Florin, JACL, marks 60th anniversary

By FRANK IRITANI

Special to the Pacific Citizen

The 60th Anniversary of the Florin chapter, JACL, was celebrated Nov. 3-5, 1995, with $75,000 raised for the California State University at Sacramento Archives Endowment Fund. Co-chairs, actor George Takei and Congressman Robert Matsui, led the tribute to the area's Issei pioneers, to those who endured the forced internment during World War II, and the Nisei who died in battle.

Takei and Matsui issued challenges to the JACL and the Nikkei community to recommit themselves anew to the JACL mission and creed of upholding the civil and human rights of all people.

In celebrating its 60th anniversary, chapter leaders chronicled the history and achievements of the first Japanese immigrant who came to the Florin area around 1899.

The Florin chapter was formally organized by the Nisei in 1935.

The late Yoshio Kiino, who was born in Florin, was the chapter’s first president.

The late Walter Tsukamoto, a Florin native, nationally active JACL leader and one of the national pre-war JACL presidents.

Here are highlights of the chapter’s history:

• One of the chapter’s most noteworthy achievements was its role in desegregating “Moon Garden School” in 1939 and subsequently, two segregated county schools and bringing the community in line with democratic and constitutional principles.

• Though the parents and relatives were confined in 10 isolated relocation centers during World War II, 45 young Nikkei Florin soldiers fought a “two front war”—against the enemy and prejudice,” and paid the supreme sacrifice.

• The Florin played a major role in the resettlement of the returning internees after the 10 concentration camps closed in 1945.

• Alfred Tsukamoto, 83, current Florin resident and the chapter’s first postwar president in 1947, and also the first postwar president in 1947, 1967-68 and 1978-79.

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Seattle’s Kip Tokuda named to Washington state committee

Washington State Rep. Kip Tokuda (D-South Seattle) was recently named ranking minority member of the House Children and Family Services Committee. In his position on the House Committee for Children and Families, Tokuda will help formulate laws on public programs designed to assist those people in need. Among the issues are foster care, mental health services, the welfare system, and at-risk children.

The Seattle resident was previously executive director of the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. A member of the Seattle chapter of JACL, he also temporarily served as the organization’s Pacific Northwest regional director. Tokuda can be reached at Olym

Asian American groups meet to discuss Houston police issues

The Houston chapter, JACL, along with other Asian American community groups, will meet with local police officials Feb. 1 to discuss issues of concern and to promote communication and cooperation.

Discussions will focus on the Houston Police Department’s newly formed Asian Task Force; an explanation of the policy of taking photos of Asians who are not charged with an offense and are not under arrest; the department’s Asian culture presentations to non-Asian audiences; the role and function of the department’s community liaisons; an explanation of lawful search procedures; the department’s procedures for complaints and the Internal Affairs complaint process; and an understanding of the police chief’s responsiveness to the Asian community.

Participating in the program is Daniel H. Watanabe, member of the Houston chapter. Current chapter President Betty Yaki is also one of the event organizers. Information: 713-498-1949.
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Cleveland

Dayton
Sat. Feb. 14—Smithsonian’s “A More Perfect Union,” Dayton Public Library, 3rd and St. John’s Nativity—A series of afternoon programs at 2 p.m. for six Sundays starts Jan. 7, focus on American WWII history and lessons of correcting past errors and the Constitution. Co-sponsored by Dayton JACL.

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Through Feb. 11—West Side Players. See CALENDAR/Page 12

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Library and the National Conference (formerly, NJCL).

Detroit
Feb. 9—Opening reception, Detroit JACL 5Oth anniversary party, and artifact exhibit, Detroit Historical Museum, 5:30 p.m. info: 313/832-8605.

Guest: Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

ST. LOUIS
Sat. Feb.—JACL 50th Anniversary dinner, Naval post, 4:30 p.m., Susan Yoshimura 314/482-3778. Keynote speaker, George Takei.

