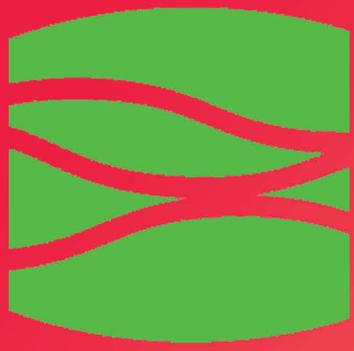


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### STATE OF JACL

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT

## Thank You For Your Commitment to JACL

**I hope that each of you will join me in resolving to help our JACL maintain its place as the leading Asian American civil and human rights organization.**

By David H. Kawamoto



The first five months of my presidency has really been an interesting experience. Though I have been active with the national JACL board during much of the last decade, I have still found JACL's

difficult financial situation to be very trying. However, I am elated with the work of our national JACL board and our wonderful staff.

I'm particularly pleased that our immediate past national president, Larry Oda, volunteered to serve as our national secretary/treasurer. His background and experience have proven so valuable to our organization.

I am very pleased with the continuing efforts of the JACL's many volunteers. I don't have the space in this article to mention all of our volunteers but I'd like to mention some of the ones I've worked closest with.

Our convention committees in Los Angeles and Seattle are working hard to make the upcoming national conventions the first class affairs to which we've all grown accustomed.

The investment policy committee meets reg-

ularly to supervise the national JACL investments and assure their safety and functionality.

Vice President for General Operations Gail Sueki is working on many projects including overseeing the progress of the conventions and the PSW office's move into shared space with the *Pacific Citizen*.

Vice President for Public Affairs Ron Katsuyama has worked on many projects including addressing the highly objectionable literature of a museum in Hawaii, which intimated among other things that the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans was justified.

Vice President for Planning and Development Jason Chang and NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada have worked hard in taking over the administration of the national JACL scholarship program.

Vice President for 1000 Club and Membership Services David Lin and JACL Membership Coordinator Phillip Ozaki instituted a drive to reclaim lapsed members. They are also working on a membership recruitment plan.

As I have outlined in previous messages, the JACL's primary income comes from the membership dues and donations. Unfortunately, the natural attrition of our membership base has led to decreased membership revenues. This attrition has also resulted in the diminution of the annual donations received. Additionally,

the attrition is probably responsible for other lost income because of decreased attendance at fundraising events.

The JACL has suffered from a decrease in revenues. I feel it is very important to point out that JACL has also decreased its expenses. However, it is becoming more and more difficult to make cuts to the national JACL budget to keep up with the decrease in revenues.

I know that each of you share my concern for the fiscal health of our organization, so

*'I know that each of you share my concern for the fiscal health of our organization, so please let me again remark on the need for each of us to find ways to help our organization.'*

please let me again remark on the need for each of us to find ways to help our organization. In this new year, I hope that each of you will join me in resolving to help our JACL maintain its place as the leading Asian American civil and human rights organization. This help may be in membership recruitment, increase in membership level, annual giving donations, fundraising, or even your original

ideas on ways to help. I personally am pleased to report that several of my friends accepted my invitation to join me as a Millennium Club member of the JACL.

Thank you all for your support of all things JACL. I wish you all the happiest New Year. ■

*David Kawamoto is the JACL national president.*

## PACIFIC CITIZEN CHAIR

## Keep the P.C. Strong

**The strength, health and well being of the JACL and the P.C. are very much intertwined.**

By Judith Aono



The year 2010 was a very interesting and challenging year for the *Pacific Citizen*. From the feedback I've received, readers are enjoying it even more and finding the *P.C.* to be doing a great job of

meeting their needs and expectations.

If you think about how diverse the JACL membership is – how separated we are by generation, experiences and even geography – you get an idea of how amazingly fortunate we are that we have the *P.C.* to tie all these separate yet inter-related groups together. The *P.C.* keeps us informed about what's going on all around the U.S. – and not just in the Japanese American communities, but other Asian Pacific American communities also.

The *P.C.* continually covers stories that support the program for action and helps spotlight discrimination or unfair treatment of

APAs throughout the U.S. It finds interesting ways to cover programs and activities about historic preservation of buildings, areas and even the historic record of people who have made an impact or changed the status quo.

It has done all these things, year after year, and 2010 was no exception – without missing a beat despite a maternity leave, the absence of a business manager and the challenges of limited finances for travel.

I think the most amazing thing about the *P.C.* is that the *P.C.* has the look and feel of something produced by a large organizational staff with vast resources, when the opposite is true. The staff is very small and so are the resources. But they are highly talented, and even more, they are the most committed and loyal newspaper staff I've ever known.

They are engaged in the present, keeping us updated and knowledgeable about what is going on around us. They are also aware of the value of knowing what happened in the past and they are preserving the historic editions of the *P.C.* from 1929 through the present by applying for grants and funding sources to allow all the old editions to be scanned and

*'I truly appreciate how the JACL membership stood up to support the P.C.'*

digitized so that this great record of JACL's past doesn't just turn yellow and disintegrate away on some dusty shelf.

And most important they are investing in the future by creating their website, which since its launch in 2005 has continually received more than 550,000 hits per month. Please visit the website ([www.pacificcitizen.org](http://www.pacificcitizen.org)) – it's amazing. All the things that there is not enough space for in the print edition of the newspaper can be featured on the website. I happen to like getting my paper version of the paper, but I

also check out the website – the best of both worlds.

I truly appreciate how the JACL membership stood up to support the *P.C.*, especially at the last national council meeting. I believe this vote of confidence from the membership – which showed that they like what the *P.C.* is delivering and want it to continue – was

very much appreciated by the staff.

The strength, health and well being of the JACL and the *P.C.* are very much intertwined and I hope we all continue to work hard to support them and keep them both strong and able to continue to do the good work we expect from them. ■

*Judith Aono is the Pacific Citizen editorial board chair.*

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR

# We Will Move Ahead

**We have to look at the operational requirements that will create a successful future rather than maintain a status quo.**

By Floyd Mori



In order to understand what the future needs, we must take a glimpse into the immediate past. The JACL has been a dynamic organization with changing demographics and changing societal values that have impacted who we are and why we exist.

Our tradition as the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the country continues to manifest itself within this changing environment. We who are engaged from day to day often fail to recognize the small changes that take place year to year. But over the past two decades it has become necessary to retool our mission statement into a broader more inclusive community based structure.

Of course there are trends that have become apparent such as the falling membership numbers, which we have not been able to reverse over the past decade. We know that the membership is getting younger, but as we know "younger" is a relative term and "how young" is still not certain. Fiscal pressures seem to follow the trends in the economy and with the recent economic woes of the nation the JACL has followed with its own fiscal challenges.

Membership will continue to be central to our effectiveness as a "grassroots" organization. While membership continues to be the main source of revenue, its share of total revenue will diminish, requiring us to enhance the "program" element of

what we do.

We must redefine the meaning of the JACL membership. Our programs have centered on youth and leadership, and this will continue. However, we will also be required to collaborate more closely with other groups in order to be considered as a funding possibility for corporate and foundation donors.

We must also enhance our capacity to handle government funding opportunities. The reality of our relative size in the overall universe of those seeking funding will have to be overcome with innovative programs that involve a cross cultural blend of activities. In order to be in a position for funding, programs in workforce development, environmental justice/green jobs, and issues of aging are programs we need to develop.

It will be important for the JACL to look at staff structure and function as we move toward more professionally driven programs to involve and benefit our membership.

In order to compete in the non-profit world, there also will need to be a restructuring of the national board to draw more broadly on skills needed to operate and fund a non-profit of the 21st century.

The traditions of the JACL are an embedded element that gives us purpose and meaning. However, we have to look at the operational requirements that will create a successful

future rather than maintain a status quo that has relied too heavily on tradition without maximizing the opportunities in a new generation. This future must include a major broadband element that involves the membership and public, communicates, and innovates.

I am optimistic about our future. We have made too much progress this past decade to allow any regression. Yes, we can, and of course, we will move ahead. ■

*Floyd Mori is the JACL national director.*

*'But over the past two decades it has become necessary to retool our mission statement into a broader more inclusive community based structure.'*

SECRETARY/TREASURER

# A New Era for JACL

By Larry Oda

Thank you for the opportunity to give my assessment of the past year and vision for the future. There are many activities in the seven districts and nationally that tell us that JACL is alive and well.



Some of our more notable accomplishments are Project Community!, which had its beginnings in Los Angeles and has now expanded to San Francisco, Seattle and Chicago. We were able to pass the Camp Preservation Act recognizing Tule Lake as a National Park Service unit of the WWII Valor in the Pacific Monument. And we were able to obtain the Congressional Gold Medal for our Nisei veterans.

This year, we begin a new era for JACL and start the annual convention cycle. There were many reasons and rationalizations for changing our cycle, so let's see if this will accomplish what we've been promised.

Of the 1.1 million ethnic Japanese in the U.S., about 350,000 are nationals who are here on a permanent or long term basis, which means that there are three-quarters of 1 million Japanese Americans.

JACL members today are statistically almost an insignificant number (less than 2 percent) but we still wield tremendous influence throughout the nation for our accomplishments. We are the first to be asked to support many causes because we have the longevity, track record, credibility and influence to accomplish many things. As our membership declines and we are not able to attract a larger portion of our population to become part of the movement, our influence may also decline.

