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Civil Rights Attorney Morris Dees Keynotes JACL Sayonara Banquet

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

LAS VEGAS—Famed civil rights attorney Morris Dees highlighted the JACL's sayonara banquet during the national conven-

tion, June 25-30, and was honored with the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award.



L-R: Director John Tateishi, President Floyd Mori, keynote speaker Morris Dees, MC Frank Buckley, Irene Mori and Rep. Mike Honda

tion, June 25-30, and was honored with the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award.

Receiving a standing ovation from the audience as he took the podium, Dees commended the organization, saying, "I don't think there's any place I'd rather

be than among people who have fought for freedom and lived the fight for so long and have been such a wonderful example to the rest of us in this nation."

Dees recalled the tough months Americans have faced since the

terrorist attacks of 9-11. "We've had quite a year the last 12 months in this United States. A time that has made so many of us proud to be Americans."

He commended the JACL for

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Council Votes on Resolutions, Updates Program for Action

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

LAS VEGAS—Unlike the 2000 national convention in Monterey, Calif., which included the controversial resolution to apologize to the World War II Nisei resisters of conscience, the 2002 resolutions session June 25-30 had no such controversies and ran relatively smoothly.

The resolutions committee was again chaired by Reid Tateoka.

R1 Relating to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
Jeff Okamoto from the San

Mateo chapter moved to accept R1, seconded by Chip Larouche of the Portland chapter.

Okamoto introduced an amendment to insert new wording, seconded by Les Hata from the San Francisco chapter. The wording would read: "therefore be it resolved that the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League rejects all forms of discrimination because of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression."

Another motion to add an amendment to strike out reference to "whereas as the United States Supreme Court ruled the BSA had the right to exclude gays, so, too did the Court rule that the internment of Japanese Americans was unconstitutional," failed to pass.

The motion, as amended by kamoto, carried.

R2 Relating to Religious Freedom for Minorities

Lawrence Schectman with the Chicago chapter moved to adopt R2, seconded by Chip Larouche of the Portland chapter. R2 passed with an amendment made by shua Mizutani Spry, the IDC youth representative, who felt the reference to "250,000 Japanese Americans are of the Buddhist h," should be struck out. He

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photos by Brian Tanaka

JACL Honors Wartime Leaders

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

LAS VEGAS—In a tribute seen as long overdue, JACLers gathered to honor three of their wartime leaders: George Inagaki, Saburo Kido, and Mike Masaoka.

"We are remembering leaders from the past who laid the foundation for JACL," said Rep. Mike Honda, who keynoted the dinner held during the JACL national convention, June 25-30. "Together they understood the stakes were high ... they did not want to see history repeated again."

Inagaki, Kido and Masaoka are credited with guiding the Japanese American community through the difficult World War II years that saw more than 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry enter America's concentration camps.

Over the years, Inagaki, Kido and Masaoka have been both praised and criticized for their decision to cooperate with the U.S. government in the internment of JAs. But those in the JACL have long praised the leaders for their courageous stance on a controversial issue and credit them with the prominent position JAs

enjoy today.

"They knew what was right and what was wrong. There were no gray areas," said JACL National President Floyd Mori, who also

said at the event. He described the three leaders as men of vision and passion whose values and commitment to the community helped forge the way for future generations of JAs. "They loved what they were doing ... and they were passionate to the cause of JACL."

The Wartime Leaders: George Inagaki

"[Inagaki] strengthened the JACL to what it is today," said

Frank Chuman, former national JACL president, who presented the award. "[Inagaki, Kido, and Masaoka] were the great leaders of our organization, especially



Etsu Masaoka, widow of Mike Masaoka, and Jerry Enomoto, former JACL national president, at the salute dinner

during the critical war years."

Inagaki worked alongside Masaoka during the internment years, traveling across the country to fight for the rights of JAs.

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JACL National Council Updates Constitution/Bylaws

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

LAS VEGAS—At this year's national convention, June 25-30, the constitution and bylaws (c/b) voting procedure reverted back to a two-step voting process.

Paul Uyehara, c/b committee chair, said he discovered this two-step process while researching the history of various constitutional and bylaws amendments made in the past. As chair, he felt it was important to reinstate this two-step voting process as originally written.

In this voting process, the first step required the national council

to vote on approving the amendment through either a card vote or roll call. A majority vote is needed for an amendment to move to the second phase.

The second step entailed the national council to vote through a paper ballot to ratify the approved amendment. To ratify a constitutional amendment, a 3/4 vote is needed. To ratify a bylaws amendment, a 2/3 vote is required. The youth representatives are excluded from voting during the ratification phase.

Although Uyehara ran a tightly controlled ship, during the ratification process two extra ballots were inadvertently released to the floor. While one of the extra ballots was

returned unmarked, the other extra ballot was cast.

As a result, Uyehara detailed the ratification ballot counting process and noted that the c/b committee concluded that the extra ballot cast would not affect the outcome of any of the c/b amendments up for ratification. He asked that the national council accept the voting results.

Chip Larouche from the Portland chapter moved to accept the voting results as reported by Uyehara, seconded by April Goral from the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter. Motion carried.

This year's c/b committee con-

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Newly Elected National Board Holds First Meeting

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

LAS VEGAS—The newly elected national board for the 2003-2004 biennium met for the first time on June 30. At the meeting, the Las Vegas chapter, convention consultant Larry Oda and the national staff were thanked.

National President

Mori set the tone and expectation of the new board by emphasizing that increasing membership will be a major focus during his second term as president. He pointed to implementing a membership program developed by Ryan Chin, former vice president of public affairs who was re-elected



(L-r): David Hayashi, v.p. of planning & development; Ken Inouye, v.p. of public affairs; Floyd Mori, president; Maya Yamazaki, youth chair; David Kawamoto, v.p. general operations; Joshua Spry, youth rep., and Art Koga, treasurer/secretary. Missing is Ryan Chin, v.p. of membership.

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Letters to the Editor

Beyond an Apology

Thanks to the JACL for supporting the first official salute to JACL leaders of World War II (Saburo Kido, Mike Masaoka, and George Inagaki) at the June 2002 JACL convention in Las Vegas, with President Floyd Mori and Congressman Mike Honda as keynote speakers. It will be interesting to see how this fits in with the apology to resistors on May 11 for the failures of these same leaders, in their supporting military service over draft resistance in the camps in 1944.

The situation has become complicated since two leaders of the resistors, Yosh Kuromiya and Frank Emi, speaking at the apology ceremony in May, suggested further steps beyond this apology. Speaking of the JACL quest for status as a civil rights organization, Kuromiya said, "Yet its credibility and acceptance as such remains under a cloud of suspicion, haunted by the betrayals of its predecessors who acted under the guise of patriotism."

Emi said, "I think it would be entirely appropriate for JACL to go one step further and hold a similar program directed towards the Japanese American community for the excesses committed by wartime JACL leaders, such as acting as informants for the government, causing many innocent people to suffer, as recorded in the Lim Report."

It will be of great interest to JACL members to see how the new generation JACL responds at this current national convention to the challenges of Kuromiya and Emi to investigate further the actions of Kido, Masaoka, and Inagaki during WWII.

Art Genai
Seattle

Re: Vincent Chin

In the article about the murder of Vincent Chin (P.C., June 7-20, 2002), it was stated that "Vincent Chin was brutally beaten to death by two laid-off automobile workers..." However, a *New York Times* article of April 26, 1983, reported that the presiding Judge Charles Kaufman, in defending his sentence of the two men to the *Detroit Free Press*, said: "We're talking about a man (Ronald Ebens) who's held down a respon-

sible job with the same company for 17 or 18 years, and his son (actually stepson, Michael Nitz) who is employed and is a part-time student."

So we're talking about people who are employed or going to school. The Nikkei press has always said the men were unemployed, and that is what has been repeated over and over again. However, even James Shimoura of the American Citizens for Justice stated that "Ronald Ebens was a foreman for the Chrysler Corporation at the time of the killing."

Kim Yee, president of the Detroit Chinese Welfare Council, was outraged over the sentence Judge Kaufman gave to the men and said to the *New York Times* that the sentence was "a license to kill for \$3,000 provided you have a steady job or are a student and the victim is Chinese."

As to the matter of race, it's difficult to know for sure if they mistook Chin and his other Chinese friends for Japanese. Even Shimoura wrote that "the word 'Jap,' as a result of the numerous eyewitnesses to the killing was reportedly never said." However, while watching CNN, I saw one of the Chinese men in Chin's party being interviewed, and he said they were called "Chink" by one of the men.

Most Americans can't differentiate among the different Asian races, but usually they think of most Asians as Chinese because they're familiar either with Chinese restaurants or Chinatowns. That's why most Nisei have been mistaken for Chinese, but it rarely happens the other way around.

In both the *Detroit News* and *Los Angeles Times*, it was reported that Ebens asked passersby for help in looking for a "Chinaman." So that tells us that he knew the race of the person he was looking for. Many Nikkei thought he was angry with Japanese and identified the Chinese as such.

I can see that trade friction can exacerbate racial matters, but I think the bottom line here is the race of the person and how others view you. Vincent Chin was the victim of a hate crime based on his race because the two men zeroed in on him after an altercation in the bar and used racist slurs in referring to Chinese.

Ed Sugeno
via e-mail

Highlights From the Las Vegas National Convention

The national convention just concluded at Las Vegas was one of great importance, in my estimation.

The discussion on the floor was highlighted by the eloquence of the younger people from the various chapters and districts. (I am, by Lillian Kimura's definition, part of the more mature membership of the JACL.) It was truly inspirational to listen and see the public speaking abilities of so many younger people. We are in good hands, from what I could see.

There was also a feeling of confidence that the organization will survive in the future because so many capable people are vying for various elected national positions.

The workshop on hate crimes brought to my attention the need for JACL to focus on this issue. The current information available indicates increase in this area, and possibly more, since there are many agencies that are not reporting hate crimes as such.

The sayonara banquet, with keynote speaker Morris Dees, reinforced the need for our community to develop programs to deal with hate crimes.

The JACL response to 9-11 shows what we can do to stem the

hate violence that could have developed into something resembling 1941-42.

Just as the 1980s unified our community to fight for redress and reparations, we have a unifying issue to deal with in hate crimes — which affect not only our community, but other communities under attack.

John J. Saito
East Los Angeles JACL

eBay's Use of 'Jap'

I believe eBay's person who responded to the problem we raised about the word "Jap" said that he would change the word only if he were given an authoritative word that the word is what we say it is.

The quickest route to that "authoritative" word is the dictionary. The one I found is pretty clear, but I'm sure you can find a fuller one. Webster's 3rd International Dictionary: Jap — "often used disparagingly."

I consider Webster quite an authority on words, especially the English language, which, mostly due to people like eBay's executive, includes the unfortunate word.

James Tanabe
Waipahu, Hawaii

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ed to the board as vice president of membership. Mori said a youth element will be included and that they plan to partner with the JAACL Credit Union. He asked district governors to identify someone to serve as a contact person with the JAACL Credit Union.

