



OUTLOOK

6th Annual Recognition Dinner – “Working Together to Enrich the Lives of Others”

by Pat Nakashima

Once again, under the able guidance of the Dinner Committee, our Recognition Dinner was a huge success!! With 300 people in attendance and many dignitaries who joined us, we honored 5 outstanding members of the community and one group. Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this very important event.



Sally Lieber, Tom & Terry
Oshidari

Mark Kobayashi began the program by asking for a moment of silence to remember Richard Onishi, in whose memory the dinner booklet was dedicated, and all the other members of our community who passed away this last year. Gail Sueki, Chapter President, warmly welcomed all in attendance and also recognized some of the dignitaries who were there: Mayor Chuck Reed, Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, and Mayor Otto Lee of Sunnyvale. Kenzo Kimura kept the audience aware of the progress of the silent auction and acknowledged the fine entertainment provided by the Wesley Jazz Band. George Kiriayama served as our MC this year and did a very nice job keeping the program moving.



Mark Nakamoto, Sally, John & Alice
Hayakawa

The honorees for this year’s dinner were introduced by someone the honoree had chosen, and then the honoree spoke very briefly. As befits the character of those being honored, the honorees speeches’ were typically very short and consisted of heartfelt thanks to family, friends and others who supported them in their efforts. So it fell to the presenters’ to give a little more background and fill in the blanks a bit more as to why the honorees had been chosen. **John and Alice Hayakawa** were introduced by Sharon Uyeda; **Tom and Helen Masuda** by daughter Jan Masuda Cougil; **Jack Matsuoka** was introduced by JAMsj Board member and Past President Aggie Idemoto; **Tom and Terry Oshidari** were presented by JACL National President – and cousin to Tom – Larry Oda; **Aki and Sue Toyoshima** were presented by grandson Darryl Tom; and **San Jose Taiko** – in the person of Roy Hirabayashi – was introduced by Jeremy Nishihara, member of the Board of San Jose Taiko. All the presenters were able to give a little glimpse of the dedication and selflessness demonstrated by all the honorees. It was inspiring to hear the stories that the friends and family members chose to illustrate the lives and values of all the honorees.



Mark Nakamoto representing Congressman Mike Honda, and Assemblywoman Sally Lieber present certificates to the honorees.
Tom & Helen Masuda



Jack Matsuoka



San Jose Taiko (Accepting Roy Hirabayashi)



Sue Toyoshima

A very large “Thanks” goes to Jack Matsuoka, one of our honorees, for providing the caricatures that were used in the booklet, on the certificates, and as part of the beautiful glass photo frames that were presented to the honorees. Assemblywoman Sally Lieber presented the individual resolutions that her office obtained for the honorees. Thanks also to Cary Shiro Iida of Shiro Designs for the beautiful “Kansha” characters that were etched into the photo frames. “Kansha” means deep appreciation, a very apt inscription to recognize our awardees. Mike Honda’s office was also represented by Mark Nakamoto who presented a certificate to each honoree. Joyce Oyama did her usual outstanding job of providing a beautiful table decoration which one lucky person at each table was able to take home – the person whose birthday was the closest to George Kiriayama’s birthday. Sharon Uyeda and Kellie Takagi had more items than table space for the many silent auction items that were donated by several generous groups and individuals. And once again, the Kobayashi girls (Emily & Allison) helped with the benefit drawing. All in all, it was an enjoyable evening and well-deserved recognition of outstanding community members who have truly enriched the lives of others in many different ways.

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President's Message Gail Sueki, 2007 Chapter President



There are many lessons we learn from nature. Here is one, author unknown.

In the Fall, we see geese heading south for the winter. When a flock of geese fly in their V formation, the whole flock is able to go farther than if each bird flew alone. When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies up front to take the lead. Geese flying in formation even honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What we learn from this is that when we have a shared common direction and we work together as a community, we are able to reach our goals easier and to greater heights. When our "lead goose" tires, we take our turn to do those hard tasks and share in the leadership responsibilities. In many cases we (the flock) need to step up and relieve our lead geese. When we do well or even feel discouraged, the power of encouragement and support of the community is a quality we greatly value.