The primary issue with JACL's declining population is most apparent in our budget difficulties. Up until very recently, we have had the luxury of generating adequate dues to fund some needed programs in addition to paying for our rent, taxes, insurance, etc. — items of overhead that are not appropriate to pay out of grant proceeds.

While I feel that we need to change our revenue stream to reduce our reliance on membership dues, the simple fact remains that as long as we have employees and a building, we may not be able to rely totally on sponsorships and grants.

In order to maintain our leadership on the national stage we need to grow our membership. There is a lot of good that we still need to accomplish, but if our revenue will not support our expenses and we are unable to pay our debts, we will need to examine what to reduce. The alternatives are: cut expenses, find new sources of revenue for a financial turnaround, merge with another nonprofit or dissolve.

We have a fiduciary responsibility to our members, sponsors and donors to manage the funds entrusted to us in a prudent manner. The national board is cognizant of the difficulties we face and is preparing for any eventualities, but we all need to take responsibility for the organization and not rely on our chapter presidents, district governors, or national board to bail us out.

The landscape is changing for non-profits and we cannot be stuck in the same habits. We are subject to increased regulation and have come under increased scrutiny — as with all non-profits — by the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, secretary of state, and our auditors.

There may be a light at the end of the tunnel. About four years ago, we recognized that our corporate sponsors have much more to offer than just funding our programs. They can offer advice and networking opportunities with other corporations. We have developed this relationship, which we call the president's council, to create a group of advisors from within our sponsors to assist in our corporate outreach.

The president's council is comprised of representatives from our corporate sponsors and others who share in our mission of protecting civil rights and preserving our cultural heritage. The efforts of our national director have reached a tipping point in identifying and recruiting more corporate sponsors to assist us in fulfilling our mission. I am excited about the possibilities that this new advisory body can bring.

There is still a need for JACL and we need to evolve with the times. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your president and now as secretary/treasurer to help find a way to fulfill Mike Masaoka's dream of JACL creating better Americans in a greater America.

Thank you for your support of JACL. Happy New Year! ■

*Larry Oda is the JACL secretary/treasurer.*



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## GENERAL OPERATIONS

## Serving the JACL

To realize some process improvements, I will be proposing a change to the timeline for the review and approval of the program for action.

By Gail Sueki



Since being elected as your national vice president for general operations at the convention last July, I have focused on monitoring the consolidation of JACL office space in Los Angeles, following the progress of our first annual national convention, and the updating of personnel policies including the review of the national personnel manual.

As approved at the last JACL national convention, as part of cost saving measures, the PSW district office will be consolidated with the *Pacific Citizen* office. P.C. Executive Editor Caroline Aoyagi-Stom and PSW Regional

Director Craig Ishii have worked together to combine the offices. I participated in a meeting in Los Angeles to discuss the transition, layout, new PSW phone system, as well as timeline. I continue to monitor the transition that is scheduled to be complete in late-January.

Plans for the 2011 national convention are progressing. Please read the interview with convention chairperson, Gary Mayeda, in the 2010 Holiday Issue of the *P.C.* In addition to the business sessions, Sayonara Banquet and community workshop day, I am working on my goal to provide learning tools and opportunities for delegates to take back to strengthen their chapters.

IDC Governor Brian Morishita and Vice President for Planning and Development Jason Chang are working on an exciting fund development presentation. National JACL Membership Coordinator Phillip Ozaki and Vice President for Membership David Lin will build upon the momentum from renewing lapsed members to provide more membership recruitment tools. We are fortunate to have individuals who will share their expertise with JACL members. I will continue to work with them to develop these tools to present at the convention.

As vice president for general operations, I chair the national personnel committee. The function of the committee is to oversee all aspects of personnel administration and make recommendations to the national

board. The committee will focus on staff performance reviews, reviewing the personnel manual and other procedural processes. To be better prepared for this task, I have started a list of people willing to offer advice and assistance in this area. If you have a background in human resources or know of someone who would be willing to be a resource, please send me their contact information and area of expertise.

To realize some process improvements, I will be proposing a change to the timeline for the review and approval of the program for action (PFA). Currently, the PFA is approved at the same national council meeting as the budget. This does not allow the budget to accurately reflect the aim and purposes of the national council as outlined in the PFA.

PFA Chair Brian Morishita and I propose presenting the program for action at the odd year conventions. If the national council approves and prioritizes these initiatives, the budget can then be developed based on those priorities and voted upon at the even year conventions.

I wish you a Happy New Year, and I look forward to continuing to serve with you this year. ■

*Gail Sueki is the vice president for general operations. She can be reached at: voperations@jacl.org*



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March 14 – Best of China - Beijing-Xian-Guiling -Shanghai

March 29 – Japan “Cherry Blossoms”

Tokyo-Bullet Train-Nara-Maiko-Okayama-Bitchu Takahashi-Miyajima-Hiroshima-Inland Sea Cruise-Shodo Island-Kyoto

April 6 – Orient Deluxe

Hong Kong-Singapore-4-Day Cruise Malaysia & Thailand-Hanoi, Viet Nam

Apr 21 – Discover Korea “Drama Highlights”

May 15 – Mediterranean Cruise – “Celebrity Equinox”

June 6 – USA Bus Tour - Pacific Coast

LA-Monterey-San Francisco-Wine Country-Redwoods-Eureka-Oregon Gold Coast-Portland Rose Festival-Seattle-Whale Watching-Bend-Crater Lake-Mt. Shasta-Tahoe-Yosemite-LA

June 28 – Summer Japan Classic “Family Tour”

Tokyo-Bullet Train-Kyoto-Nara-Maiko-Inland Sea Cruise-Shodo Island-Miyajima-Hiroshima-Osaka

Aug 16 – USA Bus Tour -National Parks

LA-Mesquite-Salt Lake-Jackson-Tetons-Yellowstone-Cody Grand Opening Heart Mt. Learning Ctr-Mt Rushmore Black Hawk Casino-Moab-Arches-Monument Valley Grand Canyon-Laughlin-LA

Sep 7 – Discover South America

Buenos Aires-Iguassu Falls-Sao Paulo-Rio de Janeiro

Sep 25 – New England “Fall Foliage Boston-Vermont-Maine”

Oct 10 - Hokkaido/Tohoku

Sapporo-Sounkyo-Sahoro-Ainu Shiraoi-Lake Toya-Hakodate Aomori-Lake Towada-Hachimantai-Matsushima-Sendai-Tokyo

Oct 18 – Uranihon “Otherside of Japan”

Tokyo-Niigata-Japan Sea Cruise-Sado Island-Kanazawa Amanohashidate-Kinosaki-Tottori-Matsue-Izumo-Osaka

Nov 1 – Japan Fall Classic

Tokyo-Bullet Train-Nara-Kobe-Okayama-Bitchu Takahashi Miyajima-Hiroshima-Inland Sea Cruise-Shodo Island-Kyoto

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## MEMBERSHIP

## Get Engaged in Reinvigorating the JACL

We need to focus on membership renewal and recruitment activities through personal interactions.

By David Lin



As we begin the New Year, I want to wish you and your family a healthy, productive and prosperous 2011 and welcome to the New Year's issue of the *Pacific Citizen*! 2011 is shaping up to be a busy and challenging year for us and for the JACL.

As many of you know, we launched an aggressive membership renewal campaign last October to bring more than 1,000 lapsed members back into the JACL family. It's a challenging proposition, but the good news is that we have the full support of the national board and we are getting all the districts participating in this effort. And the preliminary results are encouraging.

I also believe that this is a great opportunity to get all of you engaged in achieving our common goal: stabilizing the declining membership trend and reinvigorating the JACL. Another goal I hope we can also realize is the development of a chapter infrastructure and process for ongoing membership recruitment and retention, which will serve as the building block for JACL's growth and vitality.

During the election cycle at the last national convention, I shared with you my philosophy in addressing the declining JACL membership. In addition to the focus and support from the national board, the district councils and the chapter presidents, we also need to engage as many JACL members as possible — in membership renewal and recruitment activities — through one-on-one, personal interactions. I believe that there are no better ambassadors for the JACL than our own loyal members and elected officers to talk about the value propositions and benefits of being a member of the JACL family.

Looking forward, I see there are three membership imperatives that we must work on and execute well in order to have a successful 2011:

**1. Continue our focused effort on renewing lapsed membership.** As I mentioned earlier, we are in the midst of a membership renewal campaign. As a matter of fact, we need to focus on this effort continuously to ensure 100 percent retention of our current members. This is one area that I know we can do well given the commitment and dedication you have all demonstrated.

**2. Targeted recruitment and retention of Japanese American youths.** We have several excellent programs targeting youths such as the scholarships, fellowships and Project Community!, to name a few. Through these programs, we've got great opportunities to introduce JA youths to the JACL. What we need to do is to overcome the challenge of retaining them in the JACL family and keeping them engaged as they progress through different stages of life.

**3. Leverage JA population concentration for chapter formation and growth.** Florida and Texas are two states where there is a significant JA population. We have an opportunity to capitalize on this Census statistic and translate it into membership growth for the JACL.

We all know that running a successful membership program is a marathon that requires endurance, perseverance and lots of hard work. And much of the hard work requires one-on-one, personal interactions in order to be effective. Looking at where we are at, we clearly have much work ahead of us. However, I am confident that we can accomplish this with the dedicated national board and committed members like you.

