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# JACL Initiates Series on Sexual Assault

By JACL National

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National JACL has announced that it is publishing a series of short essays to discuss sexual assault, violence and the way in which individuals in our community are affected by these issues.

This first essay broadly discusses sexual assault and victimization and how a culture of rape can affect women and LGBTQIA individuals. In later writings, JACL will discuss how these things uniquely impact the Japanese American community, as well as explore important topics that are only briefly introduced in the first essay.

Following is the first essay in the series.

## Discussing Sexism, Sexual Assault and Violence in the JA Community

Cultural expectations and norms are vital when analyzing the way in which survivors seek help and whether they talk about their experiences at all. The reporting rates for Asian Americans are notoriously low, which suggests

a culture where victims don't feel comfortable coming forward.

The culture of patriarchy reinforces a culture of rape and devalues women, girls and LGBTQ individuals; harassment, misuse and abuse is normalized and minimized. We reinforce this each time we tell women to watch their drinks, laugh at rape jokes or dismiss survivors' stories when we say, "But he's such a nice guy." The reinforcement of this culture creates barriers for survivors to report when they are harassed.

In the Japanese American community, cultural expectations can reinforce patriarchal ideals and the fierce need to bring no shame to one's family and community. Ideals that are inherent to the community, such as struggling forward despite adversity, keeping one's head down and working hard until better times, can discourage survivors from speaking out.

Asian Americans are less likely to report their experiences than their white counterparts. As a subcommunity within the broader American society, now is the time to join in and listen to

survivors. Looking internally at how gender roles affect women in the community, and how men are affected by these norms as well, will allow for our community to address those problems and acknowledge individuals who feel invisible or silenced.

While sexual assault plagues the Asian American and Japanese American communities, we also support and uplift women and survivors of other communities where assault and victimization occurs.

We want to acknowledge the epidemic of sexual abuse of Native, black, Latinx, queer, disabled, children, elderly and men that often goes unmentioned. Later, in another piece, we will discuss problems that affect Asian women.

The objectification and fetishization of Japanese women has unique effects. As minority women in America, Japanese American women deal with the intersections of what it means to be both American and perpetually perceived as foreign, while also being sexually objectified.

The way in which sexual assault,

harassment and rape affects survivors varies, potentially inciting anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. The detrimental effects of these attacks would seem obvious, and the vast number of accusations surfacing should mobilize our society to educate men who can become allies in the fight for gender

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Dear Editor,

Why is the JACL associated with WalMart (re the JACL's Walmart Community Grant fund)? Apart from their highly controversial discriminatory employment practices, they recently advertised a T-shirt that had "Rope. Tree. Journalist. Some Assembly Required" across the back. While the retailer claims it stopped selling the shirts, that hardly seems good enough.

A company that needs to be told this is wrong isn't worth dealing with, especially a company with a long, dark history and especially by a national civil rights organization.

Sincerely,

John Tateishi

## Nominations Now Open for JACL National Board

LOS ANGELES — The National JACL Nominations Committee is seeking members who are interested in running for a seat on the National JACL Board of Directors. The initial filing deadline is May 10. After that date, those wishing to submit their names as candidates must run from the floor of the National Convention and are subject to additional require-

ments. The term of office for this election shall be two years covering the 2018-20 biennium.

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Youth/Student Council Representative. A description of the officers and their duties can be found in the JACL Constitution and Bylaws.

The process and procedures for those who wish to run can be found in the Nominations and Guidelines (<http://bit.ly/2CfJWVT>).

The election will be held during the 2018 National Convention in Philadelphia from July 18-22.

For more information on running for office, please contact Nominations Committee Chair Eric Langowski at [erhlango@gmail.com](mailto:erhlango@gmail.com).

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# WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR IN THE NEW YEAR?



By Gary Mayeda,  
JACL National President

**M**y dad used to say, just give me another year. The last time he said that was 12 years ago. I used to wish for a car, a new laptop, the coolest phone and, of course, a raise. But ever since both my mother and

father have passed, I wish I could have had more time with them to talk about what life was like back in their days. I wish I could have done more to make their lives better.

Now, I find myself asking what I can do to make my wife and close relatives' lives better. And I ask myself what I can do to make my JACL family and the organization better. JACL is like a huge family. We love, laugh, argue and fight. But at the end of the day (or meeting), we all want better for ourselves and our community.

We all have that one (or more than one) uncle that monku's about everything. You didn't cook the rice right; you don't call me enough; you gave away my teriyaki recipe. The simple truth is that we do this to make things better. It's strange how we are so hard on ourselves. Maybe we are trying to make ourselves better at the same time.

In the past year, I was very fortunate to have a very active year — being interviewed on television on Robert Handa's show "Asian Pacific America" in San

Jose, giving comments to ABC7 news reporter David Ono while in Washington, D.C., participating in the last Asian American event at the White House and holding a press conference when the Astros' Yuli Gurriel threw the slant-eye gesture at the Dodgers' Yu Darvish during Game 3 of the MLB World Series.