TWIN CITIES
Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner, open to any visitor; info: Norma Komaigae, chapter president, 612/575-0787.

WISCONSIN

See JACL/CAL/2012

NCWNP schedules Feb. 4 meeting
The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific (NCWNP) District Council of JACL will hold a Jan. 29 meeting to decide on the Japanese Cultural and Community League of Northern California.

The event will be hosted by the Golden Gate Chapter, JACL. The program will feature California’s Civil Rights Before 1965: Challenges and Issues for JACL, with panelists, Michael Wong, deputy director, Community Relations, Office of Gov. Pete Wilson, Herbert Yamashita, JACL national director; and Don Tanaka, Sansei attorney and community consultant.

The center is located at 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif, 94115.


For the record

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Hey, we’re practicing!
Today, JACL is recovering from a period of turmoil and scattered victories. Staff, members, and chapters have been the core of our membership for over 80 years. We have not only survived, but have sustained our presence and faith in the organization that has done so much for its constituency in years past. They have not permitted the disagreements and public negativity to cause us to lose all the good that JACL has achieved over the years and believe that the organization will continue to fulfill its duty and responsibility into the 21st century. Why do we believe that the organization will more than survive this period of financial and spiritual turmoil, JACL has risen from over and have maintained their support and faith in the battle for equitable treatment of Japanese Americans and others. We have been the core of our membership, but have steadfastly given up of the strength of JACL.

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West Los Angeles donates to local organizations

The West Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, recently presented donations to four local nonprofit organizations. The donations were made possible through a visual journey of the past and recognition of chapter founders and presidents. For information about reunion activities, contact George Sakaguchi, 9109 Rustic Woods Dr., St. Louis, MO 63126, tel: (314) 842-3138.

West Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, Auxiliary: Bill Sakurai, president. The West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary is a chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), a national organization representing 200,000 members throughout the United States and Canada. The chapter is active in the San Francisco Bay Area and supports local community service projects, including the establishment of a multicultural center for youth. The chapter has a history of involvement in community affairs, including support for local schools and cultural events.

Japanese American Citizen's League (JACL) Auxiliary, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter: President: James Minamoto, president; Janie Terakawa, treasurer. Board members are: Kerri Go, Tom Hida, Jack Iahio, Jonathan Kaji, Sen Nishiya, Bob Okita, Gary Okamoto, Takuyo Oyabu, Wayne Parmett, Ted Shigeno and James Takeuchi.

Kihatube is an active and longstanding JACL member both in the United States and Japan. She served as president, program chair, and newsletter editor of the Chicago Chapter. She was also a San Francisco Chapter board member. The new vice president was a Japan Chapter board member prior to her going to Kyoto for a year to study Japanese. She is a Sansei born in Chicago and raised in Park Ridge, IL.

Kihatube was an associate producer and co-writer of the film "Unfinished Business: The Japanese American Internment Cases," with Steven Okazaki, as well as a producer-manager for Okazaki's film, "Living on Teddy Bear Street," and independent film projects. Before coming to Japan she was involved in a career of commercial film-making, directing and coordinating television commercials, news, documentary and industrial/advertisement film and video projects.

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Layden was born in Tokyo in 1961. He hold a bachelor's degree from a university in New York, and is currently working as an assistant professor in the Department of Japanese Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He was involved in supporting Morita's activities as a Japan fund-raising chair for the Japanese American National Museum.

Terakawa, who resides in his native country of Japan, is currently working as an assistant professor at the University of Tokyo, teaching the significance of international law at the Tokyo National University. He has previously served as a board member of the Civic Association for the Promotion of International Law and has been in Japan for more than a decade and intends to become a permanent resident. He has been in Japan for more than a decade and intends to become a permanent resident.

Watanabe, a new officer, is currently working as a researcher at the University of Tokyo and has been in Japan for more than a decade and intends to become a permanent resident.