To increase participation and coalition building with other multicultural and multiracial Nikkei individuals and organizations, Mori formed a committee. The committee will be chaired by Chin and will include Joshua Mizutani Spry, national youth representative.

Secretary/Treasurer

• 2004 national convention in Hawaii — Art Koga, who is with the Hawaii chapter, moved to extend the 2004 convention by one day. Seconded by David Masuo, PNW district governor.

Tateishi felt that three days would not be sufficient to allow chapters to conduct business, participate in JAACL's 75th anniversary events and then find time to go sightseeing. In addition, those coming from the East Coast would need extra travel time. Tateishi added that JAACL's national convention used to be five days but had been cut back in recent years in an effort to curtail expenses.

The board voted in favor of extending the convention to five days (four days for business, one day for preparation). The dates would be Aug. 10-14, 2004. Koga asked that district governors discuss this with their chapters and report back to the board, since this extra day will affect travel time and entail added expenses.

• audit committee — Koga asked the president to appoint an audit committee to oversee the selection of an auditor.

• inance committee — Koga moved to form a finance committee consisting of the secretary/treasurer, governors caucus chair and investment policy committee chair. The president and executive director would sit in as ex-officios, and staff support would come from the business manager. The motion was seconded by Masuo.

After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to table this issue until the next meeting. Koga

made the motion, seconded by Micki Kawakami, IDC district governor.

Vice President of General Operations

David Kawamoto reported that the Arizona chapter has voiced a strong desire to host the 2006 national convention.

National Youth/Student Council

Joshua Mizutani Spry said they plan to start organizing a national youth conference soon. He said Washington University in St. Louis is a potential site for the next conference.

Other Business

Appointed Positions — Mori said he plans to announce the appointment of a new legal counsel and *Pacific Citizen* editorial chair within the next two months. Floyd Shimomura, who served as legal counsel for the past four years, declined another term. Ken Inouye, former *P.C.* editorial chair, is now vice president of public affairs.

Silent Auction — Kristine Minami reported that the silent auction, organized by Ryan Chin, grossed \$7,200.

NJAMF — Warren Minami, chair of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, thanked JAACL for assistance in making Phase I — the building of a monument in Washington, D.C. — a success. He then asked for JAACL's continued assistance in Phase II, the public education phase.

The next board meeting is planned for Sept. 13-15, in San Francisco.

2003 Tri-Districts

• PSW/CCDC/NCWNP tri-district: Bob Taniguchi, Livingston-Merced chapter delegate and CCDC district governor, reported that the 2003 tri-district would be held from April 25-27 in Visalia Calif. Some of the attractions include the Sequoia National Park, Indian casinos and the Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art at the Clark Center.

• IDC/PNW bi-district: Micki Kawakami, Boise Valley chapter delegate and IDC district governor, reported that their bi-district is scheduled for the last week in June at Twin Falls/Jackpot, Nevada.

• MDC/MPDC/EDC tri-district: Sharon Ishii Jordan with

the Omaha chapter reported that the Omaha chapter will host the tri-district, which is scheduled for July. No firm date has been set yet. Given the redistricting, she noted that this will be the last time MPD will host a tri-district.

2004 National Convention Committee Request

The 2004 national convention is set for August in Hawaii. Since this will coincide with JAACL's 75th anniversary, convention organizers hope to create a commemorative booklet.

To make this booklet special, the Hawaii chapter is asking that each chapter submit a one-page history of their chapter. This will be included in the booklet free of charge. *Pacific Citizen* Editor Emeritus Harry Honda has agreed to write up a history of chapters no longer in existence.

Planned Giving

National Executive Director John Tateishi announced that Lucy Kishiue has bequeathed \$250,000 from her will to go towards JAACL.

Moment of Silence

Mori asked for a moment of silence to remember the many JAACL leaders who had passed away during the past biennium.

Election Results


- National President
Floyd Mori 83
- V.P. of Operations
David Kawamoto 89
- V.P. of Public Affairs
David Forman 32
Ken Inouye 62.5
- V.P. of Planning & Development
David Hayashi 93
- V.P. of Membership
Ryan Chin 58.5
Ron Katsuyama 34
- Secretary/Treasurer
Art Koga 52
Isaac Yamagata 43
- National Youth Council Chair
Maya Yamazaki 6
- National Youth Rep.
Josh Mizutani Spry 5.5

Outgoing National Board Honored at Sayonara Banquet




PHOTO: BRIAN TANAKA

(From left): Floyd Shimomura, legal counsel; Floyd Mori, president; David Kawamoto, v.p. general operations; Ryan Chin, v.p. public affairs; Karen Liane Shiba, v.p. planning and development; Gary Mayeda, v.p. membership; Art Koga, secretary/treasurer; Matthew Tatsuo Nakata, national youth council chair; Amy Matsumoto, national youth representative and Ken Inouye, *Pacific Citizen* board chair.




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2002 JACL National Convention



Newscaster Susan Hirasuna emcees the awards luncheon.



Pacific Citizen Editor Emeritus Harry Honda proudly displays his one-of-a-kind Pete Hironaka (right) poster celebrating his 50th year of service to the JACL and the P.C. Deni Uejima, PSW P.C. editorial board member, applauds in the background.



Convention Chair Betty Atkins



EEOC Vice Chair Paul Igasaki addresses the National Council.



Las Vegas JACL Minyo dancers



David Masuo, PNW district governor, prepares to chow down.



District governors Reiko Yoshino (outgoing MPDC), Alan Teruya (NCWNP) and Clyde Nishimura (EDC)



S. Ruth Hashimoto, of the New Mexico chapter, goes for the fruit.

**Thank you Las Vegas.
Next stop: Honolulu 2004.**



Past JACL presidents Helen Kawagoe and Lillian Kimura



Rose Tani accepts her son Daniel's Japanese American of the Biennium Award with Paul Tani (left) and Bill Yoshino.



Washington, D.C. JACLers K. Patrick and Lily Okura



The interns are all smiles at the youth luncheon.



Come on guys, get a little closer.

2002 JACL National Convention



All Shook Up! — Elvis serenades JACL legal counsel Floyd Shimomura at the welcome mixer.



Songbird — Las Vegas chapter member Paul Bannai poses with singer Satomi Sato, also at the welcome mixer



Masaoka Fellows — Dr. Tom Tamaki acknowledges the newly announced winners of this year's Mike Masaoka Congressional Fellowship Program at the awards luncheon. They are Allison Kato and Miho Takeshita.



Election Time — Elsie Taniguchi, of the Puyallup chapter, casts her vote at the ballot box.



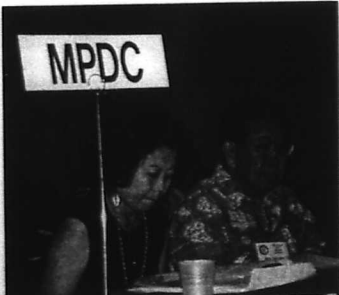
JACler of the Biennium — Andy Noguchi, president of the Florin chapter, accepts his award. The other recipient was Carol Kawamoto, National Education Committee member.



Min Yasui Oratorical Contest — UPS sponsors (far right and left) award oratorical contestants Elise Tateoka, of IDC; Tammy Nozawa, of MPDC; winner Marissa Hayes, of MDC; and Mathias Nakatsui, of PSW.



Hey Bidder Bidder — Mark Kobayashi and Jeff Okamoto peruse items up for silent auction, which included books and an autographed Ichiro Suzuki baseball, one of the most popular items.



MPDC delegates Mari Okabayashi and Herb Okamoto



Philadelphia JACLers Hiroshi and Grayce Uyebara



MPDC youth reps. Andrea Parker and Katherine Nakazono

CONSTITUTION

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sisted of Chair Ueyehara, Karen-Liane Shiba (PSW), Ron Katsuyama (MDC), Terry Yamada (PNW), Joshua Mizutani Spry (national youth/student council and IDC) and Jeff Itami (IDC). Staff support was from Clyde Izumi and Lucy Kishibe.

CB1 Collection of Annual Dues

Rejected by the c/b committee for failure to comply with mandatory submission guidelines.

CB2A Dissolution of the Mountain Plains District Council

Gary Mayeda, APAN chapter delegate and vice president of membership, introduced the motion to adopt with grammatical corrections, seconded by Reiko Parker Yoshino, Omaha chapter delegate and Mountain Plains district governor.

CB2A passed with no public opposition. The two amendments added to the motion were grammatical changes. Both amendments were made by Mayeda, seconded by Yoshino.

An amendment that failed to pass was introduced by Katherine Nakazono, Mountain Plains co-youth representative, seconded by Kent Kawai from the South Bay chapter. The amendment inserted the word "vote" in Section 1, which outlines the composition of the national youth/student council. Nakazono felt there was a need to clarify how many votes the national youth/student council had in the redistricting process. However, during discussions it was determined that Section 3 covered this point.

With the passage of CB2A, the majority of MPDC's territory would merge into MDC. These states would include New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

IDC would pick up the remaining states of Montana and Wyoming.

Mayeda explained that CB2A was created in consultation with the Mountain Plains District Council. The move to redistrict came up as part of the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations and had been discussed at the national board meeting.

Mori explained that MPDC currently has six chapters, two of which are marginally active. This makes it difficult to have efficient district activities. If MPDC is merged into the Midwest District, Mori felt the chapters would be better served, particularly since they will now have the services of the Midwest Regional Office.

Motion to approve as amended: Carried.

Motion to ratify: Ratified with 79 ayes, 14 nays. Since this was a constitution and bylaws amendment, a 3/4 vote or 70.5 votes were needed to ratify CB2A.

CB3 National Board Restructuring

Mayeda introduced the motion to adopt, seconded by Yoshino. According to Mayeda, CB3 restructures the national board in the following way:

- changes the national vice president to one position with four at-large positions;
- the national youth/student council would have a governor who would participate in what is currently referred to as the district governors' caucus;
- and the national youth/stu-

dent council would be elected by the national council.

Mori felt the restructuring was necessary to allow more board accountability. He noted that currently if a board member is not carrying out the responsibilities that he/she was elected to, the president had no means of re-assigning duties. With the restructuring, the president would be able to assign and re-assign responsibilities based on the strengths and interests of each at-large member. Mori felt this would also foster teamwork and board unity.

But David Igasaki from the Chicago chapter questioned what would happen if no at-large member was interested in carrying out a particular responsibility.

Hank Tanaka, Cleveland chapter delegate and past national president, opposed CB3 because he felt candidates for board positions needed a job description for which they were running. Instead of restructuring the board, Tanaka advocated a change in the candidate nomination process.

John Saito with the East L.A. chapter noted that the restructuring was a recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Committee, which was comprised of highly qualified professionals. He felt the national council should not ignore this recommendation if it is going to allow the president to be more effective in guiding JACL.

In anticipation of a lengthy debate, Jeff Okamoto with the San Mateo chapter early on moved to extend the debate for an additional 20 minutes, seconded by David Masuo, Alaska chapter and PNW district governor. A 2/3 vote or 68 votes were needed to carry this motion. The motion failed with 53 votes in favor of extending the debate.