The year also included attending JACL chapter events, speaking at the opening of "Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II" at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, attending the JACL National Convention in Washington, D.C., and being a chaperone at the winter Kakehashi trip. All experiences were some of the highlights of the year. It was a lot, and I still wished for more.

I was also interviewed by many high school students who wanted to know more about redress and the Japanese American incarceration for their history project. They all picked an event that was more than 60 years before they were born as the topic on which they wanted to do a report. Of all the historical

events in American history, the students picked something my dad went through. And still I wish more students would pick this topic.

The new year is upon us, and I have some old wishes to renew. I want to continue to raise the profile and visibility of JACL. Speaking at events is one way. I'm asking the membership to help me connect with anyone you think would be good for JACL. I've met a great many people and have strengthened relations with other like organizations. Now that we have our new Executive Director David Inoue, he is really taking to task with furthering those relations.

We made ends meet last year, but we got lucky. We need the help of every district, chapter and member to draw attention to the core causes of JACL. We must let our membership know that we are all working extremely hard at furthering the programs and mission of JACL in order to ensure that disenfranchised sectors of our community are given a voice to be heard and counted.

In addition, the National Youth/Student Council continues to hold youth summits all across the U.S., where they are reaching out to hundreds of young people to develop leadership skills to be ready to frame the discussion of Asian Americans and receive the baton in governance of JACL.

We need your time, talents and treasures. Can you volunteer your time to make mochi or read scholarship applications? Can you offer your special skills to a project in need? Can you give generously to this 89-year-old organization that reaches the young and old in almost every state in the U.S.? Everyone can find something to donate.

And finally, I wish to improve on the work I did last year and do better. I wish to make my parents proud knowing what they sacrificed in raising me to make my life better and that of many others.

I am here simply as your National President. This is my passion — to volunteer on behalf of all of us to further the cause of JACL. As a former National President once told me, "This is the best job I will never get paid for." This is the spirit of volunteerism. ■

# EMBRACING THE FUTURE WITH AN EYE ON THE PAST

By David Inoue,  
JACL Executive Director

**T**wo thousand and eighteen promises to be another year of significant anniversaries. In 2017, we memorialized the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, and this year turn around to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

It is also the 50th anniversary of the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and the subsequent assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is important that we recognize the linkage of these events through their shared celebratory anniversary years as points on bending the arc of the moral universe toward justice.

The Japanese American experience is one of many stories of racism and discrimination carried out by our government, but it gives us solidarity and partnership with other groups who have felt the sting of racism. What is especially unique about our history is the redress story and the apology for what was done. In this, we can bring hope that that arc continues to bend toward justice.

JACL prides itself on being the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization.

However, our membership numbers have continued to decline, and revenue from our membership can no longer sustain the organization.

With our long history comes the vestiges of an organization founded 90 years ago. It is nothing new as suggestions have been made previously that we must reorganize how we operate. Two-year board terms and limits on service may yield broader involvement of members on the board, but they do little to foster stability of leadership and oversight. Nonprofit boards have changed as well in 90 years. National JACL is not simply an extension of our chapters, led by community volunteers. National and even local nonprofits today have professionalized boards. This does not mean that we do away with the strong community leadership basis for our board, but we need to create balance.

Our budget continues to be prepared on a biannual schedule. It is impossible to foresee what will come more than two years in the future when the budget for the next biennium is prepared. As I began this past summer, not only was I working with a budget prepared long before my first day on the job, but also we will be

working with that same budget well into my second year. In fact, due to the previously mentioned turnover, the board that oversees the budget is often not the one that prepared it.

All is not doom and gloom though. Our recent annual giving campaign raised 20 percent more than recent campaigns. I am working with our membership and planning and development vps on membership and fundraising plans to increase our revenue from both of those key sources.

I hope to hire a new staff person to assist with the fundraising aspects so that our membership department can focus on its core function of supporting our membership and chapters. Ultimately, the success of those endeavors will hinge upon what you — our members — expect and desire from your participation in the JACL and whether we are meeting those expectations.

At the most public level, you see the statements we produce speaking out on issues of importance to the civil rights movement. We have been seeking to be more nimble in our responses through the use of social media, Facebook and, for me grudgingly, Twitter. Look for our

website to be updated in the coming weeks as well. In this day of a "Twitter Presidency," JACL must also adapt to this new communications landscape with a measure of common sense and sometimes restraint.

We continue to work with partners here in Washington, D.C., and across the country. I am particularly excited to be involved in the Camps Consortium, as it's vital to continue to promote our story with its relevance to today. JACL is one of many groups all working toward many of the same goals, but in different ways. I look forward to creating a synergy that ensures the overall vitality of our community, and JACL as well.

