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2014 NATIONAL IMMIGRATION SCORE CARD ANNOUNCED

JACL joins with other AAPI and Latino groups to release individualized ‘grades’ of each member of Congress.

By JACL National Staff


The score card, created by JACL and nine other national Latino and AAPI civil rights and advocacy groups, gives all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives an individualized “grade” to show the extent to which they endorse or reject immigrant-friendly comprehensive immigration reform.

The scores were tabulated based on nine legislation-based and two statement-based actions, which include: co-sponsorship of bills such as H.R. 15, its discharge petition, and the Reuniting Families Act; votes on amendments concerning immigration reform; and public statements on family reunification through visa reform, as well as the creation of a “pathway to citizenship” for immigrants already in the United States.

An overall score card, showing the percentage grade of each member of Congress, is available online at www.immigrationscores.com, alongside score cards for each state that show for each member the vote tallies from which the member’s percentage grade was calculated. Vote descriptions and roll votes, describing each bill and how it was used to score each member, will also be available. The score card will be translated into eight languages other than English, including Spanish, traditional Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, Vietnamese and Hindi.

The 2014 National Immigration Score Card creators include the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the Hispanic Federation, the JACL, the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, the League of United Latin American Citizens, Mi Familia Vota, the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium, the National Council of La Raza, OCA National — Asian Pacific American Advocates and Voto Latino.

In a joint statement, JACL, OCA, NAKASE-EC, APALA, Voto Latino, NLCL, LCLAA, Mi Familia Vota, Hispanic Federation, and LULAC announced: “The 2014 National Immigration Score Card leaves no doubt who supported immigration reform and who opposed it. The American people support immigration reform, and they will join us in sending a clear and unmistakable signal to Washington: Congress’ inaction brings our nation the time is now for our communities to get engaged.”

DO RESEARCH:

In the 2014 Convention issue (July 25-Aug. 7), this year’s Legacy Fund Grantee recipients of the 2014 JACL National Convention’s Awards Luncheon also included the Portland Chapter’s JACL 2014 National Convention Youth Support Project, which sponsored 10 youth members and enabled them to participate in the workshop “Model Minority: Do the Math,” the convention’s business council activities, the San Jose Obon, and a visit to San Jose’s Japanese American Museum and Japantown.

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Nikkei Voice

WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOUR JAPANESE HERITAGE? HOST A VISITING TEENAGER!

By G& Anakawa

Hello. My name is Yutaka, and I am visiting from Tokyo. I am 17 years old, and I came here alone. This is how Yutaka Shintani introduced herself to dozens of people when she came to America for a two-week visit.

My wife, Eri, and I hosted her because I've known her father, Tetsuo Shintani, for 20 years. He's a journalist who works for the Tokyo Shimbun newspaper. We first met when he came to Colorado Springs to work on a magazine program as a reporter for the Gazette (then still called the Gazette Telegraph), where I worked as the entertainment editor. I helped him find a apartment and buy a car (a lemon of a Honda), and I tried to introduce her to the subtleties of conversational English.

Many Japanese know a little bit of English, but not because of the pervasive influence of Western culture and signs all over Japan in English, but also because the language is required in school — at least, reading and writing. Japanese don't always have the opportunity to speak conversational English. So, one way to get the hang of talking like an American is to come to America and immerse yourself in it. That's what Tetsuo did two decades ago. He held halting conversations and studied the English side of his Japanese-English dictionary.

Yutaka Shintani poses in front of the Flatirons rock formation in Boulder, Colo., with the ever-present Japanese peace sign.

>> See TEENAGER on page 12

For the Record

My Final Column

By John Tanishi

I've been writing articles for the P.C. for a lot of years. I first began with a column in 1978 after being appointed chair of the JACL's National Redress Committee and wrote weekly to keep our members informed, especially when a column met my appointment as chairman. I began lobbying Congress on our first direct of witness legislation.

In those early days before computers, I wrote mostly from D.C., where, on late Friday afternoons, I often found myself at phone booths in one of the minutes or Senate coffee buildings dictating my weekly column to Eddy Honda, the then-editor, hearing Harry pounding away on his old Royal typewriter on the other end of the line.

Over a span of 24 years, I've worn different hats: seven years plus heading up the redress campaign, seven years as the national director, and this column from 2007 until now.

Through those years, I've written mostly about the JACL's interests, but perhaps less so in recent years is the point that I sometimes struggle to find a suitable topic. I have over 20 articles sitting on my computer that won't get published here because they don't fit what the P.C. should be about. The list is long: criticism of President Obama's leadership style; the Tea Party; the lasting effects of the debt ceiling debate; a government shutdown in 2012; gun control and the despicable and unconvincing response of Congress in the aftermath of Newtown, the 2011 earthquake and tsunami disasters in Japan, and the space and dignity with which the Japanese government responded; the game of baseball; the administration's inexcusable response to those on Wall Street who gained the financial system for their own personal gain and put this country into an economic tailspin; the Christian jihadi from America's religious right; the Supreme Court; the immunity of Wall Street and greed in America; the play "Allegiance" and the ...

