Special New Year's Issue
Starting the New Year with a Clean Slate

Happy New Year to all of the loyal readers of the Pacific Citizen. Akemashite mondai gozaimasu!

Asian cultures take the New Year much more seriously than Western cultures. Westerners focus on New Year’s Eve and make it the time for partying and cutting loose. Sure, there are people who do their share of contemplating, but not like Asians do on New Year’s Day.

We don’t just make those hollow pronouncements about losing weight or working harder, or promising to be better people. We’re all about doing, not just talking. We spend the days leading up to Jan. 1 cleaning house and making sure we start the year with a literal, not a figurative, clean slate.

The P.C. is starting 2006 with a truly clean slate, having completed its move to a whole new location back in Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo neighborhood.

It’s been a busy year for the P.C. and its small, dedicated staff. Last year about this time, the P.C. was covering racist comments about tsunami victims that were aired on a New York radio station. Throughout the months, as it does every year, the P.C. reported on racial incidents far and wide, kept tabs on news from the Asian Pacific American community, and, of course, covered the important work of the JACL.

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The P.C. is the only national media that shines a light on these topics as part of its mission, and considering its small staff size, it does it with admirable passion, fairness and thoroughness.

So as the P.C. starts the New Year settling into its new digs, I’d like to praise Caroline Anyagi-Stoon, Lynda Lin, Brian Tanaka and Eva Lau-Ting for their dedication to the JACL and to the P.C.

Here’s more reason to congratulate the P.C.

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The paper has won two runner-up awards from New America Media, in the organization’s 7th Annual Ethnic Media Journalism Awards, dubbed by the "Jim Lehrer News Hour" as the Ethnic Pulitzer.

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This was the first time stories were submitted for a contest, so it’s truly an honor to gain such a high profile for these awards.

This year, we can look forward to more of their consistent news coverage, and for one will watch behind indelible memories of national disasters, community triumphs and heartbreak. If a picture is worth a thousand words, what comes to mind when you take a photographic journey through some of the major moments of the year? Start here.

Here’s to a tenific 2006 for all. GIL ASAKAWA

GIL ASAKAWA is the current editorial board chairperson of the Pacific Citizen newspaper.

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During this past year I had the opportunity to speak to many JACLers as I attended numerous installation dinners and town hall meetings that were sponsored by these chapters. At these meetings it became quite clear that JACL has become one of the most important civil rights organizations in the country because of the strength and character of its members.

I have tried to summarize just a few of the characteristics that I have observed concerning the type of person and characteristics of those individuals who are JACL members.

A JACL member recognizes and thanks the Nisei generation for having the foresight to create a national organization which has allowed our community to participate in the democratic process at the local (chapter, district) and national levels.

A JACL member is an individual who is willing to spend countless hours in order to pursue cultural and coalition-building activities in their local communities.

A JACL member is an individual who understands that one of the greatest allies of race prejudice and bigotry is silence. For this reason, a JACL member will speak out against social injustice. We understand it was the deafening silence of the majority that allowed the government to intern our entire community solely on the basis of our ethnicity and without regard to the protections guaranteed to all Americans as provided by the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

A JACL member is an individual who understands the importance of a community-based organization such as JACL. JACL provides a legitimate forum from which we are able to express ourselves with respect to civil liberty issues that affect all of us who live in this great country.

A JACL member is an individual who loves this country and jealously protects the Constitution and Bill of Rights for we believe these documents are the glue that keeps this great nation together today, tomorrow and especially in times of crisis.

I am proud to be a JACL member and it is an honor for me to have the opportunity to serve one of the most important civil rights/liberties organizations in this country as we work together to build a greater America for all Americans.

My best wishes to all of you and your families for a safe, healthy and prosperous new year.

Ken Inouye is the JACL national president.
Happy New Year and my best wishes to all you for a prosperous 2006.