In closing, I thank all of you for placing your trust and confidence in me and electing me to this position. I am extremely honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve the JACL, and I look forward to having the opportunity of continuing my contributions to the JACL in 2011. ■

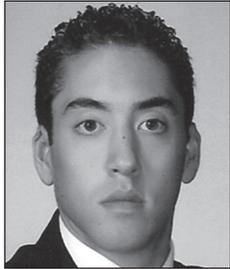
*David Lin is the vice president for membership.*

## YOUTH

## Creating a Strong Network of Young Adults

The national youth/student council envisions a community of students and young professionals motivated for equality.

By Matthew Farrells



This past year the national youth/student council has been busy evaluating our role within the Japanese American community and formulating a strategy to make a larger, more meaningful

impact on the broader Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

We started this biennium by developing a vision, mission, and goals. The council envisions a community of students and young professionals motivated for equality, solidarity, diversity and community preservation. Our mission is to address JA/AAPI issues through empowering young adults and creating an avenue for involvement. By laying this groundwork we could now start setting goals as to what we wanted to accomplish to benefit the organization and our community.

We are only a quarter way into this biennium, and I am amazed by what we have

already achieved. First, we restructured the council in a way that provides flexibility and leverage to retain and attract experienced, passionate, and driven council members to help our cause. By doing so, we have been able to focus on the organization's key demographic — the college students and young professionals — when promoting JACL and its programs.

Secondly, we have embarked on a campaign to involve more young adults in our organization's leadership ranks, culminating in an increase in youth chapter delegates for the 2011 national convention. We intend to accomplish this goal by sparking interest within our target demographic, creating a strong network of young adults, encouraging leadership development, and igniting their passion for advocacy.

Given the current state of our organization and the importance placed on young individuals, I believe that we are poised to achieve our goals and exceed the expectations set forth. I am blessed with the opportunity to serve our community and organization within my current capacity, and it's truly an honor and privilege to work with a group of such motivated and passionate young adults. For these reasons I am looking forward to a busy and successful 2011. ■

*Matthew Farrells is the national youth council chair.*

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## Which Version of History Will Stand?: Why the JACL is Needed

To ensure a deeper understanding and appreciation of our community's history, the personal stories of JAs must continue to be told.

By Ron Katsuyama



The JACL national board was recently informed by Clyde Nakayama and Pacific Northwest District Governor Chip Larouche of a fund-solicitation

letter sent from the Pacific Aviation Museum (PAM) in Honolulu, Hawaii. It reads: "Sadly, the words 'Remember Pearl Harbor!' are now in danger of having little or no significance ... In today's high school and even college level American history text books, double the attention is given to the internment of Japanese Americans compared to the deadly attack on our forces in Hawaii."

This letter is disturbing for two reasons. First, its information is false. Second, it trivializes the abrogation of Constitutional rights and disruption of lives associated with the World War II incarceration of JAs.

I wondered why such erroneous statements would be the central message of a solicitation letter. Discussions with Trisha Nakamura and David Forman, leaders of the Honolulu JACL, soon revealed a broader issue. Members of their chapter have, for three years, attempted to correct misconceptions associated with a PAM exhibit, "The Niihau Zero Incident."

This exhibit tells a fascinating story of a Japanese pilot who crash landed his plane on Dec. 7, 1941, after an attack on the Kaneohe Naval Air Station. A Nisei resident is said to have aided the pilot as he threatened other residents while trying to recover his confiscated military papers. Unfortunately, this incident is often interpreted as providing evidence of the likelihood of disloyalty of JAs to the United States and, therefore, justifying President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 and the subsequent incarceration of almost 120,000 JAs living on the West Coast.

Although particular events associated with "The Niihau Incident" are open to various interpretations, the historical record remains clear. The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment

of Civilians concluded that "the broad historical causes which shaped these decisions [E.O. 9066 and the incarceration of JAs] were race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

The ease with which internet search engines recover "information" has magnified the disparities between official records and historical evidence, on the one hand, and popular beliefs, on the other. For example, a search for "Niihau Incident" yields dozens of articles which all repeat the same unsubstantiated view of history, that the 1941 events at Niihau are linked to the JA WWII incarceration.

Conscientious journalists will resist distorting facts or inserting narrow, subjective interpretations to enhance the interest of their readers, and discriminating readers will distinguish between story telling dominated by artistic license and objective narrative of events. However, in my internet search I discovered that

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priority is given to short articles presented in a story-telling fashion, which does not provide all the factual information contained in original source material (e.g., Congressional reports and historical documents even

less accessible to the general public). Unfortunately, some readers of such articles as well as some who view the PAM exhibit about the Niihau Incident may develop a narrow, distorted view of the JA WWII incarceration without an understanding of its broader, historical context.

To ensure a deeper understanding and appreciation of both our community's history and the U.S. Constitution and America's tradition of civil liberties, the personal stories of JAs must continue to be told, and the JACL must help preserve these messages along with examination of its current implications. Toward this end, the JACL continues to support educational projects, including teachers' workshops, development of educational materials, and programs for youth.

Further, a task force was recently convened to examine recent developments, including the PAM solicitation letter and its museum exhibit. Following recommendations by its members — Trisha Nakamura, David Forman, Greg Marutani, Patty Wada and I — the JACL seeks to address the PAM presentation and to correct associated historical biases. While this task requires considerable effort over time, the JACL will continue to be adaptive in effectively implementing its core mission. ■

*Ron Katsuyama is the vice president for public affairs.*

## YOUTH

## Excited and Optimistic About 2011

Youth can expect to be engaged and thoroughly enjoy what the JACL will have to offer.

By Devin Yoshikawa



Greetings JACLers.

On behalf of the JACL's National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC), I would like to say thank you to all of the members of the JACL for your

continued support.

Serving as the JACL national youth representative has been a tremendously rewarding experience. I never thought I would have an opportunity to work alongside such inspiring individuals and give back to the community in such a way.

I am very excited and optimistic about what 2011 has in store. I am especially excited for JACL 2.0 and the 2011 JACL national convention in Los Angeles.

Aside from the convention, the NY/SC anticipates hosting events throughout the year in various districts. Youth can expect to be engaged and thoroughly enjoy what the JACL has to offer. Aspects of the 2011 convention and regional NY/SC youth summits will focus on the retention and recruitment of youth members. It is a privilege to continue organizing fun and meaningful events for JACL youth to be a part of. I look forward to connecting with each and every JACL youth and interesting many new members to join.

The JACL has a very unique opportunity as a civil rights organization to advocate for solutions addressing the many contemporary social justice issues currently afflicting our communities. As the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, the JACL has led the way in speaking out regarding all initiatives affecting people of color. I am extremely proud to be a part of the JACL as we embark on 2011. Thank you to Southwest Airlines and State Farm for your continued support! ■

*Devin Yoshikawa is the national youth*

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## Looking Ahead: 2011 — A Year to Celebrate!

I am very proud that JACL played such a significant role in getting the Congressional Gold Medal legislation to become law.

By Chip Larouche



In 2011, it will be time to celebrate an event that occurred in 2010. On Oct. 5, 2010, President Barack Obama signed legislation to grant the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat

Team, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS).

Several Nisei veterans and key Japanese American leaders, including JACL's National Director Floyd Mori, were present for the White House signing to recognize the dedicated service of these heroic units during World War II ... and most of you already knew that!

What you might not know is that a new organization has been formed called the National Veterans Network (NVN), which is a coalition of several Japanese American and civic organizations that will be managing the enormous task of having a great celebration for our veterans and their families and friends some time next year — probably in the fall — when the units will be presented with their Gold Medal. There will be some fundraising and sponsorship opportunities, and everyone is certainly encouraged to visit their website: [www.nationalveteransnetwork.com](http://www.nationalveteransnetwork.com).

The design process for the Congressional Gold Medal with the U.S. Mint has already begun. The U.S. Mint will likely commission several designers to produce designs that reflect the contributions of the 100th, 442nd and MIS. According to the NVN, the first set of designs can be expected in late February, followed by a process to select a preferred design

that best represents the significance of the 100th, 442nd and MIS. The design approval will probably occur around June with production of the medal and replicas expected around August.

My wife Setsy, commander of the Oregon Nisei Veterans, and I were privileged to attend a "pre-award" ceremony with Sen. Ron Wyden, senior Senator from Oregon. He presented copies of the legislation that was signed by the president, the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore to 12 surviving veterans of these units.

I was especially moved by part of his speech when he said, "They stood up for our nation when our nation shamefully did not stand up for their families ... and embarrassingly it took the government almost 50 years to say, 'We're sorry', and even longer to say, 'Thank You!'"

I am very proud that JACL played such a significant role in getting this wonderful legislation to become law, even though it will take almost another year for the preparation and logistics to occur before these historically exceptional military units finally get their medals presented.

I would ask each of the readers of the *Pacific Citizen* to look into your communities and take steps to make sure that all eligible veterans know about this honor. I would also ask that you encourage your local heroes to attend the festivities in Washington, D.C. when they occur. I also encourage all of you who are friends or family members of these veterans to not only contribute to the fundraising

efforts in your own way, but also try to make it to Washington, D.C. to be part of the celebration and to say thank you in person to these incredible veterans.

This will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and both Setsy and I plan to be there when it happens. We hope to see many of you there too, hopefully in numbers so large that we give the organizers lots of challenges to figure out how to accommodate all of us! Happy New Year! ■

*Chip Larouche is the Pacific Northwest district governor.*

*'I am very proud that JACL played such a significant role in getting this wonderful legislation to become law ...'*

## EASTERN

## Assessments and Visions for JACL

How else can JACL meet the challenges it currently faces in this depressed economy?