Our work in Washington, D.C., is key. As I often mention, I grew up in the Midwest, mostly in Ohio, a very purple state. We see the divisions here in Washington, and even within JACL itself. But what is clear from our redress experience of 30 years ago is that there is clear opportunity to work together toward justice. We cannot let that success of 30 years be forgotten — that can be the story we continue to share, as it brought political opponents together and even divisions within JACL and the Japanese Ameri-



can community banded to work together.

I want to emphasize in closing that you are also all partners. As a member of the Japanese American Citizens League, you have made the commitment that American civil rights is important, and we as Japanese Americans have something to say. We together will do our part to bend the arc of the moral universe toward justice.

I look forward to working with you in this new year. ■

## LET'S GET READY FOR PHILADELPHIA!



By Michelle Amano,  
VP for General Operations

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Happy New Year. Last year was memorable for JACL as a whole. The success of the National Convention, held in Washington, D.C., in July, will help set the future for JACL, as it captured part of the history of our community, was fun for all ages and served as a forum in which important

issues were discussed that affect us all today.

Under the capable leadership of John Tobe, we had a great reception presentation at the Smithsonian Institution for the exhibit "Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II" on the Japanese American internment, which has been extended until Dec. 18 of this year. Another activity was the cocktail reception for JACL delegates at the Embassy of Japan, where awards were presented and the Hon. Norman Mineta gave heartfelt remarks.

The highlight of the convention was the introduction of our new Executive Director David Inoue. I know that David has been busy visiting the various districts and chapters as well as taking care of JACL business.

Organizationally speaking, by having a more accessible operational budget, we could potentially lift the hiring freeze that is currently in place and give the staff much-needed additional resources for supplies and the necessary manpower need-

ed for our day-to-day operations.

At present, we are not in any position to hire new people because of unexpected expenditures. A sizable amount of our other monies are segregated as restrictive funds for scholarships, internships and Legacy Grant funding.

I would encourage charitable giving to JACL, so that we can get interns and help the staff. I hope that we can do what Chicago did to help alleviate the pressure from staff. Washington, D.C., and Chicago both have established programs to raise monies independent of National JACL.

In D.C., we have been putting flowers on gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery during Memorial Day weekend. This year will be the 69th anniversary of this event. We are losing 1,000 World War II veterans every day. Recently, we partnered with the Japanese American Veterans Assn., which has helped fund the flowers for Memorial Day.

I hope that this type of program memorializing whose shoulders we

stand upon will be the type of programs that might inspire chapters and districts in your location. There are many other types of partnering that other groups might join to grow and strengthen our relationships.

As many of you know, JACL is a membership-driven organization, and without your membership, JACL could not survive. I hope that many of you will continue your memberships with JACL and also maybe consider upgrading your membership level within JACL.

As a Millennium Club member, I would personally encourage all present and future board members to join the Millennium Club. I have been a Millennium Club member since 2013.

One of the resolutions that was passed at the last convention was to change the Millennium Club membership from a calendar membership to a fiscal-year membership to encourage more people to join the Millennium Club. So, the day you become a Millennium member and until one year from that date, you are a Millennium Club member.

In order for any of our programs to be successful, we need to increase the number of sponsors that

participate in the convention. If you know of any people or companies that are interested in being a sponsor, please let David Inoue know. David can be contacted at [dinoue@jacl.org](mailto:dinoue@jacl.org) or call (202) 223-1240.

We are coordinating our next convention this July in Philadelphia, which is looking to be an exciting, informative and fun-filled convention as well. The convention committee will soon be releasing information about the activities and events planned.

Philadelphia has so many wonderful attractions for people of all ages such as the new Smithsonian museum on the American Revolution, which is the most comprehensive museum on the American Revolution in America.

You might also think of visiting historical landmarks like Independence Hall, the Philadelphia Museum of Art or the Franklin Institute, which has an extraordinary collection of Japanese artifacts and documents. There is also the Barnes Foundation Museum, which has one of the finest collections of Impressionist art, just to name a few places of interest.

See you in Philadelphia! ■

## 'CONTINUED TIGHT FISCAL RESTRAINT' NECESSARY TO ENSURE STABLE FINANCIAL POSITION IN 2018

By Alan Nishi,  
Secretary/Treasurer

It has been a while since my last financial report to the membership at July's National Convention in Washington, D.C., and I would like to follow-up with an update on our organization's financial status.

As announced at the last National Convention, the P.C. bookkeeping function is slated to be handled by the national headquarters staff. JACL Business Manager Matt Walters met with the P.C. staff in Los Angeles in September to access P.C.'s bookkeeping process; he is formulating a financial integration plan for implementation this year.

National JACL's reserve fund exclusive of any excess 2017 unrestricted operating funds as of Sept. 30, 2017, stands at approximately \$330,000, which equates to 16 percent of our 2017 operating budget. My goal continues to be to grow and maintain the reserve fund to at least 20 percent during my term as Secretary/Treasurer.

