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OUTLOOK



San Jose JACL Successfully Hosts the 2014 JACL National Convention!

- "We Are America" -



National Committee (above)

On Saturday, May 10th, five high school seniors were awarded scholarships at the San Jose JACL Annual Scholarship Luncheon. The following are the recipients and the scholarships they received:

Eric Sato, Del Mar High School, received the \$2,500 George Masunaga Endowment Scholarship and a \$250 San Jose JACL Chapter Award. His Parents are Craig and Norine Sato.

Miyako Vasquez, Mission San Jose High School, received the \$1,000 Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship and a \$250 San Jose JACL Chapter Award. Her parents are Edmund and Joanne Vasquez.

Erica Kao, Notre Dame, San Jose High School, received the \$1,000 Masao B. Nakamura Memorial Scholarship and a \$250 San Jose JACL Chapter Award. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kao.

Robert Hou, Cupertino High School, received the \$1,000 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship. His parents are Zezhang Hou and Alyun Zong Zong

Christopher Yabumoto, Ann Sobrato High School, received the \$500 William K. Yamamoto Memorial Scholarship. His parents are Craig and Dory Yabumoto.



L to R: Eric Sato, Miyako Vasquez,

Erica Kao, Christopher Yabumoto

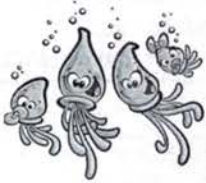
The Chapter wishes to acknowledge and gratefully thank the following donors for their generosity:

The Masunaga family, Ray and Lucy Matsumoto, Jackie Nakamura, and the Ninja Youth Foundation. Also, thanks to the members of the selection committee; Gary Jio, Mitsu Kumagai, JoAnn Okabe-Kubo, Joyce Oyama and Chairperson Sharon Uyeda for the time spent in reading and evaluating the applications; the preparation of the delicious salads by Terry Oshidari, Joyce Oyama and Sharon Uyeda and assisting with the set-up and clean-up: Evan Brand, Gary Jio, Jemma Jio, Iris Lou and Tom Oshidari. A special thanks is extended to the Ninja Youth Foundation for their financial assistance towards the luncheon.

Nikkei Matsuri *by Cindy Sugino*

On April 10th this year San Jose Japan town hosted the **37th Annual Nikkei Matsuri**. Lots of great food like Teriyaki bowl, Spam Musubi, Strawberry Shortcake and more. My favorite is the "Ika" booth run by the San Jose JACler (bias intended). A day filled with the sound of Local Artist , cultural displays, vendors Too many thing to mention all of them.

If you missed the festivities this year be sure to save the date for **next year** and check out their website it will be updated closer to the date.



2015 Festival Date : Sunday, April 26, 2015

<http://www.nikkeimatsuri.org/>



Mean whilehere is what went on in the IKA world..... The "Fry boys" in the back made sure the oil was exactly the right temperature for the 340 lbs. of Frozen IKA . Kitchen crew plated and decorated and our runner handed them to the crew in the booth, where the friendly faces sold our goods. The San Jose JACL would like to thank all the people who stopped by to enjoy the festival, be sure to visit us next year and drop by our booth.

I want to first thank **Sue Shigemasa** for co-chairing another successful Nikkei, She does all the preparation work weeks before the festival. Her energy is just amazing. I would also like to thank **Iris Lou, Carrie Shigemasa-Diaz** and **Lei Maxon** for stepping up and running the festival so I could be in Orlando, FL.

Special thanks to all of our volunteers (without them we could not do this), Tom Shigemasa, Eric Sato, Mark Yamamura, Kenny Diaz, Brett Catterall, Sheryl Shigemasa, Niki Day, Derek Tshu, Brandon Sonobe, Caroline Jung, Irene Yedens, Jeremy Yedens, Sudeep Dutta, Nao Sugiyama, Sydney Thach, Andrew Kojo, Mithra Sridhar, Hayato Takami, Joyce Oyama, Christina Diaz, Evan Brand, Tamon Norimoto, Yukiko Norimoto, Jeff Sera, Leon Kimura, Sharon Uyeda, Ron Okumura, Jason Yonehiro, Tom Oshidari and Neil Kozuma.

Sudeep Dutta and the **Homestead High School's Japanese National Honor Society** stepped up with a large group to help us man the booth and kitchen.