Livingston/Merced installs new officers

The chapter is scheduled to install new officers on Feb. 19, 1985, at 7 p.m., at the Livingston Community Center. The chapter will begin its second year of existence under new leadership.

The installation dinner for the chapter will be held on Jan. 24, 1985, at the Livingston Community Center. The chapter will begin its second year of existence under new leadership.

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Clerk/Receptionist

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Scott Fukunaga

Scott Fukunaga began his career as a journalist in 1996, covering local news for the San Francisco Examiner. He later worked for the Oakland Tribune, where he covered breaking news and feature stories. In 2001, he joined the staff of the Sacramento Bee, where he continues to report on local news and community events.

Sacramento to hold "Remembrance"

By TOKO FUJI

The Sacramento Chapter, JACL, and the Sacramento Asian Community Service League are collaborating to hold a "Remembrance" event on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at 2 p.m., at the Sacramento City Hall. The event will feature speakers and presentations related to the history of Asian American immigration and the experiences of Japanese Americans in the Sacramento area.

A new jersey for the Japanese Teaching Program was introduced at the Ministry of Education in Tokyo, returned home, then returned to Japan to pursue a fellowship at the Ministry of Education. In 1987, he came back to Tokyo, where he began working as an assistant to Akio Morita of the Sony Corporation. He was then appointed to support Morita's activities as a Japan fund-raising chair for the Japanese American National Museum.

In another chapter event, four chapter and community leaders and one organization of the Sacramento City Council were honored at the Sacramento Office of the Japanese American National Museum.

Los Angeles notes '95 achievements

By BETTY ATKINS

The Los Angeles chapter of the JACL, and its members achieved a great deal in 1995. Here are highlights:

- Dr. Edgar J. Wakayama, an Army reservist, was honored at a banquet in Ashland, Ohio, on June 3, 1995. A specialemerit Medalion was conferred in conjunction with his assignment to the JACL in the order. The citation reads: "Colonel Wakayama upheld the professional standards for excellence in army medicine. His professional attitudes and qualifications epitomize the highest standards of army tradition. He demonstrated the superb integrity, courage and moral character; displayed outstanding degree of professional competence and selflessness, and demonstrated betterment of army medicine." In addition, the chapter was awarded the following: "The chapter is dedicated to promoting understanding and friendship between Americans and Japanese through cultural exchange programs."
Personally speaking

Lim Youngberg named director of Congressional APA Caucus

Traci Endow chosen as 4th Mike Masaoka intern in D.C.

Kunsho awardees

A number of prominent JACL members were decorated by the Japanese American National Museum for their achievements in U.S.-Japan relations. They include the JACL's 1995 Japanese American Hall of Fame honorees, the 1996 JACL's Achievement Award honorees, the 1996 JACL's National Fellows, and the 1996 JACL's National Fellows Directors.

JOSEPH ALLMAN

A new executive director of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute, Youngberg, has a long history of public service and leadership. He is the first American of Japanese ancestry to serve on the federal appellate level. A UCLA graduate from Harvard Law School, he has chaired and served on networks in private practice with a Los Angeles law firm. As a judge, he has served as a deputy attorney general with the State of California and for the past 15 years as judge on the U.S. district court for the Central District of California. Two other Asian Americans have served at the appellate level: Herbert Y.C. Antu of Hawaii, the first Hawaiian judge ever, in 1941 and Theodore W. Chu of California, in 1993.

FRANCY LIM YOUNGBERG
difficult but exciting task ahead of her. The board is confident that she will be able to fulfill the great hopes we have for the Institute.

Youngberg was president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) from 1992 to 1993 and has been a leader of the APABA Network of Community Outreach since 1992. For a variety of reasons, she promoted the importance of the APABA community with respect to issues such as anti-Asian violence, public safety, crime victim assistance and access for Chinese detainees to interpreters and legal representation.

Traci Endow, 33, of Sunnyvale, Calif., has been named the fourth Mike Masaoka Fellowship Fund intern for 1996.

