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Much Work Ahead of Us

By David H. Kawamoto

Due to the scheduling change in the 2010 National JACL Convention, the Sayonara Banquet was held on Friday, the night before the election of the new national JACL officers. Therefore, the new officers did not receive their customary introduction at the banquet and I did not have the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of your new national JACL board. I would like to take the opportunity to forward some of the comments I would have made if I had spoken after our installation.

Please let me begin by expressing the appreciation of the entire JACL to outgoing National President Larry Oda. I know he worked diligently during his four years as our president, and he was our finest example of the selfless volunteerism in the JACL. Also, please join me in thanking the national council for its implicit endorsement of the JACL or this publication.

National Council Elects New National Board

Election Results

David Kawamoto
National President

Ron Katayama, V.P. for Public Affairs

Gail Sueki, V.P. for General Operations

Jason Chang, V.P. for Planning & Development

Devin Yoshikawa, National Youth/Student Representative

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V.P. for Membership

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V.P. for General Operations

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* Information provided by the Nominations Committee

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

41st Biennial Convention

By Floyd Mori

The JACL just concluded its 41st Biennial National Convention in Chicago. We are very grateful to Ron Yoshino, convention chair, and the Chicago JACL chapter members with chapter president, Megan Nakano, for hosting this historic convention. This was the last of the JACL conventions on the biennial schedule. In keeping with the convention theme of “Embracing Change,” the JACL will go to the next convention in Los Angeles in 2011 with Gary Mayeda as the convention chair.

It took many hours of planning and hard work from the convention committee as well as the JACL staff and board to put on a national convention. Bill Yoshino, JACL’s regional director in the Midwest office, Christine Munetsume, the JACL Ford fellow, and Jean Sharaki, the JACL Internee fellow, were heavily involved in the convention planning and execution as were Carol and Joyce Yoshino, and many others within the Chicago chapter and all national JACL staff who important duties.

Karen Yoshitomi, PNW regional director, is the staff person who oversees the conventions. Sheldon Arabaki, the outgoing vice president of general operations, was the board member overseeing the convention with Gail Sueki elected to that position. Many JACL members served as committee members and chairs. Thank you to all who helped to make the convention a success, including delegates, participants, speakers, volunteers, entertainers, sponsors, exhibitors and boosters. It was nice to see families with young children and babies in attendance. Thanks to the outgoing national board and congratulations to the newly elected national board.

The National Youth/Student Council with outgoing chair and rep, Matthew Farrells, National Youth/Student Chairperson

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JACL Delegates Pass Biennial Budget, Voting Against Dues Increase and P.C. Move

The biennial budget was amended and approved to include a continuation of the Pacific Citizen and PSW offices in an effort to balance the budget.

Niles J. Ko
Reporter

The majority of the delegation approved amendments to the JACL national budget that prevented the Pacific Citizen from relocating to San Francisco and a membership dues increase. At the JACL national convention on July 3, delegates voted in favor of the amendment to keep the P.C. in Los Angeles. They voted in support of the amendment 72 to 15, with four split votes.

Milo Yoshino, of the Diablo Valley chapter, presented Amendment A to the 2011-2012 budget, proposing to combine the Pacific Southwest District and P.C. offices under one roof. He also presented Amendment B, which proposed eliminating a membership dues increase. Delegates voted 53 to 27 in favor of that amendment, with four split votes.

Some of those who opposed Amendment A said JACL needs to look to the future and make "important strategic decisions."

"We do need to become one organization," said Floyd Mori, JACL national director. "There needs to be an effort to look at the business aspect of running this organization. We can't be running this organization on sentiment, sentiments and emotions."

The amendment Yoshino presented created a surplus of about $47,000, he said. In the 2011 proposed budget, $217,400 of membership dues would fund the P.C. With the amended budget, $167,950 in membership dues would contribute to the P.C.'s budget.

Membership dues distributed to the P.C. in 2012 would decrease to $163,711 under the amendment.

The 2011-2012 biennial budget prepared by Treasurer/Secretary Judy Spy proposed spending $3,241,218 in 2011 and $2,401,541 in 2012. There were deficits of $509,000 and $500,000 in 2008 and 2009 respectively. The reserves are empty.

The biggest expenses in 2011 would be personnel ($1,592,000), contract services ($202,400), travel ($134,000), maintenance ($130,118) and circulation and mailing ($129,000).

In order to balance the budget, excess revenue from the amendments will be used to increase miscellaneous expenses in general operations, and Spy.

Supporters of the amendment urged delegates to consider that the P.C. is the only tongue outreach member receive from JACL.

"I tried to [explicitly] represent what they [Contra Costa chapter members] want," said Judith Aoki, from the Contra Costa chapter. "And they are, I would like to say, adamantly opposed to the P.C. move to P.C. going digital."

Floyd Shimomura, past national JACL president, conducted a feasibility study in 1998 when it was first proposed that the P.C. relocate to San Francisco. It was determined then by Shimomura that the relocation of the P.C. from Los Angeles to San Francisco would cause a loss of $100,000.

Shimomura concluded in 1998 that the P.C. could be "squeezed into the second floor" of the national headquarters, but the savings would be "too slight to justify losing our historic JACL presence in Southern California."

Michele M. Yoshida, former legal counsel, also conducted a feasibility study just prior to the recent Chicago convention.

She found a one-time cost of at least $32,400 to move the P.C., which does not include remodeling costs at the headquarters. The savings would be about $30,560 per year, the result of eliminating PSW's rental costs.