"This isn’t just a win for the show, it is a win for the entire Japanese American community," said MacIntyre, the owner of Content Media Group, a Los Angeles-based production company.

Ono, who has been the co-anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News in Los Angeles since 1996, said he believes the stories are so rich that they write themselves. "I’m deeply honored to have the opportunity to keep these important stories alive. Over 70 years later, they are still so relevant," he said.

"Witness" also received the Radio Television Digital News Assn.’s Edward R. Murrow Award and the RTDNA’s National Unity Award, which honors outstanding achievements in the coverage of cultural diversity in the communities they serve.

Ono and MacIntyre, who collectively have earned more than 25 Emmy Awards, look forward to more opportunities to screen the documentary across the country. In addition to airing on KABC-TV, Los Angeles, and KGO-TV, San Francisco, the film has been screened in Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and at the Heart Mountain Interpretative Center in Cody, Wyo. It is also scheduled to have a screening at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., on Oct. 15.

For more information on 'Witness' as well as future screening dates, visit www.HeartMountainFilm.com.

PLANNED GIVING

IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO WRITE YOUR WILL

Help ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes.

By Steve Okamoto, JACL Planned Giving

The recent deaths of some high-profile celebrities have prompted the focus on the inheritance disputes that sometimes follow. These events provide an important reminder for all adults as they consider planning for the future — everyone needs to have a current will or an estate plan in place to guarantee that your assets are distributed according to your wishes.

A written will is the most effective way for individuals to ensure their families are provided for and assets are distributed according to their wishes. Just letting your intentions known to family or friends will not help. If there is money involved, everyone may not agree on what they think you said before you were gone. The courts will decide who will make decisions for your estate if your plans are not in writing.

A family attorney can effectively help draft or update wills. But courts have approved wills on the backs of coupons or on napkins because they were written and witnessed.

Wills provide the context for the most popular form of planned gifts to the JACL — bequests. For those who are unable to make an immediate gift but would like to support the JACL in the future, bequest works particularly well.

Including a bequest in a will entail no cost to the donors, but it enables donors to address their wishes and create their legacy. And, if donors change their mind, they can revoke the bequest the next time they update their wills.

For more information about planned giving, contact Steve Okamoto at steveokamoto1@gmail.com.

APAs in the News

Karen K. Narasaki Receives Nomination to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama announced on July 24 his intent to nominate Karen K. Narasaki to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Narasaki, an independent civil and human rights consultant, was previously the president and executive director of the Asian American Justice Center from 1995-2012. In addition, she served as the Washington representative for the JACL from 1992-94 and was a corporate attorney at Perkins Coie from 1986-91.

She is currently chair of the Asian American Diversity Council for Comcast/NBCU and co-chair of the Asian American Advisory Council for Nielsen, and she also manages the Shelby Response Fund for Public Interest Projects.

Narasaki received a B.A. from Yale College and a J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law.

Ken Inouye Elected Human Relations Commission Chair

SANTA ANA, CALIF. — Laguna Hills CPA and longtime JACLer Ken Inouye was elected chair of the Orange County Human Relations Commission on June 12, he will assume leadership on Aug. 14.

Inouye has served as a representative of the OC Board of Supervisors to the commission since 1993, he was appointed to the commission after he became aware of hate crimes that were being committed against Japanese Americans in his community.

"As Orange County continues to undergo dramatic demographic changes, I have confidence that our diverse community leaders, police, elected officials and the public can come together to realize a future where ALL are included and respected," Inouye said. "As chair of the commission, I would like us to go out and continue our ‘Listening Sessions,’ where we learn about the life experiences and stories of our diverse communities. And these insights can be shared countywide to build mutual understanding."

APAICS Welcomes New Fellows for 2014-15

The program, which offers full-time legislative and public policy fellowships in Washington, D.C., aims to provide fellows with the opportunity to “work on policy issues as staff members of a congressional office . . . and build leadership skills, encourage political civic engagement and foster a strong interest in public service careers.”

Brenda Wong Aoki Honored by the National Storytelling Network

JONESBOROUGH, TENN. — Brenda Wong Aoki of San Francisco was recently awarded the Oracle Circle of Excellence Award by the National Storytelling Network in Mesa, Ariz., on July 26.

The award is given to artists who are “recognized nationally by their peers to be master storytellers who set the standards for excellence and have demonstrated, over a significant period of time, a commitment and dedication to the art of storytelling.”

Aoki, whose maternal grandfather was the founder of San Francisco’s Japantown (the first Japanese settlement in America) and whose maternal grandmother was the leader of the first Chinatown garment union in the 1920s, describes her work as “performing stories . . . of people living between worlds.”

The artist was recently commissioned by the state of California to “create a site-specific storytelling performance work with music and dance about the history of San Francisco’s Japantown.”
RAMEN BURGER’S BRICK-AND-MORTAR OPENS IN L.A.

By F.C. Staff

The original ramen burger from New York has finally found its way to Los Angeles — with even more original menu items.

Ramen Burger’s first brick-and-mortar location hosted its soft launch Aug. 1 next to Koreatown at Look & Key in Los Angeles, serving up the original ramen burger along with new additions to the family lineup of all things delicious and unexpected. Diners at the bar will be able to order from Ramen Burger, as the two partners will share a kitchen.