### YTD — November 2017 Budget (unaudited) Highlights:

- Revenues for the first eleven months of Fiscal Year 2017 totaled \$2.181 million, which

was \$553,000 ahead of the YTD budget.

- Public Support, which includes general donations and bequests, was \$521,000 ahead of budget. This was due to the receipt of approximately \$517,000 in unanticipated and unbudgeted bequests and a general donation of \$100,000 in unrestricted revenue.

- Investment revenue was \$211,000 ahead of budget, which is largely attributable to the markets being at or near historic highs over the past year. It should be noted that revenues include realized and unrealized capital gains, which is subject to market fluctuations.

- Fundraising revenue was behind budget by \$93,000.

- P.C. revenue was \$72,000 behind budget. As I discussed at the last convention, this can be attributed to the past budgets being overly optimistic with P.C. fundraising revenues.

- Membership revenue was approximately \$10,000 behind the YTD November budget estimate.

- Expenses for the first eleven months of Fiscal Year 2017 totaled \$1.755 million, which was under the YTD budget estimate by approximately \$4,000.

There were two major expense variances to budget which offsets each other.

- Personnel expense was under budget by approximately \$68,000 due to staffing vacancies during 2017.

- Meeting and conferences was over budget by \$47,000 due primarily to convention costs, which significantly exceeded budget.

- Othersignificant expense items of note — YTD travel expenses was over budget by \$32,000 primarily due to the Youth Legacy Program, which was funded by a grant which offset this expense overage.

- YTD Nov. 30, 2017, net revenue over expenditures was \$425,000, which was approximately \$557,000 ahead of YTD-November budget estimates.

- I plan on writing a follow-up column after the year-end December budget numbers are completed following the upcoming National Board meeting in February.

Although we are well ahead of budget as of Nov. 30, 2017, there are several budgetary issues of concern as we begin in the new fiscal year.

- Despite investment revenues being well ahead of budget, any significant market decline or

correction could erase market gains to date, putting us behind budget.

- As I had reported during my Treasurer's Report at the Washington, D.C., Convention, the National Convention budgets were and continues to be a concern. At this past October National Board meeting, I reported that the final financial report for this year's National Convention reflected a net convention loss of approximately \$25,000, including allocated staff costs, which will have an adverse impact on the budget as the convention was originally budgeted for a \$31,000 net profit.

- Fundraising revenue continues to fall behind budget, and we will need a strong December to generate an additional \$202,000 to meet our fundraising budget at year's end.

- As I had reported in detail at convention and past National Board meetings, P.C. fundraising revenue is projected to fall well short of budget by as much as \$100,000+ attributed to an overly optimistic biennial P.C. fundraising budget, which will also have an adverse budgetary impact in 2018.



- When netting out unanticipated unbudgeted revenues for public support and for unbudgeted investment earnings totaling \$734,000 as of Nov. 30, 2017, these are nonrecurring and unsustainable sources of revenues, there would have been a budget deficit of approximately \$177,000 as of Nov. 30. The point of this concern is that JACL continues to be unable to meet its budget with recurring sources of revenue and if not for the generosity of individuals in our organization, JACL would still be in a deficit budget position. The bottom line is that despite JACL ending the year with a budget surplus, which was built on nonrecurring revenue, our organization continues to be in a precarious financial position, which necessitates continued tight fiscal restraint as well as the generation of recurring revenues to maintain a stable financial position in 2018. ■

# ONE YEAR LATER, OUR DRIVE REMAINS



By Kota Mizutani,  
NY/SC Chair

## Happy New Year!

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As we all delve into 2018, it's been helpful for me to reflect on my goals, challenges and achievements with the NY/SC. In particular, an idea that you might've heard me espouse (maybe too many times) if you've been to a few JACL National Conventions is this: Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also the leaders of right now.

Over the past few years, I've observed that youth leadership in

the JACL and beyond is propelled not by the desire to one day start a campaign, eventually organize around a cause or even — in time — lead the oldest Asian American civil rights group. Rather, it is driven by the recognition that social justice means representing the underrepresented and addressing the unaddressed now.

To that end, 2017 saw the NY/SC adopt new strategies to confront issues that neither we nor the JACL at-large often consider. Under the leadership of Eastern District Council Youth Representative Mieko Kuramoto, we took on Asian American feminism through a Youth Leadership Summit for the very first time. Hosted at Smith College in Massachusetts last April, "Asian American Feminism: Not Your Asian Sidekick" saw about 45 students, faculty and visiting attendees converge for a day of keynote addresses, plenary sessions and workshops. Led by a new on-campus organization, Pan Asian in Action, participants discussed the concept of Asian American feminism and its place in modern-day activism.

In May, with the astounding skill of former Pacific North West District Council Youth Representative Sarah Baker, we took a much deeper look at LGBTQ experiences, specifically in the Asian Pacific Islander community, and its intersections with race, Islamophobia,

self-care and gender nonconformity. Hosted at North Seattle College in Washington, "Family 2.0: An Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ Gathering" saw 150 participants from six different states engage in multitiered workshops, keynote addresses and even a community resource fair. Instead of completely dispersing after the gathering, the summit concluded with the formation of a long-term, monthly support group for LGBTQ Asian Pacific Islanders.