Before we write about what’s happening in the world of the JACL, I would like to report on what we accomplished in 2005:

Both Tomiko and Lucy and I appreciate the interest and cooperative spirit of time, talents, money, and your commitment to JACL. That interest and cooperative spirit is deeply appreciated.

Membership information is recorded promptly and correctly, in addition to all of the other membership work. Your reports, communications and all of the other work get a prompt and thorough review.

In that spirit, your district governors: Ron Wataru Namba, Allan I. W. Castro, Karen Suntai Tiki, and Masa Tashima, M.D., are working hard to improve membership and to get the message out to all JACL members and to all those who are interested in JACL.

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2006 will be a good news year. The national staff has started a campaign to reach out to our lapsed members and to get the message out to all JACL members. In addition, we decided to also put more emphasis on recapturing our members who have lapsed.

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**BOBBI HANADA**

**Highlights from the Central Calif. District Council**

*Our chapters continue to be a vital service to our members and take an active role in the community they serve.*

As district governor of the JACL Central California District Council, I send you greetings and a Happy New Year! Our chapters continue to be a vital service to our members and take an active role in the community they serve. These are just a few highlights of the events held in our communities this past year.

The Livingston-Merced chapter held their film festival last March in honor of the Day of Remembrance. They had a fantastic reception to the screening of "Forsaken Fields," "Honor Bound," and "Day of Independence." They were fortunate to have Tim Toyama and Chris Tashima, the creators of "Day of Independence," share their experience in the making of their film with the audience.

This year the Livingston-Merced chapter will be holding their festival on Feb. 18 at Merced College followed by their annual dinner. The Fresno chapter held their 20th Annual Shinzen Run last April. The event had a fantastic reception to the Independence," share their experience and a Happy New Year!

Central Calif. District Council President Tom Hayashida and his leadership team have continued to serve. These are just a few highlights of the events held in our communities this past year.

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**HIRO NISHIKAWA**

**Greetings for 2006 from the EDC**

As a recently elected governor, I am finding my way around our large geographic district covering the East Coast and Atlanta, Georgia. I'm counting on your support of very capable predecessors like Paul Uyehara (Philadelphia) and Clyde Nishimura (Washington, D.C.) as well as former national president Lillian Kimura (New York). I draw inspiration and sustenance from their prior contributions and their enthusiasm to progress JACL into the future.

As on the West Coast we in the East are seeing attrition in membership of the Nisei generation as they pass on. Thus, we have to focus on the Seniors and more importantly the 'Yousei generation to be engaged in the issues of our time.

To many of the Asian Americans who have landed recently on our shores, our Nisei population is perceived as being the establishment. The history of our struggles and successes certainly provide inspiration to them.

Despite the sinking down of alien land laws in the States, obtaining naturalization privileges for Asians and other law-abiding residents, striking down anti-miscegenation laws, and liberalizing of immigration policies during the latter half of the 20th century, there continues to be challenges facing the newer Asian Americans.

In part these arise from language differences and other issues of our times. To many of the Asian Americans, we are working towards having the last interned there.

This discussion is underway at EDC and will receive careful attention. One of the simple that hard to answer questions is: "Should JACL become a 'top-down' organization instead of being a 'bottom-up' one that it has been up to now?"

I trust that other district governors are making equally considering assessments of this issue, so that there will be well thought out deliberations at the national convention this year in Phoenix. Hope to see you all there!

Hiro Nishikawa currently serves as the EDC governor.

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**JACL Membership Contest**

Who: Open to new members, renewed lapsed members, gifting members, referring member and current JACLers

Where: Now through February 28, 2006

Why: JACL membership needs to increase!

Rules: Sign up any person for a JACL membership and you, plus the new member, will receive one entry into the JACL membership drawing. You may also gift a membership or renew a lapsed member.

For more people you sign up, the more entries you earn. JACLers benefit when membership increases. Drawing will be held the first week of March.