Those in support of the amendment said JACL's financial situation warrants making "strategic decisions," such as relocating the P.C. office.

"There is no safety net left in the reserves," said Chip Lambert, PSW governor with the Grahame-Tower chapter. "And bringing the functions that are currently in Los Angeles to a facility that we already own in San Francisco is my opinion the only safe alternative for a long-term success." Most agreed saying other JACL staff have had too many "double and triple duty," due to financial constraints, but he said the P.C. continues to put out a semi-monthly publication.

"This is basically what's happened over the last decade," said the Pacific Citizen, adding costs continue to go up, but as you heard over the past decade we continue to cut position, after position, after position," Mori explained. "So being one organization, my vision in the future is that yeah we have to be one organization and one way to do it be under the same roof."

The P.C. reduced its operating expenses in 2009 by eight percent. Funding from JACL to the P.C. was reduced from $234,873 to $206,975 (equivalent to about $14,777 per member) according to the P.C. Editorial Board's "New Media Approach."

The budget discussion escalated as delegates took to the floor to air their concerns about possibly displacing staff.

Yoshida explained that moving the P.C. under one roof in San Francisco would result in the loss of the entire staff because none are willing to relocate.

"You know I don't feel comfortable belonging to an organization that just dumps people like that," said Jeff Blank, a member the P.C. Editorial Board and the Salt Lake City chapter after hearing that the P.C. staff would not receive recession pay. "I think that when you get your first pink slip I think you're going to find that it's a very unhappy moment for you."

There was also concern that the P.C.'s office space could not accommodate PSW staff, which is now rented to increase.

Craig Ishii, PSW regional director, said with the new National Park Service grant recently received JACL should likely increase their staff of nine by about two employees.

"The current office space for the PSW district is 900 square feet of space," Ishii said. "When talking with Gary [Mayeda] and looking at the space that we might utilize in the Pacific Citizen offices it's about 900 square feet of space as well with the meeting and conference rooms."

"So it's not smaller but it's not the current space that we currently have right now." The P.C.'s office in L.A. is 1,186 square feet. P.C. signed a five-year lease extension for its office space location in L.A.'s Japanese Town. Some board members said combining program facilities is possible since PSW's office lease expires later this year.

The proposed move was intended to eliminate the P.C.'s occupancy fees (which includes maintenance and utilities) of about $55,000 a year by moving the paper and staff to the JACL-owned headquarters in San Francisco.

Many in attendance also addressed the possible disruption in publications should the P.C. relocate to San Francisco.

"I'm very appreciative of the documentation of the cost impact that details out the different scenarios: move or not to move," said Brian Morishita, JACL governor with the Aliso Falls chapter. "But there's a cost impact, a possible risk, that I'm really concerned about too. And what the cost and that risk is associated with is possible ... disruption of the service to the Pacific Citizen."

Morishita said for many of the members the P.C. is their only link to the JACL at the national level.

"Some of a disruption of that to the Pacific Citizen. I'm concerned about whether or not they would even continue to be members of the Japanese American Citizens League," he added.

Those in support of the amendment said an interruption in publication would also mean a loss in advertising revenues.

Fifty percent of the P.C.'s budget is raised through non-member subscriptions, fundraising, advertising and the Holiday Issue, a fundraiser that grosses almost $100,000.

The P.C.'s Holiday Issue could also possibly be impacted because the move coincides with the production in December. About $30,000 in commissions is distributed from the publication to JACL chapters.

David Lin, vice president for membership and services, said JACL is at a critical point and needs to think from a business perspective. He urged the delegates to oppose Amendment A, saying if tough decisions are not made immediately, they will only surface again in the future.

Members in the end overwhelmingly voted to keep the P.C. in Los Angeles.

"Problems are created by people, they're solved by people," said Hugh Barlow, with the Lake Washington chapter. "A newspaper similarly is not just a mechanical structure, it's people.

"We can't just cut them side because we want to save some money, we can find other ways to get the money to keep operating the P.C. semi-monthly publication."
JAs Stand Against Arizona’s Immigration Law

At the 2010 JACL national convention a resolution passes to make opposing Arizona’s immigration law its top priority.

Nakia J. Ko Reporter

JACL delegates voted overwhelmingly to continue opposing Arizona’s immigration enforcement law days before the federal government asked for the case to be dismissed.

Members passed a resolution to pass federal legal to extend the case before the effective date on July 29. A motion was made by Erenah Naka, Arizona JACL, to adopt the resolution, and was seconded by Chip Liebovich, PWG governor.

At the 2010 JACL national convention came before the Department of Justice filed a July 6 lawsuit that would indicate Arizona’s immigration law has “created a constitutional law.”

Arizona’s immigration law, or SB 1070, requires law enforcement to question the immigration status of suspects when there is reasonable suspicion. The Conference of Law allowed protesting delegates to express their views on issues of concern.

The resolution in question supports solutions that would be constitutional and in line with the Conference of Law.

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Shae, a former police officer, was later convicted of racial profiling, Legal counsel that is representing the JACL and other plaintiffs is actively collecting community feedback of similar abuses. He said “These Arizona’s who believe SB 1070 has affected them are encouraged to contact the Arizona Pacific American Legal Center in Las Angeles.”

The federal government also challenged SB 1070’s constitutionality, requesting a preliminary injunction because the law was found “unconstitutional.”