By Toshi Abe



Last year I mentioned how a website like Goodsearch.com can be used to generate extra funds for non-profits like the JACL simply by initiating searches from the Goodsearch website. JACL is registered on Goodsearch, so a donation will be generated for our organization if you select JACL from the list of charities and non-profits found on the site and then use the site as your search engine.

Additionally, you can also shop at any of the hundreds of companies by simply going to Goodsearch first and then selecting the internet store of your choice. Usually, a store will donate 1 to 2 percent of the purchase price to your charity. Searches generate a donation of about a penny a search.

How did we do last year on Goodsearch? I suspect that only a handful of JACLers were involved, but we do expect a check for about \$170 or so to be sent to the JACL for our searching and shopping activities. Every little bit helps. I'm hoping that we can attract more JACL members and friends to check out Goodsearch. It's literally a painless way to contribute.

Goodsearch is just one of many examples of ways technology can help us in big and small ways. We saw further increases in mobile technology this past year. How many of us have iPads or other tablet computers now? Institutions are using these tablet computers to store and retrieve their important documents.

Maybe we are coming around to a truly paperless society. And where are these documents kept? Not on a local server or computer, but on remote servers that can be accessed anywhere you have an Internet connection. Software is also remotely available so that an expensive software package that you once had to own in order to use can now be used for a fee online, which can frequently save your business money.

We are also frequent users of Wikipedia. This well-known Web site has a huge following, so I was disappointed when I recently viewed JACL's Wikipedia page. I found inaccuracies in the article, but what was also upsetting were the disparaging remarks made by the playwright Frank Chin in reference to JACL leaders during the forced evacuation of our community during World War II.

Even the Wikipedia staff noted that the JACL page had multiple issues that needed to be addressed. We should take the lead in cleaning up our section on the Wikipedia site.

How else can JACL meet the challenges it currently faces in this depressed economy? We now operate continuously with a reduced staff — we've been unable to hire staff to fill positions that have been open now for years. Can we bring about some financial stability by emulating other non-profits and operating a small business like a JACL store to promote and sell JACL themed merchandise?

I've heard some good suggestions from our vice president of planning and development, Jason Chang, and I look forward to working with him and other board members to see how to best bring this about.

Looking at our endowment, would we be able to make a purchase of a property to provide office space for our staff, saving rent in the process and also generating profit by renting some space to other groups?

Finally, I salute our youth who are contributing more of their time and talent to JACL and really making their mark. JACL's support of its youth is paying off and our reward will be the development of competent citizens and leaders in all levels of society.

I think our new national youth and student council leaders, Devin Yoshikawa and Matt Farrells, are really doing a fantastic job bringing about increased awareness of JACL and the role that youth can play in the schools they attend and the communities in which they live. ■

*Toshi Abe is the Eastern district council governor.*

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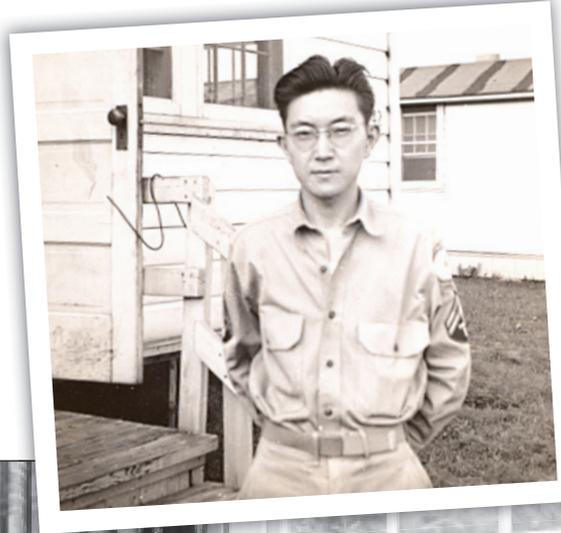
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# 2010 *In Photos*



442nd veteran **Norman Ikari** is pictured here in 1942 at Camp Grant in Illinois.



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On Oct. 5, community leaders witnessed President Barack Obama sign S. 1055, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to World War II Nisei veterans.

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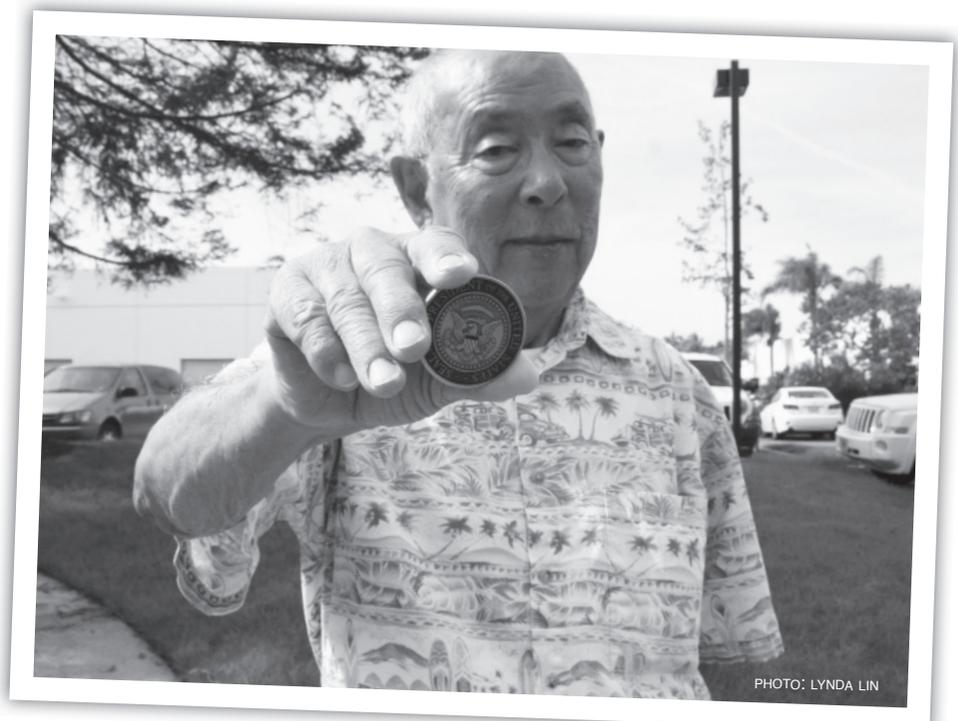
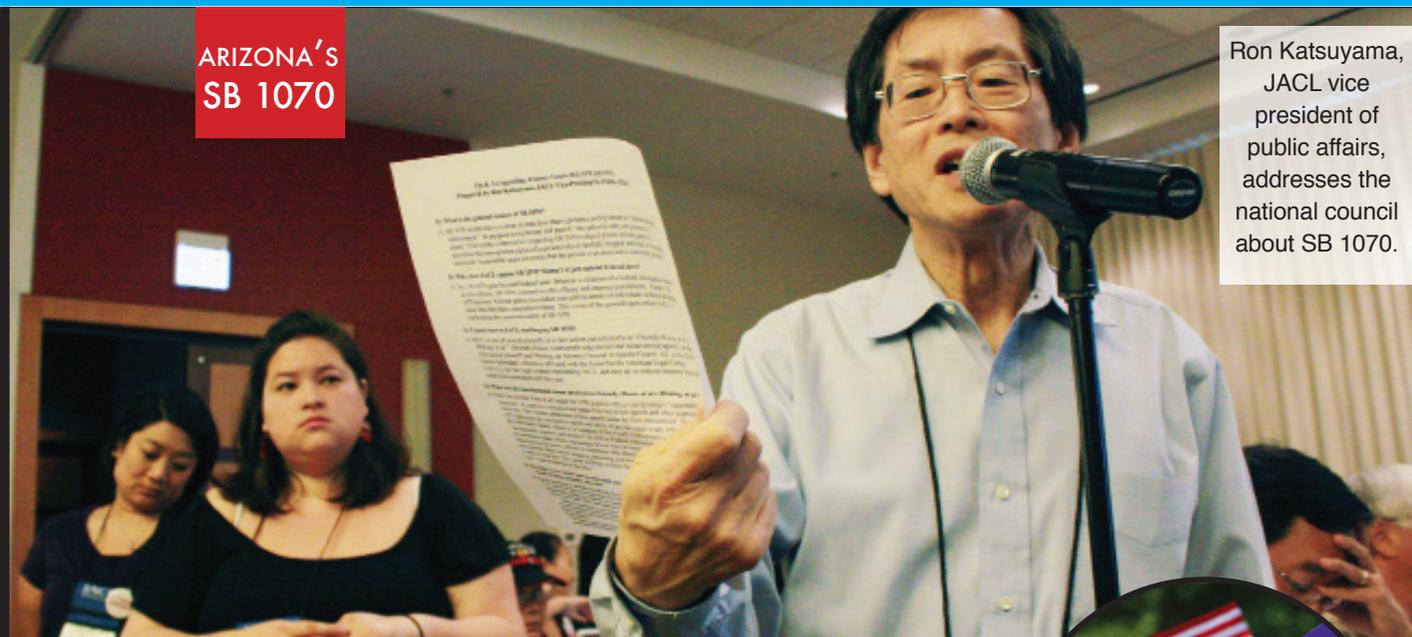


PHOTO: LYNDA LIN

At the end of WWII, Sam Fujikawa was among the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd RCT to parade down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.

