



OUTLOOK

San Jose JACL's 10th Annual Community Recognition Dinner *by Tom Oshidari*

San Jose JACL's 10th Annual Community Recognition Dinner— *Preserve the Past – Ensure the Future*— was held on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the San Jose Airport Garden Hotel –Mediterranean Center in San Jose. Opening with cocktail hour and Silent Auction, followed by dinner, Master of Ceremonies **George Kiriya** (NBC News Reporter) then was tasked with conducting a first-time “Dessert Dash” whereby tables pledged donations to move up in the picking order to select desserts from a dessert table. The event added a little fun to the evening and was successful as a fundraiser.

The main program began with **Mike Honda** speaking briefly as well as explaining the certificates his office was presenting to the honorees. **Councilmember Kansen Chu** also provided certificates from the San Jose City Council acknowledging the honorees.

The following deserving honorees along with their presenters took the stage in order:

Alvin Hironaga, presented by two of his sons, **Kent** and **Jonathan**: Has served for over 20 years as San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Boy Scout Troop 611 Assistant Scoutmaster and together with long-tenured Scoutmaster, **Stan Kawamata**, has led several troop treks to Hawaii. Has been Board President and Obon Chairperson. Helped to found the EcoSangha and Dana Club organizations and continues to serve both. He has been a San Jose CYS coach and is currently a board member for Fuji Towers.

Ninja Youth Foundation, presented by **Dean Kobashigawa**, accepting the award was **Robert Nakamae**, President: From its beginnings in 1980 the Ninja Youth Foundation greatly increased the opportunities for Asian American youth to participate in competitive, tournament basketball in the San Jose area.

Chris Tsuji, presented by **Mark Kobayashi**: The recently retired high school mathematics teacher spent over 35 years nurturing the math contest which started in 1969 as the San Jose – Okayama Sister City Friendship Exchange Mathematics Contest and concluded a 43-year run last year under its most recent name, the San Jose JACL – Tokutomi Mathematics Contest in honor of the founders, **Kiyoshi** and **Kiyoko Tokutomi**.

Sharon Uyeda, presented by **Shirley Ota**: Sharon started as a Jr. JACLer and co-chaired the 1968 National Youth Convention, which was held concurrently with the San Jose JACL hosted National Convention. When SJ JACL again hosted the JACL National Convention in 1996, Sharon chaired the program booklet committee and the fashion show. With her background in education, Sharon has been involved with the SJ JACL scholarship program for over 35 years, serving apprenticeship under **Helen Mineta** and continuing on as chair of the scholarship committee. She has co-chaired recent fund raising dinners and continues to serve both on the Chapter Board and on the JACL District Board.

Joe Yasutake, presented by **Dr. Jerrold Hiura**: Since his well-earned retirement in 1994, Joe has been toiling almost full-time in the community. He has been Chair of the Council of Ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church. For the Japantown Community Congress of San Jose (JCCsj) Joe was the first President and then later headed the Landmarks Committee which spearheaded the development of many of the historical landmarks seen throughout Japantown. Joe also has served as President of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose (JAMsj) where he continues to serve on the Board and to lead many projects.

Yu-Ai Kai, presented by Board President, **Ben Katai**, and accepting the award was **Sophie Horiuchi-Forrester**, Executive Director: Yu-Ai Kai (YAK) had its humble beginnings in the early 70's when a group of Sansei students from San Jose State University formed Asians for Community Action (ACA). Originally housed at what is now known as the Issei Memorial Building, ACA used volunteers to provide bilingual and bicultural services for local Japanese and Japanese American seniors, including social activities, traditional Japanese celebrations, art and crafts, and trips. In 1974 Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service of San Jose officially came into being. Today YAK has two buildings of its own, paid staff and serves over 3000 seniors annually.



L to R: Joe Yasutake, Alvin Hironaga, Sharon Uyeda, Chris Tsuji, Robert Nakamae (Ninja Youth Foundation), Sophie Horiuchi-Forrester (Yu-Ai Kai) Photo by Yukikazu

President's Message *by Leon Kimura*



Well, it's a brand new year and a whole new age according to the ancient Mayans. And just in time I might add. 2012 was a tough year, truly life and death with events like Oak Creek and Sandy Hook weighing on our hearts and sensibilities. And a devastating blow to our collective karma was the passing of Senator Daniel Inouye on December 17, 2012. Truly a hero, great leader and dedicated public servant who exemplified the Nisei spirit to forge a permanent union between the Nikkei and this great American Nation of ours.