Finally, in November, Midwest District Council Youth Representative Eric Langowski and EDC Youth Representative Kuramoto directed us toward the power of film in documenting the intergenerational trauma associated with the incarceration experience. Hosted in partnership with the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival, the Youth Leadership Summit brought together 25 Japanese and Asian American youth from the New England, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., chapters to watch and discuss a slate of films and performances on the Japanese American incarceration. The summit concluded with the kickoff of an EDC youth network for participants and future JACL youth members to exchange information, ideas and campaigns across EDC chapters.

During the latter half of the year, we also developed new strategies

to more effectively share our activities with the rest of the JACL and outreach to JACL youth members. Specifically, the NY/SC launched a digital newsletter, "Nikkei-mashou," of which two editions have been published since the 2017 National Convention.

These newsletters, which include recaps and reflections of convention programs, Youth Leadership Summits, Kakehashi trips and other NY/SC initiatives, provide a more substantial way for us to share NY/SC news beyond our social accounts and reports to the National Council. If you want to subscribe and read our latest, light-hearted edition of "Nikkei-mashou," visit <http://mailchi.mp/9be313de700f/nikkei-mashou-issue-no-2-dec-20-2017> or contact [jyoshinaga@jacl.org](mailto:jyoshinaga@jacl.org).

At other times in 2017, however, the NY/SC took on crucial issues beyond those we envisioned for our planned programming. Most notably, when news reports and additional evidence surfaced of sexual assault committed by George Takei — arguably the most widely-known Japanese American alive — we decisively formulated a response to both Takei as well as sexual assault and violence in our community.

Writing a formal statement to our youth members, we urged "the Nikkei and AAPI community at-large to take a hard look at sexual assault in our communities and how these issues are treated." Perhaps more importantly, we

recognized that "our community's disturbing silence on this issue directly contributes to a toxic environment in which [sexual assault] survivors must silently bear the weight of advocating against sexual violence."

While there is clearly still much for the NY/SC and JACL to do to fight sexual violence, I am personally proud that the NY/SC has so steadfastly taken on this issue. Looking ahead, I am thrilled that NY/SC leaders, our outstanding JACL fellows and Executive Director David Inoue (who has tirelessly worked to revitalize the National JACL's energy and advocacy in Washington, D.C.) are collaborating to further address sexual violence in our community.

Yes, 2017 was certainly a whirlwind of a year. And while the NY/SC spent much of it focusing on an array of issues, one thing remained true. By working closely together and forming strong bonds, the NY/SC continued to push the JACL toward new issues and strategies.

We fought complacency and purposefully looked to places where we, as an organization and a community, could be more and could be better. The NY/SC was — and continues to be — the leaders, not of tomorrow, but of today.

With roughly seven months left of my term as, I look forward to continuing this effort and working with the truly outstanding group of NY/SC members whom I am blessed to call friends, colleagues and family. ■

# NOW IS THE TIME TO SHAPE A MORE JUST AND MERCIFUL 2018

By Kenji Kuramitsu,  
NY/SC Representative

I often open the new year alongside trusted friends, inviting meaningful reflection on things that have passed and what is yet to come. Although it always causes me to grimace, I will often review past writings of mine to aid in this contemplation.

Last year in my column to you all, I wrote: "especially in this age of refugees, borders, mass incarcerations and migrations, we believe the Nikkei story still matters." I continue to insist that excavating our past can help us to better understand and confront the sinister machinations of this present age.

Our histories as Nikkei have particular salience this year, one year into public life under the exceptionally corrosive Trump administration, some 240 years of time under a uniquely unpalatable national history.

I write this column with a measure of personal tenderness — I have

just over half a year remaining in my term as your National Youth Representative. I must confess, though I have been in this position now for over two years, I feel that I have only begun to scratch the surface of my work in this role.

Rest assured: In 2018 and beyond, the National Youth/Student Council will continue to deliver substantive, quality programming, foster critical conversations and help all generations of membership envision a thoughtful, transformative future for the JACL.

I am deeply thankful for your financial, moral and vocal support of our work, particularly when we mount misunderstood or otherwise contentious campaigns, but also alongside the ordinary, faithful work that we do each and every day.

As always, I am grateful to my dear friend and partner in all things JACL — Kota Mizutani. I would point you to his column for more specific details summarizing our salient activities this year.

The ardent spirit and wisdom of

Mr. Mizutani and each of our NY/SC members continues to encourage and uplift me in times when I feel quite despondent. Many of the relationships I've made through this work, I hope, will be lifelong, and I will certainly be available for something I wish I had received — intentional mentorship with other young people interested in national engagement.