In October, the SJ JACL celebrated 10 honorees at our annual Community Recognition Dinner. This was an inspiring event as we listened to their stories and applauded these "lead geese" who have served our community.

The chapter has enjoyed a tremendously successful year. As always our year was full with a the multitude of staple activities such as our sponsorship of the Tokutomi Math Contest, participation in the Day of Remembrance, support of Nikkei Matsuri featuring Ika Man, Scholarship Luncheon and the fishing trip with the Yu-Ai Kai seniors. In addition we supported, attended and sponsored some major events: Mineta Tribute Dinner, co-hosted the Jack Matsuoka cartoon exhibit, sponsored Children's Day, hosted the National JACL Youth Conference which we followed up with a local youth BBQ, attended the Tri-District Conference and sponsored a Veteran's reception. We have many busy committees whose members work tirelessly to achieve all these projects. Our Civil Liberties committee actively addresses issues and attends a monthly coalition meeting with other Asian Pacific Islander organizations. Whew!

As we move forward in the next year I have the honor of serving as President again. We will continue to maintain and build upon our activities. A high priority will be to focus on developing a strategy for the preservation of the Issei Memorial Building. We will be working towards the IMB Centennial Celebration in 2010.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Honk, Honk!!

Chapter Tidbits

JACL/OCA Washington D.C. Leadership Conference Application are available on the San Jose JACL website www.sanjosejacl.org Two applicants from are district will be selected to represent Northern California at this conference. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2008.

Congratulations to Board member Curt Matsushima on his wedding on October 13, 2007 to Annette Asuncion.

Nihonmachi Outreach Committee has set the date for the 2008 Day of Remembrance Event, February 17, 2008, 5p.m. at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. San Jose JACL will be participating again this year.

Did you know that The Issei Memorial Building was built as a hospital?

In 1910, The Kumamoto Kenjin Kai built the Kuwabara Hospital to provide health care for the growing Japanese American community. The 100th year anniversary is only 2 years away.

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Jeff Yoshioka stated, “I have been involved with all six recognition dinners, and I think what makes these dinners special are the honorees. This year we had a special group of individuals and San Jose Taiko who have given so much to the community, but are behind the scenes and might not get the recognition they deserve. Tonight was an opportunity for the San Jose JACL and the community to recognize them for all they have done to enrich the lives of others.”



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Yu Ai Kai - Line Dancing Group

Benefit Drawing Winners:

Grand prize \$1,000 Cash June Tanaka
2nd prize \$ 500 Cash Aggie Idemoto
3rd prize \$ 250 Cash Nori Yabumoto

First *SPIRIT OF JAPANTOWN FESTIVAL* a Major Success *By Tom Oshidari*

Buoyed by near-perfect weather, the first *SPIRIT OF JAPANTOWN FESTIVAL* held on October 6, 2007, made its successful debut. Sponsored by the Japantown Community Congress of San Jose, under the primary stewardship of Jeanne Katsuro, the event delivered on its advertised, "8 City blocks of food, fun, and entertainment for everyone!" From custom cars to sumo wrestling, the event provided a breadth of products and activities heretofore unseen in the Japantown neighborhood.

In charge of the VIP Tent were SJ JACL President Gail Sueki, along with Committee members Helen Hayashi, Leslie Masunaga, and June Suzuki. They were assisted by Ron Yamamoto on the day of the event.

Further, San Jose JACL was in charge of the Plants and Flowers section--not so exciting, but a successful enterprise nonetheless. Under the able direction of Jeff Yoshioka, the SJ JACL volunteers sold donated plants and flowers throughout the day, eventually ending up with over \$1000 to contribute to the JCCsj coffers.