ENDO is a 1993 UCLA graduate, receiving her bachelor's degree in Communication Studies in 1993 and her master's degree in American Studies. A cum laude graduate of the University of the Pacific, she was a recipient of the Golden Key National Honor Society. In addition, she attended the University of the Pacific and was a member of Golden Key National Honor Society. She has been active in many local community organizations, including the American Studies Department, the University of the Pacific, UCLA, JACL, Japanese American National Committee, the Student Union, UCLA, and the National Endowment Board, Mt. View, Calif.

Individuals who are interested in applying for the Mike Masaoka Congressional Intern Program for the 1996-1997 term, should contact the National Headquarters, 233 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94113, or call 415-952-5252, or fax 415-931-4671.

CAROL YOSHINO

Carol Yoshino of the Chicago Chapter, JACL, will be honored with the American Bar Association's Human Rights Vic-Community Service award for the year 1996. She will be presented with the award at the ABA annual meeting in Seattle, Aug. 12-16.

A top achiever

In its Jan. 1 editorial picking the best in Japan and the world, The Seattle Times congratulated Wing Luke Museum director Linda Liu, who transformed the once-quite museum with relatively few Asian visitors into a true community museum with a large number of visitors. The Times also recognized the Seattle Public Library's vision for the future, as well as the Seattle Art Museum's recent acquisition of the George Washington Carver portrait by Charles Demuth. These achievements were highlighted in a recent editorial that praised the Museum's recent acquisition of the George Washington Carver portrait by Charles Demuth. These achievements were highlighted in a recent editorial that praised the Museum's recent acquisition of the George Washington Carver portrait by Charles Demuth.
California event provides forum for women's issues

By CATHERINE ISEDA

Nearly 7,000 women from all parts of California gathered in the Long Beach Convention Center on Nov. 14 for the 4th Annual Governor Pete Wilson's Conference for Women. This was my first experience with this kind of conference, and it was an overwhelming experience to see so many thousands of women all in one place. I was amazed and excited to watch the different types of women in all variations of size, shape, style and background.

The morning began promptly with registration and opening greetings by author Iris Dert (Ronchi) news co-anchor Russie Allen, and Gayle (Mrs. Pete) Wilson. The presentations from the three attractively dressed, intelligent and sparkling personalities were a very refreshing beginning to the exciting day ahead.

A grand entrance with standing applause honored Gov. Wilson as he was led to his seat. During his presentation he expressed his concern for equality for women and related an example of the support given to one another by women on his staff. There were seminars covering a wide range of interests. Here are some of the topics:

- Managing Your Finances
- Dating on Health Care and Women at Risk Issues
- Spotting Mass Trends in a Consumer Market
- Entrepreneurs, They Did It Their Way
- Organizing Yourself
- Writing—Selling-Publishing
- Parenting Without Carrots and Sticks
- Love & Marriage in an Age of Confusion
- Dealing with Disabilities & Violence
- Hot Careers in the 21st Century & Beyond
- Using Passion to Make Dreams Come True

Marcia Clark, now-famous prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, gave a heartfelt presentation on how abusive relationships at work and home can hinder the growth of our potential and prevent harmful emotional distress to our self-esteem. She said we must learn to identify and get away from them, and not fall prey to becoming a victim to their evil manipulations.

Marcia Wieder, author of Making Your Dreams Come True, stressed how passion creates entrepreneurs, like putting the plug into the outlet. You need to know in what areas your passions lie to become effective. The problem is the lack of a public that understands and identifies these passions, heretofore denied to them. (The Chinese were granted national status in 1946.)

FLORIN

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and Carol Hisatomi was the first woman president, in 1991.

- Upon passage of the landmark 1952 Women's Right to Control Birth Act, the chapter promoted and assisted local classes and clinics, herefore denied to them. (The Chinese were granted national status in 1946.)