For those working for liberative social change within the auspices of the JACL, I would encourage you to consider NY/SC membership, chapter and district leadership, running for a National Board position, proposing resolutions, creating local programming, writing for the *P.C.* and more.

Perhaps you will also or instead engage in the political process, participate in violent or nonviolent protest, turn to community organizing, pastoring, writing, teaching or working from within the business or professional sphere — all of these are valid options as we summon many tools, arts and

disciplines to advance and protect civil and human rights for the marginalized.

Many of us live with a certain degree of advantage in a society that continues to eviscerate those who dwell on the margins of power. I don't need to invoke the litany, yet I shall: We know that black trans women, undocumented people of color, the poor are still murdered, deported and incarcerated at unconscionable rates; we know that public leaders continue to peddle potions of amnesia and rage; that reparations for past wrongs hover just out of reach; that anti-indigeneity and carceral logic run rampant; that the earth groans, the wealthy guzzle more than their fair share and hope feels cold and distant.

I invoke these bodies and stories in a spirit of contemplation in this new year: We are inextricably connected to all other life. We are responsible to one another.

I am thinking now of the confessions many of us made back at the 2016 National Convention, when



representatives from Black Lives Matter — Los Angeles led an ornate ballroom filled with hotel workers, JACL youth and elders in what is known as the Assata chant.

If you were there, perhaps your voice joined hundreds of others crawling from a whisper to a piercing shout: "It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love each other and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains."

Then, as now, we have nothing to

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# LET'S CONTINUE THE WORK THAT EXEMPLIFIES THE VISION OF JACL



By Roberta Barton, CCDC Governor

Looking back on 2017, I am proud of what was accomplished by the Central California District Council, and I am especially grateful for my fellow board colleagues. CCDC board members, representing smaller but mighty chapters, continue to "give their all" in terms of time, talent and enthusiasm.

Most of our board are longtime officers and JACL members who always step up to the proverbial plate when asked to do so even when the additional time given to JACL takes away precious time from their own retirement, families and personal lives. They are my role models in JACL, and I'm sure they have inspired others to more JACL service.

The year started off with an amazing Day of Remembrance event in partnership with California State University, Fresno, and its Henry Madden Library. In observance of the 75th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 in 2017, the Madden Library hosted several powerful events and exhibits.

Activities kicked off with a community reception co-sponsored by the CCDC and other partners to celebrate the opening of "9066: Japanese American Voices From the Inside," a series of multiple ongoing exhibits throughout the Madden Library from February-April.

Interest in the exhibits was so

huge that the reception had to be moved from the library to the gym to accommodate the more than 500 guests in attendance! Many exhibits featured artifacts collected from local internees and their families to spotlight the local story of Japanese American incarceration. I was honored to share my mother's incarceration journey from the coast of Monterey to the Central Valley and then to Poston as one of the family profile storyboards displayed in the library's Special Collections area.

The diversity of exhibits was truly impressive, including "Art of Survival: Enduring the Turmoil of Tule Lake," "The Tag Project" by Wendy Maruyama, "Connecting the Pieces: Dialogues on the Amache Archaeology," Robert Ogata's drawings of the Gila concentration camp, artworks by Reiko Fujii, Judy Shintani and Patricia Wakida, poetry by Violet Kazue de Cristoforo, architectural renderings of an imagined Fresno Assembly Center and a special section on the World War II military contributions of Japanese

Americans from the Go for Broke National Education Center.

The Day of Remembrance was a hard act to follow, but our dedicated CCDC board managed to keep the energy going throughout 2017. Our annual local scholarship program was very successful, as we had the best and brightest Central Valley students recognized by the district.

CCDC also completed the second year of a three-year rotation reviewing applications for the national JACL scholarship program. The accomplishments, talent and hard work of these young leaders never ceases to impress me.

Summer time was busy with birthday celebrations for our Nisei seniors and, of course, the JACL National Convention. It had been a few years since CCDC had an active youth rep to attend convention. However, we were fortunate to send not one, but two youth, in 2017. Feedback from other NY/SC members confirmed that our youth, Kelly Aoki and Jenna Aoki, are awesome! They learned quite a lot at convention, but they also contributed by participating 200

percent in convention activities and being actively engaged in shaping the future of JACL.

As 2017 edged closer to its end, CCDC continued to engage its membership and educate its community by working with the Central California Nikkei Foundation and Vintage Gardens Senior Center to co-sponsor an excursion to the new Go for Broke National Education Center and the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

October is county fair time in the Central Valley. In conjunction with the Fresno Assembly Center Memorial and the "Japanese Americans in the San Joaquin Valley" exhibit in the Fresno County Historical Museum, located at the fairgrounds, CCDC updated its Remembrance Trail brochure to encourage fair goers to learn more about incarceration at the two sites and other related sites in Fresno County.

So, we come to the start of a new year. Let us continue the important work that exemplifies the mission and vision of JACL.

