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2015 San Jose JACL's Board Installation: *by Iris Lou*

The San Jose JACL held its Installation Dinner at Kyoto Palace Japanese Steakhouse at the Pruneyard Shopping Center in Campbell on January 16, 2015. We feasted on California rolls, pot stickers, fried rice or steamed rice and a choice of entrees (chicken, shrimp, steak, etc.) and ended with ice cream or sherbet as our dessert...many chose the green tea flavor.

The best part of the night was watching our meals being cooked in front of us on the teppan grill by talented chefs. Their playfulness of flinging cooked pieces of egg with their spatula into participating guests' mouths was entertaining. We cheered for those who caught it and laughed with those who missed it. Even **Mayor Liccardo** gave it a try.

We had a lot of fun and were pleased **Mayor Sam Liccardo** and his wife **Jessica Garcia-Kohl** could stay for dinner. Outgoing president **Leon Kimura** presented Mayor Liccardo with his own copy of the new book on San Jose Japantown as our thank you gift for officiating the installation of officers and board members.



Councilman Kalra, Mayor Liccardo, Jessica Garcia Kohl (Sam's wife), guest and newly sworn Board.

Also stopping by was **Councilman Ash Karla** who said a few words before he had to leave. A new staff person (first week on the job), **Richard Nguyen**, representing Councilman Raul Peralez's office was able to join us for dinner. I am trying to persuade him to become a member.

Thank you to all the Board Members who attended: **Evan Brand, Morgan Chang, Christy Chung, Amy Halcrow, Leon Kimura, Neil Kozuma, Iris Lou, Tom Oshidari, Joyce Oyama, Jeff Sera, Cindy Sugino, Sharon Uyeda, and Mark Yamamoto** and Advisory Council members **Yosh Uchida** and **Vi Onishi**, who braved the traffic to be there. Special friends included: **Nicki Dang, Kiyoshi Hiraki, Dan Kikuchi, Kimiko Kikuchi, Lucy Matsumoto, Ray Matsumoto, Terry Oshidari, M. Oyama, Marge Tsuji, Emi Tsutsumi, and Henry Uyeda,**



Special thank you goes to **Sharon Uyeda**, who besides all of her planning, doing the evite for this event, was thoughtful enough to prepare goodie bag treats for all the attendees!

Kyoto Palace was a blast and both **Dale** and **Vicki Yoshihara** were gracious enough to come and welcome us. They continue to support our events, so please support them whenever you can and have a delicious teppan meal. The address is 1875 Bascom Ave. in Campbell, CA.

Co-President's Message by: Tom Oshidari and Sharon Uyeda



Sharon Uyeda



Tom Oshidari

Greetings from your San Jose JACL Co-Presidents, Sharon Uyeda and Tom Oshidari. At the February Board Meeting we were officially voted into office. Not that either of us were looking for more to do in the way of Chapter duties in addition to what we already had on our plates. The same could be said of the rest of our hard-working Board, however; so we decided to step up. We welcome suggestions and ideas; so please contact Sharon or Tom through our email addresses: SUyeda9356@aol.com/toshidari@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Leon Kimura for his six year stint as Chapter President and Co-President. He devoted many long hours to the Chapter, including reaching out and establishing beneficial relationships with organizations within the JA community as well as with the greater community. His leadership has been invaluable.

On Sunday, April 26th, along with many other organizations, San Jose JACL will participate at Nikkei Matsuri in Japantown. This year, the Chapter will be selling Korroke with a variety of topping choices. If you can come out and help us, contact Cindy Sugino at sjjacl.media@gmail.com. It's great fun!

Finally, we hope you will take note of the article on the Congressional Gold Medal Dinner and join us in attending this very worthy fund raising event. Getting the JA story into the Smithsonian is probably the broadest exposure one could hope to get for the JA experience.

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The San Jose JACL Board meets on the **Second Friday** 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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FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR CGM DIGITAL EXHIBITION

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, IN SAN JOSE

A special fundraising dinner, organized to support the Congressional Gold Medal Digital Exhibition which highlights the stories of the World War II Nisei soldiers, will be held on Friday, June 12, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, and will feature a special thank you to former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs **Eric Shinseki**.