Hours for the soft opening are Thursday-Saturday from 5 p.m.-midnight. Ramen Burger’s grand opening is set for Sept. 1. Beginning that date, it will also be open Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 p.m.-midnight and Thursday-Saturday from 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

Founder Keizo Shimamoto started the craziness of his much-in-demand burger in New York in 2013, drawing in long lines of hungry eaters testing their fascination with the noodle hybrid. Featuring a noodle bun sandwiching a burger patty, special sauce, green onions and cilantro, the ramen burger has grown beyond just a passing food fad and become a burger classic as it expands to the West Coast.

Menu items starting at $8 also will include the spicy La Sriracha Macha specialty ramen burger, a veggie burger and an upcoming salmon ramen burger. This land and sea burger pack both salmon and beef between its ramen noodle buns.

On the sweeter end, Shimamoto is working now on a special dessert ramen burger.

New on the menu is a fresh surf and turf burger featuring a beef patty and salmon sandwiched between two ramen buns.

A popular menu item is Ramen Burger’s La Sriracha Macha and its signature hot sauce.

Because while it isn’t enough to have one’s noodles outside of a soup bowl, prepared for Ramen Choco Ice Cream Sand which has made the official menu lineup just yet, but it is up for a taste at the brick-and-mortar’s soft launch.

In addition, one can always take a bite of these items at the upcoming 626 Night Market, which is set for Sept. 12-14 at Santa Ana Park in Arcadia, Calif. And Ramen Burger will also be available at the L.A. County Fair from Aug. 29-Sept. 28 and at University of Southern California home football games at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

TULE LAKE COMMITTEE FILES LAWSUIT TO STOP THE FENCE AT AIRPORT

The Tule Lake Committee on July 28 filed suit in Modoc County Superior Court to stop Modoc County and the city of Tulelake from considering leasing and fencing the Tulelake Airport until conducting a public environmental review process. The law requires study and mitigation of impacts to the historic property on which the airport sits, including consideration of alternatives to the proposed fence.

The Tulelake Airport occupies the middle of the Tule Lake concentration camp site, where more than 18,000 Japanese Americans were unjustly imprisoned during World War II. Tule Lake became the nation’s segregation center, where the government punished those who protested their mass incarceration.

“We had no choice but to file a lawsuit to stop the destruction of the Tule Lake site,” said Hisashi Shimizu, who chairs the Tule Lake Committee.

The committee is devoted to educating the public in remembering and preserving Tule Lake’s history and preventing similar injustices in the future. The Tule Lake Committee circulated an online petition (www.change.org/tulelake) to stop construction of the fence, obtaining more than 25,000 signatures and comments opposing its construction. Despite our objections, the county is moving ahead on plans to build an eight-foot-high, three-mile-long fence on the site of the former Tule Lake concentration camp,” said Shimizu. “This massive fence would destroy a unique civil rights historic site and close off access to descendants and anybody wishing to remember Tule Lake.”

Modoc County and the city of Tulelake, in agreeing to extend the county’s lease of the Tulelake Airport for 30 years, failed to conduct an environmental review required by the California Environmental Quality Act, noted Susan Brand-Hawley, an expert in California historic preservation law and attorney for the Tule Lake Committee.

“The fence is an integral part of the lease extension and airport operation,” Brand-Hawley wrote in the Tule Lake Committee’s petition to the court. “This long-term lease extension may result in significant impacts to historic resources of national importance and to immediate surroundings such that the significance of such resources would be materially impaired.”

The lawsuit asks the court to order Modoc County and the city of Tulelake to set aside the 30-year lease extension for the Tulelake Airport and refrain from any physical construction while the case is pending.

For background documents regarding “Stop the Fence at Tule Lake,” visit www.facebook.com/StopTheFence.
INTERNATIONAL THIRST QUENCH

The craft craze for specialty beers has gone abroad, increasing with popularity and leaving many asking for more.

By Tiffany Ujije
Assistant Editor

Japan has been hailed recently as the new frontier of craft beer with a new taste in beers and hops. And San Diego has a little something to do with it. Although August is crowned National Beer Month, it's worth mentioning the phenomenal growth over the past several years of people's international thirst for craft beers. The Brewers Assn. reported that in 2013, export volume increased by 49 percent over the previous year, representing 282,526 barrels and an estimated $75 million in revenue. This is serious business for major beer cities like San Diego that have experienced more than 100 percent growth every year since 2011, according to Global Craft Trading.

"San Diego beers are very popular in our export portfolio," said Andrew Balmuth, president of Long Beach, Calif.-based Global Craft Trading, an American craft beer distributor. "The popularity is due to the style of beers being produced by those breweries, and San Diego has done a tremendous job in branding itself as a global beer city."

The SoCal beer kingdom is known for stoking to the lighter side on its beers, lining up Belgian blends and citrus twists to its beers.

When most people think of beer, they imagine it coming straight from a glass or on tap as a golden or chocolatey liquid topped with a frothy white head before considering where it came from. In San Diego, breweries take great care in the aroma, color and flavor of their offerings, while also considering their consumers' tastes and pushing past genetic settings in cans.