The JACL. Still here. Still needed and still relevant. I admit that I cannot fathom the depth of political machinations that must occur at the highest levels of our nation's governance, but I do believe that leaders like Senator Inouye who believe in honesty and integrity are crucial to prevent unbridled abuses and compromises by politicians for the sake of expediency. Case in point – already this new year, the President signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) while still including the right to indefinitely detain American citizens without due process of law. Despite the historical WWII lessons of the incarceration of innocent Japanese Americans providing the chilling example of what can occur when due process is eliminated, for the sake of passing the military budget, the NDAA was signed.

2013... still needed. From observing the upper echelons of governance, to mindful historical input into theatrical public storytelling, to continuing the education about our Nikkei history, to promoting our cultural heritage in community events, to honoring our past heroes, and to paving the way in developing new leaders, the JACL is still relevant and appreciates your support in this effort!

And thank you for voting and making a difference in this last election! Thank you for the monetary contributions that keep our lights on and pays for fixing the leaks... But most of all thank you for being a part of the JACL community that hopefully helps allow each of us to believe, following in Senator Inouye's words: "I think I did okay."

Happy New Year everyone!

2013 Election of the Chapter's Board of Directors and Officers

The San Jose JACL Chapter elects Board of Directors each year at its November meeting of the General Membership. On November 8, 2012, the General Membership elected the following board members to serve the Chapter and the community for a term beginning January 2013 and ending December 2014: **Evan Brand; Carl Fujita; Amy Halcrow; Richard Kamimura; Carrie Kimura; Neil Kozuma; Ferdinand Luis, Jr.; Tom Nishisaka; Jeffrey Sera; Sue Shigemasa; Tom Shigemasa; Aron Shimada; and Sharon Uyeda.** The currently serving board members whose term expires December 2013 are: **Leon Kimura; Tom Oshidari; James Akira Matsumoto; Steven Nose; Tamon Norimoto; Joyce Oyama; Kellie Takagi; and Jason Yonehiro.** The elected Board Officers are: **Leon Kimura, President; Tom Oshidari, V.P. of Operations; Neil Kozuma, Treasurer/Secretary; and Carrie Kimura, V.P. of Civil Liberties.** For information on how to become a JACL member, please call our office or visit our website.

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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.

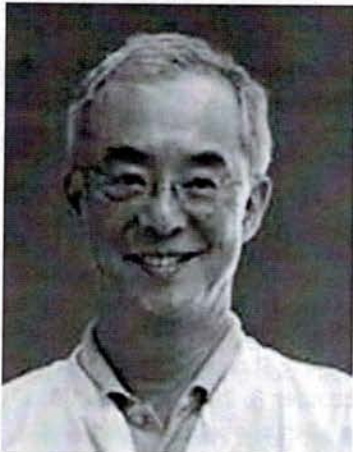
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CATS Honors Dr. Jerry Hiura at September 7th Dinner Program *by Tom Oshidari*



CATS (Contemporary Asian Theater Scene) celebrated its 17th year with a dinner held at the Fairmont Summit Center with the primary purpose of “toasting and roasting” **Dr. Jerry Hiura**. Preceding the formal program was a cocktail hour and silent auction.

CATS officers **Leianne Lamb** and **Caroline Moore** acted as Co-MCs to introduce an extensive array of guests to sing the praises of Dr. Jerry. **Steve Yamaguma** started things off by speaking to the early years, surprising many with his portrayal of the young Jerry as an Afro-coiffed, headband-wearing musician. Young author and film maker, **Tim Yamamura**, whom Dr. Jerry has mentored (and whom, if I recall correctly, I coached in CYS basketball some 30 years ago), read original poetry published by Dr. Jerry many years ago. Throughout the evening, though, the message was clear that Dr. Jerry was a man dedicated to the arts and has contributed greatly to the cause. In fact he is one of the few to have achieved the “triple crown,” i.e., holding the office of Chair of the City of San Jose Arts Commission, Vice Chair of the Regional Arts Council, and also being appointed Vice Chair of the State Arts Council by **Governor Gray Davis**.

Entertainment included ukulele music by **Rodney Takahashi**, taiko drums by **Roy** and **PJ Hirabayashi** (along with Dr. Jerry), piano and comedic banter by **Jon Jang** (again joined by Dr. Jerry), and jazz vocal stylings by **Moy Eng**.