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Joe Yasutake, Counsel General Yasumasa Nagamine, Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember Sam Liccardo, Harry Mavrogenes, and Sumo dignitaries break the Sake barrel



JACL – Yu Ai Kai Fishing Trip *By Leon Kimura*

What a great day for fishing this past Saturday, September 22nd! Granted, the weather was a bit wet but it didn't dampen the spirits of our intrepid senior fisherpersons or JACL volunteers eager to get to the cement boat pier for the annual seniors fishing trip. (Tom and Sue Shigemasa, long time JACL supporters started these JACL senior outing trips and carry on their support by providing the fishing prizes each year.) This year, Delia Dixon was the first of 19 participants to arrive at the historic Japanese Kuwabara Hospital (aka, Issei Memorial Building) to gather for our car pool to Seacliff State beach. She was joined by the other senior "regulars" Tony Unadia, Ron Javalosa, Amy Yamazaki, Maryanne Robles and newcomers, Frank Sakioka, Masae Slater, Toby and Don Yamamoto. Julie Hubbard at Yu Ai Kai continues to coordinate the senior participation/sign-up for our cooperative fishing trips.



When our caravan arrived at coast side, the weather was trying to cooperate with intermittent light showers greeting us. But our seasoned volunteer Ron Yamamoto broke out his portable shade canopy on the pier and along with a second canopy and a bunch of donated umbrellas from 10th St. Pharmacy, we had all the shelter we needed until the showers stopped and the sun first teased us then warmed us later in the day.

But this was a fishing trip so the first thing we did was get the poles rigged up, bait cut and lines in the water. Volunteers Tom and Hue Nishisaka, Neil Kozuma, Jeff Yoshioka, Gail Sueki, Ron Yamamoto and I all pitched in to handle the tasks at hand to help get the seniors fishing and our "base camp" operational. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate was in demand and when the food prepared by Jeff was laid out, the all-day picnic began with chicken teriyaki, spam musubi, beef katsu, and fruit to start and the seniors adding their own homemade apple pie, cookies, candy, tsukemono, and onigiris. Mmmmm, when the fish weren't biting, we certainly were!

This year was an intergenerational event when Amy's daughter Lisa Yamada arrived along with 6-year-old Karen and 2-year-old Yuki who enjoyed seeing the fish flopping on the pier before being returned to the sea.

At our awards ceremony, we have many fun categories to ensure that everyone receives prizes. But the coveted fishing bragging rights honors included Tony Unadia who was the first to land one of over 100 fish caught throughout the day on the fishing tackle donated each year by Jimmy Sakamoto and the VFW. Amy Yamazaki took the honors for most fish caught with 21 fish (She was also the crabbiest fisherperson with 3 crabs hauled into the pier!) And our volunteer Ron Yamamoto caught the biggest fish being a nice barred perch.

First SPIRIT OF JAPANTOWN FESTIVAL a Major Success *(Continued from page 4)*

Many thanks to Jeff and the following volunteers for making the plant sales happen: Audrey Doi, Amanda Drennan, Roy Hirabayashi, Denise and Pete Imamura, Mary Jio, Alex Kami, Dick, Nancy, and Eddie Kerbel, Leon Kimura, Mike Nimoto, Lori Nishimatsu, Tom Oshidari, Joyce Oyama, Marian Suham, Karen Tjhan, and Tim Tom.

Thanks also to the following donors for their generosity: Bay Breeze Greenhouse, California Florida Plant Company, Cupertino Florist, El Real Nursery, Gatanaga Flower Company, Ichidai Nursery, Kajiko Nursery, Kawahara Nursery, Mt. Green Nursery, Ogawa-Mune Nursery, Onitsuka Greenhouse, Osako Nursery, Sakamoto Plants, and Yamashita Flower Farms.

See everyone next year at the 2nd ANNUAL SPIRIT OF JAPANTOWN FESTIVAL!



Jeff & lei's for the Sumo guests



Marian Suham & Nancy Kerbel



Neil K. makes paper cranes



Leon Kimura & Jeff Y.