PRIZES:

- Autographed books by:
  - Gil Asakawa, Being Japanese American: A JA Sourcebook for Nikkei, Hapa ... and Their Friends (10 copies)
  - Karin Higa, The Art of Hideo Date
  - Allen Say, Grandfather's Journey
  - Kerry Nakagawa, Through a Diamond: 100 Years of Japanese American Baseball
  - Akiro Kikumura-Yano, Encyclopedia of Japanese Descendants in the Americas: An Illustrated History of the Nikkei
  - Kristine Kim, Harry Sugimoto: Painting an American Experience
  - Mas Makiura, Elegies for a Poem
  - Frank Wu, Yellow Race in America Beyond Black and White
  - Helen Zia, Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People

- JACL's 75th Anniversary Booklets (25 copies)

- Sandy's Kooky Sushi "Obento" The most popular "sampler" size of SUEDY'S KOO-KI SUSHI, who would believe they are made of chocolate? The covered obento (lunch) box has a shiny black finish with an inner tray that can be stacked to create a double-decker box.

- Case of California Wine

- Pair of tickets to an Arizona Diamondbacks (vs. LA Angels) game-June 23, 24, or 25, 2006 (in conjunction with the JACL National Conference-GP prize)

- Los Angeles Gateway-Overnight hotel stay for two, lunch with George Takas at the Thousand Cranes Restaurant in the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo, guided tour of the Japanese American National Museum, pair of tickets to an East-West Players theater production.

- "We have to focus on the Seniors and more importantly the 'Yousei generation to be engaged in the issues of our times.'"
Greetings from the NCWNP District

Happy New Year and greetings from the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District's 32 chapters. The NCWNP district had a busy year in 2005. The district event for 2005 was the 2nd NCWNP fundraiser dinner which was held in April. Again, we convened at the beautiful Blackhawk Casino & Museum in Danville. Our event was titled "Spirit of '76, JACL, 76 years of Education, Advocacy and Civil Rights." We honored individuals from 21 chapters. Our Legacy Honor awardees are the Unsung Heroes of our community leaders. Their presence and added a special charm to the over 400 attendees with skating star, Kristi Yamaguchi. Kristi accepted by attorney Edwin Prother, who spoke out against anti-Asian and conducted by Maestro Kent Jose.

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Greetings and Happy New Year to all. This year will be a busy time for everyone, from the JACL national board all the way to the chapters. This year we celebrate the national JACL’s 77th anniversary. How awesome is Phoenix, Arizona. When I say, “invite everyone” I really mean everyone.

The national JACL convention is not an event for just the JACL board members and the delegates who help make changes and decisions to our by-laws and constitution (which shape the future of JACL). It’s also about people. A community of people that help and continue to teach, strengthen, and protect their own and other communities bonded by cultural diversity. This is an opportunity for people and families to meet and share, exchange ideas, and maybe meet a future spouse as my friend Kai did. (For anyone that knows Kai, you and our families.)

My children will tell you that our family has two family vacations: the first is called “our JACL family vacation” and the second is “our regular family vacation.” They are excited to go, and they are so focused on those swimming pools.

Jeff, my husband, has stayed at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort in Phoenix for his work. His work EVCO paid $250 a night for members of their staff to attend a hose convention (yes, he is a horse). So, the $98 a night that John Tateishi, JACL executive director, negotiated with the resort is a steal. Now, Jeff is not a very vocal person, but he is telling everyone we know about the resort and the convention. He wants (someone else of course, not him) to get buses caravanning down to Arizona. This is how excited he is.

There is an enormous commitment that is in place to make all this possible. Ted Nambo and his family, the Arizona chapter, and many, many members of the Arizona community, along with the national JACL staff are working very hard to have this JACL convention happen for you and our families.

I encourage all of you, your friends, and your family to attend the national JACL convention. Let’s meet and celebrate the national JACL’s 77th anniversary together. It will be fun and memorable. I promise there will be something for everyone at every age.