Later in the session, Mark Kobayashi with the San Jose chapter made a second motion to extend the debate time by 20 minutes, seconded by Okamoto. Motion carried.

John Saito moved to decrease the number of at-large board members by one (from four to three at-large members) due to the current financial crunch and since this restructuring was still in an experimental phase. Seconded by Jason Jackson from the Imperial Valley chapter.

An amendment was added to Saito's motion to change an earlier line in CB3 from four to three. Saito moved, seconded by Les Hata from the San Francisco chapter. The motion to add an amendment to Saito's motion carried. However, Saito's amended motion to decrease the four at-large to three failed to pass.

Motion to approve: carried. Initially CB3A failed to pass by one vote on a card count. (A majority vote of 52 was needed and only 51 voted in favor of accepting CB3 for ratification.) However, Karen Nakasone from the Hawaii chapter called for a roll call vote, and CB3 passed on roll call with 55 ayes, 43 nays and one abstention.

Motion to ratify: failed with 38.5 ayes, 54.5 nays and one abstention. A 3/4 vote or 70.5 votes were needed.

CB4 Youth/Student Program

Rejected by the c/b committee for failure to comply with mandatory submission guidelines.

CB5 Financial Reports and Audits

Okamoto moved to adopt with minor changes, seconded by Kobayashi.

While those in favor of CB5 argued that chapters should

receive a more detailed picture of JACL's finances, those opposed raised concerns that Section 3c of CB5A, which calls for an independent audit, would place an added burden on the national staff and entail excessive costs in having an audit done and mailed to each chapter.

"The intent is good," said Nishimura, "but it would place a burden on the staff to do the report, and it would be expensive and time-consuming."

As a point of clarification, John Tateishi, JACL executive director, noted that currently Business Manager Clyde Izumi spends weeks preparing for JACL's year-end audit, which is used for fundraising purposes. Cost-wise, Tateishi estimated that a certified audit costs at the very minimum \$30,000 to prepare, plus binding and mailing costs. Due to JACL's current tight financial situation, Tateishi said if CB5A were to pass, he would have to pass the cost along to the chapters in order to carry out this mandate.

To address the added cost concerns, Alan Nishi from the French Camp chapter moved to amend CB5 so that the independent audit requirement would be struck out. Les Hata from the San Francisco chapter seconded. Motion to amend carried.

Past National President Lillian Kimura with the New York chapter felt this issue for more financial information could be handled through a policy change rather than making a constitutional or bylaw change. "We can make policies on how to get this information without messing with the constitution," said Kimura.

Past National President Helen Kawagoe with the Gardena Valley chapter felt that it was the responsibility of the district governors to report back to their chapters on the financial health of the organization.

Motion to approve as amended: failed and thus did not go for a ratification vote.

CB6 Standing Committees

JACL Sets Budget for 2003-2004 Biennium

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

LAS VEGAS—The 2003-2004 budget as presented at the JACL national convention, June 25-30, by National Secretary/Treasurer Art Koga was adopted with very little opposition and included an amendment to increase funding for youth programs.

Koga noted that the new budget includes what he referred to as a "reality check." On the revenue side, the 2003-2004 budget anticipated funds to come from increased membership dues, a conservative estimate from JACL's investment portfolio and a realistic target from grants and fundraising. On the expenditure side, Koga noted that the board has done a careful examination of various programs and has cut back on many of them.

National President Floyd Mori added that adopting the new budget would require a commitment from the chapters to seek out new members since the 2003-2004 budget includes anticipated revenues from 1,000 new members each year.

Once the budget was presented for debate, Mori requested a unanimous consent from the national council to extend the

David Kawamoto, national vice president of operations, moved to adopt CB6, seconded by Lawrence Scheetman from the Chicago chapter.

CB6 would clarify the status of various committees, whether they are standing or special committees. It would also set committee term limits.

Motion to approve: carried unanimously.

Motion to ratify: carried with 81.5 ayes, 10.5 nays and two abstentions. Since this was a bylaws amendment only, a 2/3 vote or 63 votes were needed to pass.

CB7 Allowing Non-Citizens to Hold Full JACL Membership Status

Rejected by the c/b committee for failure to comply with mandatory submission guidelines.

CB8 Funding and Staffing for the National Youth/Student Council

Motion to adopt CB8 with an amendment was made by Hiromi Ueha, SELANOCO chapter delegate and PSW district governor, seconded by Suzanne Sasaki, NCWNP youth rep.

Nakata, Seattle chapter delegate and national youth council chair, noted that funding and staffing for the national youth/student council has been inconsistent in the past and felt that JACL needed to make a commitment towards the youth by adding into JACL's bylaw a specified budget allocation and national youth staff position.

"We want to see a firm commitment from this organization," said Nakata.

While CB8 failed to pass, the general agreement among delegates, who spoke in opposition to CB8, was that the intent of CB8 was good but that this was a budgetary rather than a bylaw amendment issue. To that end, when the budget was discussed, the point made by the youths was clear when the delegates voted in favor of budgeting more funds towards youth programs.

"I agree with the intent (of CB8) said Alan Nishi from the French Camp chapter. "But this is similar to CB5 and is a budgeting, not a constitutional matter."

Both Koga and Tateishi noted that they were not criticizing the youths but at the same time pointed out that nowhere is there a budget amount designated for a specific program in the current constitution or bylaws.

Kenta Takamori with the New York chapter commended the youth for bringing this issue up but felt that passing CB8 would set a bad precedent for JACL.

Inouye with the SELANOCO chapter opposed CB8 on grounds that the funds allocation as requested in CB8 ("at least \$0.50 for each paid annual membership except youth/student membership" and "Three dollars of each paid youth/student membership") was insufficient. He noted that the PSW district, which holds an annual dinner to fund the PSW youth director position raises more than 60 times the amount specified in CB8.

Alan Teruya, Tri Valley delegate and NCWNP district governor, noted that the national youth director position was vacant not because JACL did not place value on the youth but mainly due to the fiscal situation. He pointed out that other critical positions such as the PSWD regional director and various administrative positions at headquarters are also vacant.

Kawagoe noted that the youth had given the delegates due notice with CB8 and urged the national council to support the youth program during the budget review session.

Motion to approve: failed to pass on a card vote with 51.5 opposed and 43.5 in favor. Nakata moved for a roll call, seconded by Isaac Yamagata from the San Francisco chapter, but Nakata quickly rescinded the request, saying, "Thank you. This is an important discussion which I hope we'll continue to have and keep the spirit of this amendment alive." ■

debate session by one hour for a total of one hour and 20 minutes of debate. Unanimous consent was granted.

Chip Larouche from the Portland chapter moved to accept the 2003-2004 budget for purposes of debate, seconded by Alan Teruya, Tri Valley delegate and NCWNP district governor.

While questions from delegates varied from fund development to sweepstakes revenues, the majority of those doing the questioning came from the NCWNP district.

However, the crux of the session centered on funding youth programs. This was in response to an earlier session when the youth representatives had attempted to push through a bylaws amendment to address youth needs.

National Youth Council Chair Matthew Tatsuo Nakata initially made a motion to shift funds allocated to the resolutions program to the youth programs. However, due to the detailed nature of adjusting the numbers and time constraints, Parliamentarian Michelle Yoshida moved to have a break to allow the makers of the amendment work out the arithmetic. Seconded by Ken Kamei from the Gilroy chapter. Motion carried.

During the break, PSWD held a caucus where it was decided that PSWD would donate 10 percent of their annual dinner proceeds during the 2003-2004 biennium to the national youth/student council. PSWD Gov. Hiromi Ueha also challenged other districts to do the same. Ken Inouye, SELANOCO chapter delegate and Pacific Citizen editorial chair, noted that PSWD spends between \$35,000-\$40,000 to fund the PSWD youth director and challenged the national office to do the same.

Following the break, Nakata moved to extend the debate time by 20 minutes, seconded by Jeff Okamoto from the San Mateo chapter. Motion failed.

Nakata then presented his amendment with the correct figures to shift funds from the resolutions program to youth programs. Seconded by Chip Larouche from the Portland chapter. The motion carried unanimously.

Alan Teruya, Tri Valley delegate and NCWNP district governor, moved to amend page 17, line 30 of the budget under the resolution column to \$1,390, seconded by Alan Nishi from the French Camp chapter.

The 2003-2004 budget, as amended, passed. ■

Anti-tobacco Activist Patrick Reynolds Keynotes National Youth Luncheon

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

LAS VEGAS—Patrick Reynolds' name may be forever linked with the powerful tobacco industry, but he has chosen to live his life advocating for a tobacco-free society.

Keynoting the youth luncheon at the biennial national JACL convention on June 27, Reynolds spoke about the dangers of smoking, especially among youth, and praised the JACL for recently rejecting Philip Morris monies.

"Our youth should be especially strong and resist the urge and temptation to smoke," said Reynolds; who noted that tobacco companies are aggressively advertising in Asian communities. "The smoking rates in Asia are extremely high ... so many adults are setting bad examples for our youth."

Although tobacco companies are generously donating to various Asian Pacific American community organizations, he commended JACL's strong position of refusing tobacco monies.

"I respect and honor JACL's integrity and courage in turning down an offer of funding from Philip Morris, especially in this time of corporate scandals," said Reynolds.

Patrick Reynolds is the grandson of tobacco company founder RJ Reynolds. Over the years he has witnessed not only his father but his eldest brother and other relatives die from emphysema and lung cancer.

In 1986, he became the first tobacco industry figure to turn his back on tobacco companies, and in 1989, he founded the non-profit organization Foundation for a Smokefree America. Reynolds spends most of his time touring the country speaking to youth in middle schools, high schools and colleges as a motivational speaker for tobacco education. He is currently looking to expand his outreach to Asia.



PHOTO: BRIAN TANAKA

Patrick Reynolds (front row, center) gives his stamp of approval.

"Cigarettes are addicting. Once you start, you can't stop," said Reynolds. "The best thing is, don't play with them. Don't start."

He noted that last year alone the tobacco industry spent \$9.7 billion in advertising, using slick ad campaigns and displays to encourage smoking, especially among teenagers.

Since 1988, the anti-tobacco movement has managed to make great strides, seeing a continuing decrease in the number of smokers in the country. Today, smoking is banned on airplanes, in restaurants and bars, and in many public facilities.

"Being a non-smoker is the norm today," said Reynolds. "Hold on to your health for the amazing future ahead."

PSW Youth Director Gerald Kato, who helped to organize the luncheon, first saw Reynolds speak on television shortly after JACL began debating its decision about accepting Philip Morris monies.

"Patrick Reynolds is very courageous," said Kato, who noted that by speaking out against tobacco companies he was going against his entire family. "If I was in his position, it

would have been a hard decision."

Kato believes that a smoke-free message is important for the APA youth of today. "I see a lot of APA youth smokers and it's frustrating because the tobacco industry focuses on APAs and APA youth," he said.