“Arizona are understandably frustrated with illegal immigration, and the federal government has a responsibility to cooperate, directly address these concerns,” Attorney General Ken Salazar said in a June 8 press release. “But deferring federal resources away from dangerous crimes such as terrorism, sex and identity crimes creates demand the nation’s safety.”

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Challenging Arizona’s Immigration Law

Those who supported the resolutions challenging SB 1070 agreed with the resolution’s wording that, “JACL was founded during times of anti-Asian and anti-immigrant sentiment similar to the anti-Latino, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim and anti-enforced sentence in the 21st Century nation-wide debate.”

Speaking at the national convention, Arizona JACL member Dan Nakash told delegates and the national council about the story of Jon Shae, who is of Chinese and Spanish descent. Arizona JACL member Shae and the war were passed over by the police while he was driving his BMW with tinted windows. Nakash was allegedly advised to produce his papers.

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Opponents of a NJAMP commemorative stamp resolution say its passage could have ended the fight to honor Nisei veterans.

Nala J. Ko
Reporter

A JACL national council resolution that would have endorsed a commemorative stamp proposal for a national memorial failed, giving opponents an opportunity to specifically campaign to recognize Nisei veterans.

At the July 3 business session at the JACL national convention in Chicago a resolution for a commemorative stamp was presented, which would honor the National Japanese American Memorial at Potomac in Washington, D.C. By a vote of 41 to 37, the bill failed. There were four split votes.

Opponents to the resolution say they were against it because they believe efforts to honor Nisei veterans with a special stamp have not been exhausted.

"Gerald Yamada who's been working on the postage stamp with JAVA had e-mailed me, asking me to speak in opposition to the stamp because they don't feel that all the avenues to getting the stamp for the Nisei soldiers have been explored," said Michelle Amano, granddaughter of Mike Masaoka, a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Unit.

Amano said she spoke at the convention in opposition to the resolution on behalf of the Japanese American Veterans Association, or JAVA.

Gerald H. Yamada, the JAVA Nisei veteran stamp project liaison, said the resolution "accepts second-best-in-honoring the WWII Nisei soldiers."

It also, he said in a May 7 letter to then-JACL National President Larry Oda, "undercuts" their efforts to overturn a resolution for a NJAMP commemorative stamp resolution.

That policy indicates that the committee will not honor separate military sub-branches, units or divisions with a commemorative stamp.

Over 30,000 JAs served in WWII, while their families were incarcerated behind barbed wire.

The Japanese American WWII Veterans Commemorative Stamp Campaign has for years worked to honor veterans who served despite discrimination with a commemorative stamp.

A proposal for a Nisei veterans stamp was rejected earlier this year. The committee, which works on behalf of the post-transfer general to evaluate stamp proposals, instead recommended creating a stamp honoring the memorial.

Some supporters of the JACL resolution said fighting for a stamp in honor of Nisei veterans is futile since officials will not change internal guidelines that bar honoring staple military units.

"I'm a retired postal employee and I can speak to that part of the problem," said Michi Kawakami, JACL Pacelleillo-Bladweed member, at the convention. "Very few commemoratives at this point in time — with the postal service in the red for billions of dollars — are being accepted from the community."

Kawakami said she sees a "very dismal prospect for its passage." Instead she suggested that opponents to the resolution campaign for a special stamp cancellation, a postal marking applied on stamps or envelopes to prevent reuse.

Mas Hashimoto, who motioned to adopt the resolution, said the memorial stamp could be one of a series dedicated to the JA experience.

"What I envision in this stamp is not just one stamp, but I see five stamps," Hashimoto explained.

He said there would be a stamp for the Issei who taught their children gwana, another stamp would illustrate the incarceration of 120,000 people during WWII, Hashimoto said. The other three stamps in Hashimoto's proposed series would honor the military Intelligence Service, the 442ndRCT/100th Battalion and those who supported JAs.

"And we can use this as an educational tool to teach all over the country about the experience of the Japanese Americans, but also the contributions of the Japanese and Japanese Americans to this country," Hashimoto said. "I see such a great future here."

Nearly 50,000 stamp proposals are submitted to the stamp committee annually. Opponents to the resolution said other separate units have also campaigned for commemorative stamps.

"You look at certain things like the Tuskegee Airmen and you look at the Navajo Code Talkers, those in a way were segregated units because that's how it was back then," Amano said about other commemorative stamp campaigns.

"Maybe it's my ignorance and I'm missing how the Nisei soldiers are different then the Tuskegee Airmen or the Navajo Code Talkers in terms of being a unit, a separate unit."

Yamada echoes her sentiments, stating in a letter that the resolution for a commemorative stamp to the memorial allows America's apology to JAs because the monument in Washington, D.C. is not a military monument.

Amano said her grandfather always talked about building a memorial in honor of the 'Nisei veterans' service to the U.S. On a visit to the Arlington National Cemetery one Memorial Day, Amano recalled her grandfather saying, "wow, wouldn't it be nice to have a memorial to the soldiers." He died at age 75 in 1991, never seeing the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism.

Despite his wish to have a memorial, Amano said it is important to specifically honor Nisei vets like her grandfather with a stamp.

"It would be a nice tribute to them to say, 'Thank you for all that you've done,'" Amano explained.

"And without them and without their sacrifices we wouldn't have things like our different memorials, especially the one in D.C., the memorial to patriotism."

Civil Rights Leader, Biochemistry Professor Received JA of Biennium

Both Stuart Ishimaru and Dr. Richard Morimoto can boast groundbreaking achievements in their fields.