# NATIONAL NEWS

ARIZONA'S  
SB 1070



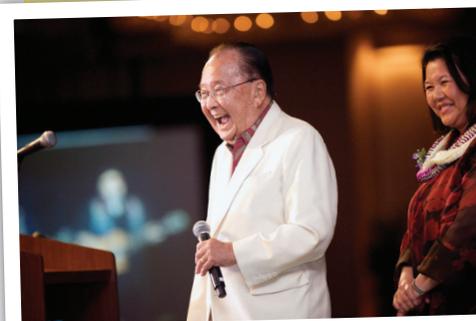
Ron Katsuyama, JACL vice president of public affairs, addresses the national council about SB 1070.

At the Chicago national convention, JACL delegates voted overwhelmingly to continue opposing Arizona's immigration enforcement law.



## HEADLINES

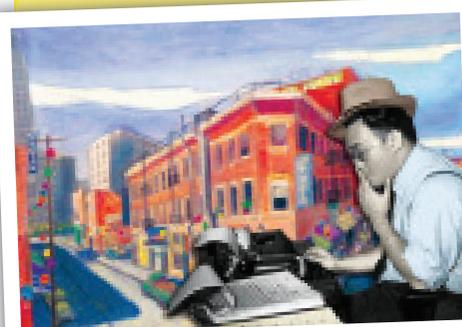
Events that grabbed national attention in 2010.



Sen. Daniel Inouye becomes president pro tempore, making him third in line to the presidency.



A commission settles federal and state probes into allegations of racial violence against APA students at South Philadelphia High School.



The JACL national council votes in favor of an amendment to keep the Pacific Citizen operations in Los Angeles. The budget-saving move consolidates the P.C. and JACL PSW under one roof.



In 2010, community leaders like Gary Locke (pictured) and the JACL work to ensure everyone in the APA community gets counted in the Census.

### GULF OIL SPILL

For over three months, oil gushed into Gulf waters, killing sea life and vital fishing jobs. In the aftermath, the local APA communities were especially impacted. P.C. Reporter Nalea J. Ko traveled to the region to bring back stories of heartbreak in the Gulf Coast.



PHOTO: NALEA J. KO



(L-r) Donna Cole, Sandra Tanamachi, Glen Gondo, Dr. Abbie Grubb and Linda Toyota.

When the Texas Board of Education voted to approve a series of controversial amendments to the curriculum standards excluding JA WWII history, community leaders appealed — and won.



### VETS STAMP

The JACL national council voted down a resolution that would have endorsed a commemorative stamp proposal for a national memorial instead of Nisei veterans. Opponents say they believe efforts to honor Nisei vets with a special stamp have not been exhausted.



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# NATIONAL NEWS

Bob Naka gets ready to receive his UCLA honorary degree over six decades late.

## NISEI DEGREES

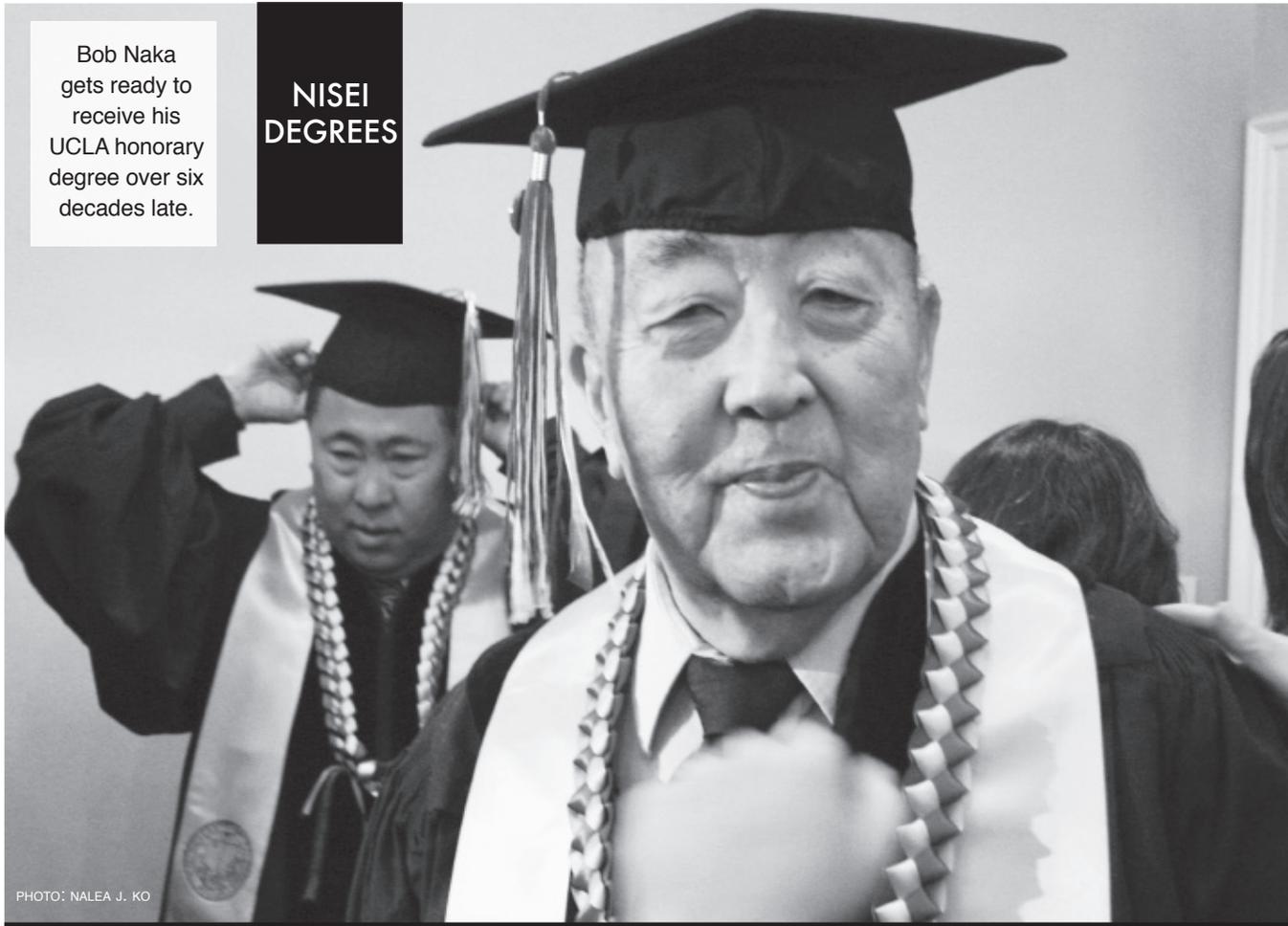


PHOTO: NALEA J. KO

Justice was restored with the passage of AB 37, authored by Assemblymember Warren Furutani.

In 2010, the ceremonies for Nisei honorary degrees continued across California college campuses. (Below) Toshio Matsumoto receives his cap.



## SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

A measure that would have granted Hawaii's gay and lesbian couples the same rights and benefits that the state provides to married couples was vetoed by Gov. Linda Lingle.

In California, 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals punted the Proposition 8 case — which restricts marriage to a man and a woman — to the California Supreme Court.



PHOTO: SHIRLEY NAKAO/THE KOREMATSU INSTITUTE

## KOREMATSU DAY

A man who challenged the World War II internment of Japanese Americans will be honored in California every year under a bill signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The governor on Sept. 23 signed Assembly Bill 1775, legislation designating Jan. 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in California.

## MINIDOKA FEEDLOT



PHOTO: RYAN KOZU

A lawyer representing community groups filed an appeal of the judge's decision in favor of a county permit to build a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) near the historic site. The fight to save history continues.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ASSEMBLY CENTER MEMORIALS



New memorials now stand at the former Merced and Turlock Assembly Centers (*right*) to remember the thousands of JAs who were incarcerated there during WWII.

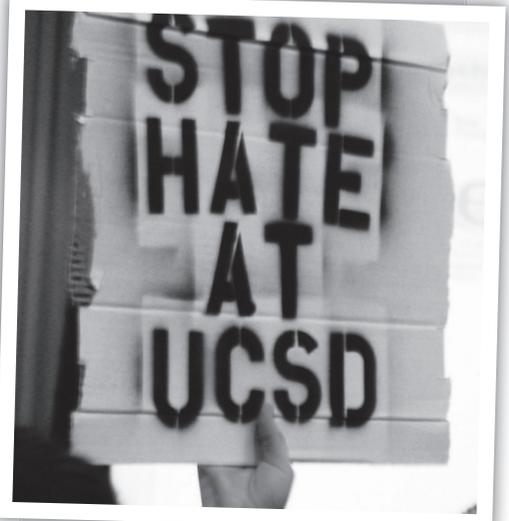


## MILESTONES

Events that grabbed national attention in 2010.



JACL successfully campaigned to have Akron, Ohio's East High School change its racist nickname from 'Orientals'.



JACL called on UC San Diego officials to review internal policies on hate incidents after an off-campus 'Compton Cookout' party mocking Black History Month ignited racial tension.



A portrait of former U.S. Transportation and Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta was installed at the Smithsonian Museum.