According to APPEAL (Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership), it is estimated that between 15,000 to 20,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders will die each year from tobacco-related illnesses, and the smoking rate among AAPI males is the highest among Cambodians, Laotians, Samoans and Native Hawaiians. According to the 2000 National Youth Tobacco Survey, APA youth from 7th -12th grades had a sevenfold increase, the highest in any ethnic group.

Sponsored by AT&T, the youth luncheon honored United Parcel Service (UPS) with a special recognition for the company's continued support of JACL youth programs such as the Min Yasui Oratorical Competition. The master of ceremonies for the event was Wayne Tanaka, executive director of the Andie Agassi College Preparatory Academy. ■

JACL Honors Members and Chapters at Awards Luncheon

LAS VEGAS—The national JACL honored a number of individuals and chapters at its awards luncheon held on Thursday, June 27, during the national convention, which ran from June 25-30.

George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award

The Arizona chapter was this year's winner of the George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award. Established in 1968, this award is given to a chapter that has promoted better citizenship through its various activities. The Venice-Culver chapter established the award to recognize Inagaki, a past national JACL president.

The Arizona chapter was recognized for its many activities including a monthly craft class, a library at the JACL Hall, a full-service credit union for its chapter members and their "Round-up" newsletter. They were also honored for helping establish a \$25,000 endowment over five years at the University of Arizona. The Arizona chapter was also instrumental in supporting the local Arab and Muslim American communities who were targeted after the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Accepting the award were chapter members Joe Allman and Dr. Dick Matsushita, who noted the core group of volunteers in Arizona who carry on most of the work of the chapter.

When presented with their \$800 check by Kerry Kaneichi of the Venice-Culver chapter, the Arizona chapter decided to donate their prize to national JACL.

"Our goals and aims are the same as national," said Matsushita, who thanked the Venice-Culver chapter and JACL for their award.

The "Honorable Mention" award was given to the Seattle chapter, which received a check for \$400. They were chosen for their efforts to raise membership, for educating people about the World War II resisters issue and for their support of the JACL National Youth/Student conference in 2001.

"All of us on the board care for this organization so much," said Arlene Oki, who thanked the JACL on behalf of the chapter.

JACL of the Biennium

Two individuals were honored as this year's JACLer of the Biennium: Carol Kawamoto, of San Diego, and Andy Noguchi, of Florin.

The JACLer of the Biennium award is presented in memory of Randolph M. Sakada who was JACL national president from 1950 to 1952. The award is given to a member of JACL who has done the most for the strength and growth of the organization during the immediate biennium.

JACL President Floyd Mori presented the award to Kawamoto and praised her for her activities on the JACL Education Committee and for her dedication not only on the local and district levels, but also on the national level.

"I love what I do and I love this organization," said Kawamoto, who thanked the JACL and noted the number of longtime friendships she has developed - with fellow

members. She also thanked her two sons and her husband David, national JACL vice president of general operations.

Mori presented the second award to Noguchi, praising him for his work on the JACL Resisters Ceremony committee, and for his work with the Arab and Muslim community of Sacramento following the post 9-11 attacks.

Noguchi thanked the JACL and his fellow Florin chapter members, noting the diversity of his chapter which includes many Nisei, Sansei, veterans, No-No boys and children of resisters.

He spoke of his efforts to educate the community about the resisters issue and to bring about reconciliation among JAs. "We need to bring the community together, move for-



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Carol Kawamoto, national JACL education committee member, reacts as she is named one of two JACLers of the Biennium this year.

ward and deal with current challenges," he said.

JACL Special Recognition Award

This year the JACL gave a special recognition award to Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen editor emeritus, for his 50 years of dedication to the JACL.

Ken Inouye, P.C. editorial board chairperson, thanked Honda for his dedication to the organization and the newspaper, presenting him with a framed poster designed by former P.C. cartoonist Pete Hirokawa.

Receiving a standing ovation, Harry thanked the P.C. and JACL, who also presented him with a plaque.

Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellowship Program

The winners of the Mike Masaoka Fellowship Program are: Allison Kato of Los Angeles and Miho Takeshita of San Francisco. Kato interned in Sen. Diane Feinstein's office and currently works as a staff person for the senator. Takeshita was placed in Rep. Bob Matsui's office and will be attending law school in the fall.

Masaoka served as JACL's national secretary and field executive during the war years. After the war he dedicated his life to civil rights, working to repeal discriminatory laws and fighting for laws allowing Issei to become U.S. citizens.

Masaoka's widow, Etsu, spoke a few words at the luncheon, praising the fellows.

"I know my late husband would be proud of each of the Masaoka recipients," she said. "I hope it encourages them to take an active role in the community."

Sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, the awards luncheon was emceed by Susan Hirasuna, weekend anchor and reporter for Fox 11 News in Los Angeles. ■

Hate Crimes, Leadership and Media Advocacy Explored at JACL Convention Workshops

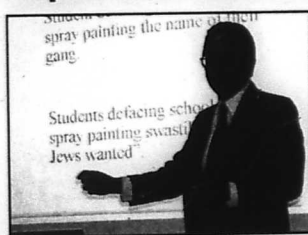


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Steven Thom leads the hate crimes workshop.

LAS VEGAS—The JACL workshops at its biennial national convention in Las Vegas, June 25-30, included the following:

Asian Pacific American Entrepreneurs — This workshop helped to define entrepreneurship, explored ways to develop a business and to use telecommunications to enhance business opportunities. Presented by Kenny Yee, president of Winghing Noodle Co., and Fred Lona, AT&T supplier diversity manager.

Asian Pacific American Leadership in the 21st Century — J.D. Hokoyama, president and executive director of LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacific's Inc.) discussed the importance of leadership and communication skills in the workplace. Some issues explored were: why are some people promoted and others not?; characteristics of a leader; and how to develop skills to enhance the chances of promotion.

Beyond the Numbers: How the Census Impacts our Lives — This workshop explained the importance of the Census and how the numbers are used in people's daily lives. Presenters Jerry Wong and Wayne Kei of the Census Bureau explained the latest 2000 Census data and how to access it via the Internet and CD-rom.

Community Strategies in Addressing Hate Crimes — This workshop helped chapters understand how to respond to hate crimes and hate incidences. Speakers discussed working with law enforcement agencies, community collaborations and planning responses to a crisis. Presenters included: Steven Thom, Community Relations Services, U.S. Department of Justice; Captain Rich Shiraiishi, Sacramento Police Department; and Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director.

Long Term Care: What You Should Know — Larry Young, president of Senior Care Associates and the Las Vegas district manager for the Long Term Care Insurance Division of General Electric Capital Assurance, explored important considerations regarding long term care.

Media Advocacy: Getting Your Story on the Air! — Michael Liang, production manager, KCRA Sacramento's NBC affiliate, and

Ryan Yamamoto, KCRA news reporter, showed chapters how to get their ideas and issues on the air.

Planned Giving ... Act Today, Give Forever — This workshop explained how to create a planned giving program. Presenter Steve Okamoto, planned giving director for the American Cancer Society, looked at JACL's Planned Giving Program and options available, including wills and bequests, charitable remainder trusts, pooled income funds and life insurance.

Social Security: How It Relates to You — Speakers Marianne Hyang Nam Brackney and Cal Gee of the Social Security Administration explored a number of topics, including benefits and eligibility and how they relate to APAs. They also explored the issues of how to earn credits, the impact of early retirement versus full retirement and services such as supplemental security income.

Successful Bicultural Marriages and Relationships — Dr. Daniel Shioda, clinical psychologist, addressed the issues and pressures involved in bicultural marriages. Topics explored included parental pressures, pros and cons of merging two cultures, parenting issues and diminishing Japanese traditions.

Toward Tolerance: Resources for Teaching Diversity in Schools — JACL Education Committee members Elaine Akagi, Carol Kawamoto and Greg Marutani discussed teaching tolerance and providing resources for teachers and community members. ■

RESOLUTIONS

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felt the Buddhist faith should not be singled out. The motion to amend was seconded by Kenta Takamori with the New York chapter.

R3 Relating to the Designation of the Former Eagledale Ferry Landing on Bainbridge Island, Wash., as a National Monument

Arlene Oki from the Seattle chapter moved to adopt R3, seconded by Steve Kono from the Puyallup Valley chapter. Motion carried unanimously.

Oki yielded her time to Clarence Moriawaki, chair of the Bainbridge Island World War II Nikkei Internment and Exclusion Memorial Committee, who asked JACL to support R3 for the following reasons: it has the support of the Washington State legislature; unlike the Manzanar National Historic Site or the Minidoka national monument, which are not located in populated areas, Bainbridge Island is just seven miles west of Seattle and easily accessible to people; an urgency to support this since many camp survivors are passing away.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS (ER)

ER1 Relating to Recognizing the Japanese American Veterans of World War II

The resolutions committee rejected ER1 submitted by the San Francisco chapter on grounds that this did not fall under the ER guidelines.

ER2 Relating to the 50th Anniversary of the JACL Junior Olympics

Jeff Okamoto from the San Mateo chapter moved to adopt, seconded by Alan Teruya, Tri Valley and NCWNP district governor. Passed with no debate.

ER3 Relating to the Support for Efforts to Eliminate Team Mascot Names Deemed Offensive to Minorities

Hugh Burleson from the Lake Washington chapter moved to adopt, seconded by Clyde Nishimura, New England chapter delegate and EDC district governor.

Schectman from the Chicago

chapter moved to strike out this topic from the 2003-2004 Program for Action, seconded by Steven Mitori with the St. Louis chapter. The motion to amend passed.

Scott Furukawa with the Cleveland chapter urged the national council to support ER3. "I ask that you pass this resolution and rid Cleveland of the Indians," said Furukawa.

ER3 as amended carried.

ER4 Relating to the Education of the Membership of Racial Privacy Initiatives

Les Hata from the San Francisco chapter moved to adopt, seconded by John Saito from the East L.A. chapter.

Hata explained the current movement in California that would prohibit the collection of information on race, ethnicity, color and national origin by state and local governments, public universities and school districts. Hata noted the importance of collecting such data to determine such issues as racial discrimination in public institutions and racial profiling by law enforcement agencies.

Dan Ichinose from the Wilshire chapter pointed out that an initiative to prohibit data collection is expected to appear on the March 2004 ballot in California and felt that it was "important for JACL to take a position in anticipation of this."

Isaac Yamagata from the San Francisco chapter pointed out that the author of this California initiative is the same author of the anti-affirmative action initiatives and that this movement has the potential to spread nationally.

ER4 carried.

ER5 Relating to the Little Tokyo Recreation Center on the Historic First Street North Block in Los Angeles

Todd Sato, PSWD youth rep moved to adopt, seconded by Suzanne Sasaki, NCWNP youth rep.

David Kawamoto, San Diego chapter delegate and national vice president of general operations, opposed ER5, noting that the Go For Broke Foundation and the Japanese American National Museum are both opposed to having a recreation center built near the monument. He said the area had initially been intended for an art park and that a recreation cen-

ter would be incongruous with the surrounding area, which includes JANM, the Geffen Museum of Contemporary Art, East West Players and the proposed Children's Museum.