By Lynda Lia
Assistant Editor

Two community leaders were honored by JACL's Japanese American of the Biennium Awards at the national convention in Chicago.

The recipients were Stuart Ishimaru, of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and Dr. Richard Morimoto, professor of biochemistry, molecular biology and cell biology at Northwestern University.

The Japanese Americans of the Biennium Awards, the JACL's highest public award, were presented July 2 at the JACL National Convention's Sayonara Banquet.

"Each of these individuals has made significant contributions in their respective fields," said Larry Oda, immediate past JACL president.

Ishimaru was recognized for his commitment to protecting the civil rights of all Americans.

President Barack Obama appointed Ishimaru, a longtime JACLer, to serve as acting chair of the EEOC in 2009. Prior to this, he served as research assistant on the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Citizens and as a deputy assistant attorney general in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice. "I must say that this is quite an honor and something totally unexpected," said Ishimaru who remembered the 1968 JACL national convention in San Jose where then vice-chairman Norman Mineta received the same award.

Ishimaru's mother once worked as Mineta's office manager in his San Jose district office. "For my mother and father this is really a treat," said Ishimaru.

Morimoto was honored for his groundbreaking work on neurodegenerative diseases including Huntington's Disease and Lou Gehrig's Disease. He is internationally renowned for his work on misfolded proteins are corrected through the heat shock response.

"The use of genetics and molecular biology are the tools I used to discover the genes to protect us from the diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's... and in the development of new cures," said Morimoto.

While receiving his award, Morimoto recognized a past JA of the Biennium recipient, Dr. Harvey Tano, who in 1949 published a study on sickle cell anemia that is widely considered to be the founding paper in the field of molecular medicine. Issued May 8.

In addition to his contributions to the field of science, Morimoto is well-known at the Midwest Buddhist Temple where he serves as chair of its board of directors.
Yul Kwon Tackles Lack of APA Representation in the Media

Growing up, Kwon said he internalized a lot of negative ethnic stereotypes, so he went on national TV to redefine being APA.

By Lynda Lin

At 35, Yul Kwon has held many prestigious titles: Yale law school graduate, deputy chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau for the Federal Communications Commission, and of course People Magazine’s “Sexiest Man Alive.” For his蟾rst-class role on a popular reality television show. “I was the Asian guy on ‘Survivor,’” Kwon said July 1 to JACL members in Chicago where he held another title—keynote speaker of the JACL National Convention Awards Luncheon. “Now that I’m wearing a suit again, people don’t recognize me as much.”

In 2006, Kwon emerged as the winner of “Survivor: Cook Islands,” a controversial season that snagged national headlines for its racially segregated cast. Since then, he has spent much of his time talking about the importance of positive Asian Pacific American representation on television, in boardrooms and beyond. “We have to learn to walk the talk and talk the talk,” said Kwon. “Our community has made some enormous strides especially through the leadership of organizations like JACL. But overall, we’re still behind the curve.”

He cited sobering statistics: even though APAs make up 9 percent of all professionals in the U.S., they still make up less than 1 percent of senior executives. “It’s called hitting the bamboo ceiling.”

But for Kwon, who grew up in Northern California, the absence of APAs in the media had a profound effect. “Ever since I was a kid it bothered me that Asian women were usually shown as submissive or exotic dragon ladies. When I saw an Asian American man on television he was inevitably a computer genius who couldn’t get a date or a kung fu master who could kick butt but couldn’t speak English.”

Kwon, who is Korean American, started internalizing these images. It affected how he looked at himself. “I did all the typical Asian guy stuff, I wrote computer programs. I wouldn’t talk to girls because I was too scared to talk to them,” said Kwon. “One day I took a hard look at myself and I decided that I didn’t want to be the stereotypical Asian guy.”

In high school he joined the varsity water polo team, and graduated as the valedictorian of his class before moving on to Stanford University to build the foundation for his career, which included Google and several prestigious law firms. Even then, he said, it took a long time to develop his self-confidence. “I think the lack of positive images in the media had a lot to do with that.”

Then “Survivor” casting agents came knocking. Kwon grew up in a traditional APA family that pushed education above anything else, so the idea of going on television was strange at first. It didn’t help that his family had misconceptions about the CBS reality show. His dad, who had never watched an episode of “Survivor” before, thought the show was about survival—meaning 20 people would compete and 19 would die, he said with a laugh. Despite his misgivings, Kwon also saw opportunity. “Maybe I could become the kind of role model that I didn’t have when I was young. Maybe I can help the next generation of kids from my community avoid the self-doubt that I struggled with when I was their age.”

But when he went to his casting interview, it became obvious that Kwon was being cast as the stereotypical, overachieving APA. He was told to wear glasses and a suit. Becky Lee, an APA attorney and “Survivor: Cook Islands” second runner-up, was cast because the show’s producer searched for “hot Asian chicks” on MySpace, said Kwon. “Above everything else, Kwon wants to dispel APA stereotypes. He did it in the hero of a national reality show speaking English and not practicing martial arts. Lee used her “Survivor” winning to establish Becky’s Fund, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit with a mission to foster awareness of domestic violence issues. “You have to make sure your presence is visible and your voice is heard,” said Kwon. “It’s an incredibly exciting time to be Asian American,” he told JACLers. “Each of you has the talent and opportunity to live an extraordinary life. Each you has the ability to go beyond other people’s expectations to make a difference in our community and become leaders beyond the borders of our communities.”