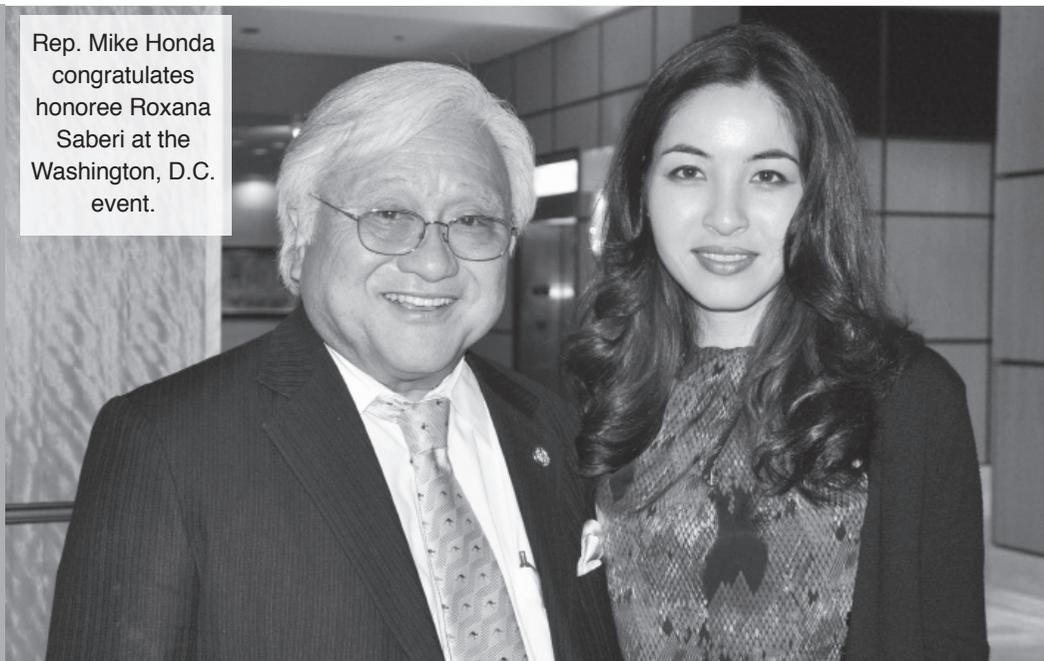


Hiroshi Miyamura High School is dedicated in Gallup, New Mexico.

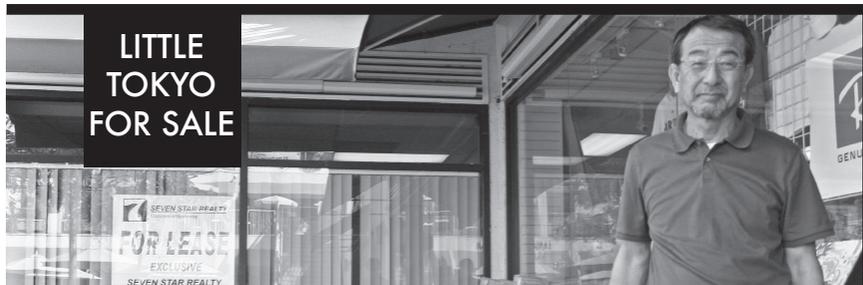
## JACL GALA

Rep. Mike Honda congratulates honoree Roxana Saberi at the Washington, D.C. event.

JACL honored APA women, including journalist Roxana Saberi, at its National JACL 'Salute to Champions' Gala. 'Every person's actions count. When enough people call out together for change over a continuous period of time, they can make a difference,' said Saberi.



## LITTLE TOKYO FOR SALE



Yoshinosuke Kurita is a business owner in Weller Court.



Little Tokyo Partners, the owners of Little Tokyo's Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens and Weller Court in Los Angeles, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, raising questions about the future of the JA enclave.



The Fukushimas' grandfather served in the MIS during WWII.

2010 marks the 10th anniversary of JACL's decision to mend community ties and apologize to the WWII resisters.

PHOTO: 'CONSCIENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION'

SAD  
FAREWELL

Frank Emi, a Japanese American who helped lead draft resistance at a World War II internment camp died Dec. 1 at a hospice in West Covina, Calif. He was 94.

When the government decided to draft JAs in 1944, Emi and six others formed the Fair Play Committee, which argued that JAs shouldn't have to fight for freedom abroad when they were denied it at home.

Emi and six others were convicted of conspiracy and he was imprisoned for 18 months. All were exonerated or pardoned in 1945. — Associated Press

## IN MEMORIAM

**Victoria Manalo Draves, 85**  
April 11; she overcame racial prejudice to become the first Asian American woman to win springboard and platform gold medals at the 1948 Olympics.

**Maj. Gen. John L. Fugh, 75**  
May 11; the first Chinese American general officer in the U.S. Army who spent his 33-year military career in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. His military decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and two awards of the Legion of Merit.

**Grant Hirabayashi, 91**



Nov. 24; MIS veteran and member of the famed Merrill's Marauders, who during the Northern Burma campaign, served with the 1st Battalion Red Combat Team and fought in the battles of Walabum, Shadazzup, Nhpun Ga, and Myitkina.

**William Hohri, 83**

Nov. 12; the writer, civil rights activist and former Manzanar inmate during World War II, is best known for spearheading the National Council for Japanese American Redress class action lawsuit, filed on March 16, 1983, which sued the United States government for \$27 billion for injuries suffered as the result of the WWII exclusion and incarceration of Japanese Americans in U.S. concentration camps.

**Chiyoko Doris Aiso Hoshide, 99**

May 12; a translator for the Army Map Service after she was released from a World War II-era internment camp for Japanese Americans, died of respiratory failure.

**Joseph "Joe" Ichiuji, 91**

July 3; World War II 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran and active community leader who dedicated countless hours to organizations like the JACL.

**Harvey Itano, 89**



May 8; a University of California, San Diego emeritus professor of pathology who was the first Japanese American to become a member of the National Academy of Sciences. He was widely honored for his pioneering work in establishing the molecular and genetic basis of blood diseases,

**William Kajikawa, 97**

Feb. 15; A World War II veteran who was a legendary coach at Arizona State University. During his 41-year career at ASU, Kajikawa coached football, basketball and baseball. He was inducted into the Arizona Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968 and the ASU Hall of Distinction in 1982.

**William Richardson, 90**



June 21; former Hawaii Supreme Court chief justice who pushed for statehood and became the namesake for the University of Hawaii's law school. He presided over the court from 1966 through 1982.

## American Holiday Travel

## 2011 Tour Schedule

<b>EGYPT-NILE RIVER HOLIDAY TOUR</b> Cairo, Giza, Luxor, Nile River Cruise, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Abu Simbel.	JAN 15-25
<b>HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVAL TOUR</b> Sapporo, Lake Shikotsu, Shiraoi, Otaru, Asahikawa, Sounkyo, Abashiri. See 5 Snow/Ice Festivals. Ride icebreaker ship "Aurora".	FEB 6-13
<b>JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR</b> Tokyo, Kofu, Mt Fuji, Lake Kawaguchi, Shizuoka, Tsumago, Gero Onsen, Takayama, Kyoto.	MAR 29-APR 7
<b>AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS HOLIDAY TOUR</b> Scottsdale, Grand Canyon, Zion & Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley, Lake Powell, Las Vegas.	MAR 31-APR 7
<b>GRANDPARENTS/GRANDCHILDREN JAPAN TOUR</b> Tokyo, Hakone, Atami, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Nara, Kyoto.	JUN 26-JUL 5
<b>ALASKA HOLIDAY CRUISE</b> Vancouver, Sawyer Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan. HOLLAND AMERICA Zuiderdam Ship.	JUL 16-23
<b>SOUTH AFRICA HOLIDAY TOUR</b> Cape Town, Wine Country, Kruger National Park, Table Mountain, Johannesburg, Livingston, Victoria Falls-Zambia. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS JAN 31, 2011.	AUG 4-15
<b>REFLECTIONS OF ITALY HOLIDAY TOUR</b> Rome, Assisi, Perugia, Florence, Venice, Lugano-Switzerland, Lake Como, Milan.	SEP 5-14
<b>NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY TOUR (NEW TOUR)</b> Boston, Main, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Day Trips on 3 Historic Trains, Boston City Tour, Casco Bay Cruise in Maine, Visit Sugar House & Mystic Seaport, Enjoy Lobster & Seafood Dinner Mohegan Sun Resort & Casino.	OCT 7-14
<b>HOKKAIDO-TOHOKU HOLIDAY TOUR</b> Lake Akan, Abashiri, Sounkyo, Sapporo, Shiraoi, Noboribetsu, Lake Toya, Hakodate, Oirase Valley, Oodate, Hiraizumi, Geibikei, Matsushima, Tokyo	OCT 9-20
<b>OKINAWA HOLIDAY TOUR</b> Naha, Ishigaki Island, Taketomi Island, Yufu Island, Onnasan.	NOV 7-16

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## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

## The Next Generation of JACL Begins Now

By Kerry Kaneichi



Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Pacific Southwest District, I hope that 2011 brings everyone success and happiness.

Over the past few years, JACL PSW has been developing programs to revitalize the organization

and ensure that JACL remains the leading Asian and Pacific Islander organization that our children and grandchildren will be proud to be a part of when they think of civil and human rights, cultural education, community preservation and youth empowerment.

Our youth development programs — now a staple of the JACL PSW — are still going strong. Our staff and interns, led by our regional director Craig Ishii, have devoted countless of hours to create and develop ways to keep high school and college-age students engaged, motivated and educated about our heritage and community. We worked with over 100 students throughout Southern California in 2010 and we hope to more than double that in 2011.