- The Florin Chapter launched the Japa- nese American oral history project in 1987 in collaboration with California State University, Sacramento. Library Archives. Under director Karen Massem, 45 completed oral histories are in the CSUS Libraries. A complete set also rests in the UC Davis Library.

- $20,000 was raised by chapter for Redress. The chapter cooperated fully with national effort over years to seek redress for the internment.

Catherine Iseda, right, poses with Gayle Wilson, left, and Pete Wilson and one of the speakers at the annual conference for women held in Long Beach, Calif., Nov. 14. The event provided a variety of seminars on all topics facing women today presented by well known experts in their respective fields.

How to get your goals by getting it together

- Remove obstacles—easier said than done.
- Design a strategy, be creative—where there's a will, there is a way.
- Make! Share the dream with other people, even strangers; you never know who will help produce that incredible re- sult. Someone out there is just waiting for you.
- When to start? Do it now, while you still remember, said Wieder. Have nothing to wear? Even if your closet is overflowing, you will never . . . just forget you have nothing to wear and go out on the street with all you’ve got.
Dealing with stereotyping

BY BILL MARUTANI

And a happy one to you

Oyama (now retired in California) operated a grocery store in New York city, and he had some starched away in a freezer. I've never seen namako on a restaurant menu. But then, neither do I search the menu for it.

THERE'S SYMBOLISM involved in all this New Year's fare. A few that come to mind: ebiko (shrimp) with the head intact to represent long life; kuruma (black beans) represents a mame (healthy) life; the neatly-tied hombu (sea turtle) invoked happiness (yoro hombu). Then there's oishi, which the jiten (dictionary) describes as rice cake boiled with vegetables (vegetable soup). An unpleasant and bland description, I must say. The ones I've used in include ebiko, shiitake (mushroom)—maitake (pine mushroom), Japanese women express pleasant surprise at the $50 per-pound price: Ma, hori, yasui desu ne (Look how cheap these are!)

While not everyone agreed with the prize prices in Tokyo, I'm sure they're bargains. Kazu-no-ko (herring roe), the same thing: $60 and upwards a pound. Speaking of kazu-no-ko, I'm sure they're expensive. Japan just because a guest looks like he might be Japanese.

Or was it in what I did, which was to let her assume that just because someone looks like a Japanese, he certainly must be Japanese and should be treated like a Japanese.

That, of course, perpetuates the stereotype that one has to be white or black to be American, and all people with Asian faces are Asians. That is the kind of thinking that persists even though people like Judge Lance Ito, to cite a recent high-profile example, demonstrated for all the country that Americans come in a variety of sizes, shapes, colors and ethnic backgrounds. And they don't have to be bowed to. Would it have been more proper to stop at the next station, in a courteous and kind manner, let her find out without hurting her feelings that not everyone is what he or she might appear to be?

I don't know the answer. What do you think?

Hosokowa is the former editorial page editor for the Denver Post. His column appears in the Pacific Citizen.
During the last five-and-a-half decades the world, America and the Japanese American community have changed—tremendously.

The resulting turmoil and unrest can be understood if we consider the almost insurmountable conflict of interests due to differences in perception, age, background and—race and ethnicity.

Confusion, disenchantment, misinformation and reactivity are apparent in our society.

And JACL is part of that society—in its second winter of discontent.

Under today's conditions it is easy to be negative.

It's much harder—but necessary—to be positive.

In the JACL I sense that there is a growing recognition that apathy, avoidance of accountability, lack of oversight and inadequate communication should no longer be tolerated.

I also sense that mainstream JACL leaders want to go back to our basic reason for existence as defined by our founding forefathers: The Japanese American community.

At the same time I know that JACL must engage in advocacy for civil and human rights, freedom of the press sought to control and censor what was published in the Pacific Citizen. The result was the firing of the PC Board chair. Then—unbelievably—the board compounded its error by attempting to cover up its proceedings!!