The best part is you don’t have to go on a stupid reality show to do it.”

JACL NY/SC Celebrates Young Leaders With Vision, Voice

Intercollegiate Nikkei Council receives Vision Award and Nicole Horimiya Gaddie wins oratorical competition.

The Intercollegiate Nikkei Council (INC), a coalition of Southern California Nikkei collegiate organizations, was honored with the Vision Award for its dedication to community outreach and activism.

The award, which is presented every biennium by the JACL, National Youth/Student Council, recognizes an Asian Pacific American individual or organization that has shown a commitment to historical and cultural activism. Lauren Gima, of the University of California, San Diego, and Krston Wong, of the University of California, Irvine, accepted the Vision Award on behalf of INC.

But Klim and Wong stressed the importance of INC’s dedication to the community while accepting the award at the July 3 Youth Luncheon. INC offers opportunities for young adults to participate in the greater Japanese American community, including volunteering for the annual Little Tokyo Children’s Day and coordinating the ReVISIONS Nikkei Youth Conference. Past Vision Award recipients include Judge Lance Ito, Olympian Kiyomi Yamaguchi and former NFL star Dai Nguyen.

Great Debater

Kristen Wong (left) and Lauren Gima of INC.

The winner of the Minority Yusu Oratorical Competition was also announced at the Youth Luncheon. Nicole Horimiya Gaddie, a senior at Skyline High School in Salt Lake City, was awarded prizes for her winning speech. Prizes include two round trip tickets to Japan and three-night complimentary stay at the Hyatt Regency Tokyo, among others.

In the fall, Gaddie will attend Seattle University to major in broadcast journalism and communications.

The competition is named in honor of Yasui, an attorney and civil rights activist who never wavered in his pursuit of social justice. During World War II, Yasui tested the constitutionality of the curfew orders imposed against JAs after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the 1980s, Yasui also served as an articulate voice in the JACL’s successful Redress campaign.

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Civil Rights Advocate Michael Lieberman Wins Edison Uno Award

By Lynda Lin
Assistant Editor

There are many similarities between Michael Lieberman and the late JACL civil rights icon Edison Uno. According to JACL National Director Floyd Mort, who has worked with both men in his career as a political activist and community leader, both are "unsilencing, yet advocates of civil rights."

There is one difference. Lieberman, the Washington Counsel for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), is gentle but not quiet about the issues he’s passionate about.

"His voice is heard throughout the halls of Congress on our behalf," said Mori before presenting Lieberman with the Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award at the July 1 JACL Awards Luncheon.

The award, which was established in 1985, recognizes an organization or individual dedicated to outstanding leadership in the field of civil rights.

For Lieberman, his leadership is exemplified in the over decade-long fight for the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which was signed into law in October 2009. The act expands the coverage of existing hate crime laws to include actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender and disability. Over the years, the bill has had many names. It was called the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act and the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

"We never got around to a snappy acronym," said Lieberman, who over the years has briefed many classes of the JACL/CDA D.C. Leadership Conference about the status of the hate crimes bill.

Before picking up the award, Lieberman said he spent some time learning about Uno, who was one of the first to call for Redress for the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans.

"He is an excellent role model as an activist who someone important for change who channelled the scars of his past to something positive — social justice and the movement towards Redress," said Lieberman.

For 12 years Lieberman and the JACL have worked together to secure the passage of the hate crimes bill. In Chicago, he celebrated the "blank victory" with the organization that was with him every step of the way. ■

Civil Rights Leaders Examine Evolution of Civil Rights Movement

By Lynda Lin
Assistant Editor

The Civil Rights Movement is at a crossroads that transcend history and labels, according to panelists at the July 1 "Reframing Civil Rights" plenary session held during the JACL national convention in Chicago.

The panel of experts examined the evolution of the Civil Rights Movement from its 1960s heyday to the present-day challenges of what many call a post-racial era.

"The 1960s model is broken," said Laura S. Washington, a DuPaul University professor and CNN'S "Last Time Columnist." "It falls apart there.

Significant progress has been made including the growing presence of Asian Pacific Americans in elected offices and in the White House. But according to the panelists the more things change, the more things stay the same.

"Yes, we're making progress in the laws and in diversity, but we still face obstacles in changing people's hearts," said Karen Narasaki, president and executive director of the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC).

Ground-zero, she said, is in Arizona where state and federal officials are embroiled in a battle with community activists over a controversial immigration law that criminalizes being undocumented. While supporters say the law, SB 1070, is needed because of the federal government's failure to secure the borders, opponents say it will lead to racial profiling.

Panelist Michael Lieberman, Washington counsel for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), has been working to expose bigotry and words of hate in the immigration debate. He called it an "atmosphere of demonization," and cited the 2008 murder of Joel Segretanni, an Ecuadorian immigrant who was attacked in New York while walking home with his brother because of his ethnicity and perceived sexual orientation. Keith Phoenix, 30, was convicted June 28 of a hate crime.

Since 1997 the ADL and the JACL have been working to pass a hate crimes bill that includes a provision barring discrimination based on sexual orientation. Last year, President Barack Obama signed the bill into law.

But with Obama's election as the first African American U.S. president came debate about the rise of a post-racial nation, which panelists said has posed new challenges in the fight for civil rights.

The biggest challenge is that there are still civil rights issues, said Washington.

"When people talk about post-racial America ... it drives me crazy," said Stuart Ishimaru, of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which enforces federal legislation prohibiting discrimination in the workplace.