San Jose JACL was represented by a table filled by **Leon Kimura**, **Carrie Kimura**, **Tamon Norimoto**, **Yukiko Hatanaka**, **Joyce Oyama**, **Sharon Uyeda**, and **Tom and Terry Oshidari**.

A message from Prof. Evelyn Nakano Glenn, UC Berkeley

I am trying to locate Japanese American men and women who left California, Washington, or Oregon in response to the threat of internment and who lived in other states during World War II

During World War II, approximately 5,000 men, women and children “voluntarily” relocated away from the barred zone during the brief period between the announcement of the planned evacuation and the actual evacuation and incarceration. The experiences of these Japanese Americans have never been examined by historians or social scientists and my research will fill this void in Japanese American history by collecting oral history interviews of those who “self evacuated” so as to avoid forced internment. The study will address issues such as the difficulty of living outside of camp during a period of intense anti-Japanese prejudice, and the challenge of maintaining ties with relatives and friends inside the camps.

If you know of someone who “self-evacuated” and might be willing to share their story, please contact me.

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IMB Springs a Leak *by Tom Oshidari*



The November rains found their way into the Issei Memorial Building downstairs conference room, causing ceiling tiles to fall and puddles to form on the carpet. Since there were no apparent leaks upstairs, some detective work by **Roy Hirabayashi** and **Franco Imperial** was required to point to the rear balcony door sill as the likely entry point. They applied sealer to the door sill--this helped but did not eliminate the water entry. As of press time of this Outlook, garbage cans in the conference room to catch the drips are a temporary solution while we try to resolve the issue.

Elaine Reiko Akagi – the Passing of a Legendary JACler



Elaine Akagi with Sharon Uyeda

Elaine was a driven individual who was dedicated to the JACL organization. She chaired the July 2012 National JACL Convention in Bellevue, Washington during which she was named JACler of the Biennium and prior to the Washington, D.C. Gala in October, it was announced that she would receive the prestigious JACL Ruby Pin. She served as President of the Detroit and Seattle Chapters, Pacific Northwest District Governor, and elected National Vice President for General Operations at the 2012 National Convention.

But as life would have it, at the height of Elaine's illustrious career, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the end of July and passed away on October 19, 2012.

San Jose Chapter Board member, **Sharon Uyeda** was a close friend for 45 years and recalls many JACL events that they attended together. Sharon flew to Seattle to attend Elaine's huge Celebration of Life held on December 8, 2012. **David Lin**, JACL

National President, and **Priscilla Ouchida**, JACL Executive Director, were both in attendance and each spoke her praises. A well deserved surprise was announced by Seattle Mayor **Michael McGinn** who after speaking about Elaine, read a proclamation designating an annual December 8th Elaine Akagi Day in Seattle and the hall burst into applause.

Memories of dedicated JAClers should not be forgotten. It is good to see that Seattle and others will forever recognize and keep Elaine in their hearts.

Cherry Tree Planting Ceremony Held at the Issei Memorial Building *by Tom Oshidari*

On September 15, 2012, the Issei Memorial Building (IMB) hosted a brief ceremony acknowledging the planting of a young cherry tree previously given to San Jose JACL by the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco and planted in the IMB front yard by **Tom Oshidari** and **Jeff Sera**.

100 years ago, the people of Japan gave 3000 cherry blossom trees, a beloved symbol of Japan, to the United States as a gesture of goodwill. The trees were planted in Washington DC's Tidal Basin, where they still blossom today, as part of First Lady Nellie Taft's efforts to beautify the nation's capital. Together with the Statue of Liberty, the cherry blossom trees represent the largest foreign gifts ever made to the United States.

As part of the centennial commemoration of this gift, Japan is once again donating cherry blossom trees to locations with significance to the friendship between the US and Japan. The IMB cherry tree is one such tree.

Tom Oshidari acted as Master of Ceremonies for a program where the following spoke briefly in turn: **Reverend Keith Inouye**, Wesley United Methodist Church of San Jose; Consul General of Japan, **Hiroshi Inomata**; **Leon Kimura**, San Jose JACL President; **Sam Liccardo**, San Jose City Councilperson, District 3 (includes Japantown); and **Roy Hirabayashi**, President, Japantown Community Congress of San Jose.