Ken Inouye, Go For Broke board member and *Pacific Citizen* editorial board chair, said he supports the concept of a recreation center but that building the structure on the proposed First Street North site would violate a trust given to the Go For Broke Foundation, which was promised that the surrounding area would become a greenbelt when the veterans' monument site was selected. Inouye urged for a change in the recreation center site.

Kaleigh Komatsu with the East L.A. chapter yielded her time to Nancy Araki from JANM, who pointed out that this issue was not a simple one and that a master plan for the First Street North block has been in discussions with the Los Angeles City Council and local businesses since the mid-1990s.

Those who supported ER5 argued that the recreation center would revitalize Little Tokyo.

Dan Ichinose from the Wilshire chapter noted that building the recreation center would bring back youths to a dying Little Tokyo community. He agreed with Sato, who noted that there was a need to provide a central gymnasium for the Nikkei basketball and martial arts leagues.

Kent Kawai with the South Bay chapter felt that having a recreation center near the Go For Broke monument and JANM afforded an ideal opportunity to educate the youths. As an example, he said youths, after playing a basketball game in the recreation center, can walk over to the Nisei veterans' monument to pay their respects and then learn about the Nikkei heritage at JANM.

Sasaki yielded her time to PSW Youth Director Gerald Kato, who pointed out that a compromise acceptable to the surrounding art institutions and the recreation center proponents is possible and should be worked out.

After-hearing both sides, Kenta

Takamori from the New York chapter felt he did not have enough information regarding the complexities of the recreation center issue which he perceived was dividing the Los Angeles Nikkei community and said he felt ill prepared to vote on ER5 as written. Instead, he proposed an amendment to strike the reference to the "historic First Street North block," which was seconded by David Igasaki from the Chicago chapter. Like Takamori, Igasaki said he found merit in the recreation center concept but felt he could not make an informed decision on supporting the center on the proposed First Street North site.

The motion to amend ER5 carried, although Ichinose argued that recreation center proponents had explored more than 20 potential sites and that the First Street North site was the most feasible, given the fact that Little Tokyo is now located in a prime downtown area and that property is difficult to come by.

ER5 as amended carried.

ER6 Relating to Solidarity Against Hate Crimes

Ron Katsuyama from the Dayton chapter moved to adopt, seconded by Schectman from the Chicago chapter.

Tom Shigemasa, a San Jose chapter delegate and former law enforcement officer, moved to amend the word "urge their local law enforcement agencies" to "demand." Seconded by Nelson Nagai from the Stockton chapter. Motion carried.

ER6 as amended passed.

The Program for Action, which guides the organization for the next two years, passed with little debate. The PFA committee this year was chaired by David Hayashi.

Clyde Nishimura, New England chapter delegate and EDC district governor, moved to accept the PFA, seconded by Schectman with the Chicago chapter. The PFA was accepted with a few added amendments.

The amendments were as fol-

lows:

- Miko Sawamura with the Sacramento chapter moved to amend the public affairs section by inserting the word "state" so that it would read national, "state" and local levels. Seconded by Jeff Okamoto from the San Mateo chapter. Motion to amend carried.

- Okamoto made a motion to amend the finance section by inserting the word "distribute" to read "to develop and distribute cash flow projection reports," and under the planning and development section, the wordings "develop and implement strategies to utilize modern Information Technology techniques within the National office." Seconded by Ken Kamei from the Gilroy chapter.

Motion carried.

- Hugh Burleson from the Lake Washington chapter moved to amend the public affairs section, seconded by Reiko Parker Yoshino, Omaha chapter delegate and MPDC district governor. Hayashi requested an amendment to Burleson's amendment, seconded by Yoshino. The resulting section, with the amendments, reads: "working to eliminate racial slurs as names of public lands, landmarks or public facilities, and supporting local actions to eliminate offensive sports team mascot names." The motion carried.

- Judith Aono with the Diablo Valley chapter then moved to remove the word "sports" from the Burleson/Hayashi amendment. Seconded by April Goral from the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter. Motion carried.

- Sharon Ishii Jordan from the Omaha chapter moved to make another amendment under the planning and development section. Seconded by Greg Marutani with the San Francisco chapter. The amendment includes the wordings "continue to support educational projects related to promoting and understanding of diverse multicultural experiences." Motion carried.

- Okamoto moved to extend the debate time by 20 minutes, seconded by David Igasaki from the Chicago chapter. Motion failed. ■

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SALUTE DINNER

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During WWII he was the second JA to volunteer for military service and went on to serve in the Military Intelligence Service. Inagaki served two terms as national JACL president during the critical postwar years from 1952-1956, when JAs were moving back into communities to rebuild their lives. He was also the first chairman of JACL's Thousand Club.

Inagaki passed away in 1978 and JACL currently honors him with the George Inagaki Community Service Award, which recognizes outstanding community activities by a chapter.

Chuman, who served under Inagaki's presidency as JACL's legal counsel, presented the award to Inagaki's son Chris.

Saburo Kido

Former National JACL President Patrick Okura, who was asked to speak about Kido at the tribute, first met Kido in 1937 when he spent a year in Los Angeles. "I gained a great deal of respect for his vision and leadership," said Okura, who credited Kido with sparking his interest to get involved with JACL.

Kido was one of the founders of JACL, becoming its first national president in 1929, and went on to serve three terms as JACL national president during the difficult war years from 1940-46. Kido was instrumental in forming JACL's policies during the war and encouraged the Nisei to volunteer for military service. He faced harsh criticism for his decisions and was severely beaten while in the Poston internment camp. Kido passed away in 1977 at the age of 75.

"[Kido] was a great man and we appreciate what he did for us during [the war] years," added Mori, who accepted the award on behalf of Kido's family who were unable to attend.

Mike Masaoka

"I am a beneficiary, like all of us, of [Masaoka's] leadership and vision," said Jerry Enomoto, former JACL national president, who spoke in honor of Masaoka at the tribute. "He was a role model for me," said Enomoto, who praised Masaoka for his decisions during WWII and credited him with helping lead the community to where it is today.

Masaoka served as JACL national secretary and field executive during the war years, working alongside Inagaki and Kido in the fight for justice. The formation of the 442nd was the brainchild of Masaoka, and he became the famous unit's first volunteer.

After JAs were released from the camps, Masaoka continued his fight for civil rights and worked to repeal discriminatory laws and fought for laws allowing the Issei to become U.S. citizens. JACL honors Masaoka with the annual Mike Masaoka Congressional Fellowship Program which was founded in 1988. He passed away in 1991 at the age of 76.

By honoring Masaoka, "JACL honors itself," said Enomoto, who noted how fitting it was that Masaoka's JACL Creed is inscribed in the National Japanese American Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Enomoto presented the award to Masaoka's widow, Etsu, sister of U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, who thanked the JACL for honoring her late husband. Mineta was unable to attend the event due to a prior engagement.

The awards given in honor of the three leaders featured American flags which had flown over the state capitol and were donated by Rep. Robert Matsui.

Also honoring Inagaki, Kido, and Masaoka was Sen. Daniel Inouye, who sent a videotaped message. He commended the three leaders for their courage in making difficult decisions during

resisters ceremony in which JACL officially apologized for taking a harsh stance against those who resisted the military draft, a position that had been held by Inagaki, Kido, and Masaoka.

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, said the salute dinner was not in response to the recent resisters ceremony and the displeasure voiced by the many veterans who were against the apology.

Although some in the JA community may question why these three leaders, who were often mired in controversy, are being honored, Tateishi explained that it is often the most controversial leaders who have done the most for the community. Back in 1942, many of the decisions made by JACL were considered con-

troverial but in hindsight were the right decisions, he said.

"The most significant leaders of the organization at times were the most controversial," said Tateishi. He pointed to the JACL wartime leaders' decision to cooperate with the U.S. government and the push for the Nisei to enter voluntary military service. "This has always been a controversial question. But look at what we've been able to do. The 442nd was a direct result of JACL's effort... we were trying to demonstrate the loyalty of JAs."

He added, "If [the JACL] is



The Inagaki Family — (clockwise from top left): Karen Shintaku, Kelly Shintaku, Chris Inagaki, and Joanne Ueda.

WWII and fighting for the civil rights of JAs.

"During the dark days that followed Dec. 7, 1941, the JACL leadership operated under extraordinary conditions and was required to make difficult decisions," said Inouye. "Mike Masaoka, Sab Kido, and George Inagaki... knew that their actions would not please everyone and would face criticism. Nevertheless these three men made the best choices they could have under these circumstances."

"They had the courage and the fortitude to stand by their principles and remain true to their vision for Japanese Americans," he continued. "Many of their decisions helped to erode the racism and discrimination of that time. Today Americans of Japanese ancestry enjoy the freedoms and liberty afforded by the constitution."

Ironically, the ceremony to honor JACL's three wartime leaders comes a little over a month after the controversial WWII

about anything we're about leadership, and we need to learn from our past. The experience of World War II has always been a benchmark, a seminal experience for our entire experience."

Although the dinner was about honoring the past, organizers of the event emphasized its relevance for current and future generations.

"The leadership of the past leads the foundation for the leadership of the future," said Gary Kuwabara, Sacramento JACL chapter president, crediting Inagaki, Kido, and Masaoka for making the future better for the Sansei and Yonsei.

"We all have our individual opinions... but I hope we can create a bridge of understanding between the generations and I think this will help," said Tom Okubo, who helped organize the salute dinner.

Sacramento chapter board member Tom Fujimoto, who was instrumental in organizing the dinner, also hoped that the younger generation of JAs would emulate the leadership of Inagaki, Kido, and Masaoka. "I would hope they would continue with the JACL creed of being better Americans in a greater America," he said.

Sponsored by the Sacramento JACL and national JACL, the salute dinner was held in the memory of Tom Fujii, a prominent leader in JACL who came up with the idea for the tribute. Fujii believed that since JACL had never honored its own wartime leaders, he would take the lead. Fujii passed away in 2001 and the Sacramento chapter decided to continue on with the project.

"They were the key wartime JACL leaders. They had suffered and they were even abused and nobody had recognized them," said Fujimoto. "Toko decided we should do something and give them proper recognition. Thank them for their efforts during the wartime."

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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

BOSTON

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 16-18—National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) 16th Annual Convention; Marriott Copley Plaza Hotel, 110 Huntington Ave.; panel discussions, two-day diversity career fair, keynote speaker, author Phoebe Eng. Info: www.naaapconvention.org/; Hotel info: www.naaapconvention.org/hotel.asp.

NEW YORK CITY

Tues., July 9—Asian Cinevision's Talk Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Tuscan Steak, 622 Third Ave. at E. 40th St., 212/404-1700. Info: Janine Zhu at janine@naapny.org.

Sun., July 14—Obon Festival; N.Y. Buddhist Church, Bryant Park, 42nd St. and Avenue of the Americas (6th Ave.).