With the EEOC, Ishimaru said he has heard many complaints of employment discrimination that involve the use of racial epithets.

"Things that would cut your hair," he said.

"Civil rights issues are here to stay," said Paul Ignatius, plenary session moderator and chair and chief judge of the Administrative Review Board at the U.S. Department of Labor. "There will always be issues for us. Issues in labor, immigration, hate crimes, marriage. It's a changing dynamic.

Even things we think that are settled like the World War II internment of Japanese Americans has been rewritten, said Lieberman, about the Texas Board of Education's recent adoption of a social studies and history curriculum that criticizes any water down the teaching of the Civil Rights Movement and the history of the internment.

The Texas Board of Education has since announced that it would include information about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in its fifth-grade textbook.

Some people throw up their hands when faced with challenges, others roll up their sleeves like the JACL, said Lieberman.

Panelists said the challenge in the next decade is to push past misconceptions that civil rights battles have all been won.

"We still need to remind people what the truth is while we move forward," said Narasaki. ■

Plenary Session 2

"Responding to Diversity Within the Asian American Community"

July 3

Larry Shimogawa, Tom Kodokian and Dane Nakano tackled issues about diversity within the Japanese American community, the JACL, and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Shimogawa, associate professor and director of Asian American Studies at the University of Maryland, discussed the results of his ethnographic study on JAs, while PhD student Nakano presented statistics from his survey of the JACL membership.

Kodokian, a Navy rear admiral, discussed diversity while Robert Tagalogon, of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services talked about health disparities.

George Wu, executive director of OCA National, moderated.

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Two years of planning culminated in a busy, fun-filled national convention in the Windy City, the last biennial convention for the JACL. Members, delegates and boosters will have the opportunity to meet annually starting next year. Until then, thanks for the memories, Chicago.

1. Craig Ishii, PSW regional director, is flanked by Devin Yoshikawa (left), JACL youth rep and Matthew Farrells, JACL youth chair.


3. JACL National President David Kawamoto shares a moment with his wife Carol and Chicago JACLer Lary Schectman.
YES, WE CAN: Central California District Council delegates take part in the democratic process during a business session. Each biennium, the national council votes on key JACL issues.

1. Puyallup JACLer Elsie Leilani Taniguchi cut a rug at the Welcome Mixer.
2. Midwest District Gov. Sharon Ishii Jordan addresses the national council during a business session.
3. Lillian Kimura, New York JACLer and former JACL national president, takes in a workshop with Judge Dale Ikeda.
4. Ron Katsuyama, JACL vice president of public affairs, picks up his convention registration package.
5. Ted Namba, Arizona JACL civil rights chair and Millennium Club member, stresses the importance of the resolution to call on the repeal of SB 1070.
JACLers got a chance to explore downtown Chicago in-between the workshops, business sessions, board meeting and dinners during the 2010 JACL National Convention.

1. Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki accepted the President’s Recognition Award.

2. Megan Nakano, JACL national convention chair, was recognized by former President Larry Oda for her efforts.

3. Chicago JACLer May Nakano danced with dog “Bean” at the Welcome Mixer while others munched on Chicago’s famous deep-dish pizza.

4. Former Pacific Citizen editor Harry Honda views the silent auction items at the Sayonara Banquet.
1. Nicole Gaddie is named the winner of the Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition.

2. Singer Cynthia Lin performs at the Youth Concert.

3. Youth members Jennifer Okabayashi (right) and Mariko Newton enjoy youth performances.

4. Tom Nishikawa casts his vote for national offices.

5. Timothy Toyama wins the Ruby Yoshino Schaar Award.

6. Floyd Mori, JACL national director, speaks at the Awards Banquet.

7. Chicago JACLer Ron Yoshino thanks attendees.

8. Craig Ichihl (left) and Gary Mayeda talk about the Los Angeles convention next year.

Photos by: Gary Mayeda Nalea J. Ko Lynda Lin Beth Uno
Japanese Ambassador Discusses Health of U.S.-Relations

Despite increased opportunity for Japanese Americans to learn more about Japan, barriers remain for the Yonsei and Gosei generations, according to panelists at the July 2 "U.S.-Japan Relations" workshop during the JACL national convention.

The panel, which included the Ambassador of Japan to the U.S. Ichiro Fujisaki and Chicago-area lawyer Calvin Malliho, examined the role of JACL in strengthening relations between the two countries.

"The younger generation now has much greater opportunities," said Floyd Shimomura, past JACL national president and workshop moderator. "The world is a lot smaller. Japan, which used to be a distant country, is now a current everyday presence."

But after the World War II internment, many JACLs who were forced to prove their American patriotism became indifferent to their ancestral country.

"There was a sense that our history began when our grandparents came to the U.S. and not what happened before that," said Irene Hirasuna Inouye, president of the U.S.-Japan Council. "We need to break down some of those barriers."

More JACLs should learn to speak Japanese, said Hiroko Inouye.

Ten years ago, the Japanese American Leadership Delegation was established as a program to help break down those barriers by introducing JACL leaders to Japan. Many community leaders are represented among the program's alumni, including Shimomura and Larry Oda, immediate past JACL national president.

For Yonsei and Gosei, unlike previous generations, interest in building relations with Japan is increasingly being encouraged by their parents, said panelist Glen Fukushima.