The hoped-for, long-lived symbol already has been sorely tested when someone knocked down the tree, cracking it at its base. However, the cambium layer was not severed; so Roy Hirabayashi applied his tender care and propped up the tree, hopefully to see it survive the dormant season and come back strong next spring.

2013 Scholarship Applications are Now Available *by Sharon Uyeda*

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: If you will be graduating in June, 2013, you are eligible for one of many scholarships offered or administered by the **San Jose JACL**. You can go to the San Jose JACL website: www.sanjosejacl.org and download an application. Complete the application and apply. Student membership in JACL is not a requirement for some of the scholarships, but your chance of receiving a scholarship is increased for some require student JACL membership. So if you're not a member already, sign-up and become a student member now! Student membership is \$30.00. A membership application can be found and downloaded from the above website or you can contact **Sharon Uyeda**, Scholarship Chairperson, at SUyeda9356@aol.com or 1-408-259-3656 for a membership application. Any questions related to the San Jose JACL Scholarship Program can be directed to **Sharon Uyeda**. Postmark deadline for submittal is Friday, March 1, 2013.

Allegiance - The Controversy *by Leon Kimura*

The Sing Out Louise production company has come out with a new play entitled "Allegiance - A New American Musical" that opened at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego. It boasts such stars as **Lea Salonga**, **Telly Leung** and **George Takei** and is a fictional story based upon the wartime perspective of one family, the Kimura's (no relation ;), as they endured the tribulations of the time. The story is fictional except for one character, **Mike Masaoka**, the National Secretary of the JACL during WWII. Therein lies the seeds of the controversy.

Back in July 2010, when the play's "backers screening" came to the San Jose Stage and as the actors performed their "readings" of the raw script, on stage, all lined up in a row, seated behind their music stands, the character of JACL's **Mike Masaoka** was the only actor in "costume", wearing a flamboyant zoot suit and exuding a "shyster, slick-Willie" attitude while he helped perform all the "dirty work" for the WRA rounding up the JAs into the camps and then the army. And our jaws dropped as the cast launched into the song "A Jap is a Jap" (title taken from the infamous **General DeWitt** statement, and now removed from the play). Needless to say, the JACLers in the audience were outraged and a continuing dialogue between the producers and the JACL ensued.

Now over two-years later, and after many revisions to the play, the musical received mixed reviews but drew standing ovations. I did not see the final production but I understand that the portrayal of Mike is toned down (but still edgy from a JACL perspective including the disturbing message about the role played by our beloved veterans - expendable suicide squad). Artistic license was taken freely in some of the material resulting in misleading inaccuracies. But despite that, in my humble opinion, the real value to the play's success is the opportunity it creates to expose the mainstream of America (and the world) to the story of hysteria, prejudice and ignorance that enabled very bad decisions including unconstitutional actions to be taken incarcerating 120,000 Japanese, German and Italian Americans without due process of law. It opens the doors to further educational discussions and even to our own personal introspections.

You can be sure that with your continued support, the JACL will endure to help prevent the wartime tragedies and failures of leadership from happening again. To their credit, the Allegiance team has assembled a phenomenal collection of material addressing the controversies and history of the period. To view this information, please go to: <http://www.allegiancemusical.com>.

CAIR – Upholding Our Constitution *by Leon Kimura*

In our continuing effort to support fellow civil liberties advocacy organizations, Board members **Tom Oshidari**, **Joyce Oyama**, **Neil Kozuma** and I attended the Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter 18th annual banquet. Always an entertaining, inspirational and educational event, this year's program was exceptional!

One speaker in particular resonated with me while addressing the topic: Upholding Our Constitution. **Glenn Greenwald** spoke of how the 911 event is eroding our civil liberties. He contends that we are engaged in a war on terrorism that is global and continuous and it is causing a fundamental transformation in our government where civil liberties abridgements become institutionalized. It has created a climate where extremist actions become normalized, such as the enactment of the USA Patriot Act with widespread reduction of intelligence-gathering restrictions. Or how about the signing of the NDAA in spite of the protests over the language that allows the

incarceration of Americans without due process?

The insidious part of all this change is the manner in which we, the American public, are becoming desensitized to the change. The war being waged has no end and we, including our youth, are slowly being trained to accept these abridgements to our civil liberties. There is a climate of fear occurring, both about terrorism and about retaliation if people protest the government actions (such as with WikiLeaks). Please do not unthinkingly accept these changes and make sure your family understands the freedoms to which they are entitled. Cherish the hard fought liberties provided to all Americans by the Issei and Nisei generations.