Silvana Watanabe is the JACL Intermountain District Council governor.

In the new year, may fortune smile on those who dream.
While the body count reached 200,000 after the South Asian tsunami, popular New York hip-hop radio station aired a Jan. 26 tsunami parody song. Choice lyrics included "screaming Chinks."

The APA community protested strongly and HOT 97 lost revenue. The main player in the scandal, Miss Jones (Tarsha Nicole Jones) is still hosting the morning show with one less team member — Miss Info (Minya Oh) — who now has her own show.

To honor the man who battled internment, the Davis Board of Education, in September, named its newest school the Fred Korematsu Elementary School.

Korematsu did not attend the November opening of the Calif. school with his name-sake. He died Mar. 30 of respiratory illness. He was 86.
In 2005 we were reminded that natural disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are not just black and white issues. Thousands of Gulf Coast Asian Pacific Americans sought refuge at a local supermarket. Today, APAs are still trying to rebuild their destroyed communities.

REMEMBERING ONE WAR: 442nd veterans celebrate their 62nd anniversary in Hawaii Mar. 20 (AP Photo)

FIGHTING ANOTHER: Thomas Kim (standing, second from left) added to the growing discord over the war in Iraq. In a special Memorial Day PC article, he said his proudest military moment was coming home alive.

Fifty years after being forced to discontinue their education during World War II, 58 Los Angeles Nisei hope their new high school diplomas replace old memories of injustice.

Orange County, Texas' "Jap Lane" is put to a stop. The racial slur is now a relic of the past.

Five years after the terrorist attacks, APAs show they still remember. Here, the New York Buddhist Church commemorates the tragedy with floating lanterns.

But the highly decorated WWII military hero made history in the 100th Infantry Battalion & 442nd MCT. In February, France honored him with the Legion of Honor.

Daniel-san, never put passion before principle. Even if you win, you lose," said Pat Morita's Mr. Miyagi in "The Karate Kid Part II". In life, he pursued acting culminated in an Oscar nomination and over 100 films, but it was also his dedication to the community that made him extraordinary.
JACLers with Lily Okura (seated, center) at the JACL/OCA Washington, D.C Leadership Conference in March.

JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi addresses the audience at the Tri-District Conference in Irvine, Calif.

Yuki Llewellyn, the little girl in Clem Albers' famous internment photo, returns to Manzanar for the first time this past summer.

JACL's Mission: "...to promote cultural, educational & social values..."

Young JACLers practice obon dancing at the Youth Conference in Utah.

**District Conferences**

Alice (Tsunezue) Tanaka and Marvin Lee at IDC's first APA baby boomer's reunion.

MDC Regional Director Bill Yoshino, Judge Sandra Otaka and JACL Nat'l President Ken Incenyo at the MDC/EDC B-District.

PSW Gala Honorees (?=) Carol Kawanami, Rose Ochi and Dr. Mary Oda.

**Sports & Entertainment**

Michelle Wie goes pro at 15!

"Memoirs of a Geisha" hits the silver screens without real geishas.

Gwen Stefani appropriates ethnic identity by employing the Harajuku girls.

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ELAINE AKAGI

Alive and Well in the Pacific Northwest

Greetings to all from the rainy, rainy Pacific Northwest. The Year of the Dog is upon us and with it goes hope of health, prosperity and happy times. As the newly elected governor of the PNW district, I'm thrilled to be representing the region on the national board. Although newly elected this does not mean I'm new to the job. I served as governor of the PNW from 1998-2002, but the faces on the board are different and also the energy, I'm excited to be a part of this new, young board.

We in the Pacific Northwest have been alive and well. Our 10 chapters in Alaska, Washington and Oregon have been active in education, civil rights and maintaining a presence in our local areas, as well as regionally. As a "new" governor, elected at the end of 2005, we have much the same goals for 2006.