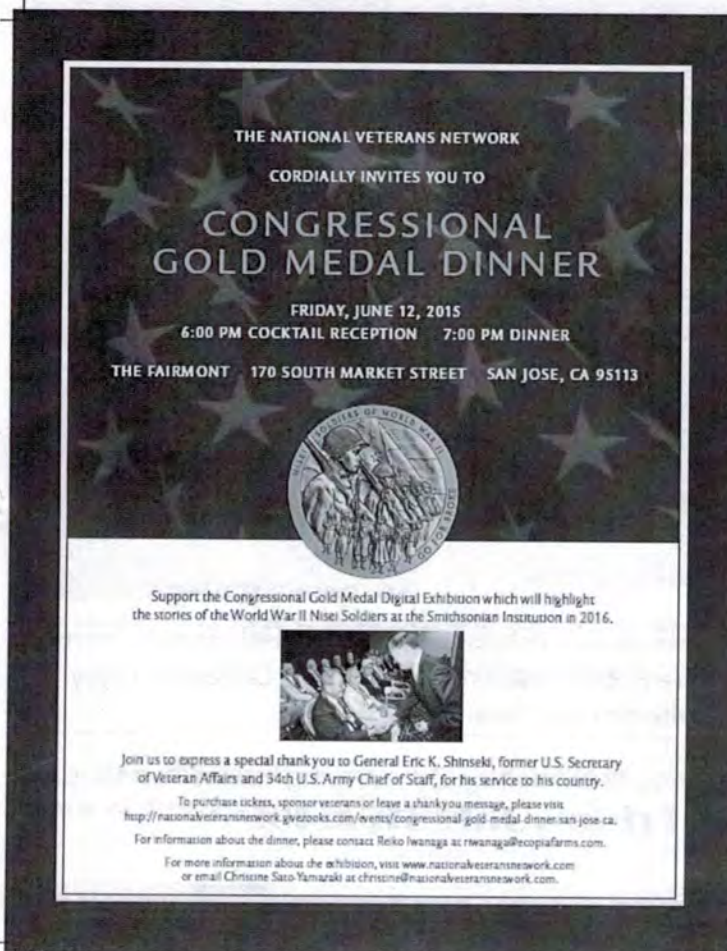
The digital exhibition is being developed by the National Veterans Network (NVN) in collaboration with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and the National Museum of American History and will be unveiled at the Smithsonian in 2016. This project is funded in part by the National Parks Service (NPS) and Cole Chemical, but requires the NVN to raise the balance. This is NVN's major fundraiser event for the year.

Secretary Shinseki, who served as head of Veterans Affairs from 2009 until May of 2014, is also the former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and the first Asian American four-star general. Several Japanese American organizations have expressed the desire to thank him for his service to his country and the NVN dinner will be the opportunity to do so.

Former Secretary of Transportation **Norman Mineta**, U.S. Congressman **Mike Honda** and Olympic Gold Medalist **Kristi Yamaguchi** are members of the Dinner Honorary Committee. **Floyd Mori**, **Mari Watanabe** and Lt. Col. **Michael Yaguchi** are the event co-chairs.

The **National Veterans Network** is a national coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to educating the nation on the Japanese American World War II experience. To purchase ticket(s), sponsor veterans and for more information, visit <http://nationalveteransnetwork.givezooks.com/events/congressional-gold-medal-dinner-san-jose-ca> or contact **Reiko Iwanaga** at riwanaga@ecopiafarms.com.

The **Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center** is a national resource for discovering the consequence and complexity of the Asian Pacific American experience through collaboration, exhibitions, programs, and digital initiatives: <http://www.apa.si.edu>



Go For Broke Essay and Video Scholarship by Christy Chung

The **Go For Broke National Education Center** is sponsoring **12 scholarships** for high school and college (undergraduate and graduate) students. Applicants will write essays and/or create short videos on the Nisei World War II experience, focusing on one of the following areas:

1. Study the Japanese American WWII soldier experience and explain its relevance to our lives today.
2. Research one Japanese American WWII soldier, and highlight elements of the experience that are most meaningful to you.
3. Analyze what the Japanese American WWII experience can teach us about the Constitution, rights and responsibilities.

The deadline for entries is June 30, 2015. More information can be found at: http://goforbroke.org/about_us/about_us_student_essay.php



2015 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENT ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST

\$6,000 in cash prizes! Thirty winners will receive two complimentary tickets to attend our 14th Annual **Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner** this fall at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles, California! Enjoy an opportunity to meet Japanese American World War II veterans and their families!


Winners will be notified by email by Friday, July 31, 2015!