San Jose JACL Bowl a thon *By Jeff Yoshioka*



The Fourth JACL Bowl a thon was held on November 17th at Fourth Street Bowl. It was a very successful event. The goal of the event was to get together, have fun, have a few laughs, enjoy some snacks, raise some money for the chapters leadership development programs. All the goals were met, and we raised over \$1,500 for the chapter and had a lot of fun along the way.

I would like to recognize the top fundraiser for their hard work in getting sponsors and helping the chapter raise some money. The top fundraiser, top male bowler, and high game of 202 was Franco Imperial, 2nd fundraiser was Wisa Uemura, and top women bowler was Chris Kawashima.

The bowlers were Amanda Drennan, Katy Drennan, Greg Hori, Nick Hori, Alex Kami, Chris Kawashima, Leon Kimura, Danielle Kitagawa, Allison Kobayashi, Emily Kobayashi, Gordy Kono, Neil Kozuma, Rod Lum, Pat Nakashima, Tom Nishikawa, Tom Oshidari, San Jose Taiko (Franco Imperial, Yumi Ishihara, Sylvia King, Trish Kume, Wisa Uehara), Gail Sueki, June Tanaka, Emily Teruya, Karen Tjhan, Tim Tom, and Sharon Uyeda.

The bowlers also had a cheering section Lynda Drennan, Ron Hori, Kenzo Kimura, Mark & Lisa Kobayashi, Kris Lum, Greer Nishikawa, Joyce Oyama, San Jose Taiko, & Jeff Yoshioka.



Greg & Nick Hori, Emily Kobayashi, Gail S. & Emily Teruya having fun



Top Fundraiser & Top Male Bowler Franco Imperial
2nd place Male Bowler Leon K., 2nd place Fundraiser Wisa Uemura
Top Female Bowler Chris Kawashima

San Jose JACL / Digital Clubhouse Host Veterans' Day Event *By Pat Nakashima*



San Jose City Councilman Sam Liccardo, Leighton "Goro" Sumida, Al Torolano, Frank Mizufuka, The-Vu Nguyen (Vice Mayor Dave Cortese's office), Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee, Mark Nakamoto (Mike Honda's Office)

The San Jose chapter of JACL, along with Digital Clubhouse, was honored to have Leighton "Goro" Sumida and Frank Mizufuka, both decorated veterans from Hawaii as honored guests for the evening of Nov. 9, at Yu Ai Kai senior center. To begin the program, President Gail Sueki welcomed all attendees and particularly many veterans in attendance, (Walter Tanaka, Albert Mizuhara, Harry Ishibashi, Moffet Ishikawa, Wally Nakagami, Bob Iso, Mike and Robert Furusho) not only those from WWII but also from the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. The veterans represented MIS, the Army and the Navy. She also recognized the two originally scheduled guests, Barney Hajiro and Shizuya Cesar Hayashi, Medal of Honor winners, who were unable to attend due to medical concerns. For more information on these two brave soliders, go to http://www.homeofheroes.com/photos/6_ww2/hajiro.html (Barney Hajiro) and http://www.homeofheroes.com/photos/6_ww2/hayashi_shizuya.html. Additionally, going to the 'home of heroes' website will also link with stories of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regiment.

Bronze Star, Combat Medal and a Country of France Citation. Mr. Mizufuka, of the 442nd Regiment received 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Unit Citations, a Combat Medal and a Purple Heart. Both gentlemen spoke briefly of their experiences serving in the military.

Mr. Sumida, of the 100th Battalion, was the recipient of 22 Battle Citations, a Presidential Citation, Division Citation,

Warren Hegg, President and Founder of Digital Clubhouse Network, then introduced some short stories which presented different perspectives of World War II. The first story was that of Al Tortolano –"Italian Nisei"; then Rudy Tokiwa's "Nisei's Fight for Freedom" followed. Harry Ishibashi's story "A 442nd Veteran's Story" came next, followed by Harry Fukuhara's "An Unpopular Decision." James Shizuru's "When America Broke Its Promise," Ed Takeda's "Against All Adversity," and Betty Nishi's "A Nisei Teenager's Story" completed the program. Many thanks to Nick Molle who prepared a commemorative DVD for our honored guests. Warren Hegg also introduced Aubrie Lee, a student at Gunn High School in Palo Alto, who was the Digital Clubhouse person who worked on James Shizuru's story.