Thank you CAIR for continuing the good fight and helping to shine light in places where shadows would prefer to linger.

Why Planned Giving? *by Steve Okamoto*

Many donors assume the only way to make a gift to JACL is through an outright gift or a transfer of an asset like cash or real estate. While JACL certainly welcomes and encourages such gifts, it is also important for JACL supporters to know that other methods are available for supporting JACL's efforts- methods that help them achieve strategic goals for their families as well.

This method of giving is called "Planned Giving". At the heart of planned giving is the Internal Revenue Code, which encourages gifts to JACL by providing for significant tax deductions and savings. This is the government's financial reward for your generous philanthropy.

JACL supporters may not realize they may continue to receive income from assets that have been transferred. But through planned giving, it is possible to make a tax-deductible gift to JACL while retaining the right to use the asset or to derive income from it.

Through planned giving you could:

- Minimize taxes from IRA or other pension plans-if retirement is subject to estate and income taxes.

- Exchange highly appreciated assets for a lifetime income stream plus a tax deduction by using a charitable trust.

Following is a sampling of some of the most popular planned giving instruments available.

Wills/Bequests/Living Trusts

These are an effective way to provide for a loved one's financial security and to ensure that the donor's assets are distributed as desired after the donor's death. A bequest in a will or a trust beneficiary designation is especially appropriate for someone unable to make an immediate gift but would like to support the many activities and programs of JACL.

Outright Gifts

Gifts of cash, securities, real estate, insurance and personal property provide an immediate tax deduction of up to 50% of the donor's adjusted gross income with a five-year carryover.

Charitable Trusts

Charitable trusts are trusts established when a donor's assets are transferred to a trustee for the benefit of JACL. The donor would receive income for as long as he/she lives or for a fixed term. Donor is eligible for substantial tax benefits. Donor eliminates capital-gains tax on any appreciation. At the donor's death the remainder of trust is transferred to JACL.

JACL, using the experience of veteran planned giving expert **Steve Okamoto**, would work closely with you, your family members or your financial and legal advisers, to provide helpful information to determine how various planned giving instruments or techniques would work best for each individual.

HALLOWEEN at the IMB



On October 31, 2012, Ninjas, Princesses, Super-Heroes, a Train Conductor, and many of the most adorable ghosts and goblins from Japantown came to the Issei Memorial Building to participate in fun activities and receive Halloween treats. Many thanks go out to **CYS** and **Kari Dobashi-Barton** and her team for again hosting the children's activities and thanks to **San Jose Taiko** for playing the role of pied piper to lead the children throughout San Jose Japantown using their unique Taiko style. San Jose JACL board members **Leon Kimura** and **Neil Kozuma** helped get the IMB ready for the event and passed out special candy to all the Trick-or-Treaters.



JAMsj 25th Anniversary Gala *by Joyce Yuri Oyama*

Two and a half decades ago, a new organization emerged from under the umbrella of the San Jose JACL. This group was called JARC (Japanese American Resource Center) which was founded by four ambitious and dedicated visionaries: **Ken Iwagaki**, **Dr. Gary Okihiro**, the late **Eiichi Sakauye**, and **Jimi Yamaichi**. JARC grew in size as more and more people joined to further the mission of the visionaries. Fifteen years later in 2002, JARC was renamed JAMsj (Japanese American Museum of San Jose).

2012 marked twenty-five years of JAMsj's 's existence—time for celebration! Thus the 25th Anniversary Gala was held at the Hyatt Place in downtown San Jose on a wet December 1st evening.

The evening began with a no host bar and wine tasting. Then **San Jose Taiko** gave a rousing performance which not only entertained, but also invigorated everyone.

Dr. Aggie Idemoto, President of JAMsj, gave a warm welcome and the purpose of the gala. She also recognized and introduced five centenarians: **Masaye Mitsunaga**, **Alice Maruyama**, **Virginia Asada**, **Grace Akahoshi** and **Rokuro Otsubo**, who was the "youngest" and able to attend.

A gala needs a master of ceremonies. The lively and witty, **Mike Inouye**, NBC Bay Area News, fulfilled that need. He introduced special guests.

JAMsj board member, **Michael Sera** gave a commentary on the museum and its future. He also pointed out that cultural differences exist for a Japanese American living in America. It does present a challenge, but one can tackle it and do ones best to succeed.