We have been working with other groups to stave off initiatives to restrict individual rights. If not done through legislative initiatives, campaigns are going to the people to further their agendas. It is a never-ending task, which takes diligence and commitment to maintain the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

This year we will hold a national JACL convention in Phoenix, Arizona. It's expected to be an exciting convention and the Phoenix chapter has been working diligently to plan events, workshops and meetings for members and their families to enjoy.

The theme for this year's convention, "Phoenix Rising: Leadership for a New Generation," fits perfectly into the major project in the PNW. In planning for the JACL of today, and attracting future young leaders for our organization, the PNW is working on a strategic plan to see what our organization will look like in 10, 20 or 30 years.

Our Strategic Plan, led by a capable Sansen, Jeffrey Hatton, past president of the Seattle chapter, will be our major focus for our biennium. We know our community demographics are changing, and our challenge is to change with it. As our elderly Nisei step aside for the younger Sansen and Yonsei leaders, we must think and plan for the Gosei and "Hapa" generations coming up. The PNW plan is to work with a variety of groups in Oregon, Washington and Alaska to winnow out thoughts of the community on interests and how they see the JACL of the future.

The PNW is looking forward to seeing everyone in Phoenix this June. The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa looks to be a relaxing, yet stimulating setting for the convention. Please plan to join us there. And if you have some thoughts about what the JACL of the future will be, share those thoughts with us. As a national perspective, as well as our district perspective, will help formulate a strong plan for our future.

We'll see you all in Phoenix, June 21-24.1

Elaine Akagi is the newly elected governor of the JACL, Pacific Northwest District.

JACL continues to have relevance today. Racism, prejudice, and discrimination, unfortunately, may never leave this world. Although much has been accomplished and the general populace seems to decry the acts of blatant racism of the past and have been working for decades to combat it, overt examples of racism are still being experienced by ethnic minorities on a fairly regular basis.

A Japanese American young man had such an encounter not long ago at the Salt Lake City airport. While waiting for his plane, he entered a coffee shop. A woman seemed to bump into him purposefully in a crowded area. She looked at him but made no attempt to apologize. After some comments, she became billing, threw her coffee at him, and shouted demeaning racial epithets.

Recently I have been attending meetings regarding, among other subjects, immigration, and the writing rights act. Although people did not think there would be need for the voting rights act after 40 years, it is still needed today for the protection of minorities to have a fair chance to vote.

Since 9/11 American citizens and others of Muslim descent have been treated by the U.S. government in similar ways to the Japanese Americans during World War II. In the U.S. alone, in the United States, detention of Muslims and other people of the Middle East without any access to due process has had a devastating impact on thousands of families since 9/11. Although the world has come a long way in making progress against racism, there are times when we revert to actions of the past in the unfair treatment of others.

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BY THE BOARD

ALAYNE YONEMOTO

Capitalizing on Our Resources

I begin 2006 with a new term as governor of the JACL Pacific Southwest District. I had the advantage of working closely with Hiromi Ueha in her previous two terms as PSW governor. I plan to continue the projects and positive momentum of the past years.

With my involvement in various projects on the district and national levels, I have had the opportunity to interact with the different national staff positions. I have come to learn that the regional directors are tremendous resources for the national organization. Their expertise is drawn upon for many things including: national committee work, national programs, district programs, and local community collaborations.

The presence of national staff helps us to provide a consistent presence in the community. Their effectiveness reaches to every part of the organization. I recognize their impact and can also feel their presence when positions are not filled.

There is an open national staff position in PSW. To counterbalance the need for more national staff, members of PSW need to take advantage of our volunteers' strengths by orchestrating a sharing of resources.

Without a regional director, PSW has lacked the ability to weave chapter partnerships for the organization. But PSW has experts in many areas including: civil rights, membership, programming, events, community networking, Web site development, and fundraising. We have some chapters that have successful relationships with each other. They are able to assist each other in planning events and other collaborative efforts.