Mark Nakamoto of Congressman Mike Honda's office presented certificates to Mr. Sumida and Mr. Mizufuka. We were also pleased to see Mr. The-Vu Nguyen, representing Vice Mayor Cortese's office, Mr. Sam Liccardo, District 3 Council Member and the Honorable Otto Lee, Mayor of Sunnyvale in attendance.

Thanks to Warren Hegg and Neil Kozuma, Chair of the Veterans' Day event for our chapter, Jeff Yoshioka, Tim Tom, Karen Tjhan, Gail Sueki, and Pat Nakashima for their help during the evening.



Mark Nakamoto, Jeff Y., Pat Nakashima, and Tim Tom



We provided the snacks



Gail S. greets the attendees

Japantown Community Congress San Jose *By Amy Halcrow*

The monthly meeting of the Japantown Community Congress San Jose (JCCsj) was held on October 23, 2007 at the Issei Memorial Building. At this meeting, the Board was given an update by the City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency on the 7 Priorities for Japantown, as well as a progress report on the SB307 and Proposition 40 Japantown projects. A presentation explaining the planning processes of the City of San Jose was given by a staff member of the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

Current projects of the JCCsj include the 5th and Jackson Street Landmark, Historic Markers, Ikoi-no-Ba, Historical Survey, Japantown Advocacy and Community Outreach to name a few.

2007 Tri - District Conference Highlights *By Sharon Uyeda, Delegate*

Eleven San Jose JACLers (Lisa & Mark Kobayashi, Neil Kozuma, Greer & Tom Nishikawa, Gail Sueki, Karen Thjan, Tim Tom, Henry Uyeda, Sharon Uyeda, and Jeff Yoshioka) traveled to the Circus Circus Hotel/Casino, Reno, NV to attend the 2007 Tri-District JACL Conference on November 2-4.



Panel on the Lt. Ehren Watada Workshop

On Friday evening, the group attended a Welcome Mixer, then later joined the youth at the Ice Cream Parlor and enjoyed some delicious Dreyers ice cream.

Saturday was a full day of workshops and film screenings with an Awards Luncheon at noon. I attended a workshop on the **Nikkei Cuban Community**, which was very informative. The early immigration, imprisonment during WWII of the Nikkei men, and the evolution of the Japanese and Okinawan Cuban community was shared by three members of the Tsukimi Kai. Tsukimi Kai has made two trips to Cuba and a video was shown of the group's first trip. Gail and Jeff heard a presentation on **Coalitions**. Gail stated that broad support is needed to create a force for substantial lasting change. Coalitions are effective because they legitimize an issue, put pressure on decision makers, and enhance risk taking. Jeff stated that the information reinforced what our Chapter is developing with the API Justice Coalition. Karen, Tim and Jeff attended a fun and entertaining workshop on **Membership**. Neil and Karen were captains of the Family Feud Game, which was played during the presentation. Karen and Tim attended the **Youth Roundtable** and were a little disappointed because there was a more diverse group and not just youth to "bounce" ideas off each other. Some good quick fix solutions were proposed such as adding a youth member to the Chapter's Board as well as having social/educational events. Jeff's comments on the workshop: **Crisis in Japantown** were that San Jose's Japantown seems to be in good shape at this time due to the strong core of churches and organizations that are located and meet in Japantown. Los Angeles' Japantown is having some trouble, it has been sold and the development might not maintain Little Tokyo. San Francisco Japantown's sale is pending and the new owner's plans are not clear. As an alternative to attending the workshops, a number of documentary films were shown..