The resulting turmoil and unrest can be measured, steadfast.

President Yasubara is a President Yasubara is a President Yasubara is a physical, emotional and spiritual leader.

This is all of this reality. I recommend the review “Recent History of JACL 101” in the Pacific Citizen (1992-95).

The allegations regarding Yasubara were tenacious and mean-spirited.

I know that JACL must close the divisive and restore order and restore confidence in the executive branch.

In fact, if more members could overcome our cultural leanings toward “not rocking the boat” and recognize the need to avoid confrontation, JACL could become a stronger, more open, more responsive and more responsible organization.

Although red flags were flying in 1990, the initial defining moment for JACL’s current leaders was probably the second fall meeting of the National Board when a clique of board and staff members with scant regard for freedom of the press sought to control and censor what was published in the Pacific Citizen.

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Scholarships
San Mateo, JACL, 1996 scholarships

The San Mateo Chapter, JACL is announcing its annual scholarship program for 1996 which will award up to $1,000 to high school seniors from the San Mateo County area who is planning to attend a trade school, business school, college, university, or any institution of higher learning this fall.

The chapter may choose to distribute up to $1,000 in smaller amounts to more than one recipient, according to Catherine T. Motoyoshi, chapter scholarship chair and a professor of speech and communication at the College of San Mateo.

The San Mateo Chapter scholarship is open to JACL members and their families. Applications for JACL and youth memberships are available at the San Mateo Chapter office, 415 So. Claremont St., San Mateo, CA, 94401-3323, phone: 415/383-2763.

Scholarship applications are available from San Mateo County high schools and community colleges, San Mateo Buddhist Temple, Sturges Presbyterian Church and the San Mateo Community Center, 415 So. Claremont St., San Mateo. Enterprising scholarship applicants and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than March 1, 1996, and sent to the San Mateo Chapter office.

After selection of the local award recipients, the top applicant or applicants will be submitted to JACL headquarters in San Francisco for further judging in the National Scholarship Program. In the fifth year, the National Scholarship Program will award more than 40 scholarships totaling more than $40,000.

The Shimotomi Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Fund is named for its late father, Shigekih Shimotomi. Using her redress money and an inheritance from her mother, Mrs. Mizuno, Ms. Shimotomi made a gift of $60,000 to UCSF, establishing a fund which provides full tuition for each year to a California resident who exhibits academic excellence and financial need.

LETTERS
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Seeks clarification on article by Nakano Kajii

I am writing this letter to clarify what I perceive to be misleading statements made in the May 16, 1995, issue of the PC regarding the National Board's resolution, supporting our National Secretary-Treasurer, Jonathan Kaji. As a member of the Board, I was present at the National Board meeting on the weekend of Oct. 21-22, 1995, held in San Francisco.

Although the resolution was drafted in closed session, I was passed by the National Board in open session, not in closed session and without any discussion. Therefore the content of the resolution was to show unified support of Mr. Kaji in light of the unfounded statements made in a legal document filed by Ms. (Bunny) Yssuhara, then-chair of the JACL, on behalf of her then-client, National President Denny Yssuhara.

As a past national secretary-treasurer, I would like to clarify statements made by Ms. Yssuhara in the same PC article in regards to the use of endowment funds to cover operating deficits. The endowment funds which Ms. Yssuhara refers to are funds not coming out of the corpus or principal of the fund but are the accumulated earnings generated by the fund which is invested to keep up with the inflation of a nation's salary. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, earnings from the Endowment Fund were returned to the Endowment Fund as National's financial situation during these years was not as good as predicted. Instead of drawing the earnings from the Endowment Fund and placing the earnings in a separate reserve account each year, it was decided to leave the funds in the Endowment Fund as the yields on the accumulated earnings were used as was the case during the 1992-94 biennium to cover operating deficits or capital expenditures such as the required A.D.A. (American Disability Act) improvements to national headquarters.