## ENGAGING JACL MEMBERSHIP IN 2018

By Haruka Roudebush, VP of Membership and Services

Happy New Year to our JACL community in 2018! I look forward to a fruitful year ahead and am grateful for the opportunity to serve you all. As I and many leaders in the JACL have acknowledged many times over, our membership is the lifeblood of this organization. We simply could not serve our communities and fulfill our civil rights mission without the valuable contributions of our members, not just in terms of operating revenue from your membership dues and donations, but also in your generosity with your time, energy, talents and expertise.

With the start of the new year comes an increase in National JACL membership dues by \$5 across the board for Regular/Individual, Couple/Family and Youth/Student memberships. This dues increase was approved by your chapter delegates as part of the National JACL's biennial operating budget at the 2016 JACL National Convention largely in response to a large national operating deficit in 2015 and a long-term decline in membership. We understand it is not necessarily easy for all to readily contribute more to the JACL, and we certainly appreciate and value the continued and loyal sup-

port of our members. As a National Board, we are committed to making improvements to maximize the impact of your contributions to our advocacy efforts and programs.

While our declining membership is not a new challenge to the JACL, I look forward to bringing new approaches with JACL staff members and leaders at the National, District and Chapter levels to meet this challenge. From an operational perspective, I will be working with JACL staff and chapters on streamlining how membership dues are processed, with a focus on working with all chapters to establish a standardized chapter membership dues assessment.

In addition to National JACL membership dues, each JACL chapter currently has a separate amount it assesses in chapter dues for members, which adds a level of complexity and additional workload to National JACL staff processing memberships. Adopting a standard chapter membership dues rate would not only increase the efficiency of operations for JACL staff, but would also enable us to update and upgrade our membership database system, which would make an immediate impact on membership recruitment and retention, including simplifying registration for new members and adding new features such as auto-

matic membership renewals.

In addition to technical improvements to membership processing, I would like to see the National JACL become a more responsive organization for its chapters and members. To that effect, membership staff and I will establish a National Membership Committee comprised of representatives from each JACL district that will convene during monthly conference calls to not only report and make headway on membership-focused initiatives and campaigns, but also provide a consistent forum for members to provide feedback as well as exchange ideas and best practices on how to improve their efforts to recruit and engage membership at their local chapters. These conference calls will also focus on separate regional districts on a rotating basis and will be open to chapter membership representatives to participate.

Specific initiatives that the National Membership Committee will undertake in the coming year include updating the JACL Chapter President's Handbook, with a focus on sections relevant to membership, as well as coordinating targeted membership outreach campaigns directed at distinct demographics, including youth, young professionals, families, baby boomers and seniors. It is my hope

that a National Membership Committee can provide opportunities for districts and chapters to engage their boards and members with both operational aspects and ideas and resources for programming and activities that will enhance the experience of all members in the organization.

Whether it's a platform for historical and cultural preservation, civil rights advocacy and civic engagement, or a means to be connected to the Japanese American and Asian American community, the JACL is an organization that serves our members and community in so many different ways. However you choose to engage and be involved with the JACL, I hope we



continue to be an organization that provides you with a sense of place and purpose and that you are proud and excited to be a member.



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# 'JACL HAS MANY GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD' IN 2018

By Matt Farrells,  
VP Planning & Development

Happy New Year! I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year. As we enter 2018, I'd like to take a quick moment to reflect on the accomplishments of the previous year.



The VP Planning & Development role has several programs under its purview, including internships and fellowships, scholarship, Legacy Fund grants and fund development programs.

This past fall, JACL completed another successful round of the scholarship program, where the organization awarded more than \$82,000 in scholarships to 33 deserving applicants. The scholarship program supports JACL's mission to assist young community members to pursue higher education and elevate JACL's visibility within the civil rights arena. I believe this is one of the premier programs that ensures that JACL continues to engage young community members and hopefully contribute to filling the membership ranks of the JACL for years to come.

Looking ahead to 2018, the Legacy Fund Grant program and fund development are two areas of focus. First, the Legacy Fund Grant committee and staff are hard at work to deliver another successful round of grants this summer. Each year, JACL awards approximately \$60,000 in grants to numerous applicants with the goal of furthering the mission of the JACL. In 2017, 12 recipients received a grant, and the committee continues to seek ways to grow the program into 2018.

In addition to the Legacy Fund Grant program, another major area

of focus for JACL in 2018 is fund development.

At the 2016 National Convention in Las Vegas, I ran on the platform of making fund development my No. 1 priority during my term, and I am happy to report that we've made significant strides in planning a national fundraising campaign. We are currently in the process of interviewing JACL leaders, documenting a shared vision between the board and executive director as to the optimal use of funds and designing the marketing collateral to convey our important message to the public. In addition, we are finalizing an implementation strategy to execute the fundraising plan. More details will be forthcoming.