At the Awards Luncheon three individuals and one Chapter were honored. The three honorees were Miyako Kadogawa (PSWDC), Bob Taniguchi (CCDC), and Aeiko Yoshikawa (NCWNPDC). Livingston-Merced Chapter was also honored and recognized as "Making a Difference in their Community."

Sunday morning, there was a Q & A with the National Board then the NCWNPDC held its Fourth Quarterly meeting after lunch. Information covered during the meeting will be shared separately.



National Board and District Governors at the Tri district
(Back Row) Mark Kobayashi Treasurer/Secretary, Larry Oda President, Floyd Mori Executive Director, Alan Nishi NCWNP Governor, Kimberly Shintaku Youth Rep.,
(Front row) Alayne Yonemoto PSW Governor, Bobbie Hanada CCDC Governor, Carol Kawamoto VP Planning, Sheldon Arakaki VP Operations, and Elaine Akagi PNW President



Team captain Neil and his Family Feud team including Karen Thjan, and VP-Operations Sheldon Arakaki



Milo Yoshino, Gail S., Sheldon Arakaki, Neil K., Karen Thjan., Tim Tom, & Jeff Y.

San Jose JACL Installation, January 11, 2008 *By Jeff Yoshioka*

On January 11, 2008, the San Jose Chapter of the JACL will host a social gathering at the Issei Memorial Building. All members are encouraged to attend and meet the 2008 Chapter officers and board. Doors will open at 6:00p.m., drinks and dinner will be provided by the chapter, and the installation ceremony will begin at 7:30.

Please come and meet our president Gail Sueki and her cabinet. Gail would love to meet you and talk to you about the chapter, and some of the exciting activities and programs planned for 2008.

Date: *January 11, 2008, Friday*

Time: *6:00pm Dinner, 7:30pm Installation of Board & Officers*

Place: *Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth Street, San Jose, CA 95112*

RSVP, Questions: *Jeff Yoshioka (408) 363-8191*

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2008 41st Annual San Jose JACL/Tokutomi Math Contest

All schools in the Santa Clara County that have students in grades seven to twelve are invited to participate in this mathematics contest. This annual mathematics contest is sponsored by the San Jose JACL, the California Mathematics Council Student Activity Trust, the Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Association, and the Santa Teresa High School Mathematics Department.

The contest will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Santa Teresa High School starting at 9:00a.m., registration at 8:30a.m. Deadline to enter is January 8, 2008. The contest will be divided into two divisions, high school and middle school.

For more information, please contact the San Jose JACL, 565 N. Fifth Street, San Jose, CA. 95112 or call (408)295-1250 or go to the website www.sanjosejacl.org for forms and information.

San Jose JACL Activities and Participation

The following is a list of events sponsored, co-sponsored and/or attended by the San Jose JACL Board & JACL Youth:

- 9/4 JACL Recognition Dinner Mailer – Jeff Y., Sharon U., Neil K., Pat N., Henry U.
- 9/16 Yosh Uchida Tribute Event – Tom O., Leon K., Joyce O.
- 9/18 Fall Outlook Mailer - Jeff Y., Gail S., Neil K., Leon K., Pat N., Tom O.,
- 9/22 Senior Fishing Trip – Leon K., Gail S., Neil K., Jeff Y., Tom Nishisaka, Tom S.,
- 9/24 API Justice Coalition – Neil K., Jeff Y.
- 9/27 Japantown Lunch with Counsel General - Mark K.
- 9/27 Asian Pacific Bar Association Award Reception – Gail S., Jeff Y., Neil K.
- 9/27 Planning Commission Meeting – Japantown Corp. Yard Meeting, Neil K.
- 9/29 Angel Island Immigration Center Dinner – Guests of NJAMF, Gail S., Jeff Y.