Fri., July 19-Sat., July 27—25th Asian American International Film Festival; Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Ave. at 70th St.; over 125 films and videos from around the world; panels, works-in-progress, visual effects workshops, industry cocktail hours, round tables, parties, special appearances, more. Schedules, info: 212/989-1422; www.asiancinevision.org/; info: info@asiancinevision.org.

Sun., July 21—Films, "Toyo Miyatake" and "The Floating World," presented by New York JACL and the Japanese American National Museum; 1 p.m.; Asia Society and Museum, 725 Park Ave. at 70th St. Info: 212/989-1422.

PHILADELPHIA

Sat., July 20—"Kodō Drummers of Japan"; 8:30 p.m.; Mann Music Center. Info: 215/893-1999; www.manncenter.org.

Wed., July 31—Phillies vs. San Francisco Giants; 7:30 p.m.; Vet Stadium, So. Philadelphia. Info: Teresa Maebori, Philadelphia JACL, 215/248-5544.

SEABROOK, N.J.

Sat., July 20—Seabrook Obon; 4 p.m.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., July 13—Obon Festival; 7 p.m.; (Bon Service on Sun., July 14, at 11 a.m.); Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6000 Lake Haven Lane, Fairfax Station, Va. Info: 703/239-0500; www.ekoji.org.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Thurs., July 25—"Kodō Drummers of Japan"; 7:30 p.m.; Palace Theatre. Tickets, info: 216/241-6000; www.playhousesquare.com; group discounts: 216/771-4444.

Sun., Aug. 4—Cleveland JACL sponsors "To Honor the Nisei—Second Generation of Japanese Americans"; 1-4 p.m.; Strongsville Recreation and Senior Center, 18100 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82), Strongsville, Ohio; food and entertainment. RSVP, info: JACL, 216/556-2277; Rick Ishiyama, 440/268-9574; Diane Asamoto Grant, 330/535-5014; dasagrnt@hotmail.com.

EDINA, Minn.

Sun., June 21—Twin Cities JACL Summer Picnic; 12 noon-4 p.m.; Rosland Park (Lake Cornelia), picnic pavilion, 66th St. & Valley View Rd. (near Fairchild Southdale Hospital); potluck, kid's games, bingo. Free. RSVP by July 16; Allison Fenimore, allifenimore@earthlink.net or 651/636-3044. Info: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, 952/925-2429.

EUCLID, Ohio

Sat., July 20—Obon Festival, Dance & Food Sale; 7:30 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 1573 E. 214th St. Info: 216/692-1509.

Intermountain

DELTA, Utah

Sat., Aug. 10—Topaz Pilgrimage; (tentative schedule): 7 a.m. bike ride from Delta City Park, morning and afternoon tours, picnic lunch at about 11 a.m.; throughout the day, guides will point out city buildings that were moved from camp; 7-10 p.m. big band music and dance in the park; hosted by Delta residents and the Topaz Museum. Info: Susan Stefanoff, 435/864-2279, or Jane Beckwith, 435/864-2098.

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 2—Eight Heart Mountain Reunion; tours to

Heart Mountain campsite, Southern Utah/Grand Canyon/Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and Olympic venue available. Friday mixer, banquet, auction, children's activities and more. Registration deadline extended to July 15. Registration packet, info: Raymond Uno, 801/355-0284; e-mail: uno101049@aol.com.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: The 2003 Minidoka Reunion has been changed from Salt Lake City to Seattle; it will be held in July instead of August; details to follow.

Sat., July 20—Salt Lake JACL Jr. Jays Community Activity; 1-3 p.m.; Cottonwood 16th Warehouse Pavilion, 1750 E. Spring Lane; K-6th grade, younger children with supervision. RSVP, info: Cherie Ushio, 801/278-3754, or Terrie Nakashima, 801/957-1107.

Wed., July 24—JACL Tri-Chapter/Matsumoto Sister City Picnic. Info: Kevin Aoyagi, 801/957-9971, or Sylvana Watanabe, 801/261-2424.

Mountain Plains

WYOMING

Thurs.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 2—Heart Mountain Reunion 2002. Registration deadline extended to July 15. Info: Raymond Uno, 801/355-0284.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND

Tues., July 16—Dance practice begins for Obonfest 2002; 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. and Powell. Info: 503/234-9456 or 503/254-9536.

Sat., Aug. 3—"Obonfest 2002: A Gathering of Joy"; 2-9:30 p.m.; Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. and Powell. Info: 503/234-9456 or 503/254-9536.

SEATTLE

Tues., July 9—Chinatown walking tour; 1-1:45 p.m. & 2-2:45 p.m.; characters in historical setting brought to life by actress/tour guide. Info: Wing Luke Asian Museum, 206/623-5124 ext. 109.

Sat., Aug. 17—Seattle-Green Lake Reunion; Japanese Baptist Church, 260 Broadway. Info: Henry Fujikano, 5520 26th Ave. So., Seattle, WA 98108; hufukano@yahoo.com.

July 2003—Minidoka Reunion; details to follow.

Northern California

ALAMEDA

Sun., July 14—Berkeley JACL's East Bay Living History Project, Session 2: "Postwar Nisei Voices (1940s-1960s)"; 2-4 p.m.; Buena Vista Ave. between Oak and Park; moderator, Jere Takahashi, professor of Asian Studies, UC Berkeley. Info: Berkeley JACL Civil Rights co-chairs: Jim Duff, 510/272-8286 or 510/336-3371; Alan Ohashi, 510/649-2300.

BERKELEY

Sun., July 7—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting; new members, both men and women, are welcome. For time and place, call M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or

Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

MONTREY

Sun., July 14—Obon Festival.
Fri.-Sat., July 26-27—Monterey JACL Rummage Sale; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

OAKLAND

Sun., July 14—Meet artist Ruth Asawa; 2 p.m.; Oakland Museum of California, 10th & Oak Streets; underground parking available. Info: www.museumca.org.

SACRAMENTO

Fri., July 19—Slide Show/Lecture, "Japanese Homes"; 7 p.m., Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr. at Greenhaven; presented by the Jan. Ken Po Cultural Association. RSVP, info: 489-1291 or 446-9844.

SAN FRANCISCO

Thurs.-Sat., July 18-21—Hapa Issues Forum (HIF) National Conference 2002. Info: www.hapaissuesforum.org; e-mail: sf@hapaissuesforum.org.

Sat., Aug. 10—Topaz Pilgrimage: See Delta, Utah.

SAN MATEO

Sun., July 28—Sunday Movie Matinee, "The Silk Road"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Japanese & Chinese co-productions in Japanese with English subtitles; color. Info: 650/343-2793.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun., Sept. 15—Fresno JACL 17th annual Shinzen Run; 6 a.m. (registration starts at 6 a.m.); Woodward Park. Info: Bob Shintaku, chair, 449-0273.

MERCED

Through Sept. 7—Exhibit, "Obata: The Artwork of Chiura Obata"; Merced Multicultural Arts Center, 645 West Main St. Info: 209/388-1090; mcarts@clite.net.

SONORA

Sun., July 28—Slide lecture by Kimi Kodani Hill, granddaughter of artist Chiura Obata; Sonora Sierra Arts Council, 208 S. Green St. Info: 209/532-2787.

Through July 31—Exhibit, "Obata: The Artwork of Chiura Obata"; Sonora Sierra Arts Council, 208 S. Green St. Info: 209/532-2787.

Southern California

IRVINE

Thurs., Aug. 8—"Kodō Drummers of Japan" outdoor summer concert; 8 p.m.; Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, (formerly Irvine Meadows), 8808 Irvine Center Dr. RSVP by July 8: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 202; fax 213/627-1353.

LOS ANGELES

Wed., July 10—Kids Rock at the JACC/Japanese Festival Sounds; 12 noon-1 p.m.; JACC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. RSVP, info: Kym Aoki, 213/628-2725 ext. 112.

Fri., July 12—Nikkei Community Night at Dodger Stadium; children's pre-game sprint on center field at 5:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. pre-game festivities, 7:10 p.m. game time; 1000 Elysian Park Ave. Info:

Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 206.

Sat.-Sun., July 13-14—44th Annual Zenshuji Soto Mission Obon Carnival; 2-8 p.m.; Zen Temple, 123 S. Hewitt St., Little Tokyo; tea ceremony, flower arrangement, doll display, Japanese and Okinawa dance, karate, Zendo taiko, bon-odori, steel drum band, sumo tournament; produce, flowers, plants, white elephant corn, food, games free gifts, etc. Obon Memorial Service Saturday & Sunday from 2 p.m. Info: 213/624-8658, www.zenshuji.org.

Wed., July 17—Kids Rock at the JACC, Majikina Honryu Okinawan Dance; 12 noon-1 p.m.; JACC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. RSVP, info: Kym Aoki, 213/628-2725 ext. 112.

Sat., July 20—Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) benefit concert; 7 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; featuring Pete Escovedo with Aja Kim, M.C. George Takei. Tickets: 213/680-3700. Info: Evelyn Kim, 323/293-6284.

Sun., July 21—Second Annual Free Community Law Day; 1-4 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center gymnasium, 12448 Braddock Dr.; estate planning, Medicare/Medi-Cal, financial planning for long-term care; sponsored by the Venice Culver JACL, Japanese American Bar Association, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, and Little Tokyo Service Center. RSVP requested but not required: Hitoshi Shimizu, 310/991-8628, or Diana H. Nishiura, 310/383-9862.

Sat., Aug. 3-Sun., Aug. 11—61st Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival; George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; a rotating display of traditional Japanese art forms: ikebana, bonsai, ceramics, fabric-dyeing, doll-making, surimé painting, swords, etc. Free to the public. Info: 213/680-3700.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 10-11—Seventh Annual L.A. ToFu Festival; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; San Pedro St. between 2nd and 3rd, Little Tokyo; live entertainment, health and fitness expo, children's activities, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, food sampling. Info: 213/473-1602, www.tofufest.org.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 10 & 11, Aug. 17 & 18—JACC Summer Beer Garden; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; JACC Plaza; 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; free entertainment on the Plaza. Info: 213/680-3700; www.jacc.org.

Sun., Aug. 11—Nisei Week Taiko gathering; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; JACC Plaza; 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-3700.

PASADENA

Sat., July 13—Asian Art Appraisal Day; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; visitors may bring up to five objects to show experts. Info: 626/449-2742, www.pacificasianmuseum.org.
Sat., July 20—Pasadena Nisei Reunion; 10 a.m.; First Presbyterian

Church, Lincoln Ave. at Harriet St., Altadena; registration includes a bento lunch; bring mementos, yearbooks, memorabilia of the prewar and postwar periods. Registration, info: Fred Fukutaki, 626/798-9926, fukutaki@earthlink.net; Kiku Matsumoto, 727/794-0240; Tosh Kawahara, 626/794-3398; Ted Tajima, 626/797-6382, tedtaj@ao.com.

Sat., July 20—Origami Festival; 1-4 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; origami workshop, tea tasting stations, *shakuhachi* music by George Abe. Info: 626/449-2742, www.pacificasianmuseum.org.