San Jose JACL will be hosting the "Krazy Korokke" booth

(Come and check us out)

JOIN US SUNDAY
APRIL 26, 2015
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM



5th & Jackson Street, San Jose, Japantown

For more Information go to;
<http://www.nikkeimatsuri.org/>

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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Other Events that day in Japantown:

- Kodomo No Hi (Children's Day @ JAMS)
- Children's Crafts (Suzume No Gakko)
- Japantown Farmers Market
- Yu Ai Kai Nihonmachi Run
- Yu Ai Kai Health Fair



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Honouliuli —Submitted by Marge Tsuji

This monument will preserve a forgotten but important part of American history about the treatment of thousands of Americans living in Hawaii.

The **Honouliuli Internment Camp**, Hawai'i's largest and longest-operating internment camp, opened in 1943 and closed in 1946. Located near Kunia on the island of O'ahu, the site was designated **Honouliuli National Monument** by Presidential Proclamation on February 19, 2015 by President Barack Obama. The internment camp held 320 internees and also became the largest prisoner of war camp in Hawai'i with nearly 4,000 individuals being held. Of the seventeen sites that were associated with the history of internment in Hawai'i during World War II, the camp was the only one built specifically for prolonged detention. As of 2015, the new national monument is without formal services and programs.

There is much to this story we urge you to learn more.



Dine outs : by Iris Lou

Ono Hawaiian BBQ Dine Out

On March 19th, San Jose JACL held it's Third Thursday dine- out at Ono Hawaiian BBQ located at 1706 Oakland Rd. #10. We had a small group but enjoyed our delicious combo plate and great company of our JACL members and friends.



April Dine-out at L & L Hawaiian BBQ



Please join us at continuing Third Thursday's Dine-Out social fundraisers! On April 16th, we will meet at L & L Hawaiian BBQ located at 579 Coleman #40 (at the end of the main entrance off Coleman) at 6:30. L & L BBQ will offer this fundraiser all week and all day from Sunday, April 12th through Saturday, April 18th. No flyer is needed, but mention that you're dining out for San Jose JACL.

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Welcome New and Returning Members to San Jose JACL: by Iris Lou

Please welcome our new members: **Sydney Kasson, Linda Kuromi, Samantha Tseng, and Jean Yamaguchi** to our San Jose JACL organization.

We would like to thank the following members for renewing their membership:

Carl Fujita, Tom and Virginia Fujishin, Atsuo and Nancy Fukuda, Harold Hall, Yasuo and Janice Hara, John and Alice Hayakawa, Rainee Hirashi, Lily and Takashi Hirota, Yumi Hojo, Sus Ikeda, Diane Ikegami, Sandy Imai, Carol Ishikawa, Gail Ishimatsu, Richard Kamimura, Tom and Toshiko Kawahara, Eugene and Louise Kinoshita, Tom Koda, David Mishima, Von and Arline Miyasaki, Carl Mune, Mae Nakamura, Betty Nishi, Richard Nishiki, Susan Ogawa, Jamie Oka, Rick and Irma Oka, Nancy Okazaki, T.W. Okubo, Joyce Oyama, James and Kazuko Sakamoto, Paul Sakamoto, Chester Santo, Stan Satake, Roland and Sakaye Santo, Eiko Shimizu, Mark Shimizu, Mary Sugimoto, Cindy Sugino, Grant and Angelina Suzuki, Dennis Takaoka, Kurt and Corinne Takara, Ronald Tsukagawa, Don Uyeda, Sharon Uyeda, Mark Yamamoto, Jason Yonehiro, Dale and Vicki Yoshihara.

Let's keep on adding more new members to our organization!

I would like to thank **Caroline Kurimoto** and **Marge Tsuji** for keeping the membership records updated and sending out renewals for San Jose JACL. I wouldn't be able to do this without their help.

We apologize for any omissions. If you have any suggestions, would like to volunteer, make changes to your membership, or would like to be removed from the email send out, please email me at Inky1lou1452@yahoo.com.

Day of Remembrance – “Stories from the Past Lessons for Today”:

By Christy Chung, Photo's by Evan Brand

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the Secretary of War to designate certain areas of the U.S. as military zones, and forced the incarceration of over 110,000 Japanese Americans. Each year, communities across the U.S. commemorate this dark day in American history through Day of Remembrance events.



More than 250 members of the community came together to commemorate the 35th Annual San Jose Day of Remembrance, which was held on February 15 at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. The event was organized by the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC), and was emceed by Will Kaku of NOC.