- 10/6 Spirit of Japantown – Jeff Y., Leon K., Tom O., Joyce O., Gail S., Kellie T., Tim Tom, Karen Tjhan
- 10/20 JACL Health Trust Meeting, San Jose – Jeff Y.
- 10/20 Yu Ai Kai - Keiro Kai, Curt Matsushima
- 10/20 Diablo Valley JACL 30th Anniversary Gala – Jeff Y., Neil K.
- 10/22 API Justice Coalition – Neil K., Jeff Y., Gail S.
- 10/25 Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Guest of A T& T – Randy O., Gail S., Jeff Y.,
- 10/26 BAYMEC's Annual Dinner , Guest of AT&T – Randy O., Gail S., Jeff Y.
- 10/27 6th Annual San Jose JACL Recognition Dinner – Jeff Y., Gail S., Sharon U., Kellie T., Mark K., Joyce O., Pat N., Neil K., Tom O., Tom Nk. Kenzo K., Leon K., Tim Tom, Karen Tjhan, Mariko Fujimoto

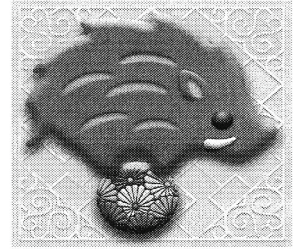
- 11/1 VNA Scholarship Dinner, Guest of Mike Honda – Jeff Y., Gail S.
- 11/2,3,4 Tri-District Conference, Reno – Sharon U., Tom Nk., Gail S., Neil K., Jeff Y., Mark K., Tim Tom, Karen Tjhan
- 11/9 LEAP Planning Session – Gail S.
- 11/9 Veteran's Day Event – Neil K., Pat N., Gail S., Tom O., Sharon U., Jeff Y., Tim Tom, Karen Tjhan, Colin & Brendan Boon
- 11/10 LEAP Conference – San Francisco – Gail S., Jeff Y., Tim Tom
- 11/10 National JACL Board Meeting – Mark K., Gail S., Tim Tom, Jeff Y.
- 11/16 General Election Potluck – 28 attendees
- 11/17 San Jose JACL Bowl a thon – Jeff Y., Gail S., Pat N., Leon K., Kenzo K., Sharon U., Joyce O., Tom Nik., Tom O., Neil K., Mark K., Tim Tom, Karen Tjhan, Greg & Nick Hori

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2007 General Meeting and Elections *By Jeff Yoshioka*

The annual General Meeting was held on November 16th at the Issei Memorial Building. Board members and general members alike gathered to partake in equally good conversation, food and refreshments. Each member was also given the opportunity to share their reasons for being members of the JACL organization and their special areas of interest. The major business item conducted during the General Meeting was to elect the individual Board Members to serve a term on the San Jose JACL until November 2009. These Board members are listed as follows:

Katie Hironaka, Leon Kimura, Jeff Kuwano, Curt Matsushima, Susan Mineta, Ken Nakamura, Tamon Norimoto, Tom Oshidari, Joyce Oyama, Gail Sueki, Kellie Takagi, Kaz Uyesugi

The newly elected Board Members joined the continuing Board members for the following Regular meeting of the JACL Board of Directors to vote on the new slate of Officers who will assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2008. Proposed officers shared their vision and value that they intend to add to the organization. The officers were voted in as follows:

President- Gail Sueki

Vice President of Operations- Leon Kimura

Vice President of Civil Liberties- Jeff Kuwano

Secretary- Pat Nakashima

Treasurer- Jeff Yoshioka

Delegates- Tom Nishikawa, and Neil Kozuma

Special thanks to Tom Oshidari, Kenzo Kimura, Mark Kobayashi, and Karen Shiraki who served on the Nominations Committee to develop the Board ballot and Officer slate. Congratulations to all the new Board members and Officers!

Calendar of Events:

Legend:

IMB = Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth Street, S.J.