I hope to extend these partnerships to more chapters in JACL. By formally pooling our collective resources, I hope to build a stronger internal and local community network for JACL by taking advantage of each opportunity in 2006.

During my term I will strive to represent the desires of my district. I am sorting out the goals that I have made for myself as I prepare the agenda for the PSW executive board retreat. At the retreat, the PSW executive board will brainstorm new ideas, review previous outcomes, set new goals, and decide upcoming programs. I will use this time to plant creative seeds in to the minds of the board. I want them to think of positive opportunities for JACL. We always need creative minds in membership and fundraising.

We can also use this year to reconnect with other community organizations. PSW chapters need to reconfirm themselves as needing a place among the local community leaders by rekindling the relationships with other organizations of our community. I am fortunate to belong to a district that has active chapters in many geographic areas. But without a PSW regional director the district has lacked cohesion.

In the areas where JACL has a strong link to their local community, we need to take advantage of their strength and link them to other JACL chapters that are looking for a model or assistance. I want to formulate a plan with the PSW executive board to assist our chapters with networking efforts.

This year we also need to showcase the good programs that we currently offer. Our district is preparing to host the 2006 convention. We will have chances to showcase JACL in the pre-convention events. These events can introduce members and potential members to the tangible benefits of JACL. It will also create opportunities for JACL members to talk to new people about the intangible benefits of JACL.

I hope that my district will use each interaction as an opportunity to gain a new member, meet a community partner, develop a local sponsor, or maybe simply find a new volunteer.

I hope 2006 is the year we fill the open PSW regional director position. The director's required duties as a national staff member will parallel the efforts that PSW will put forth this year towards building stronger chapters. We understand that having a regional director is a benefit to the entire organization because they are able to help form and gather resources of all types for all of JACL.

I look forward to working with you.

Alayne Yonemoto is the newly elected PSW district governor.

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be reunited with their families. This also sounds like issues that were fought by the Asian communities in the early 1900s when anti-Asian sentiment was rampant. It is critical that the United States remain an open nation that welcomes the very full and time will not allow that the United States remain an open nation that welcomes the very full and time will not allow

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Some of the most influential JACL had been in shaping American history during the 1900s. A developed a greater appreciation for the organization and as I learned the values of protecting our civil liberties.

I am grateful for the opportunities that were afforded to me and to the people that I have met during my tenure at JACL, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention some of my memorable JACL moments.

The single greatest event that I was involved with is the 2003 JACL Gala Dinner. A combined joint effort between PSW and National JACL, it showed that JACL is still the showstopper. It was amazing to hear Secretary Norman Mineta, Senator Daniel Inouye, CongressmanHonda and the late Congressman Matsui speak and share their insight. Sen. Inouye’s tribute to his family was the most touching speech I had ever heard and one that I shall remember.

An honorable mention and funniest moment would have to be at the 2003 PSW/CDCGCWCWNP Tri-District in Visalia, Calif. when then National JACL President Floyd Mori smashed a whipped cream pie on then National Vice President of Public Affairs Ken Inouye’s head. I imagined it was a spur of the moment thing and caught us who were in the room by surprise. While it may not have been funny for Ken, he was a good sport about it. He erupted points from me for keeping his poise.

I established many relationships but none greater than the ones with the five interns who worked in the PSW office. Kyle Tajima, Eric Nakano, Cory Hayashi, Jessie Ikikuchi and Craig Ishii were my interns from 2002 until 2005. It was great to connect with each intern, to hear about issues that concern them and to give them guidance as they worked on projects for JACL. The commonalities that were shared helped each relationship, whether it was working for the English to connect with today’s youth. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

I would like to thank my colleagues who have mentored and guided me over the years. I would like to thank former PSW Regional Director Beth Au for taking a chance and hiring me. I also would like to thank JACL Executive Director John Tanaka for bringing me in and allowing me to work on some national programs — that experience was invaluable.