Drawing on the theme “Stories from the Past, Lessons for Today,” **Tom Izu**, Executive Director of the California History Center at De Anza College, shared stories of three people who dedicated themselves to the redress movement. The strength and determination shown by **Sue Tokushige**, **George Yoshioka**, and **Mits Koshiyama** continue to inspire him today. Izu said that redress was “never meant to be the end of the story, it was meant to be the beginning of a commitment by our community to make our Constitution and Bill of Rights mean something for everyone.”

During a 1979 pilgrimage to Tule Lake, where he was incarcerated as a child, **Vernon Hayashida** wrote a poem, which he read. Titled “From a Sansei,” it reflected on the questions his parents and grandparents wouldn’t answer, and ended with understanding and “*arigato, arigato, arigato*” for what they endured.

Kent Carson recounted the experiences of his grandfather, **Terry Terakawa**, whose father was a prominent leader in the Japanese American community in Salt Lake City. The story, told in the first person, described the FBI’s pursuit of Terakawa’s father, including attempting to arrest him while he was in the hospital in an iron lung.

Central to the event was the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Shakuhachi and koto music accompanied the roll call of the concentration camps and population count, read by Silicon Valley JACL Chapter officer **Mariko Fujimoto** and **Reiko Nakayama** of NOC. San Jose JACL chapter officers **Tom Oshidari** and **Neil Kozuma**, and members of NOC led the group carrying candles through historic Japantown.

Congressman Mike Honda said that although H.R. 442 was signed, after the 9/11 attacks, there was evidence of racial profiling, and thousands were taken into custody. He spoke of the power of sharing personal stories as a way to practice citizenship, and fight oppression, racism, and sexism, and encouraged the audience to learn about other cultures and other religions.



THE BIG READ

2015

THE PALO ALTO CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS
THE ART OF ACCEPTANCE
Wednesday, 4/8 at 7pm

In celebration of the strength and endurance of our Japanese American community with a performance by Stanford Tanka and Dr. Stephen Murphy-Digman.



For 22 years, Stanford Tanka has brought awareness of this special form of Japanese drumming to the greater community. Composed of Stanford students under the guidance of the Department of Music, Stanford Tanka has developed his own style of performance and boasts an entirely original, student-composed repertoire.

Dr. Murphy-Digman is an American-Japanese cultural psychologist and co-founder of LifeWorks at Stanford University. Shikata Go No! references the particularly Japanese quality of emotional and spiritual liberation through acceptance. His unique perspective speaks to the challenges of race, ethnicity and cultural belonging faced by displaced communities.

At the Roble Theater - On Stanford Campus, 374 Santa Teresa Street
Part of the Big Read 2015 program, to promote reading and discussion of "When the Emperor Was Divine" by Julie Otsuka.

ALL BIG READ EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



On March 11, 2015, about 70 people gathered at the Mitchell Park Community Center in Palo Alto for the kickoff event of The Big Read. A screening of the film "Children of the Camps" was followed by a discussion with psychotherapist and filmmaker, Dr. **Satsuki Ina**.

San Jose JACL members who attended the event included **Christy Chung, Leon Kimura, Sharon Uyeda, and Henry Uyeda**.

The documentary, which aired on PBS from 1999 to 2003, focused on six Japanese Americans who had been incarcerated as children in concentration camps during World War II. The one-hour film covered a three-day group workshop and explored the restorative power of sharing one's story, creating art, and experiencing nature.

Dr. Ina was born at Tule Lake, and she said that over a ten-year period she facilitated approximately 110 other similar groups as an outlet for people to heal the past by expressing their feelings about being children in the concentration camps.

Participants in The Big Read are reading **Julie Otsuka's** novel When the Emperor Was Divine, the story of a Japanese American family that is separated and incarcerated during World War II. The Palo Alto Children's Theatre and the Teen Arts Council are coordinating events to encourage diverse audiences to read the novel, explore its themes, and foster the development of creative responses by students. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

The capstone event will be a Palo Alto Day of Remembrance, to be held on Saturday, May 23 from 1 to 4 PM at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Author Julie Otsuka will join participants via Skype for a discussion of her novel. The Sequoia Chapter of the JACL is assisting with the event.



Announcing the 2015 Scholarship Recipients : *by Sharon Uyeda*

The following high school seniors were selected to receive scholarships administered or offered by the San Jose JACL for 2015:

Magen Nakamae, senior at Notre Dame San Jose High School, is the recipient of the George Masunaga Endowment Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Her parents are Robert and Gwen Nakamae.