December

14 - San Jose JACL Board Meeting [every 2nd Friday of the month] 7:00 p.m. IMB,

15 - Yu Ai Kai Mochitsuki San Jose Buddhist Church

22 - Yu Ai Kai Bonen Kai 12:00 p.m. San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

January

11 - San Jose JACL 2008 Installation Dinner 6:00 p.m. IMB

11 - San Jose JACL Board Meeting [every 2nd Friday of the month] 8:00p.m. IMB

12 - San Jose JACL - Tokutomi Math Contest 8:30 a.m. Santa Teresa High School

February

3 - NCWNP District Meeting, TBD

8 - San Jose JACL Board Meeting [every 2nd Friday of the month] 7:00p.m IMB

9 - Friends & Family of Nisei Vets Annual Meeting (FFNV)

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17 - NOC Day of Remembrance 5:00 p.m. San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

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In memory of Harry Yoshioka

In honor of Kristi Imai Graduation

In memory of Harry Yoshioka

United Way

Senior Fishing Trip

In memory of Kinji Sera

Apologies to anyone left off the lists

Volunteers:

Audrey Doi	Spirit	Linda Fujimoto	RD
Mariko Fujimoto	Outlook, RD	Amy Halcrow	Outlook, Spirit, RD
Roy Hirabayashi	Spirit	Denise Imamura	Spirit
Pete Imamura	Spirit	Mary Jio	Spirit
Alex Kami	Spirit	Dick & Nancy Kerbel	Spirit, RD
Eddie Kerbel	Spirit	Kenzo Kimura	RD
Leon Kimura	OM, FT, Spirit, RD	Allison Kobayashi	RD
Emily Kobayashi	RD	Lisa Kobayashi	RD
Mark Kobayashi	RD	Neil Kozuma	RM, OM, FT, RD, Halloween, Vets
Jeff Kuwano	Vets	Curt Matsushima	Keiro Kai
Pat Nakashima	RM, Outlook, OM, RD, Vets	Mike Niimoto	Spirit
Tom Nishikawa	Spirit, RD	Lori Nishimatsu	Spirit
Paul Nishimatsu	Spirit	Tom & Hue Nishisaka	FT
Claire Omura	Sunshine Club	Kay Ono	Sunshine Club
Tom Oshidari	OM, Spirit, RD, Vets	Joyce Oyama	Spirit, RD
Margie Oyama	RD	Tom & Sue Shigemasa	FT
Gail Sueki	OM, FT, Spirit, RD, Vets	Marian Suhama	Spirit
Kellie Takagi	Spirit, RD	June Tanaka	RD
Karen Tjhan	OM, Spirit, RD, Vets	Tim Tom	OM, Spirit, RD, Vets
Henry Uyeda	RM	Sharon Uyeda	RM, RD, Vets
Ron Yamamoto	OM, FT, Spirit, RD, Halloween	Jeff Yoshioka	RM, Outlook, OM, FT, Spirit, RD, Halloween, Vets

RM – Recognition Dinner Mailer, OM – Outlook Mailer, FT – Fishing Trip, Spirit – Spirit of Japantown,

RD – Recognition Dinner, Halloween - Japantown Halloween, Vets – Veterans Event,

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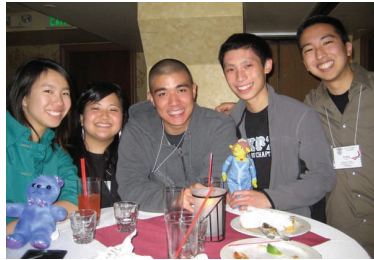
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Karen Thjan, Megumi Kaminaga,
Emily Teruya, & Gail



Karen T., Megumi, Kenyon Mayeda
Tim Tom, & Craig Ishii



Milo & Reiko Yoshino.



Lisa & Mark Kobayashi



Megumi K. & her banana split



Greer & Tom Nishikawa



Dancing Queens: Sharon U., Gail, Lisa, & Karen



Don't know what this is.



Karen Thjan, Neil K., Tim Tom, & Nancy Kerbel



Gail S., & Jeff Y. after a successful dinner



Tom & Terry Oshidari and friends