SAN DIEGO

Sun., July 7—Annual San Diego JACL Picnic; 11 a.m.-dusk (games start at 1 p.m., raffle begins at 3 p.m.); Crown Point Shores, Mission Bay; Note: glass containers and bottles are not allowed in the park. Info: Carol Kawamoto, 619/230-0314.

SANTA MONICA

Sat.-Sun., July 8-9—Mixed Media Installation, "Doctor Chi: An Architecture of Love and Paranoia" by Michael Sakamoto; Crazy Space, 1629 18th St. #2; Info: 310/829-9789.
Thurs.-Sun., July 11-14—Premiere Performance, "Doctor Chi" by butoh dancer Michael Sakamoto; 8:30 p.m.; Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St. (next door to the Crazy Space gallery). RSVP: 310/315-1459.

TERMINAL ISLAND

Sat., July 6—Dedication of the Terminal Island Memorial Monument; 10 a.m.; near the pre-WWII Japanese fishing village, on the way to the Federal Penitentiary, just before L.A. County Fireboat Station No. 111. Info: Minoru Tonai, 818/591-1269.

TORRANCE

Sat., July 27—South Bay JACL Garage Sale; 2047 W. 169th Pl. Info: Tsujimoto, 310/329-3465.

VISTA

Sat.-Sun., July 27-28—Annual Obon Festival; 12 noon-8 p.m.; Vista Buddhist Temple, 15 Cedar Rd.; food, flowers, produce, silent auction, obon dancing. Info: Rev. Lee Rosenthal, 760/941-8800.

WEST COVINA

Sat., July 6—Obon Festival; 12 noon-9:30 p.m.; West Covina Buddhist Temple, ESGV Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; martial arts, classical Japanese dance; taiko; bonsai, Japanese garden, *kimemori* dolls, arts & crafts; games, prizes, food. Info: 626/913-0622 or 626/960-2566.

Arizona - Nevada

RENO

Sat., July 21—Reno JACL Bingo Night; Knights of Pythias Hall, 575 Nevada St. Info: 775/853-8850. ■

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Egusa, George, 87, Santa Clara County, June 9; survived by wife Toyoko; sons Moss and wife Mary, Glen, Dan and wife Yukiko, Jerry and wife Suzanne, Ken; 9 gc.; 2 gc.; brother Morey; sisters Tomoe Toriumi, Mutsumi Hada.

Fujii, Satoru Dick, 80, Stockton, June 8; Stockton-born; survived by wife Mary; daughters Sumi Ueda and husband Jerry, Emi Fujii; brothers Mike and wife Aiko, Dr. Kenneth and wife Alice; 2 gc.

Fujioki, Grant Kameo, 85, Gardena, June 11; survived by wife Tsusako; sons Nobuo and wife Emma, Dick; daughters Jean and Ruby Fujioki; 2 gc.; brother Frank and wife Kimiko; brother-in-law Tokiyoshi and wife Faye, George Nakatsu and wife Mary; sister-in-law Susie Nakatsu.

Harada, Akira, 70, Gardena, June 12; survived by wife Christine Miyoko; stepchildren Denise Stevens and Reginal Wagstaff; 2 gc.; sisters Emiko Keimi, Keiko Matsunaga; brother Jerry.

Hashitsume, Kazuo Vincent, 76, Azusa, June 6; Hollywood-born; survived by wife Tayeko; sons Michael Noboru and wife Cynthia (Rancho Santa Margarita); daughters Pauline Nobuko Hashitsume (Texas), Vickie Shizue Takata and husband Gary (Rancho Cucamonga); 9 gc., 6 gc.; sister Mitsuyo Sawada; brothers-in-law Kiyoshi Oda and wife Yoshika, Jim Oda and wife Josie.

Hattori, Henry M., 86, Reno, Nev., April 30; Stockton-born; U.S. Army volunteer (1940); WWII 442nd RCT veteran; Reno JA CL chapter president ('56); survived by sons Eugene (Reno), James (Seattle); predeceased by wife Mary.

Honda, John, 76, Sun Valley, June 15; Azusa-born; survived by

brother George M.; sisters Tomi Nagasawa and husband Roy, Hanako Nagasawa and husband Richard; nephews and nieces.

Ishikawa, Tomiko, 85, Fresno, June 6; Bowles-born; survived by daughter Gail Duffy and husband Patrick; son Robert and wife Lynne; 6 gc.

Iwamoto, Yoshiye, 79, Gardena, June 7 service; survived by daughters Irene Iwamoto, Kathy Hishimoto and husband Les; 1 gc.; brother Shoki Tenma and wife Sumi; brothers and sisters in Northern Calif.: Skaye Nishikawa and husband Yutaka, Ruth Ikeda and husband Mits, Kazue Yoshida and husband Sho.

Kataoka, Dr. Munee Moon, 89, Los Angeles, June 19; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Grace; sons Walter, Dean; 2 gc.; sister Toyoko Kanegai and husband George.

Kawano, Frances Iritani, 80, Northglenn, Colo., May 20; Sullivan, Colo.-born; WWII Woman's Army Corp (WAC) veteran; she was the first Nisei WAC volunteer; she helped to influence Colorado's governor to welcome the JAs during the war; survived by husband Donald; daughters Sharon, Donna; sons Tom, Steven, Gary, Glenn; brothers Frank Iritani (Calif.), Willy Iritani (Wash.), Daniel Yukio Iritani (Colo.); 7 gc.; 7 gc.; predeceased by brother Roy Iritani, M.D.

Kawano, Kazuko, 75, Carlsbad, May 18; Lindsay-born; Poston internee; longtime resident of Vista;

survived by husband John; daughters Jennifer Oliver (Puyallup, Wash.), Nancy Kawano (San Diego), Bonnie Kawano; son Jay (Los Angeles); 6 gc.; daughter-in-law Nishi; sisters Yayoi Messersmith and husband Jim, Yoshiko Mizushima and husband Dean, Brothers Yoshio Imoto and wife Kay, Charlie Imoto and wife Jane, Kenji Imoto and wife Nancy; sisters-in-law Iris and Kinu Imoto; predeceased by brothers George and Tsugio Imoto;

Kito, Kazuko, 81, Monterey Park, June 7; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Roy Waichi; sons Norman and wife Liisa, Brian and wife Tomoko; daughters Louise Reiko Tanaka and husband Keith, Keith Ikeda and husband David; 8 gc., 2 gc.; sister Kikuno Hirahara and husband Art; brothers Ted Hamachi and wife Alice, Mas Hamachi and wife Eiko, Shig Hamachi and wife Ann.

Kiyan, Fumi, 68, Los Angeles, June 23; Brazil-born; survived by niece Kimiko Matsuda; brothers and sisters in Brazil: Kishun and Sunsho Tamashiro, Yocy Matsuda, Atsu Tamashiro; sister-in-law Misako Ono; nephew Kay E. Ono.

Kusama, Tadashi Henry, 79, Stockton, June 11; Stockton-born; survived by sons Robert and wife Mary-Lis; Russell; daughter Katy Kitagawa and husband Lon; 9 gc., 4 gc.; sisters Lily Kagawa and husband George, Rosie Sugimoto, May Saiki and husband Teddy; brothers-in-law Ben and Norman Kamata.

Matayoshi, Marie T., 78, Los Angeles, June 12; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband John; many nephews and nieces.

Matsumoto, George Haruo, 90, Monterey Park, June 16; Sali Lake City-born; survived by wife Mitsuko; daughters Kathleen Cosgrove and husband Richard, Ellen Linsey and husband Dr. Michael; 10 gc., 3 gc.; brother Sanae and wife Elsie; sisters Shizuko Donomoto and Hideko Hori (both Japan).

Morio, Megumi Stephanie, 36, Tujunga, June 25; Los Angeles-born; survived by mother Fumiko M. Potter; stepfather Stephen Potter; brother Laine Morio and wife Dana.

Morioka, Matsui, 104, San Francisco, June 12; Japan-born; formerly of Washington state; survived by daughters Helen Ide and husband Masato, Fumikō "Ginger" Miyakawa and husband Seichi, Hiroko "Mary" Okumura and husband Roy; 13 gc., 12 gc., 2 gc.; daughters-in-law Frances, Alice, Glenda; predeceased by husband Hiroshi, infant daughter Fumi, sons Dale, Masahiro, Hiroshi.

Nakagawa, Mieko Kawasaki, 70, Los Angeles, June 8; Wakayama-born; survived by sons Christopher, Arthur, Dwight; 4 gc.; predeceased by husband Tom.

Nakamura, Judith Ann, 56, Whittier, June 3; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Kiyoshi "Kiyo"; sons Steven and wife Christine, Kenneth and wife Ling (New Jersey); 4 gc.; mother Hope Lamprinos; sister Elizabeth Cano and husband Jorge; brothers-in-law Takashi and wife Joy, John and wife Lily, Eiji Nakamura and wife Barbara, Bill Asano; sisters-in-law Fumi Nagasugi, Betty Nakawatase and husband Fred, Kazue Matsui (Japan), May Nishimoto and husband Kenji.

Nishida, Ronald "Ronnie," 38, Granada Hills, June 11 service; Mission Hills-born; survived by parents Minoru and Sayoko; brother Gary Nishida and wife Pam.

Nakamura, Oko, 90, Alameda, June 4; Wakayama-born; survived by sons Roy and wife Sue (Lodi), George and wife Frances, Dr. Sam and wife Hesterlyn; daughters Alice Fujii and husband Dr. Kenneth, Emily Aoyama and husband Calvin; 13 gc., 5 gc.

Ono, George Akira, 80, Long

Beach, June 6; San Diego-born; predeceased by parents Shizutaro and Kaji of San Diego, brothers John T. Ono of San Diego, Frank T. Ono of San Francisco and adopted son Sompang Ono of Thailand.

Sukekane, Chieko, 84, Watsonville, June 15; Penryn-born; survived by son Takeshi; brothers Richard Kiyoto Hamada, Teruo Hamada and wife Tomiye; sister Satoyo Makishima.

Tajiri, Kiyoko, 80, West Los Angeles, June 18; survived by husband Taneharu "Taney"; sisters Fumiko Fukunaga, Kazuko Matsuo (Louisiana); brother-in-law Akira Tajiri and wife Naomi; sisters-in-law Yoshino Hasegawa, Haruno Tsuruoka (N.Y.), Kikuno Okamoto and husband Minami (Hawaii); many nieces and nephews.

Tsuchiya, William Sadayuki, 82, Los Angeles, June 8; Turlock-born; survived by wife Jean; daughter Barbara Nakaoka and husband Atsuchi; brother Albert and wife Saki (Minneapolis); sister-in-law Helen Tsuchiya (Minneapolis).