Some Things New at the IMB

By Tom Oshidari

*Issei Memorial Building has a couple of newly installed improvements. One you'll see immediately—the new sign out front. Thanks to **Neil Kozuma** for acting as project manager and getting the sign made and installed. Next, thanks to a special high efficiency toilet program provided by the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the IMB has three new toilets, completely free of charge. There remain many things to repair at the IMB. So we encourage you to continue designating donations for the building, or if you are handy, to volunteer to help with repairs.*



President's Message *by Leon Kimura*



Thank you to everyone who participated in helping the San Jose JACL successfully host the 2014 JACL National Convention! It was a monumental effort for both the National staff and the local committee and I would like to focus on a few thoughts from the local effort.

We as a Board wanted to support the National JACL organization while boosting the strength of the Chapter through major involvement of the San Jose State University Hospital-ity Management Program. The SJSU early commitment to help in our convention effort was promising but as the planning progressed, it became painfully evident that the Chapter and community would instead shoulder the workload.

But creativity abounded and thoughtful participants joined the effort from the early committee days as we struggled just to develop the theme... JACL Legacy, diversity, future, past... until **Carrie Kimura**, our Chapter Youth Representative suggested simply: "We Are America" and that helped set the direction for the 2014 convention.

~ to the advertisers and sponsors who financially supported us ~ to the army of volunteers led by the planning committee members ~ to the community who Wowed the conventioners as they joined in the huge **Obon** celebration ~ to the close-out discussions I had yesterday while sitting at Convention Chair **Wayne Tanda's** kitchen table when he asked me if it really was what I expected? I had to admit that at the end it wasn't what I had in mind at the beginning. So many twists and turns, detours and roadblocks along the way made the journey challenging but in the end satisfying that it all came together!

We wanted to be able to showcase our local community to the National attendees and pushed to have the dates coincide with the San Jose Obon Festival to share this overwhelming local cultural experience! Of course, San Jose Taiko performed, this time at the City Hall Rotunda Welcome Reception, and at the reception new JA City Manager **Ed Shikada** joined San Jose native son **Norman Mineta** in welcoming the conventioners. Then myself as another native welcomed the guests to the historic Le Petit Trianon Theatre where we were treated to the Luis Valdez Valley of the Heart staged reading that showed the rich history of immigrants in our valley.

SJ Taiko founders **Roy and PJ Hirabayashi** held a fantastic workshop and also received a JA of the Biennium Award after being nominated by Chapter members! We developed a Youth Plenary about when racism crosses the line in the minds of JACL members of various ages and I heard that this plenary will become the genesis of many future conversations. We toured the boosters to San Jose highlights including the SJSU Assembly Center site at Uchida Hall and a walking tour of Japantown. And we even entertained with a concert by the renowned band **Hiroshima**.

Although these are annual business conventions, the local committee provided a lot of value added to make the experience more enjoyable and culturally relevant. But we could not have done it without the full support of the community and all the volunteers including our greatest "volunteers", Advisory Council member participants **Norm Mineta, Mike Honda, Yosh Uchida and Jimi Yamaichi**. Congratulations and thank you to all!

Pictures and video of the convention will be posted on our **website**: <http://www.sanjosejacl.org/sjchapter.html>

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Welcome

Please welcome our new members;

Christy Chung, Jesse Hernandez, and Andrew Tom to our San Jose JACL organization.