The guest speaker was **Dr. Greg Kimura**, President/CEO of the Japanese American National Museum, located in Los Angeles. He pointed out that the museums share the same goal and task of preserving the Japanese American legacy for future generations.

The final portion of the gala was a live auction conducted by MC **Mike Inouye**. There were also three door prizes.

The evening was a success and enjoyed by 264 attendees. San Jose JACL joined the celebration to honor its "offspring", JAMsj, with three tables and wished them many more anniversaries to come.



Featured Exhibits

- Pioneers of SJ Japantown
- WWII Assembly Centers and Incarceration Camps
- WWII Military Intelligence Service
- 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team
- Post WWII Resettlement
- On Common Ground – Heinlenville SJ's last Chinatown
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Heiwa... by Leon Kimura

Universal Peace Day commemorates the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (August 5th in the USA and August 6th in Japan) with the goal of connecting people around the world to transform the remembrance of horror into a rededication of life. This year, on September 21st, the Community Arts and Lectures Program led by **Professor Merylee Shelton** at San Jose City College, held a United Nations Universal Day of Peace ceremony with multicultural folk singing, dancing, exhibits and festivities at the Carmen Castellano Fine Arts Plaza.

Included in the program was the dedication of the new Peace Pole in the plaza inscribed with the message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in various languages including Japanese. A short speech was given by **Dr. Sharat G. Lin** - President, San Jose Peace and Justice Center, and community representatives were present to read the peace pole inscriptions in the native tongue. Both **Fran Ellis** with the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee and myself were asked to "read" the Japanese inscription for the assembled crowd. Since neither of us read Japanese, our peace on earth translations were each a bit different but at least they both contained the word "Heiwa" (peace)! ;)

A special thanks to **Professor Shelton** for her work in promoting the significant and relevant 2012 Fall Series of the Community Arts and Lectures Program. And thank you to **Mr. Yoshiro Tasaka** with the Consul General of Japan for taking my call at home when I was asked to perform Japanese translation... Nice to have friends!



Leon Kimura, Council Member Ash Kalra

To Leon, Tom & Kim,

On behalf of us seniors we all want to "thank you so much" for a wonderful outing last Saturday. It was so nice to be out and enjoy the sun and the ocean breeze. We seniors don't go out (our kids don't want to do things with us "old folks". You really made us very happy and we appreciated it very much.

As far as prizes - gift (don't worry it, we don't need anything - a bag of chips or candy would be fine.

Again, a big "thank you" for a wonderful day! I hope JACL will still be doing it, or maybe a day trip around here. We'll be glad to help with the cost of transportation.

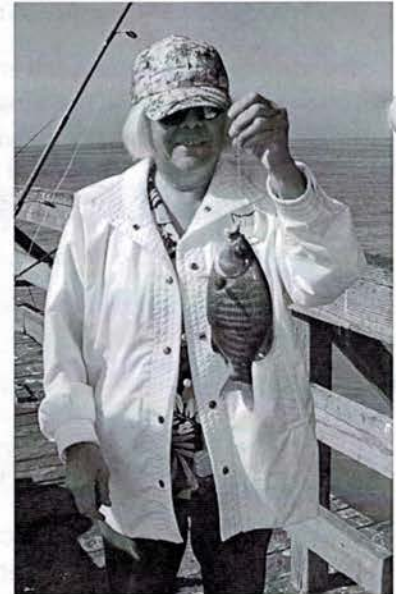
Sincerely,
the Fishing Trip Seniors,
Sept. 2nd, 2012

Lily He and friends.

Senior Fishing Trip 2012



Yu-Ai Kai



Bridging Communities: "Preserving the Legacy" 2013 Application – San Francisco

The Japanese American Citizens League, the San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-SFBA), and the Tule Lake Committee, with sponsorship from the National Park Service, are proud to present the 2nd annual *Bridging Communities: Preserving the Legacy* program in the Bay Area!

The *Bridging Communities* program seeks to connect Japanese American youth, American Muslim youth, and their allies by synthesizing the differences and commonalities that bind us together. Participants will be engaged in a series of interactive sessions consisting of group activities, site visits, and workshops with discussions that explore topics of identity, culture/religion, civil rights, and activism.

The program is open to high school students residing in the Bay Area. Participation in all sessions is mandatory, unless prior approval is received.