Nagano Trading, the largest distributor of American craft beer in Japan, and Global Craft Trading, which focuses on nine international markets, ship mostly San Diego beers. These businesses have experience in the global thirst for something more than just mass produced beers but also a special craft and blend. Exports include beers from Aztec Brewing Co., Ballast Point Brewing Co., Coronado Brewing Co., Mike Hess Brewing, Iron Fist Brewing Co., Mother Earth Brew Co., Stone Brewing Co. and Karl Strauss to name a few.

Shawn Dewitt, co-founder and president of brewery operations at Coronado Brewing Co., spent a week in Japan last September on a pub-crawl through Tokyo and Yokohama, visiting places where San Diego beers were making a splash.

Dewitt's trip included eight brewery stops and visits to popular bars such as Babel Bayside Kitchen, the Hangover, Taky and the Watering Hole.

Joining Dewitt on his trip was fellow San Diego brewer Pete Pulita and representatives from the Coedo Brewing Co., the largest craft brewery in Japan. Dewitt and Coedo's president, Shigeyuki Asawa, together created a beer appropriately named the "Coronado." The Japanese strong ale included Japanese ingredients with brown sugar and high alcohol content, tasting like a distant cousin of a Belgian IPA.

Dewitt also made a stop at Good Beer Projects in Tokyo. "I didn't expect to see such a passion, and it was amazing," explained Dewitt on his experience there. "Its general manager, Dede Biti, an Israeli gentleman, explained to Dewitt his cleaning regimen for the beer lines and also gave him a tour of the cold box where the beers are maintained. "It was so articulate on how much carbon dioxide was in the beer," and I was just blown away by his attention to detail," Dewitt said.

At the Watering Hole in Tokyo, pub guests asked Dewitt and his crew for autographs on their beer glasses. The small crowd was interested in the San Diego beer and how it was made, sharing with Dewitt that they were fans.

While beer professionals like Biti helped Japan's thirst for craft beer, its popularity is still in its infancy stages. Breweries from San Diego like the Coronado Brewing Co. are now beers still fresh on the scene; Coronado Brewing Co. has only been exporting beer to Japan for six years.

"Cities like Yokohama are evolving and growing," explained Dewitt. "They're just starting, but we're seeing brewers from California and San Diego moving into Japan.

Currently, IPAs and the standard San Diego brew lineup of traditional wheat beers are the most popular export. However, darker beers are still hard to come by in Japan. "It's tough to say what the final run will be for this year," Dewitt said, thinking about the export percentage of beers from San Diego to Japan. "But I'd be confident to say that it will definitely be larger. It'll definitely keep growing.

The craft beers of the San Diego Brewers Guild will be hosting the region's largest craft beer festival during San Diego Beer Week from Nov. 7-16. The event is expected to have more than 20,000 attendees and more than 70 participating craft breweries. Event tickets are available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.sdbeer.org/guild/festival/.

(From left) Hibiscus Wheat by Aztec Brewing Co., Blazing World Hoppy Amber by Modern Times Beer, Pin Up Pale Ale by Mother Earth Brew Co., Claritas Kolsch by Mike Hess Brewing, Spice of Life by Iron Fist Brewing Co., Orange Avenue Wit by Coronado Brewing Co., Cali-Belgique IPA by Stone Brewing Co., Ponto Sessionable IPA by Pizza Port Brewing Co. and Splcin IPA by Ballast Point Brewing Co.
**THE PERFECT MARRIAGE**

Sitting down to enjoy a meal? Now imagine enjoying your food with a frosty cold glass filled with delicious amber-gold beer to satisfy your taste buds on a hot and particularly sticky summer day. ShigeHara Asagari, president of Coedo Brewing Co., has designed a pairings list of craft beers that perfectly complement your favorite Japanese dishes. This guide to a mealtime overload of flavors will satisfy your hunger and quench your thirst...for now.

**SUSHI & SASHIMI**

When pairing beer with sushi and sashimi (especially scallops, salmon and shrimp), the key is to keep the beer simple so as to not detract from the delicate and natural sweetness of the fish. Therefore, a beer with a lot of hops will be too overpowering. Instead, a wheat beer’s silky and sweet flavor makes an ideal pairing.

**GRILLED TERIYAKI DISHES**

The sweetness and thickness of teriyaki sauce pairs well with the caramelized flavor of amber ales. At the same time, the maltiness of these brews works well with the deliciously seared flavors of the meat’s proteins from the grilling action.

**SPICY & SALTY DISHES**

This is for those who crave bold flavors. Bitter and hoppy flavors accentuate the heat factor. IPAs pair well with spicy foods such as shishito peppers, spicy edamame and dishes with chili oil. IPAs are also great for dishes that are deliciously oily and salty like the bold miso flavors featured in pork-based ramen broth.

**SUGGESTIONS:**

**Iron Fist Brewing Co.’s Spice of Life**

www.ironfistbrewing.com

Description: This So Cal take on a traditional wheat beer honors Coronado’s main street, which was once lined with orange trees. Bolstered by orange zest, coriander and orange blossom honey, it’s Belgium by way of Coronado. Expect a refreshing, light-bodied brew rife with citrus zing and a hint of earthy spice.