To remain in the forefront of our organization, we have recognized that the next generation of JACL begins now. Many of our chapters have been very successful with outreaching to local college campus organizations and community groups.

Our district board consists of a few “old timers” like myself, but we have also been able to encourage

many new faces — experienced professionals and leaders from partner organizations — to strengthen and diversify our leadership.

We have been able to increase our district's visibility beyond our immediate community.

Looking ahead to the not so distant future, JACL PSW will be hosting the national JACL 2011 convention July 7-10, 2011. Traditionally, national JACL conventions occur every other year, so this will be the inaugural convention conducted on an odd numbered year. We are looking forward to showcasing what our district is all about.

We will be participating in a concurrent conference with the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council (CJALC), a major organization with a similar mission and a supporter of JACL PSW.

There will also be opportunities to attend a Hollywood movie studio, shop in Beverly Hills and visit the landmarks around Hollywood Boulevard and Little Tokyo. We hope that you will be able to attend and participate in the first annual JACL national convention, meet up with friends around the country and have a great time.

I hope that you will be inspired by how our programs are developing and encouraging our future leaders. JACL PSW is driven and motivated by what the future holds. All of us in the JACL PSW hope that you will join us in continuing to make this organization the leading resource for generations to come. ■

*Kerry Kaneichi is the PSW district governor.*

## INTERMOUNTAIN

## JACL Needs Membership Workshops

By Brian Morishita



At the 2010 national JACL convention vice president of membership David Lin, former member coordinator Tim Koide and I hosted a membership workshop. Between 15 and 20 members were in attendance. Given the criticality of this topic it was

a bit disappointing that more members did not attend. Nevertheless, those who did attend were highly engaging and thoughtful with their comments, which is reflective of the alacrity necessary for a meaningful workshop.

The format of the workshop was an interactive presentation that included some ideas on how to mobilize chapter members for a membership campaign. It also included some tactical approaches that could be used by chapters to recruit new members and retain current ones including contact scenarios and suggested interface verbiage. But more importantly it was an opportunity for all in attendance to share lessons, best practices and ideas from their own chapters.

Obviously none of us had all the answers to overcome our membership struggles. Nor was there any single answer that could resolve the difficulties in maintaining our membership. Clearly, a collectively developed “solution” will require a creative, energized bevy of solutions from which a chapter could pick and choose.

To avoid over simplification of the problem it is important to recognize that membership retention and recruitment are not the responsibility of just a single

or a few members. It is also the output of a group of members such as a chapter's board to develop a membership campaign custom fit for its own chapter. One way a chapter could do this is to create a membership program action plan. This plan would identify tactical activities that reach out to current and prospective members, associate attainable goals with these activities, highlight responsibilities and assignments, and be executable by the chapter.

Our presentation at this workshop was intended to help chapters with developing an action plan. It is important to remember that the presentation was just a start and needs further development to better assist chapters. Either at the district or chapter level some additional brainstorming and dialogue could help put together a membership action plan that is both substantive and realistic. The synergy from these types of discussions at the district level would be great, but I believe the chapters need to customize to their needs a formalized path forward.

Finally, it is important for all of us to recognize that what resonates with a current or potential member might be significantly different from that of another current or future member. With the evolving nature of issues, needs, the JACL organizational structure, and its changing membership, sensitivity and acute awareness of member needs both in a dynamic and static sense are critical. To craft this properly and to accurately dial in on this I hope that additional membership workshops will be held. Certainly the national convention and district meetings along with other similar events would be excellent venues for doing this. ■

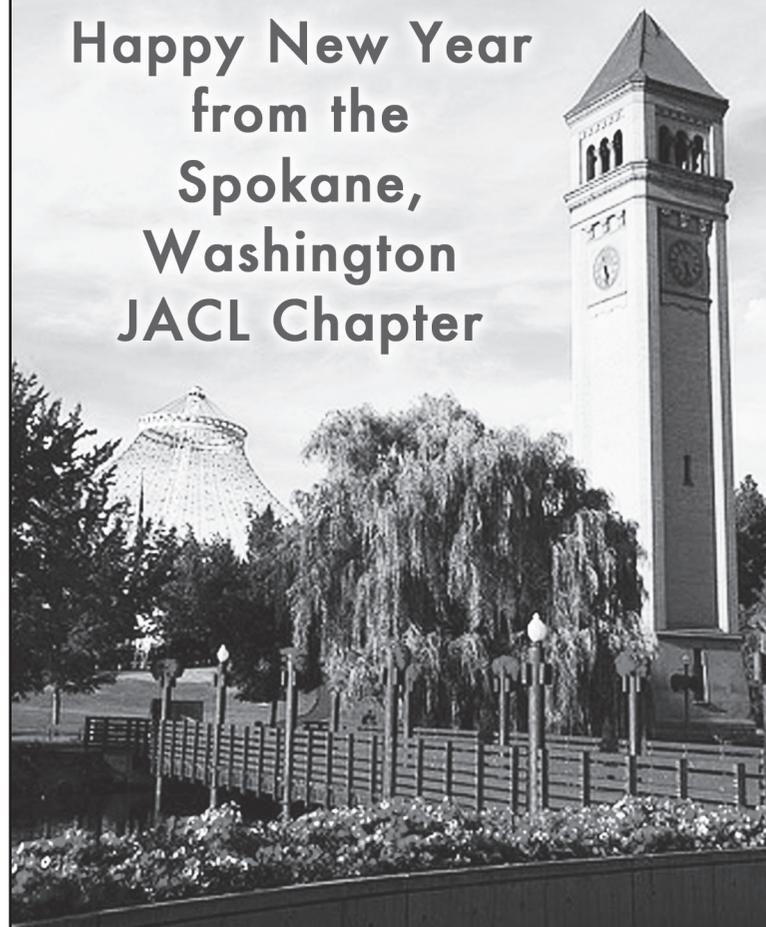
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## Happy New Year from the Spokane, Washington JACL Chapter



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HMWF is a Wyoming non-profit corporation dedicated to memorializing and educating the public about the internment of nearly 14,000 citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center near Powell and Cody, Wyoming, between 1942 and 1945.

The Executive Director is responsible to the HMWF Board of Directors for all the day-to-day operations of the Foundation, including the operation of its Interpretive Learning Center (opening August 2011) and oversight and implementation of the Foundation's fundraising, communications, conservation, budgeting, and compliance needs and objectives. In addition to showing a strong commitment to HMWF's educational and commemorative missions, the successful candidate will have outstanding written and oral communications skills and an ability to work with a diverse set of stakeholders across the country.

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Applications should be mailed to The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation C/O Area Manager Christy Fleming at 164 W. North Street, Powell WY 82435 by March 1, 2011. Applications will be reviewed by the HMWF Personnel Committee led by Board Member Pete Simpson. Questions may be directed to Christy Fleming by phone at (307) 250- 5542 or by email at [flemingchristy@heartmountain.org](mailto:flemingchristy@heartmountain.org).

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Apr. 29-May. 12	Country Roads of Southern Italy & Sicily
Jun. 7-Jun. 9	Las Vegas in Summertime: Shows: Celine Dion
Jul. 17-Jul. 26	Summer Japan: Highlights for the Whole Family
Aug. 10-Aug. 17	Great Pacific Northwest: Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Whistler
September:	Gems of Malaysia
Oct. 11-Oct. 20	Legacy of the Incas – Peru, Machu Picchu, Nazca Lines
Oct. 11-Nov. 20	Autumn Japan: Majestic Fall Colors
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## Fred Korematsu Day Celebration

BERKELEY, CA

Jan. 30, 1-5 p.m.

University of California, Berkeley/ Wheeler Auditorium

The Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Rights and Education is organizing the first Fred Korematsu Day celebration with keynote speaker Rev. Jesse Jackson. Other special guests include spoken word artist Beau Sia and Karen Korematsu, California Assemblyman Warren Furutani and Marty Block.

Info: [www.korematsuinstitute.org](http://www.korematsuinstitute.org) or 415/848-7727



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July 8-19	<b>Crystal Cruise Inside Passage Discovery</b> – 13 days/12 nights aboard Crystal Symphony, roundtrip from San Francisco, sailing to Victoria (BC), Sitka, Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan.	Sharon Seto
Aug. 30-Sep. 5	<b>South Dakota, The Black Hills &amp; Badlands with Collette Vacations</b> – 7 days/6 nights, featuring a one hotel stay in Rapid City for the 6 nights, visiting Keystone, Rapid City, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer, Deadwood, Pine Ridge and Badlands.	Sharon Seto
Sep. 26-Oct. 5	<b>Yamato Eastern Canada Fall Foliage Tour</b> – 10 days/9 nights visiting Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton.	Philippe Theriault
Oct. 1-13	<b>Route 66 with Balloon Fiesta with Trafalgar Tours</b> – 13 days/12 nights visiting Chicago, St. Louis, Branson, Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Albuquerque (Balloon Fiesta), Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Hollywood, Los Angeles.	Sharon Seto
October 17-26	<b>Yamato Korean Drama Tour</b> – 10 days/8 nights visiting Seoul, Mt. Seorakson, Gyeongju, Jeju Island, DMZ.	Grace Sakamoto
October 17-31	<b>Yamato Deluxe Autumn Tour to Japan</b> – 15 days/13 nights visiting Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Hiroshima/Miyajima, Kyoto, Tokyo.	Peggy Mikuni
Oct. 31-Nov. 14	<b>Yamato South Pacific Wonders with Collette Vacations</b> – 15 days/12 nights visiting Cairns (Great Barrier Reef) & Sydney, Australia; Christchurch, Mt. Cook Nat'l Park, Queenstown, & Milford Sound, New Zealand.	Collette Escort
Nov. 13-21	<b>The Heart of Texas with Collette Vacations</b> – 9 days/8 nights visiting Austin, San Antonio, Bandera (dude ranch) and Fort Worth.	Sharon Seto
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## EAST

The 2011 Justice In Action Award  
CHELSEA PIERS, NY  
Pier Sixty

Feb. 8, 6 p.m.