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

Ken Furukawa, Mark Yamamoto, Takeo Ichikawa, Frank Kagawa, Tamaye Morino, Leo Oyama, Marjorie Tsuji, Stephen Fujita, Clarence Hiraishi, Chiyoko Nerio, Alan Hoshi, Takeshi Ota, Leslie Higashiuchi, Amy Higuchi, Vic Kawasaki, Hisayo Kitahara, Sara Kusumoto, Violet Matsushima, Gerogia Nakano, Helen Hayashi, Daren Matsuoka, Kay Ono, Sumi Takagi, Kiyoko Dobashi, Michiko Itatani, Perry Dobashi, Maryanna Matsumoto, Ray Matsumoto, Henry Sasaki, Nobuko Toyota, Don Kawabara, Yoshiko Yamashita, Steve Nose, Rick Abe, James Sakamoto, Tom Koda, Vinh Nguyen, Diane Ikegami, Mae Sato, Mitsu Kumagai, Ken Namimatsu, Richard Ogami, Eric Shimizu, George Iwanaga, Lillian Junker, George Hinoki, Jack Matsuda, John Schwartz, Donald Hashimoto, Fumiko Mannes, Hisako Mukai, Hisa Suzuki, George Yamaoka, Reiko Iwanaga, Sue McClure, Addi McClure, Marian Suhama, Yoshio Uyeoka, Carrie Kimura, Leon Kimura, Tom Kumano, Terry Mitsuyoshi, Richard Tsurumoto, Allen Ando, Toshihiro Michihira, Korinne Sugawara, Wesley Mukoyama, Russell Nakano, Yoshiteru Deguchi, Claire Omura, Hananye Baba, Shirley Iwagaki, Toshiko Nagatsuyu, Iwao Nakao, Kristin Okimoto, Rose Togami, Fumiko Higuchi, Dorothy Fujimoto, Dorothy Hiura, Dennis Otori, Toshio Umehara, Lorie Ishimatsu, Cindy Takeda, Robert Fujii, Patricia Akizuki, Harry Lee, Karen Inouye, Nari Kurimoto, Bernice Matsumura, Janet Nagashima, John Higaki, Keichi Ikeda, Stanley Tomita, Lois Midori Matsumoto, Buster Ichikawa, Glenn Kurimoto, Carolyn Satake, Leonard Namimatsu, Wendy Kumata, Maru Sakamoto, and Joyce Yamamoto.

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 you .

We have a great year planned and I hope to meet you all at one of our events such as: our Third Thursday Monthly Dine-Out, Appreciation BBQ, or any fun planned events we may be holding. We apologize for any omissions. If you have any suggestions, changes to your membership, or would like to be removed from the email send out, please email me at Inky1lou1452@yahoo.com.

Marsha Aizumi



An Educational Consultant and Speaker, the Author of *'Two Spirits, One Heart'* and recipient of the 2014 JACL Biennium Award at the recent National Convention.

Here is her letter to SJJACL....



"Dear San Jose JACL Chapter:

First of all, I want to thank your chapter for being the host city for the 2014 JACL National Convention. It was my first JACL experience and it was an amazing 4 days. But amazing experiences don't just happen. It takes dedicated and hardworking individuals to create such an incredible event. And so on behalf of the Aizumi Family I want to thank each of you for all you did to make this convention so memorable for us.

If you attended the convention, you know that I received the 2014 JACL Biennium Award for my work for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) families. I have a passion for this social justice issue, because of my transgender son. Aiden was born female. He transitioned to be male after almost 10 years of struggling as a family to stay connected as our child became withdrawn, depressed, agoraphobic and later we would discover suicidal. Our book, *Two Spirits, One Heart* chronicles our painful, yet remarkable journey of moving to unconditional love and acceptance.

Coming to convention and receiving this award meant that JACL was not only recognizing the importance of my work, but the importance of supporting LGBTQ families within their chapters and in their communities. Shame, sadness and fear kept my voice silent for a time. I was afraid of losing all that I loved. But seeing a convention that was created by San Jose and others, I walked away optimistic for the future of API LGBTQ families. Your voices, your words and your actions matter so much to families like mine. They provide a sense of acceptance and support which in the end give families hope. And hope is everything "



Over several days in mid-April, the **Santo Market** wall facing Sixth Street was transformed from a pastel patchwork covering old graffiti into a traffic-stopping mural featuring a wave and a rising red-orange sun. The design took its inspiration from The Great Wave off Kanagawa, the famous masterpiece created by **Katsushika Hokusai** in the Edo period. It embodied Mark Santo's vision of water and sun, and the mural artist, John Barrick, has the classic woodblock print hanging in his studio.

Hibiscus flowers and more waves were recently added to extend the mural, a nod to the tropical flavor of the store, which has carried a variety of Hawaii products for 15 years, and recently introduced poke bowls. The motifs of the mural fit Santo Market, which has become a Japantown institution since opening in 1946 on Jackson Street, and has been at its current location at Sixth and Taylor since 1957.

Besides the mural at Santo Market, there were three others that were painted in April around Japantown as part of the Live Mural Project, which came to fruition through connections that criss-cross the extent of Japantown. Carlos Araujo of Empire Seven Studios did much of the legwork and coordination. He selected **John Barrick** from his network of artists for this mural because of his love of traditional murals and background in lettering and painting signs. **Tamiko Rast** of Roy's Station and the web design firm Rasteroids connected Santo Market with the project.