Alcohol by Volume: 6.5 percent

**Mother Earth Brew Co.’s Pin Up pale Ale**

www.motherearthbrewco.com

Description: Being the first beer off of Mother Earth’s bottling line, Pin Up Pale Ale knows just what you like. Bittered with Summit and dry hopped with Citra and Chinook, its herbal hop aroma and San Diego-style bitterness pushes the pale ale boundaries.

Alcohol by Volume: 5.6 percent

**Stone Brewing Co.’s Cali-Belgique IPA**

www.stonebrew.com

Description: This beer is a luxurious hoppy amber loaded with intense quantities of Nelson, Mosaique and Simcoe hops, which are some of the fruitiest, darkest hops money can buy. Despite its amber hue, Blazing World is pleasingly dry, sporting a lightly bready malt backbone that serves as a platform for its huge and complex hop profile.

Alcohol by Volume: 6.8 percent
JAVA ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

President Gerald Yamada also donates $20,000 on behalf of the organization to the building of the U.S. Army’s new national museum.

FALLS CHURCH, VA. — The Japanese American Veterans Assn.’s Quarterly Lunch at the Harvest Moon Restaurant in Falls Church, Va., on July 12 featured the announcement of its annual Scholarship Awards recipients and the presentation of its Service Pin to Dr. Sue Okubo for her roles in the Scholarship Committee and the Oral History Project.

Scholarship Committee Chair Wade Ishimoto announced the names of the scholarship winners as follows:

- **Reyna Fa-Kaji** of Berkeley, Calif., Tulane University (Joseph Ichiyui Scholarship)
- **Hayley Watanabe** of Fountain Valley, Calif., Biola University (Mitsugi Kasai Scholarship)
- **Rebecca Grace** of Captain Cook, Hawaii, University of Hawaii at Manoa (JAVA Founder’s Scholarship – Phil and Douglas Ishio)
- **Melissa Ikeda** of Vienna, Va., the University of California, Los Angeles (Ten and Victor Matsui Scholarship)
- **Kellie Iwasaki** of Hilo, Hawaii, University of Hawaii, Manoa (JAVA Founder’s Scholarship – Phil and Douglas Ishio)
- **Liesl Jaeger** of Broadlands, Va., Brown University (Ranger Grant Hirabayashi Scholarship)
- **Matthew Mah** of San Francisco, California School of Podiatric Medicine (U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye Scholarship)
- **William Nakamoto** of Burns, Tenn., Tennessee Tech University (Orville Shirey Scholarship)
- **Rose Yasukochi** of Seattle, Wash., Occidental College (Kyoko Tashkin Scholarship)

Java President Gerald Yamada congratulated the recipients on their well-deserved honors. Also on hand to congratulate the winners were Irene Hirano Inouye, president of the U.S.-Japan Council and Brig. Gen. Creighton Abrams Jr., U.S. Army (Ret.). In addition, Yamada announced that the U.S. Army is building a new national museum to preserve the 500-year history of the Army. In appreciation of the Army’s recognition of the loyalty of Japanese American soldiers during World War II, “Yamada presented a JAVA check for $20,000 to Brig. Gen. Abrams for the museum’s building fund.

“This donation is given by JAVA in honor of the Nisei soldiers who served during World War II in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service,” said Yamada. “Last year, JAVA donated $5,000 for the same purpose. These two donations are expected to have JAVA, the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service placed on the museum’s donor wall when it is completed.”

Yamada also invited 100th, 442nd and MIS members and families to donate artifacts that will be displayed in the museum’s permanent exhibit.

“Display space at the museum will be very competitive,” he said. “This is a short window of opportunity to secure a permanent exhibit for the Nisei soldiers.”

Of special interest is a helmet or helmet liner with the Red Ball painted on its side.

Donors are asked to contact Yamada directly by email at cyamada@goingforwardstrategies.com or by phone at (763) 938-3074.

This year’s San Jose JACL scholarship winners are (from left) Eric Sato, Miyako Vasquez, Erica Kao and Christopher Yabumoto. (Not pictured: Robert Hou)

SAN JOSE JACL AWARDS FIVE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Five high school seniors were awarded scholarships at the San Jose JACL’s annual Scholarship Luncheon on May 10. Eric Sato of Del Mar High School received the $2,500 George Masunaga Endowment Scholarship and a $250 San Jose JACL Chapter Award. He is the son of Craig and Nomie Sato.

Miyako Vasquez of Mission San Jose High School received the $1,000 Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship and a $250 San Jose JACL Chapter Award.

Robert Hou of Cupertino High School received the $1,000 Ninja Youth Foundation Scholarship. He is the son of Zehou Hou and Alyn Zong.

Christopher Yabumoto of Aron Sobrato High School received the $500 William K. Yamamoto Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Craig and Dory Yabumoto.

Members of this year’s selection committee were Chairperson Sharon Uyeda, Gary Jio, Mutsu Kumagai, JoAnn Okabe-Kubo and Joyce Oyama.