Paige Ogawa, senior at Henry M. Gunn High School, will receive two scholarships: the Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 and a San Jose JACL Chapter Award in the amount of \$250. Her parents are Richard and Amy Ogawa.

Erin Kobashigawa, senior at Mountain View High School, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship. Her parents are Dean and Colleen Kobashigawa.

Tiffany Ziegelman, senior at Live Oak High School, will receive the Ada Y. Uyeda Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ziegelman.

This year, the selection committee members were **Gary Jio**, **Mitsu Kumagai**, **JoAnn Okabe-Kubo**, and **Joyce Oyama**. Thanks and appreciation are extended to the committee. Serving as chairperson was **Sharon Uyeda**.

Hearty Congratulations to all the recipients and best wishes as you head off to college in the fall.

SAVE THE DATE

San Jose JACL Community Recognition Dinner

Saturday, November 7, 2015

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Dine outs (continued from page 6)

February Third Thursday Dine-Out Fund-Raiser: Smashburger By Tom Oshidari

On Thursday, February 19th, San Jose JACL had a dine-out day at Smashburger at Westgate Shopping Center. Present around the appointed 6:30 pm social hour were Shirley Abe, Evan Brand, Ken Furukawa, Linda Hiromi, Leon Kimura, Iris Lou, Lucy Matsumoto, Ray Matsumoto, Iris Lou, Robin Ohara, Dennis Ohori, Pat Ohori, Terry Oshidari, Tom Oshidari, Joyce Oyama, Margie Oyama, Dylan, Soloquin, Jay Vee Soloquin, Julie Soloquin, Letty Yamada, Henry Uyeda, Sharon Uyeda, and Joyce Yamamoto. We enjoyed the various gourmet burgers, fries, and salads along with each other's company. Having lunch and supporting the fund-raiser were Jill Bohn, Dale Nakano and Lynn Nakano.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS & DONORS!



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Day of Remembrance -D, Outlook-O, Yu Ai Kai Crab fest
-C, Big Read-R, Smashburger-S, Ono Hawaiian BBQ-H

Yu Ai Kai Senior Center Crab and Spaghetti Dinner By Iris Lou

Yu Ai Kai Senior Center held their Crab and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 14, 2015, (yes, Valentine's Day) at the San Jose Buddhist Church's Multipurpose Room. It was decorated with red and orange balloon shaped crabs hanging from the ceiling. There were three heart shaped balloon decorations attached to an arch display where photographs could be taken. What a wonderful idea for a keepsake to remember this event.

The meal included an entire crab, spaghetti, salad, bread, red velvet cookie, vanilla ice cream, and beverage. It was delicious and filling but a bit messy. Thank goodness for the bibs and hand wipes provided.

Michael Sera emceed the event and the evening featured special romantic tunes of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Frankie Valli, performed by Mark Takeda for our Valentine's Treat. We were also treated to several dance numbers by the Yu Ai Kai ballroom dancers.

A special raffle will also be held for two Southwest Airline tickets and an autographed 2014 World Series Baseball. Christy Chung was happy to win one of the basket with two heart designed tea cups, plates, Macy's gift card and See's candy!

Here are our SJ JACL members who decided to spend Valentine's night as a family: Christy Chung, Ken Furukawa, Leon Kimura, Iris Lou, Lucy Matsumoto, Ray Matsumoto, Judy Niizawa, Aaron Oshidari, Bryson Oshidari, Jon Oshidari, Kennon Oshidari, Stacy Oshidari, Tom Oshidari, Terry Oshidari, Joyce Oyama, Margie Oyama, Cindy Sugino, Kelsey Sugino, Connie Takahashi, Henry Uyeda, Sharon Uyeda, Joyce Yamamoto, and Joe Yasutake.



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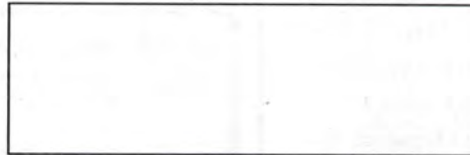
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(no flyer required)

Sunday, April 26 Nikkei Matsuri Festival

9:30—4:00 Japantown, San Jose,

Friday, June 12th Fairmont Hotel

Congressional Gold Metal Dinner

Saturday November 7th

San Jose JACL 12th Annual Community Recognition Dinner



Yu Ai Kai Senior Center Crab and Spaghetti Dinner

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