Barrick co-owns a studio and gallery, The Cannery, which is three blocks away from the market, next to Gordon Biersch. His work can be seen on other murals and on hand painted, handmade signs around Japantown, including Cukui and Headliners.

Both Mark Santo and John Barrick expressed appreciation for this collaboration. Barrick said that he hopes the Live Mural Project contributes to the community and exposes people to art, much like the vibrant public art scenes in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Santo Market's web site: www.santomarket.com

Message from the 2014 JACL National Convention Committee Chair, Wayne Tanda

For five days in July, we hosted the 2014 JACL National Convention. Chapter delegates from across the nation converged in San Jose to deliberate the organization's policies, approve a two-year budget, and elect the national officers. And as much as the business portion of the Convention was important, our hospitality and the place that we call home will be memorable. The attendees were treated to a reading of the stirring play, Valley of the Heart; mingled in San Jose's award winning Rotunda; were entertained by San Jose Taiko; listened to the beautiful sounds of **Hiroshima**, and got out of their seats to join Obon dancers during the close of the Sayonara Banquet. They were treated to an amazing set of workshops, participated in tours of local venues, and joined locals in a round of golf. Over the weekend, many conventioners attended the fabulous **San Jose Obon festival**.

The Convention Hotel, the DoubleTree, prepared sumptuous meals that were excellent. The National JACL recognized very special individuals for their outstanding contributions to the Nikkei community including our own **Roy and PJ Hirabayashi** as Japanese Americans of the Biennium and **Lawson Sakai** JACLER of the Biennium.

It was gratifying to see that 60 youths were involved in the Convention. Another 20 participated in a portion of the Convention through an internship program and others attended the Youth Welcome Mixer that was highlighted by the popular **DJ, Squareweezy**. The Youths influence extended to general plenary sessions on the use of social media and an interactive session on racial comedy.

The level of local support in hosting the Convention was fantastic. A core group planned the event over the course of one year and included members from the San Jose, West Valley, Gilroy, and Monterey JACL Chapters. The number of volunteers swelled to more than 120 during the Convention itself, with individuals coming from throughout the Nikkei community. The success of the 45th JACL National Convention was directly attributable to the collective efforts of the volunteers listed on Page 1 and 11 of this newsletter.

Photographs from the Convention can be found at "San Jose JACL" on Facebook and our web site <http://www.sanjosejacl.org/sjchapter.html>

National Convention

Our Volunteers Rock! - By Marge Tsuji

Beginning Monday, July 7th, our crew of dedicated volunteers began work for the 2014 JACL National convention. They worked all through the week until Saturday, doing every job that was asked of them. They did everything from frightfully early 7 am breakfast shifts to boring "keep the business office open" shifts to empowering workshop "hosting" to being adventurous tour guides. They kept their cool through last-minute changes and total confusion. No one was ever late, no one missed a shift. Several volunteered for extra last-minute assigned shifts. They were cheerful, helpful and hard-working.

Kudos and much thanks to all of them (listed individually elsewhere in the Outlook). Thanks, too, to the groups of volunteers from SJS Judo Club, Midori Kai, Gilroy JACL Chapter, and SJ Betsuin odori instructors who handled special events. Special thanks to **Marian Suhama** and **Margaret Tomita**, my "cover my back" faithfuls.

'Third Thursday Dine Out' - By Cindy Sugino

We had a very successful 'Fun' Raiser at **Ono Hawaiian BBQ** located at 1706 Oakland Rd #10, San Jose. **Thanks to all who joined us** . It was a bit crowded as we shared the day with Fremont High School. JACL members and friends took over the front of the restaurant with lots of conversations going and I personally loved the Happy service! The food was great, in fact, I crave their Mixed Seafood plate so I will be going back soon! **Join us at the future Fun Raisers!**

Thursday July 24th: **Fish's Wild** - 1554 Saratoga Avenue (*Westgate Shopping Center*)

(*For this event Flyer is needed*)

-Thursday August 21st : **TBD**

-Thursday Sept 25th: **TBD**

(Check on our Facebook page , our website or our office for the flyer and update for Aug and Sept)