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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

2014 National JACL Gala Awards Dinner
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 6, 6-10 p.m.
Capital Hilton
1001 16th St. NW
This year’s Gala Awards Dinner theme, “A Salute to Champions,” will celebrate JACL and community members. Keep an eye out for event details and updates.
Info: Visit www.jacl.org or call (202) 223-1240.

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Salem, MA
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Peabody Essex Museum
161 Essex St.
Tosio Shibata is one of Japan’s pre-eminent landscape photographers, exploring the delicate balance between nature and mankind’s landscapes. His photos explore erosion control barriers, water catchments, roads, dams and bridges to examine the unique appearance of each in Japan.
Info: Visit www.pem.org or call (978) 745-9500.

Past Present: Resurfacing
Exhibit
New York, NY
Sept. 14
Topaz Arts Inc.
66-03 39th Ave.
Enjoy the newly expanded gallery space and a solo exhibition by NYC-based Vietnamese-American An Ngoc Pham featuring woodwork, sculpture and painting.
Info: Visit www.topazart.org or call (718) 605-0440.

MDC
Annual Heart Mountain Pilgrimage
Perris, CA
Aug. 22-23
Heart Mountain Interpretive Center
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Honor the service of American veterans and recognize the soldiers from Heart Mountain at the annual pilgrimage to the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center. Families and former internees are encouraged to attend the pilgrimage in recognition of their time at the internment camps.
Info: Call (307) 764-8000.

PNW
‘Making Waves’: Portland Taiko’s Anniversary Taiko Extravaganza
Portland, OR
Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m.
Washington Park Rose Garden Amphitheater
400 S.W. Kingston Ave.
Cost: Free
Listen to the thunderous drums of unity and dance to commemorate Portland Taiko’s 20th year of artistry and innovation. “Making Waves” will showcase special performances demonstrating two decades of artistic work, community celebration, collaboration, innovation and education of Portland Taiko.

NCWNP
‘Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice’ Screening
San Jose, CA
Sept. 4, 7 p.m.
Japanese American Museum of San Jose
534 N. Fifth St.
Cost: Free
CAAMfest San Jose and JAMsj will host the Center for Asian American Media’s CAAMfest San Jose showcase and celebrate its 12th year of presenting films and events. This evening will reflect on the impact and influence of Asian Americans in Silicon Valley and their innovation in technology, arts and culture, media and community. JAMsj will be screening “Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice,” a documentary chronicling the history of Kochiyama’s political activism.
Info: Reserve tickets at www.jamsj.org.

PSW
Camera in Camp: Bill Manbo’s Photographs of Heart Mountain
Los Angeles, CA
Aug. 30, 2 p.m.
Japanese American National Museum
100 N. Central Ave.
Historian Jasmine Alinder will give a lecture on photography and Japanese American incarceration that will feature the work of Bill Manbo, who was imprisoned in Heart Mountain. Alinder will place Manbo’s rare color photographs in context of work by other famous photographers, including Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake and Gail Iwasaki.

人力: Enjoy Hello Kitty’s 40th anniversary at the first ever official Hello Kitty Convention in the world. This global gathering of all things Hello Kitty will offer interactive experiences and events for fans and friends of all ages, including activities, art, exhibits, exclusives, workshops, lectures, panels, sneak peeks, tattoos, food and many more surprises.
Info: Visit www.sanrio.com/hellokittycon-eventinfo/.

Spend this month enjoying the National JACL Gala Awards Dinner, which will feature a dinner theme, “A Salute to Champions,” and will celebrate JACL and community members. Keep an eye out for event details and updates.

The Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission and the Four Rivers Cultural Center are proud to present ‘Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps’ exhibit. Learn about the 33,000 individuals issued for seasonal farm labor and the Oregon Plan for the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans during the war. Also listen in on the lecture ‘The Camp Without a Fence’ by exhibit curator Morgen Young on Sept. 13 and browse through special preview photos available on the exhibit’s website.

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In Memoriam

Antoku, George, 90, San Jose, CA; July 28; a former incarceree at Tule Lake during World War II; he is survived by his wife, Yoshiko; sons, Richard and Walter; daughter, Jean Spink; sister, Dorothy Yamada; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends; 6 gc; 1 ggc.

Edmonds, Barbara Sumiko, 52, Sunnyvale, CA; July 19; she is survived by her husband, George, children, William and Sarah; parents, George and Eise Oyama; sister, Lois; nieces, Laura and Olivia; nephew, Eric; she is predeceased by her sister, Nancy; she is also survived by other family and friends.

Fujita, Roy Nagatoshi, 98, San Mateo, CA; July 24; he served in the 106th Infantry Battalion 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II and was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal and Bronze Star; he is survived by his wife, Cathy Fujita-Lam; children, Thomas, Thomas, Jr., and 3 gc; 5 ggc.

Kanayama, Haruko, 86, Hilo, HI; July 15; she is survived by her son, Michael; daughters, Gail and Lita; son-in-law, Vincent Amoroso; 5 gc; 3 ggc.

Kawasaki, Kimie, 91, Gardena, CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Jack "Tubby"; children, Hiroko and Tomoko; she is also survived by her sisters, Harue Hara and Seiko; nephew, Eric; she is predeceased by her sister, Nancy; she is also survived by other family and friends.