Q&A SB 1070

"Unreasonable searches and seizures" as well as federal regulations that restrict communities under which warrantless arrests may be made. Further, SB 1070 creates opportunities for police officers to determine who should be investigated as to their immigration status before stopping, detaining, and arresting them for some other violation of a state or local law. This racial profiling violates the Fourteenth Amendment's "due process" and "equal protection of the laws."

Q: Wouldn't it be better just to wait until racial profiling is secure, and then litigate on behalf of those unjustly affected?

Mineta: Growing APA Political Capital is Testament of Positive Change

Patsy Mink, Bob Matsui and Daniel K. Inouye are among the many icons that created a foundation for future leaders to take reign.

By Lynda Lim

Assistant Editor

When Norman Mineta first arrived in Washington, D.C. in 1975 as a newly minted member of the House of Representatives, veteran politician Patsy Mink was there to show him the ropes. The Congressman from Hawaii already had a decade of experience of building political capital in Washington and she was willing to share with the next generation of Asian-Pacific American leaders just like Rep. Bob Matsui did and Sen. Daniel K. Inouye continues to do.

"All of those stories are part of an ongoing American story of people who were formerly excluded, finally achieving inclusion," said Mineta, the former U.S. secretary of transportation and keynote speaker of the JACL 2010 convention's Sayonara Banquet.

On June 22, his son David was confirmed by the Senate as deputy director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, a fitting example of the APA community's expanding sense of inclusion into leadership roles.

It also stands as a testament to the American ideal of e pluribus unum — out of many, one, said Minkena, who has attended every JACL national convention since the late 1950s. He has been instilled with the founding father's intentions for the JACL through his sister Ena Mineta Masao and her late husband, JACL Kon Miller Masao.

For this national convention's theme of "Embracing Change," a fitting aside could be "a place at the table," said Mineta.

From 1975 to 1995, Mineta represented the heart of California's Silicon Valley in the House of Representatives. He co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) and served as its first chair.

When he first arrived in Washington, there were only three APA House members and now there are nine. CAPAC now boasts over 30 members with Rep. Mike Honda as its chair.

And of course there are all political appointees who "walked through the doors that so many have fought to open." As a testament to the progress of the APA community, Mineta cited Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Rep. Joseph Cao and Nikki Haley, North Carolina Republican candidate for governor.

"Think about this: Louisiana? South Carolina?" said Mineta. "We have no single place at the table. We are qualified to sit in any one of them. We just have to make sure that we never forget to bring who we are to whatever chair we occupy and not be shy in talking about who we are when we're sitting in it."

A: Racial profiling is already occurring. According to Amnesty International, the majority of U.S. states do not have laws that ban racial profiling. Arizona is one of these. Despite the difficulty in documenting racial profiling, a March 2010 Department of Homeland Security inspector general's report describes questionable practices under a federal-local law enforcement (FLE) partnership immigration enforcement program. It states, "Claims of civil rights violations have surfaced in connection with several LEAs participating in the program," and reveals that there are 29 local law enforcement agencies were charged with racial profiling. Two settled out of court, and a case against Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Arizona is pending.

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To Patriotism in Washington, D.C. and reenacted the 1942 forced evacuation

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Each biennium, the award is presented to an outstanding JACL chapter that has worked toward the promotion of better citizenship through social, civic, educational, environmental or legislative activities.

For more information or to join the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL: www.watsonvillesantacruzjaci.org

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Marcia and Mas Hashimoto, first and second chapter vice presidents, respectively, accepted the award at the July 1 JACL Awards Luncheon.

"The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is as strong and active as our board and our membership," said Marcia Hashimoto.

The chapter, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2009, has in past years assisted in the building of the National Japanese American Memorial Cemetery and Museum.

"He always finds time to share stories about the history of the JACL," said Larry Oda, immediate past JACL national president, who presented Sakamoto with the award at the July 1 JACL Awards Luncheon.

Marcia Hashimoto of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter accepts the Inagaki award on behalf of her chapter from PSW Governor Kerry Kaneichi.

"Thank you. I humbly accept this award for all those who work so hard for JACL," said Sakamoto, a longtime Mile-Hi JACL member and current advisor of the chapter board.

In the Mile-Hi chapter, he has become affectionately known as "Mr. JACL," the "cheerleader extra-ordinaire" and the "barker" who recruits at least one new member at every event he attends. Sakamoto has been 100 Club chair for the last 40 years.

He has also been an integral part of the Mile Hi JACL Memorial Day program, the Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance Festival and the Kansha No Hi Award Ceremony, among many other achievements.

The award is presented in memory of Randolph Sakada, past JACL national president from 1950-52.

Sakamoto has contributed financially to the convention. Among those are State Farm, AT&T, Ford Motor, Eli Lilly, the Nat’l JACL Credit Union, CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services), JACL Health Benefits Trust, Mauura Fujiwara, Convocat, Paramount Pictures, Pierce Family, and United Bank. Prizes for the Oratorical were donated by All Nippon Airways (ANA), Hyatt Hotel (Tokyo), and Sony. Other cash donors were Araki, Shiro and Catherine Shiraga, Masao Shimizu, Ron and Joyce Yoshino, Jack Rabin and Pat Muzza-Rabin, Etsu Masaoka, Shea Masuda, Harry Honda, and Frank Sakamoto in attendance.

If you did not make it to this convention, plan to attend in 2011 in Los Angeles for another great National JACL Convention. Thanks for your support of the JACL.
Angel Island’s 100th Anniversary

TIBURON, CA
July 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Angel Island State Park

Angel Island is a symbol of Pacific immigration. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants, mostly from Asia, were detained on the island for days, weeks and sometimes months in the three decades before World War II. Now the Angel Island Station Foundation plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Angel Island Immigration Station.