I also take exception to Ms. Yssuhara's statement that the use of the reserve funds were not done without the knowledge or authority of the National Board. The board did approve the A.D.A. expenditures on the building and to my knowledge, was aware that funds to cover both the A.D.A. improvements and the 1998 operating budget deficit would come from the reserve fund.

Finally, Ms. Yssuhara implies in the article that there was a $187,000 budget deficit in 1994, yet the audited financial statements by the CPA firm Grant Thoren shows an operating deficit (unrestricted fund) profit of $21,751, not a loss or deficit for the year. I feel that it is important for me to clarify the statements made in the article so that the membership gets a balanced viewpoint.

Alan S. Nishi
National Board member and past National secretary-treasurer

NISHIKAWA

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case I have urged them to hang in there.

Sure we got tired. Sure we got frustrated. Sure, there are some periods of hardship. And sure, we feel burnout and some of us have health problems.

But the bottom line still is Keep the Faith. Hang in there.

The NISHIKAWA family is a legacy which must be passed on to future generations. The need for JACL continues.

The San Jose Convention this November is a major challenge not only for our leaders but for all members.

The greatest mistake of the 1994 convention in Salt Lake City was the failure to organize our display and prepare well for the business sessions—a National Board and staff responsibility.

In contrast, the amenities provided by the host committees were superb.

The current National Board must start providing information, background and define priorities now in order to avoid the confusion and chaos that occurred which prevailed in Salt Lake City in 1994.

I am aware that my perception has been influenced by my background and by the teachings of my mentors such as Dr. Tom Yatabe, Saburo Kido, and Mike and Masa Okada, and Inagaki and Mas Satow. These influences were considerable and would contribute to inbalance and bias on my part.

Because I want to learn more about the current and future status of JACL, I welcome feedback and input from our leaders but from the grassroots:

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MARUTANI

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bows, and that mochi is first toasted before being dunked into that steaming broth.

IF YOU CHOOSE to look up a list of ingredients under "E" and not "O", it's "onpi", the "o" being added as a polite honorific. It's a thickening of bonito. I was reminded of a story that Mas Satow, the greatest JACL national director, related about Charlie Kaminaka, a Pacific Citizen staff writer. "Charlie and I were in group touring Nippon, and Charlie had carefully polished his conversation so polite, including adding the honorific "o" to all the Japanese. And so it was that while the tour was passing through Nara, Charlie wished to buy the mei-butsu (well-known gourd of namaruku) Entering a takemomu (picked vegetable) shop, Charlie reportedly politely inquired of the lady, "O-namaruku gome-mushi?" Marukin wanted to know so much that tears would roll down his laughter countenance.
The following death notices appear on a space-available basis at no cost. Death notices requested to be published in a more timely manner are charged at $19 per column inch. Those from either the family or the funeral director are reserved as necessary.

The small cities and towns, unless otherwise noted, are all in California.

Akinyama, Tokis G. Culver City, Nov. 2: Gardena-born WWII veteran of 3rd Armored Div., survived by sons David, Steven, Glenn, Russell; daughter Rosamine Baker, brother Yuichi, sisters Mitsuko Yamagati, Shirley Monahan, predeceased by wife Nagako.

Asano, Atsuyo, 71, Chino, Oct. 16: survived by daughter Ayumi, sons Minoru, Osamu, Carl and Shigemori, 12 gc, 7 gc.

Fugami, Roy, S., Seattle, Sept. 20: WWII MS veteran, survived by wife Iwane, daughters Miki and Kay, son Ronald, 1 gc.


Fukuhara, Steve, Nov, 5: Irvine, survived by brother Yuki.

Fukumoto, Katsuo J., 79, Los Angeles, Oct. 3: Lomita-bom, survived by wife Tomoko, son Kazuo (Carmel), daughter Judy Okita (Washington), 3 gc, sisters Nona (Newport), Toshi Yoshii, Chumi Ohara, Hina Kawaiwata (Jpn).

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