Kumagai, Yukiko, 82, Honolulu, HI; July 19; a former inebriate at Amache during World War II; she is survived by her husband, Jack "Tubby"; children, William and Susan; granddaughter, Renee; by her sisters, Hilda Omori, Toshi Takeuchi and Claire Inskeep; and uncle, Calvin K.; 5 gc.

Matsui, Claude Isamu, 61, Honolulu, HI; July 30; he is an Army veteran and was predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Doris Matsui; he is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons, Michael (Yasmin), Cory (Amy) and Dean; 4 gc.

Nagai, Toshio, 75, Crystal River, FL; Aug. 1; a former electronics technician for the U.S. Department of Defense; he is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Stephen; daughters, Kelley Harron and Shawn Sato; brother, Shuichi; he is predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary Sato; 6 gc.

Ono, Craig Yoshiharu, 100, Honolulu, HI; July 24; he served in the Korean War; he is predeceased by his beloved wife, Eise Ono; children, George, Cory, and Jenny; 5 gc.

Osajima, Albert 'Ken-Ben,' 94, Los Angeles, CA; July 13; he was predeceased by his daughter, Gail Hirata; siblings, Hilda Omori, Tochi Takeuchi and Mathis Osajima; he is survived by his wife, Eise Osajima; sons, Glenn (Jim) and Keith (Sara); 6 gc.

Sato, Kiyoji, 78, Honolulu, HI; July 20; he is a Marine Corps veteran who served in the Korean War; he is predeceased by his brother, Richard; sister, Elaine Onizuka; 6 gc.

Tamashiro, Mieko, 58, Los Angeles, CA; July 10; she is survived by her husband, Toshiyuki; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Yamamoto, Dorothy Sachiko, 94, Los Angeles, CA; July 18; she is predeceased by her husband, Masao Yamamoto; she is survived by her niece, Kyoko and Aiko Nakamura; 6 gc; 1 ggc.

Yamamoto, Victor Fuku, 92, Honolulu, HI; July 15; he is survived by his wife, Linda; son, David Paul; siblings, Michael (Yasmin), Cory (Amy), and Rainer Domingo; nephew, Nicholas Domingo; 6 gc.

Yamaguchi, Kikue Isobe, 85, Los Angeles, CA; July 24; she is predeceased by her beloved parents, Shigeta and Grace Matsumoto; she is also survived by her niece, Kyoko and Aiko Nakamura; 6 gc; 1 ggc.

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**GEORGE YOSHI MATSUMOTO**

George Yoshi Matsumoto, surrounded by family members, passed away the night of July 25 following a brief illness. He was dearly loved by those he leaves behind: wife, Amy, of 71 years; sons, Gerald (wife Susan) and Alan (wife Julie); daughter, Jamie Low (husband David); and three granddaughters, Renee, Mallory and Monica.

George was born on Feb. 13, 1920, in Sebastopol, Calif., to immigrant parents from Hiroshima, Japan. Despite a transient childhood working many hours in farm fields, he excelled in school, graduating with honors from Analy Union High School in Sebastopol in 1937, where he received varsity letters in baseball, track and basketball.

He evacuated voluntarily to Salt Lake City in response to Executive Order 9066 issued when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1942. Overcoming employment hardships, he was able to save enough money to purchase an engagement ring and drive to the Amache internment camp in Colorado to propose to his sweetheart, Amy Emiko Yagi, whom he married in March of 1943. After being drafted and following a brief stint training in Military Intelligence at Fort Shelling in Minnesota, he was granted a dependency discharge to care for his parents.

Returning to Salt Lake City, he joined the U.S. Postal service, where he worked for 10 years. During this time, George completed courses at a local business college. Through contacts he made while moonlighting as a shipping clerk with the Red Wing Shoe Company, he opened his own Red Wing store in Stockton, Calif. He moved there in 1956 and began a 27-year run as a successful shoe merchant, eventually expanding the business to four stores. George was a highly intelligent individual who had an amazing memory. He stayed well informed of national and world news and was an avid reader. Although he didn't have the opportunity to further pursue post-secondary studies, he encouraged his children to pursue their academic dreams, and he was extremely proud that all of his children were able to complete doctoral degrees.

George was a very active contributor to the community of Stockton, where he served with the Stockton chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in many capacities, including chapter president. For his service to the national JACL organization, he received the JACL Spirit of 76 award in 2005. He also served as president of the Stockton Hiroshima Doshikai, a member of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau and the Karl Ross Post of the American Legion. As a retiree, he continued to serve the community by creating an endowed JACL scholarship for graduating high school seniors entering college, volunteering as a member of the San Joaquin Country Sheriffs’ STARE program and tutoring young students in the public school system.

Upon suffering a stroke in January 2010, he and his wife, Amy, relocated to an assisted living home in Sacramento, close to his daughter Janie, son Gerald and granddaughters Renee, Gregarious and outgoing, George quickly developed a positive rapport with everyone he met. Consequently, he easily made friends and became a leader in any community where he resided.

