhealth.org](http://www.jaclhealth.org) or call the Trust office at 1-800-400-6633 for more information about this plan.

## Go For Broke Exhibit

If you are planning to be in the Washington, D.C. area this summer, a special exhibit at the Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Museum is scheduled to be installed at the end of May 2010 and will run through September 2010. The **Go For Broke Exhibit** honors Japanese American soldiers in World War II and is being prepared by Eric Saul, noted historian who has researched extensively on the Japanese American experience of World War II. It includes the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, the Military Intelligence and Language Service, and Japanese American women in the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

Also highlighted will be the wartime record of the Nisei and the effect it had on the success of the Japanese American community since the war and how the very Nisei who fought the war broke down the racial barriers that had existed for more than 100 years.

To be honored in the exhibit will be Mike Masaoka and the role of the JACL as being one of the most important factors in the creation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The role of Mike Masaoka as an early JACL leader and the JACL organization during the resettlement period and the post-war period will be highlighted. There will be a section on the JACLs work in challenging and removing discriminatory laws against Asians during the post-war period. The exhibit will be dedicated to Mike Masaoka and Chet Tanaka, who worked with Mike in the PR department of the 442nd and was responsible for writing many of the medals recommendations and reports on the 442.





## Sake San Jose

Yu-Ai Kai's Fifth Annual Sake San Jose event will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2010. Last year, more than one thousand sake tasters embarked upon the streets of our historic Japantown and this year's opening ceremony at 5:00 pm will feature a ceremonial sake cask-breaking and a lively performance by San Jose Taiko.

More than twenty Japantown businesses will host a pouring station, where Yu-Ai Kai volunteers will offer samples of sake made both in Japan and domestically. The San Jose JACL is again hosting a station so please visit the rear gardens of the historic Issei Memorial Building (Japanese Hospital) built 100-years old this year.

Tickets are \$40 if purchased before May 27, \$50 on the day of the event, and available at Yu-Ai Kai, at participating businesses, or online at [www.sakesanjose.com](http://www.sakesanjose.com). All proceeds from this event will directly benefit the programs of Yu Ai-Kai Senior Services and its participants.

For more information, please contact Yu-Ai Kai at (408) 294-2505 or visit [www.sakesanjose.com](http://www.sakesanjose.com).

## Only the Brave Film Screening

Saturday, May 22 4:30pm

[The Mountain View Buddhist Temple](#), Mountain View, CA

Nakayoshi Gakko "Friendship School" of Mountain proudly presents a special screening of one of the most important events in American history. ONLY The Brave is the first motion picture about the 100th/442nd as seen through the eyes of the men who lived it. Written and directed by award-winning playwright Lane Nishikawa, the story was based on the actual experiences of his three Nisei uncles who served in the 100th/442nd as well as other veterans who shared their memories with him over the years.

Price: \$5 - \$10

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Please support Nakayoshi Gakko and the memory of those who fought to protect and preserve our freedoms by attending this special screening event.



Director-writer **Lane Nishikawa** stars in "ONLY THE BRAVE" as the platoon leader of the legendary, all-volunteer Japanese-American 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team that made history during World War II.

## Annual Japanese American Women Alumnae of U.C. Berkeley Luncheon

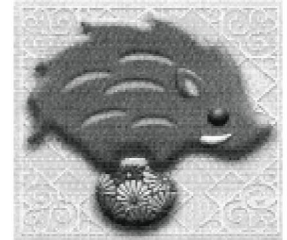
The Japanese American Women Alumnae of U.C. Berkeley (JAWAUCB) will hold its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Yoshi's Restaurant, 510 Embarcadero, Oakland at 11:30 a.m. This year's Keynote Speaker is the Honorable Joni Hiramoto, Superior Court Judge, Contra Costa County. Judge Hiramoto is the only Japanese American woman jurist in Contra Costa County. Presently assigned to hear felony jury trials, Judge Hiramoto previously presided over the Drug, Behavioral Health, and Domestic Violence Courts. Judge Hiramoto is also a faculty member of the Bernard E. Witkin Judicial College of California, the New Judges' Orientation program in San Francisco and the State Judges' Qualifying Ethics Program. The luncheon program will include honoring Congresswoman Doris Matsui, California's Fifth District, as Alumna of the Year, and awarding five U.C. Berkeley student scholarships. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$35.00. For further information, please visit [www.JAWAUCB.org](http://www.JAWAUCB.org) or call Gloria Imagire, (916) 427-8447.