Award recipients include A.B. Cruz III, of the Scripps Network Interactive, and Lillian Kimura, JACL's first female national president.

Info: [events@aaldef.org](mailto:events@aaldef.org) or 212/966-5932

## MIDWEST

Cincinnati/Dayton JACL Installation  
CINCINNATI, OH

March 6, 4-6 p.m.

Kyojin Japanese Seafood Buffet  
12140 Royal Point Dr.

Cost: \$25/person

The featured event speaker is Miami University professor Jon Yamashiro.

Payments should be made to 'Cincinnati JACL' by Feb. 27.

Info: 513/683-2628

'Pilgrimage' Screening  
CHICAGO, IL

Feb. 13, 2 p.m.

Chicago Japanese American History Museum  
1601 N. Clark St.

This event, in part sponsored by JACL, features a screening of 'Pilgrimage,' a Tadashi Nakamura film about the transformation of an abandoned internment camp.

Info: 773/275-0097 ext. 222 or [www.cjahs.org](http://www.cjahs.org)

Wisconsin JACL Inaugural Dinner  
NEW BERLIN, WI

Jan. 30, noon

Charcoal Grill and Rotisserie  
15375 W. Greenfield Ave

Join the Wisconsin JACL for its inaugural dinner. Entrée choices

include prime rib, salmon and rotisserie chicken.

Info: <http://sites.google.com/site/wijacl>

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Arizona Matsuri Festival  
PHOENIX, AZ

Feb 26 – 27, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heritage and Science Park  
115 North Sixth St.

This two-day celebration features colorful displays of authentic Japanese art, crafts and entertainment. This year the festival celebrates Phoenix sister city Himeji in Japan.

Info: [www.azmatsuri.org](http://www.azmatsuri.org)

## CENTRAL CALIF.

Lodi/Stockton JACL Installation  
STOCKTON, CA

Jan. 23, 1 p.m.

Stockton Buddhist Temple

2820 Shimizu Drive

\$15/members; \$20/non-members

The event also will feature Cindy Fang's short film 'A Crossroad Called Manzanar.'

Info: May Saiki at 209/465-8107 or Aeko Yoshikawa at 209/463-6060

Tri Chapter JACL Installation  
APTOS, CA

Jan. 23, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Seascape Golf Course

610 Clubhouse Dr.

\$35/person; \$20/children

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Gilroy and San Benito County JACL chapters will be hosting this luncheon. JACler Dale Minami, lead lawyer for the Korematsu *coram nobis* team, will address the topic: 'Why Fred Korematsu?'

Info: Marcia Hashimoto 831/722-6859 or [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net)

# IN MEMORIAM

**Adachi, Yoshio Kelly, 90**  
Cincinnati, OH; Nov. 18; he was the husband of Mary Sugimoto Adachi for over 69 years; father of Michael, Kellene and Patrick (Robyn); 5 gc; 3 ggc.

**Aoki, Takashi Raymond, 70**  
graduated from Garfield High School and worked for the Boeing Company until his retirement in 2000; prior to his employment with Boeing, he worked at the U.S. Postal Service and served in the U.S. Army; he is preceded in death by his parents and brothers; survived by his sisters, Lucille and Shirely.

**Atagi, Harvey, 61**  
Riggins, ID; Nov. 14; he died in a tragic car accident; preceded in death by his parents Archie and Mickie; survived by his wife Diana; daughter Jennifer (Dave) Slusher; many nieces and nephews; 3 gc; 2 ggc.

**Arakawa, George, J.**  
Seattle, WA; Oct. 16; he was incarcerated at Minidoka camp; after serving in the U.S. Army, he moved to Chicago, IL; survived by his sisters May Taizawa and Hisako Arakawa; niece Karen Takizawa.

**Date, Maybel Chiyoko, 88**  
Reno, Nevada; Oct. 29; preceded in death by her husband Frank; a longtime JACLer; survived by her children Kenneth, Sharon, Alan and Curtis.

**Etow, Hajime "Jim," 86**



Watsonville, CA; Dec. 1; he and his family were incarcerated in Poston, Arizona during World War II; his dear friends Fred and Betty Oda remember Jim and his wife Mary as excellent ballroom dancers; the foursome attended many JACL dances throughout Northern California; preceded in death by wife Mary; survived by sons Derek and Stanley Etow; daughter-in-law Lori Etow; grandson Sean Etow.

**Hasegawa, Wataru, 88**



Camarillo, CA; Dec. 10; he was

married to wife Teruko for 53 years; a proud strawberry farmer, he started Hasegawa Farms, Inc with his father and siblings; survived by Teruko; daughters, Karen (Edward) Glynn and Susan (FM) Josue; sons Kenneth (Veronica) and Glen; brothers, Tomoyuki and Norito (Joyce); sisters, Miyako (George) Tachiki and Katsuyo (Taka) Tanaka; 4 gc.

**Inaba, Tatsuhiko Joe, 94**



Nampa, ID; Dec. 10; he was the last surviving member of the Wapato Nippons Baseball team; preceded in death by his parents and younger brother Frank; survived by wife Matsuko; son Brian; daughter Janine (Phil); 5 gc; 4 ggc.

**Kamikawa, Yoshio Lefty, 95**  
Rockwood, TN; Sept. 27; survived by three brothers and five sisters; son Paul (Christy); grandson Jordan.

**Kiyasu, William Sadao, 87**  
San Francisco, CA; Nov. 20; he attended UC Berkeley for two years but was forced to leave after the evacuation order for Japanese Americans; he was the first recipient of the NIH Fellowship in pediatric hematology under the late Dr. Louis K. Diamond; took residency training at Boston Children Hospital and SF General Hospital; he is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kikue; daughters, Miriam and Emily (Matthew); sons Crawford (Salma) and Charles (Mafe); sister, Yulie (Akira) Nose; sister-in-law, Lil Kiyasu; many nieces and nephews; 3 gc.

**Mayeda, Jack, 79**  
Manhattan Beach, CA; Dec. 1; he taught high school in Othello, WA, elementary school in Seattle, was vice principal at Portola Valley Middle School, assistant principal/dean of students at San Mateo High and administrator at the San Mateo Adult School; survived by daughter Stacy, son-in-law Hshin-Kai Lin; brother, Buster; sisters Ruth Kiyono and Mary Mills; nieces and nephews; 2 gc.

**Morimoto, Sam S., 90**  
Chicago, IL; Dec. 8; beloved husband of Edith; loving father of Richard (Joyce), Judy (Wayne) Matsuyama and Robert (Ari); dear brother of Mary (Tom) Nakaoka; Helen (late Sid) Sakane and Alice (late Sab) Nakamura and the late Bill Morimoto; 6 gc.

**Morinaga, Kazuo (Kaz), 88**

Ontario, OR; Dec. 26; he was incarcerated with his family at Tule Lake and then Heart Mountain; survived by his wife of 61 years, June; son, Glen (Susan); daughter, Beverly (Ron), Barbara (Jon), Marcy (Kevin) and Bonnie (Jim); 13 gc; 14 ggc.

**Morioka, Gordon Keith, 57**  
Cincinnati, OH; he was a professional photographer; dear father of Tristan; son of Toki and Fred.

**Nakanishi, Betty, 84**  
Chicago, IL; beloved wife of Toshio; loving mother of Susan (Mark) Mitsunaga; dear sister of Mary Yamasaki and Doris Hathy; devoted grandmother of Megan.

**Ogawa, Yoshinori "Yosie," 91**  
Nampa, ID, Dec. 21; he was a member of the Nampa Elks and the Boise Valley JACL; survived by his four daughters Iris (David), Lois (Frank) Hasebe, Janis (Jerry) Ogawa and Tyris (Peter) Thomas; five brothers, Todd (Ida), Mos (Judi), Tak (Emmy), Tom and Kenny (Yuki); numerous nieces and nephews; 1 gc; 2 ggc.

**Otani, Mary Suyeko, 84**  
Parma, ID; Nov. 7; Mary was born in California and emigrated to Japan; she survived the bombing of Hiroshima during World War II and returned to the United States in 1948; survived by her three brothers, Bill Chikuo (Betty), Shigeru (Kyoko) Taniguchi; three sons, John, James and Charlie (Dawn); 2 gc; 2 step-gc.

**Tanouye, Toshi, 93**  
San Francisco, CA; Nov. 29; last surviving member of the Hisakichi and Kikuye Nagano family of Salinas, CA; interned at Poston, Arizona; widow of Mark A. Tanouye, member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; a long-time resident of Chicago, IL.; she moved to San Francisco in 2000 to be with family members; survived by 11 nieces and nephews; 9 ggc.

**Yamamoto, Helen (Kimura), 94**  
Santa Paula, CA; Jan. 10; was the wife of Michiaki, who she met at Gila River; also survived by son Paul (Claudia) and grandson Matthew; son Dick (Sue), grandson Seth and granddaughter Kimura (Kimi); and son Dean. ■

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