As a man of great honesty and integrity who was devoted to his family, George will be dearly missed by all who were blessed to be a part of his life. A memorial service will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014, starting at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please direct any donations to Calvary Presbyterian Church, which is located at 334 Country Club Blvd., Stockton, California 95204.
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One reason I recommend visiting a Japanese visitor is that even though he or she is here to practice English, you get to practice Japanese. I guarantee that you'll find you know more Japanese words than you thought.

Stereotyped inside your memory banks, like a hidden pocket of a hard drive, are the words you heard as a kid — maybe being yelled at you by your grandparents — or words you overhear at restaurants or community events. When you're trying to communicate with a 17-year-old girl about how the bath towels wrinkled up and left on the guest bathroom counter isn't for decoration, and she's saying something, you'll be surprised at how words you didn't think you knew might pop out of your mouth. One was a name, for "adult." I'm not sure I've even said the word, but it came right out in a sentence... We had a lot of fun with Yutaka. We took her to the mountains, drove her south to Colorado Springs for sightseeing, took her shopping (a big hit) at both outlet malls and a regular shopping mall and we even took her to an amusement park (the biggest hit of the restaurants). We had her try Mexican food and Japanese American food and even found a couple of decent authentic Japanese restaurants for her to enjoy.

Plus, I learned about Japan through the perspective of a teenager. For instance:

- The Japanese language is always evolving, so young people have new ways to say old phrases. "I have some Chinese-english," Chinese food, or "I'm not used in Japan anymore." Ryoko or shoka are acceptable.

- Instead of "hows," for "only" young people now say "mish." Another hard thing to learn is "tama" or the same thing as that," similar to saying "ditto."

I asked Yutaka the meaning of the Japanese word for cellphones, "keitai," and she made a motion as if folding her hands together and said, "Confoldy" (which sounds more like "fold" because there isn't a good phonetic "F" sound in Japanese). We used this word in early flip-phone days. I asked her about iPhones and other modern cellphones, and she said younger people have started to use smartphones, which is a typical Japanese mashup of two Western words made into one: "smart phone."

I also learned that Disney stores in Japan aren't just for kids. Yutaka got excited when she saw a Disney store in a local mall, but after a few minutes asked with disappointment, "Oh, are Disney stores only for children in America?" Apparently you can find adult-sized clothes and not just toys and dolls in Japan's Disney stores.

I'm glad we got to spend time with Yutaka, and I hope she enjoyed staying with us. And I urge all Japanese Americans to reach out and host a visitor from across the Pacific.

There is no better bridge-building and learning experience than a face-to-face interaction.

G5 Asakawa is a member of the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board and the author of "Japanese American." He blogs about Japanese and Asian American issues at www.AlAkomedia.com, and he's on Facebook, Twitter and lots of other social media. He was recently named the 2014 Asian American Journalists Association AARP Social Media Fellow.

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Off and on, I've occupied space in the P.C. for 35 years and through most of that time there was so much to write about that I sometimes wished the P.C. had been a daily instead of a weekly. That's no longer the case. The P.C. is now bimonthly, but even then, it sometimes struggles to find something seminal to write about. I always have something to say, but it's often not the right fit for this space.

This has been a while coming, but I know the time has come for me to move on. So that, this is my last column.

I've appreciated having the opportunity to share my views with P.C. readers over these many years and thank you for indulging me, my opinion. It's been a good gig writing this column, but the truth is, I'm told, is to know when to leave and to do so graciously.

It's time for a new voice to fill this space, and I hope it's a voice that challenges this organization into a courageous future.

"Nuff said. Be well.

John Takeda is a former JACL National Director.

ANNUAL PSW AWARDS LUNCHEON
SET FOR SEPTEMBER IN LOS ANGELES

(From left) Riku Matsuda, API Equality and Mary Adams Usachina

Empowering Our Community: Igniting a Passion for Justice" speaks to all generations of Americans, not only Asians. It is the theme of this year's 15th annual Pacific Southwest JACL Awards Luncheon, which will be held at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles on Sept. 21 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

This year, three community leaders will be honored, according to luncheon chairperson Nancy Oda. Riku Matsuda is the recipient of this year's Governor's Award. Matsuda, who has worked for the L.A. County Commission in Human Relations since 2004, is currently a senior intergroup relations specialist. He also has worked in areas of youth organization, immigrant/refugee rights, media justice, gender justice and sexual rights, and serves on the advisory board of Leadership Development for Intergroup Relations and the governing board of Gender Justice LA.

Fellow honoree Mary Adams Usachina is an author, government affairs consultant and freelance writer. She has been instrumental as chair of the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force's fight to preserve the Wintersburg farm's in Huntington Beach, Calif. Her book "Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach" chronicles the story of the Wintersburg family, Japanese immigrants who chased the American Dream at the turn of the 20th century. Recently, Historic Wintersburg was selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in America.

And this year's Community Award is being given to API Equality, whose vision is to "celebrate the lives of all people — free from discrimination and injustice." Founded in 2005, the organization advocates for fairness and equality in the Asian and Pacific Islander and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities.

In the spirit of late civil rights activist Yutaka Usachina, PSW advocates these awards.

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