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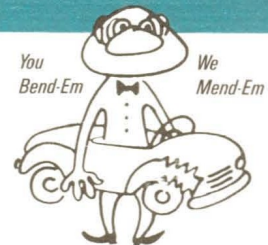
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Denise Imamura	I	Tom Nishisaka	I, O, P, R, S	Sue Shigemasa	O, S
Gary Jio	A	Tamon Norimoto	F, I, O, P, R	Aron Shimada	I, O
Will Kaku	A	Steven Nose	I	Yoshiro Tasaka	A
Carrie Kimura	I	Terry Oshidari	S	Yoshihiro Uchida	C, K
Kenzo Kimura	I	Tom Oshidari	A, D, N, O, P, R, S	Henry Uyeda	O
Leon Kimura	A, C, D, F, I, K, N, O, P, R, S	Joyce Oyama	O, R, S	Sharon Uyeda	N, O, R
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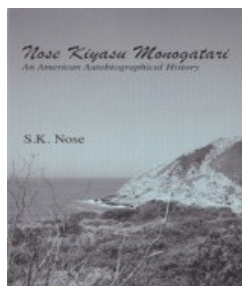
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I	-	Installation
K	-	Kumamoto Kenjin Kai
N	-	NCWNP DC Mtg
O	-	Outlook Mailer
P	-	City Public Hearings
R	-	Centennial Planning Cmte
S	-	Save the Date Mailer

## IMB Clean-Up Days *by Tom Nishisaka*

The annual clean up day has been expanded throughout the year to more efficiently distribute the workload. We hope you can join us to help spruce up your historical IMB and help to preserve it for future generations. We will be serving delicious Japanese pizza (just kidding) and drinks. Please call Noriko at 295-1250 to let us know you are volunteering. Start up time is 10AM.

- May 1 2010 Saturday - Spring clean up. Wash, vacuum, dust, polish the building and facilities.
- June 5, 2010 Saturday - Fence, deck and sidewalk repairs.
- July 10, 2010 Saturday - Handicap railing repair.
- August 7, 2010 Saturday - Hardwood floor refinishing.
- September 4, 2010 Saturday - Building and/or garden repair tasks.



## New Book Release:

Which Vantage Press describes as  
*"A Paean to . . . family & . . . Japanese ancestors:  
 "Nose Kiyasu Monogatari",  
 An American Autobiographical History.*

S.K. Nose, (whose grandparents emigrated from Japan to America in the early 1900s), was born in Washington, D C, and was educated at Columbia University and the University of Maryland, where he earned a Master's degree in Architecture. He has worked as an architect and served on the board of directors for the JACL.

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## Independent Police Auditor

*by Tom Nishisaka*

A San Jose JACL board member was selected by Councilmember Kansan Chu to assist the City in selecting the next Independent Police Auditor (IPA). The IPA's mission is to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the complaint process through objective review of police misconduct investigations. The IPA also provides community outreach, promotes accountability and strengthens the relationship with the San Jose Police Department and the community.

## Remembering Nisei Soldiers of WW II

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## Calendar of Events

### April

- 15 Last day to submit Census by mail
- 17-18 Toyo's Camera screening  
Camera 12, San Jose
- 17-18 Haru Matsuri  
Morgan Hill Cultural Community Center
- 25 Nikkei Matsuri  
Japantown, San Jose



### May

- 1 Issei Memorial Building Clean-up Day
- 2 NCWNP District Council-Oratorical semi-finals
- 14 Board Meeting  
Issei Memorial Building, 7 pm
- 22 Only the Brave screening  
Mountain View Buddhist Temple
- 27 Sake San Jose  
Japantown, San Jose

### June

- 5 Issei Memorial Building Repair Day
- 11 Board Meeting  
Issei Memorial Building, 7 pm
- 25 Children's Day

## Chapter Installation Event

*photo by Tamon Norimoto*



2010 Board Members installed by Advisory Council Chair Art Honda (L to R) Tamon Norimoto, Neil Kozuma, Carrie Kimura, Leon Kimura, Denise Imamura, Tom Oshidari, Aron Shimada, and Art Honda