Ujifusa, Tom, 88, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., June 13; Raiden, Wyo.-born; longtime resident of Worland, Wyo.; president of Northern Wyoming/Southern Montana JA CL ('42, '53); survived by wife Mary Takayo; son Grant Ujifusa and wife Amy Brooks (Chappaqua, N.Y.); daughter Susan Ujifusa Diamond and husband Stephen (Briarcliff Manor); grandsons Ted Diamond, Andrew and Steven Ujifusa; granddaughter Margo Diamond; predeceased by parents Yaeno and Shuichi, sisters Chiyo Oda (Okayama, Japan), Ida Kurokawa (Ontario, Ore.), Midori Ujifusa (in infancy), and brothers Charles (Minneapolis), William (Santa Ana), Lee (San Jose), Shiro (as a child).

Ushijima, Jerry S., 76, Las Vegas, May 20; Santa Monica-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Jeri, son Ken and daughter Sachi Miranda and husband Alex (all of Las Vegas); brothers Ted and wife Bic, Tad and wife Jean (both Los Angeles), Fred and wife Mary (Culver City); 2 gc.

Uyeda, George, 77, Gardena, June 15; Rock Springs, Wyo.-born; survived by wife Yukiko; son Kenneth; daughters Joyce Chau and husband Raymond, Gladys Tachibana and husband Glenn, Jo Ann Ho and husband Monte; 2 gc.; sisters Martha Fujii, Suzuko Matsuura (Japan), Takyu Yoneda, Marge Noriyuki.

Watanabe, Chii, 96, Stockton, June 16; Aichi-ken, Japan-born; survived by son Takashi and wife Sachiko; daughters Fumiko Asano and husband Hidenori, (French Camp), Chiyoko Hill and husband Frank, Toshiko Asahina and husband Saburo, Teruko Ruterink and husband C. Anthony; 11 gc., 8 gc.

Yagi, Kerry K., 87, Sacramento, June 16; Woodland-born; survived by son Darryl and wife Teinkie (Sebastopol); daughter Cheryl Tokiwa; 1 gc.; sister Sueko Terayama (Japan); sister-in-law Naomi Yagi.

Yamada, Minoru, 103, Los Angeles, June 13; survived by son Dr. Henry Noboru and wife Grace Okuno; 11 gc., 11 gc.; predeceased by wife Hatsuko, daughters Betty Matsuda, Susie Hamataka and Nancy Randazzo.

Yamamoto, Misao, 86, Lodi, June 19; Penryn-born; survived by husband Michio; son Bob; daughters Kuniko Mizuno and husband Takashi, Wendy Toshitsune and husband Ray; gc.

Yamamoto, Yoshimi "Shim," 85, Seattle, June 13; survived by sister Mary Nakanishi and husband Mitsuo; brother Tatsuo Yamamoto and wife Kinuyo; many nieces and nephews.

Yano, Misao Ruth, 78, Torrance, June 25; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by daughters Charlene Naka-

mura, Lynn Yoshida and husband Ray; son Dwaun Kamimura and wife Beth; stepdaughter Sheryl Tokudomi; stepson Danny Yano; 5 gc., 3 step-gc., 2 gc.; brother Saichi Shiohata.

Yokoji, Seizo, 80, Ft. Lupton, Colo., Dec. 16; survived by wife Mary, son Rodney and wife Sandi (Denver); daughters Claudia Yokoji (Orange County), Imogene Yokoji and husband Keith Scott (Ft. Lupton); 2 gc.; brother Frank Yokoji (Brighton, Colo.).

Yoshikawa, Ruth Yaeko, 88, Fresno, May 21; Fresno-born; survived by sons Craig and wife Amy (Clovis), Warren Okamura and wife Carolyn, Clyde and wife Susan; 4 gc., 2 gc.; sister Mieko Kebo.

DEATH NOTICE

TOSHIO IKE
GARDENA, Calif. — Toshio Ike, 74, passed away June 16. The Isleton-born Nisei is survived by daughters, Marcia (Wayne) Tofukuji and Heidi (Gordon) Gee; sons, Jesse (Cheryl) and Darrin (Satomi) Ike; grandchildren, Krisi, Janene, Julie Tofukuji, David, Daniel, Joey Ike, Brian and Jason Gee; sisters, Yoshi Obikane, Nobuko Shoji, Hanako (Mits) Oshita and Asako (Thru) Kimura; sisters-in-law, Ami (Henry) Nagahori and Clara Ike; brother-in-law, Kaji (Marilyn) Artyasu; many nieces, nephews and relatives.

DEATH NOTICE

HISASHI SAIKI
ALAMEDA, Calif. — Hisashi Saiki, 81, passed away June 11 at his residence after a short illness. Son of Tsurumatsu and Shige. Born in San Francisco in 1921, he was a professional gardener in the East Bay for his entire life. He spent time, along with his father, at the Topaz internment camp. A life-long member of the Berkeley chapter of JA CL, he was known to his friends and family as "Sunshine." He is survived by a sister, Yoneko Saiki (San Francisco); niece Mariko Abe (San Francisco); nephew Toshi Abe (Princeton, N.J.) and four grand nieces.

DEATH NOTICE

JOHN TETSUOMI SHINAGAWA
HERCULES, Calif. — John Tetsuomi Shinagawa, 79, passed away June 20. A former resident of Richmond, he was born in San Francisco on Jan. 9, 1923. He retired as building manager of the San Francisco Medical Society in 1988, and was an active member and volunteer in various organizations within the Japanese American community in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Emiko, his children, Robert Tetsuro of Cupertino, Susan Matsuko of Spring Valley, Arthur Mitsuhiro of San Jose and James Yutaka of Fremont; siblings, George of Euclid, Ohio, Maryko Deemer of Fort Washington, Mary, Kazuko Kawahira of Sacramento; Roy Yonori of Fremont; Mizuko Scott of Pittsburg, Hitomu of Pinole, Altko Helwig of Florence, Ore. and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Hideko Kurisu. A memorial service was held June 26 at Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple in Berkeley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JASEB (Japanese American Services of the East Bay), 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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their stance of supporting the Arab and Muslim American community following the 9-11 terrorist attacks. "I'm so proud to see your organization stand up and be counted when hate groups and others turn against those who resemble the terrorists," he said.

Dees pointed to the unique history of the JA community, the struggles its people endured during the World War II internment, as the root of its commitment to civil rights.

"You've struggled so hard as a people, to make this nation stand up for its promises ... but the struggles have just begun," he said. "You and your people are just as much a part of this nation as everyone else and you have the responsibility to make it work. To make the dream a reality for all."

Dees gave up a lucrative publishing business to found the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., in 1971 with partner Joseph L. Levin, Jr. The nonprofit center aids those victimized by racial discrimination. A grandson of a Ku Klux Klan member, Dees has led the Poverty Center in the fight for justice and is best known for taking on various white supremacist groups including the KKK, Aryan Nation, and various militia groups. He has won multi-million-dollar settlements against these groups, bankrupting them and rendering them unable to function.

Currently, there are more than 650 active hate groups and more than 350 Internet hate sites. Last year alone there were more than

10,000 hate crimes and Dees emphasized that since not all police agencies collect data on hate crimes, the numbers could be as high as between 50,000-70,000.

In his travels across the country, Dees is encouraged by the number of people he encounters who are fighting against hate crimes, letting hate groups know that they don't represent the majority of Americans.

People are "trying to build bridges over the divide that separates us," he said. "When bridges are built across these divides ... they are built out of love, friendship, tolerance. I believe we will build those bridges in this nation."

Following his speech, JACL Executive Director John Tateishi presented Dees with the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award which recognizes individuals for outstanding activities or leadership in the field of civil rights. Started in 1985, the award is named after Uno, who was a strong and vocal advocate of human and civil rights.

"Many claim to be civil rights activists ... but today we honor someone who is a true hero," said Tateishi.

Japanese American of the Biennium

Also honored at the convention were the winners of the Japanese American of the Biennium award: Astronaut Daniel M. Tani, (Science/Technology), WNBA player Lindsey B. Yamasaki (Sports), and Wayne Nakamura (Business/Industry/Technology).

Tani is only the second Japanese American to work for NASA. He flew on the Space

Shuttle Endeavor on Nov. 29, 2001, logging more than 11 days in space and performing a four-hour space walk.

Unable to attend the event, Tani sent a videotaped message from his training facilities in Russia. In thanking the JACL, he gave praise to the Issei and Nisei, honoring his family who were interned in the World War II internment camps of Topaz.

"I'm honored and privileged to receive such a prestigious award," said Tani. As a Sansei, he has benefited from the struggles of his parents' and grandparents' generation. "Because of them ... they have given the opportunity for me and others of my generation to do what we like," he said.

Tani also honored Ellison Onizuka, the first JA astronaut who died in a space shuttle accident. "Because of Ellison I'm the second Japanese American astronaut ... we all owe a lot to Ellison," he said.

Accepting the award on his behalf were his mother, Rose Tani, and his uncle, Paul Tani. In thanking the JACL, Rose noted the pride her husband, an active JACLer who is now deceased, would have had. "I'm sure his father, Henry Tani, is beaming with pride right now," she said.

Yamasaki is the first Asian

American woman to be drafted by the WNBA. She led her Oregon City High School to four consecutive AAAA state championships and was a standout guard at Stanford University, ranking ninth on the school's all-time scoring list and second in career three-pointers. The six-foot-one athlete currently plays for the Miami Sol.

Unable to attend the banquet, Yamasaki sent a videotaped message from the stadium facilities in Miami. Thanking JACL, she called the award an "amazing honor."

Yamasaki recalled how growing up in Oregon she had very few JA role models. While attending Stanford, she was introduced to fellow JAs for the first time and soon found herself becoming a role model for young JA girls.

Now in the WNBA she's living her life-long dream of playing professional basketball. "I feel like I'm living a dream ... but I have a lot more to accomplish," she said. "Hopefully I can continue to be a role model for JA girls."

Nakamura has worked for State Farm Insurance for 25 years and is the highest ranking APA employee west of Illinois. As the Manager of Multi-cultural Markets, he has created a number of API outreach programs. Nakamura is a member of the Seattle JACL chapter.

The JA of the Biennium Award is the highest public award given by JACL and has been presented to a person of Japanese ancestry

at every national convention since 1950. Past awardees include: Rep. Mike Honda, George Takei, Kristi Yamaguchi, Michi Weglyn, and Sen. Daniel Inouye.

JACL National President Floyd Mori also presented "Special President's Awards" to California Congressman Jerry Lewis and businessman Gene Yamagata.

Lewis, who's stepdaughter Joy accepted the award on his behalf, was honored for his support of JACL over the years. Yamagata, who has been an active supporter of JACL, owns a number of businesses in Japan including Domino's Pizza, and employs thousands.

Also announced at the sayonara banquet was this year's winner of the Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition sponsored by UPS: Marissa Hayes of MDC. The other oratorical participants included: Mathias Nakatsui, PSW; Tammy Nozawa, MPDC; and Elise Tateoka from IDC.

The contest honors Yasui, who challenged the constitutionality of curfew restrictions during WWII. He also served as chair of JACL's Redress Committee and the Legislative Education Committee.

The banquet was sponsored by State Farm Insurance. The MC for the evening was Frank Buckley, CNN reporter. The next JACL convention will be hosted by the Honolulu chapter in Waikiki, Aug. 10-14, 2004. ■

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