Most importantly, I want to thank Carol Saito, whose knowledge of the organization and community helped me so much. Carol truly is the backbone of PSW and I thank her for her friendship.

Lastly, I want to thank my wife Amy Kato (Matsumoto) for being supportive of me while working for PSW. (If it wasn’t for JACL, I would have never met.) I know it wasn’t always easy, but we persevered.

I wish the organization well and hope that 2006 and years to come will be prosperous. I hope to see everyone in Phoenix at the national convention.

Gerald Kato served as the PSW youth coordinator and PSW programs coordinator for six years.

— Gerald Kato

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Season’s Greetings

Many leaders on both sides of the political aisle have been instrumental in helping JACL to move forward with our areas of concern.

Although it may be time for JACL to look at other directions of focus besides civil rights and the coalitions, those issues will continue to be the core of our activities.

JACL will continue to work in coalition with other Asian American organizations to bring about a better way of life for all.

Here’s wishing all of you A VERY HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! ■

Floyd Mori is the JACL Washington, D.C. representative and is a former JACL national president.

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In Memoriam — 2005

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akano, Kathleen, 57, Santa Cruz, Nov. 27; first Asian American Superior Court judge in Santa Cruz County. She is survived by her son, Kristopher; father, Tokio Katayama; and brothers, Darrey, Bobby and David.

Amano, George Keiche, 84, Torrance; WWII veteran.

Breitnach, Yvonne Tagungu, 96, Oakland, Sept. 17; joined the Army Nurses.

Chino, Joe, 84, San Diego, Nov. 10; WWII veteran.

Date, Kazuko, 87, Los Angeles, June 23; WWII veteran.

Duenas, Magdaleno, 90, Feb. 27; WWII veteran, 100th Infantry Battalion.

Estes, Donald Hamilton, 68, San Diego, Jan. 18; Vietnam War veteran.

Fujita, Shigeuki David, 86, Los Angeles, July 31; WWII veteran.

Furukawa, Hata, Nadine, 63, Feb. 25; was vice president of the Los Angeles's Asian American bank (Far East National Bank). Father of the late David Henry Hwang.

Hatanaka, Richard Y., 91, Santa Monica, Mar. 3; WWII veteran, 442nd. He returned to Los Angeles after the war and started a successful business but relinquished when the Korean War broke out. Shortly thereafter he became captain of the 442nd. He was the first Asian American to hold such a post, and directed his unit's drive to push back enemy forces from the 38th parallel. His efforts helped create a buffer between North and South Korea.

Higashimura, Hiroshi, 80, Mojave, Lake City, July 8; WWII veteran, 442nd BCT. His decorated veteran of the Korean War.


Ishii, Akiko, 57, Santa Cruz, Nov. 27; WWII veteran.

Ishii, Kort, 80, Los Angeles, July 22; WWII veteran.

Iwata, Aiko, 59, Monterey Park, May 17; WWII veteran.

Kim, June, 87, San Francisco, Apr. 28; WWII veteran.

Kim, Jinbo, Masaru J., 91, Fountain Inn, Wash., July 1; WWII veteran.

Kobayashi, George, 92, Pasadena, Oct. 30; challenged the WWII internment orders that sent 120,000 to internment camps. Later had his conviction overturned in the 1980s. In 1998 President Bill Clinton awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal.

Kobayashi, Edward "Sami," 87, Montebello, Nov. 25; WWII veteran.

Kohigashira, Yeh, 87, Wailau, Hawaii, Mar. 31; WWII veteran, 442nd Battalion; awarded the Medal of Honor by President Clinton.

Kotani, Akira, 70, San Francisco, Apr. 21; WWII veteran, MIS.