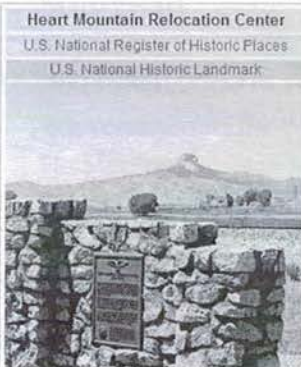
How Third Thursday Fun raiser started - By James 'Aki' Matsumoto

About two years ago my mother, **Karen Matsumoto** and myself came up with the idea of "FUNraisers" which are currently known as Third Thursday Dine outs. It is always important to remember the origins of an event. My mother's goal was for people to come together to dine out as a special occasion and have a good time with friends, community and family. On behalf of the San Jose JACL I would like to personally thank each and every one of the Third Thursday Dine out "FUNraisers".

Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation's Annual Pilgrimage—by Hanna Maruyama

Join the pilgrimage August 22-23 2014

My name is **Hana Maruyama** and I work for the **Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation** as its Communications Assistant. As you may be aware, we are hosting our annual pilgrimage on August 22-23 this year, and there are still a few spots open for attendees. This year we will celebrate the service of the Heart Mountain veterans, and events will include the unveiling of the newly restored Heart Mountain Honor Roll, a screening and discussion with the creator of "A Flicker in Eternity" and more. As we are recognizing the Heart Mountain veterans, we are providing stipends to any Heart Mountain veterans who wish to attend. Irene Hirano Inouye, widow of the late Senator **Daniel K. Inouye** and President of the U.S.-Japan Council, Secretary **Norman Y. Mineta** and **Senator Alan K. Simpson** will all be in attendance.



Spread the word about the event to any San Jose JACL constituents who may be interested in attending. There is a press release about the event on [the Rafu Shimpo website](#). You may contact the Interpretive Center at info@heartmountain.org or 307-754-8000, or email me at the above address, with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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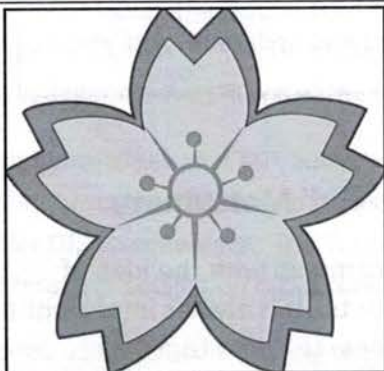
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Sake San Jose - By Leon Kimura

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The San Jose JACL was pleased to participate in Yu-Ai Kai's 9th Annual Sake San Jose May 22, 2014. We once again opened the historic Issei Memorial Building (IMB) and sake samplers as they made their rounds through Japantown on their quest to learn to taste the subtleties of the distinctive sakes. The IMB was one of 26-serving stations that opened their doors for this Yu-Ai Kai Annual fundraiser. The evening began at Yu-Ai Kai with the Kagami-wari cask breaking ceremony. Then the participants steadily made their way through Japantown and the IMB where they were greeted and shown highlights of the building (historic steep stairway, Norm Mineta's insurance office and desk, etc.) and viewed exhibits of the IMB tenant's activities as they passed through our main community room. All the while, the musical strains and vocals of the Wesley Jazz Band attracted revelers into the rear gardens of the IMB where the band played and the sake pouring stations were set up. Chapter participants in Sake San Jose included Leon Kimura greeting guests and **Iris Lou, Cindy Sugino, Evan Brand, Terry Oshidari and Christy Chung** helping pour and serve sake. Volunteering at a worthwhile event supporting Yu-Ai Kai while showing the historic IMB to new and old friends will be something to look forward to next year at the 10-year Anniversary of Sake San Jose!



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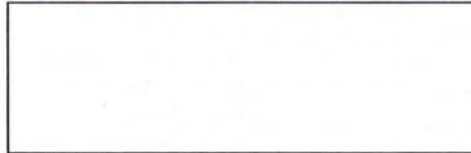
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Calendar of Events

July
24th 3rd Thursday Dine-Out @ Fish's Wild

August
21st: 3rd Thursday Dine-Out @ (TBD)
7th: JACL Board Meeting

September
25th: 3rd Thursday Dine-Out @ (TBD)
4th: JACL Board Meeting

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