Info: Call 415/262-4429, or visit www.aiisf.org

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JACL Community Picnic
SUMMIT COUNTY, OH
Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Summit County Metro Park

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Chinese Visual Communications Workshop
CHICAGO, IL
Aug. 5 to 9

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BERKELEY, CA
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History and Commemoration: Legacies of the Pacific War
HONOLULU, HI
July 25 to 30 and Aug. 1 to 6
East West Center and University of Hawaii

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Info: Call the East-West Center at 808/944-7111

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LOS ANGELES, CA
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Visual Communications began accepting applications for its 2010-2011 ‘Armed With a Camera’ fellowship, which offers emerging Asian American filmmakers an opportunity to compete for $500 to make a five-minute film. Ten hopeful filmmakers will be chosen.

Info: Visit www.vocine.org

Pacific Northwest

‘Behind the Shoji Art’
PORTLAND, OR
July 30 to Sept. 6 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and opens at 12 noon on Mondays)
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‘ECHOS of Struggle and Hope’
PORTLAND, OR
July 30 to Nov. 14
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Ave.

Oregon Nikkei Endowment continues to celebrate its 20th anniversary with the exhibit ‘ECHOS of Struggle and Hope.” 20 Years of the Japanese American Historical Plaza.”

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Floyd Okubo passed away on June 22, 2010. He was 86 years old. Cause of death: complications due to congestive heart failure. He was born February 8, 1924, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the fifth child of Kyotaro Okubo and Ryo Enomoto. He is survived by his wife, Yukie (Nishimura) of 63 years, five children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, siblings Stella Sako, Haruki Okubo, Ken Kurugai, Iva Ito and Mary Shizokai. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Harry and George.

Floyd supported his family as the owner and operator of Beautiful Dental Laboratory for 30 years. All his life he was true to his family roots, sharing his vegetables, fruits and flowers with family, friends and neighbors. A private memorial service was held July 3, 2010.

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Joe Ichiuji, 552nd Vet and Community Stalwart, Passes

Joseph “Joe” Ichiuji, a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran and active community leader, passed away peacefully at his home in Washington, D.C. on July 5. He was 91.

Born in Salinas, California to Japanese immigrant parents, Ichiuji was inducted into the United States Army in 1941 when World War II broke out. He was soon discharged because of his racial ancestry and was sent to the Poston, Arizona, internment center with his family. While interned, he volunteered for the Japanese American 442nd RCT serving in combat with Battery A, 552nd Field Artillery Battalion in Europe.

Unlike many Japanese families who lost their businesses and farms, Ichiuji has expressed appreciation to their Caucasian neighbor who, despite threats and abuse, stood against them, cared for the Ichiuji family, and repair business while they were in camp.

Following the war, Ichiuji earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, he retired after 37 years of Federal Service, most of which was spent at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Although he enjoyed the leisure of retirement, he dedicated countless hours to his passion of supporting the causes of organizations such as the JACL, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Go For Broke National Education Center and Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVMA).

Ichiuji loved to speak of his wartime military experience especially to students.

Ichiuji is survived by his wife of 62 years, Anoko “Susan” Ichiuji, daughter Karen Ichiuji (Phil) Kameoka, son Douglas (Melissa) Ichiuji, four grandchildren; sister Kaneo Ichiuji Ontishi and three brothers, Jimmy, Paul and Harry and numerous nieces and nephews.

Resolution 4: Calendar Year Membership
The resolution addresses JACL’s membership program, regarding incorporating procedures to allow members to have a “calendar year membership.”

Resolution failed.
Yes = 22; No = 50; Split = 3

Resolution 5: Topaz Museum
This resolution relates to the construction of a Topaz museum and civil liberties learning center in Utah.

Resolution was adopted.
Yes = 80; No = 0; Split = 2

Emergency Resolution 1: Opposing Arizona law HB 2281
A resolution called on JACL to oppose Arizona’s ethnic studies law, or HB 2281.

Resolution was adopted.
Yes = 80; N = 0; Split = 1

A Chicago Court has ordered the resolution

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JACL, National Convention Resolution Results

Resolutions 1: Commemorative Stamp
The resolution called on the JACL to endorse a commemorative stamp resolution in honor of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. Resolution passed.
Yes = 37; No = 41; Split = 4

Resolutions 2: “Power of Words”. Called on JACL to collectively submit words such as “internment” for terms like “forced removal” and “evacuation.” Resolution was adopted.
Yes = 80; No = 2; Split = 0

Resolutions 3: Arizona Immigration Law, SB 1070
The resolution required JACL to continue opposing Arizona’s immigration law.

Resolution was adopted.
Yes = 80; No = 1; Split = 0

Resolution to continue its service as our national JACL secretary/treasurer.

I also wish to thank all those delegates who took time from their busy schedules to spend a week in Chicago, conducting the business of the JACL. The budget, Program for Action, resolutions and other matters from the convention were just the beginning for this literature. We all have much work ahead for us.

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HOME # | BEDROOM COUNT | PREVIOUS PRICE | NEW PRICE
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121 | 1 Bedroom | $329,900 | $303,900
123 | 2 Bedroom | $400,900 | $376,900
312 | 1 Bedroom | $470,000 | $379,900
217 | 1 Bedroom | $490,900 | $320,000
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