Kobayashi, Edward "Sami," 92; founded the Go For Broke "Educational Foundation / which co-founded and co-directed the Go For Broke Educational Foundation which Ken co-founded and served as chairman emeritus. Born in Los Angeles to Korean immigrants, Ken was drafted at the start of WWII and assigned to the Army's 100th Infantry Battalion. One of just two Koreans in the primarily JA outfit, he declined the offer of a transfer, saying all soldiers were Americans. He returned to Los Angeles after the war and started a successful business but relinquished when the Korean War broke out. Shortly thereafter he became captain of the 442nd. He was the first Asian American to hold such a post, and directed his unit's drive to push back enemy forces from the 38th parallel. His efforts helped create a buffer between North and South Korea. For his heroic efforts during the war, Ken won about 20 medals, including a Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, three Purple Hearts, a French Legion of Honor and Italian Military Valor Cross. He helped found organizations that helped Asian immigrants and civic foundations, including JASAN, the Japanese American Museum and Go For Broke. Ken is survived by three stepdaughters, Jami and Tom Sherry and Corey; sister, Walter; and brothers, Jack and Henry.

Kozotzko, Teruko, 101, Westminster, Calif., Jan. 16; Longtime member of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee. Also served as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. His most memorable accomplishment was his role in helping to pass legislation that spelled out for the first time the policy and provided compensation for the survivors to Japanese Americans that were sent to concentration camps during WWII.

Murakami, Hisao, 85, Los Angeles, May 21; Japanese American, Korean War veteran, MIS.

Ozawa, George Koichi, 84, Hayward to "Jim" in the Bay Area grew rich and redness. Born July 18, 1914 in Hayward to Yuzan and Yuka Kaizada. She earned her name as a "battle princess" because her non-Japanese friends couldn’t pronounce the "f" in her first name. In 1990, Kinoshita was awarded the National Coalition of Redress and Reparations and quickly became the face of the Redress Movement in the Bay Area. She also helped the Office of Homeless Advocacy. She was a co-founder of the government agency set up to distribute redress and broke the lid that were eligible.

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Member, Together with his wife, Dorothy Kamai, served in the Army Medical Corp during WWII.

Nishimura, Ikuo, 100, Monterey, Feb. 10.

Nishimura, Dr. Shigeto, 86, Spokane, Wash. April 3, served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

Nishimoto, Yoichi, 89, Los Angeles, Mar. 9; WWII veteran.

Nishimoto, Nancy, 89, Los Angeles, Mar. 11; WWII veteran.

Nishimoto, Mardy, 89, Northridge, July 3.

Nishimoto, Carol, 83, Seattle, June 13; WWII veteran.

Nishimoto, John, 89, Salt Lake City.

Nishimoto, Tadashi, 66, Seattle, July 22.

Nishimoto, George, 87, Los Angeles, Mar. 30; WWII veteran.

Nishimura, Larry, 85, Los Angeles, Feb. 24; WWII veteran.

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Robert M. MITOY

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Robert M. MitoY, 71, passed away Dec. 13. He was a past president of the St. Louis JACL and spoke at several St. Louis area schools about growing up in a World War II internment camp. Mr. Mitoyo was born in Stockton, Calif., and the seventh of nine children born to Kageo and Katsuyo Mitoyo. The family had a farm in the San Joaquin Valley, but in 1942, the family was sent to a temporary assembly camp at the San Joaquin Fairgrounds in California. Six months later, they were moved to an internment camp in Robson, Ark. The family was returned to Freedom in 1946 and moved to Pico IF. Mr. Mitoyo moved to St. Louis before joining the Army. He was a combat engineering battalion stationed in southern Germany. Mr. Mitoyo graduated from Washington University in 1958 with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and worked at the McDonnell Douglas Corp. for more than 25 years. He retired in 1993. Mr. Mitoyo is survived by wife, Nobuko Ami, 73; three daughters, Wendy (Safford) Rolf, and Judy (Lynden) StuckeMitoyo; sisters, June (John) Kim, Alcy (Roy) Delano, and Inez (Rothet) and three grand-children.
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