SESSION DATES

Session	Date
1	Feb. 17
2	March 30
3	Apr. 20
4	May 25
Tule Lake	June 10 - 12
Graduation	TBA

**Dates are subject to change*

EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED AS SPACE IS LIMITED.

Applications are DUE by no later than Feb. 8th at 5pm, 2013.

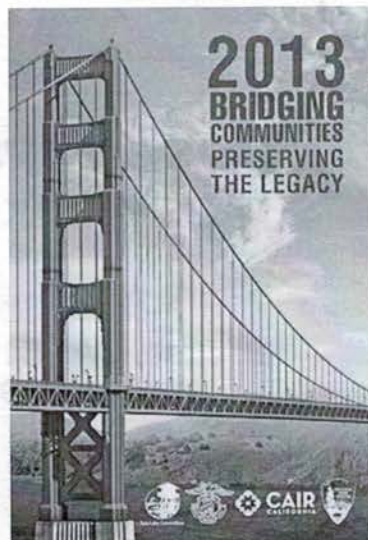
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The 2013 Bridging Communities: Preserving the Legacy Program is funded by the National Park Service Japanese American Confinement Site (JACS) Grant Program.



2013 BRIDGING COMMUNITIES PRESERVING THE LEGACY

Program Details

Who
Bay Area high school students of all faith and ethnic backgrounds

Dates
6 Saturdays from January to June 2013, and a weekend-long trip to the former incarceration camp site at Tule Lake

To Apply
Download an application at <http://bit.ly/bcas2013>
Applications are due by February 8, 2013

Contact
jkyo@jacl.org or adaghmoum@cair.com

The Bridging Communities Program was established as a proactive response to a number of incidents of hate and intolerance experienced by the American Muslim community in the long aftermath of 9/11. Recognizing the similarities that Japanese Americans faced in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor that resulted in Japanese American incarceration, Bridging Communities was meant to build solidarity and partnership between these two communities.

The goal of the Bridging Communities Program is to create awareness, dialogue and activism from Japanese American, American Muslim and allied youths through a series of interactive sessions including topics such as: identity, culture, religion, civil rights, history, advocacy and community service.

Honoring our Nikkei veterans
 Who have served
 In the United States military
 Beginning with
 The Spanish American War
 And carrying the banner through
 WW I and WW II
 Korean Conflict and Vietnam War
 To today
 In Afghanistan and Iraq

We salute you

Judy Niizawa, President
 San Jose JACL, 1980 & 1981



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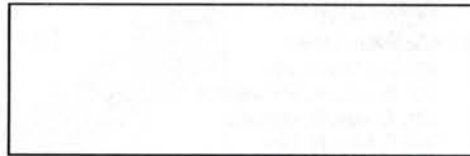
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- Thank you **Justin Hashimoto** for donating your fundraising efforts for the wonderful benches you made for the Issei Memorial Building gardens as your Eagle Scout project!
- Congratulations to **Yosh Uchida** for being inducted into the SJSU Sports Hall of Fame with the "Legend Award"!
- **What:** 33rd Annual San Jose **Day of Remembrance**
When: Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 5:30 PM
Where: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin
640 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA
More info: call Gary at 408-374-2722 or email info@sinoc.org
- **What:** 2013 National JACL **Scholarship** Program
The scholarship program annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law or the creative/performing arts. There is also a scholarship for those in need of financial aid in this time of rising tuition costs. All applicants must be a student or individual member of the JACL.
Freshman applications must be submitted directly to their local JACL chapter by March 1. Applications for the "other" scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and student aid) are to be sent directly by the applicant to the "National JACL Scholarship Committee" by April 1.

The new Meiji Gakuin University - JACL Scholarship is for a graduating high school senior wishing to study in Japan. This four-year scholarship involves two completely different applications, which can be requested directly from Meiji Gakuin University. All classes are taught in English and will lead the recipient to a bachelor's degree in International Studies. The deadline is March 1.

More info: Details and applications can be found on the JACL website at www.jacl.org, (click "Education" on the menu bar). For questions contact Regional Director Patty Wada at: jacl-ncwnpro@msn.com, or National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development Jason Chang at: vpp-d@jacl.org.

- **What:** 2013 **Freedom Train** - In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Freedom Train ride from San Jose to San Francisco is approximately the same distance as the historic 54 mile Selma to Montgomery march.
When: January 21 at 9 a.m.
Where: San Jose Diridon Station, 65 Cahill St., (and various stops along the Caltrain route)
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