In conclusion, as this new year begins, JACL has many great opportunities ahead. From continuing the great work of the scholarship and Legacy Fund grant programs, ushering in new interns and fellows to support the programs and advocacy efforts of JACL and reviving existing and forging new fundraising initiatives, JACL will continue to thrive and challenge the status quo.

Lastly, I'd be remiss not to recognize the hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers that carry out the good work of JACL. These individuals devote their time and a huge amount of effort to ensure our programs remain positively impactful on our community and the organization's members. ■

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equality. These perpetrators are not monsters, but are our brothers, fathers, partners and acquaintances who have been socialized to objectify and dehumanize women. We must end the sexual victimization of women in all areas of society, and this begins at home.

As a community, we must educate men and women about sexual assault and the patriarchal norms

that are culturally reinforced in our everyday interactions. We must talk about this taboo topic and intervene when someone says something sexist.

We must listen, believe and support survivors. As women are being heard in the public, there is hope that this change will continue into other areas of our society for survivors at all levels.

Education is vital —without it, there is no room for acknowledging the problem in the first place. We hope to provide clarity for our members on the issue that is in the news today and affects so many people that we care about. ■

# IDC IS RE-ENERGIZED FOR 2018

By Janet Komoto,  
IDC Governor

Happy New Year of the Dog for those of you reading this! First of all, I'd like to highlight some of the key activities that occurred in our district in 2017 and secondly, give you my hope list of things to strive for in 2018.

When I first became governor in 2016, I looked at the health of the chapters in our district and could see that we had seven thriving chapters and two not in good standing. I decided that something had to be done with the two chapters that needed help.

Therefore, I contacted National JACL to find out who the current members were. One chapter had only two names attached to it, and the last contact with that chapter, Arkansas Valley in Colorado, was eight years ago. Through research and phone calls, I found out that both those members had moved out of the area and concluded that there was no reason for the chapter to be listed on the JACL roster. After much consternation and discussions with membership, I asked that the chapter be closed in 2017. This is not something you do lightly.

Tackling the second chapter, Fort Lupton in Colorado had a very different outcome. After finding out that there were only about eight current members, I started making phone calls and asked if its members wanted help in reviving the chapter or if they wanted to dissolve the chapter or possibly merge with Mile High.

Fort Lupton decided that it wanted to become a chapter "in good standing" and increased its membership to 27 within a year. In February 2017, it was named our chapter of the year for the largest membership increase in our district.

IDC has an ongoing membership competition for the biggest percentage gain each year that determines our "Chapter of the Year." This healthy approach has led to our district having membership increases in both 2016 and 2017, bucking the National trend. Every chapter needs to make membership recruitment a priority!

Most of our chapters had a Day of Remembrance activity in 2017. We held one of our IDC meetings in Denver in February and attended theirs as well. Mile High had a wonderful program that featured speak-



er Dr. Lane Hirabayashi and Gil Asakawa signing books at History Colorado. They had planned for 300 attendees and ended up having a standing-room-only crowd. They are planning another great program this year and will be prepared for a larger audience.

In other highlights, three of our chapters received Legacy Fund Grants. Boise Valley is working with filmmaker Karen Day to help complete the film "GAMAN: The Story of Minidoka," which will be a one-hour TV documentary. Salt Lake will be creating and installing a Redress Exhibit at the new Topaz Museum. And Snake River

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By Marsha Aizumi

# A MOTHER'S TAKE

## Still I Can Do Something

It is a new year! Time to let go of 2017 and look forward to 2018. If 2017 was a good year, then we hope for the same in 2018. If 2017 was a bad year, we're glad it is over and hope that 2018 will be better.

Ironically, I started my column using the words "good" and "bad," yet I have learned that putting labels on events determines my perception of what has occurred. Last year, I put a lot of "bad" labels on things because of our political climate and the deaths that seemed to be coming at a faster and more frequent pace. Both scare me. This year, I am determined to focus my attention on just seeing the good in more things and finding wisdom in events.

Here are a couple of stories that have inspired me so far in 2018.

I was first moved by a story my son told me. Aiden works at a charter school for dropout recovery stu-

dents. These students are behind in credits for various reasons: they have parents who are incarcerated, they have been expelled, they are teen parents or they have families living with financial challenges.

One student at Aiden's school site doesn't have a computer and dreams that one day he will be able to buy one. He is saving by recycling, and when he shared his dream with Aiden, he proudly said that he had saved \$30 from his recycling efforts.

When I first heard this, my initial reaction was to give one of our older computers to this student, but Aiden told me there was no need. The school has put a box in the corner of its center, and amazingly, people have begun to bring in their recycling: teachers, staff and parents of other students. Even my brother, who heard this story, took three bags of his recycling to help this boy. I am not sure how long it will take this student to reach his dream, but what I do believe is that he will reach it in time.

Initially, I felt sorry for this student, but now as I look back, this

student will probably have a greater sense of accomplishment because the success he achieves came through his own idea. This can go far in increasing his self-esteem and giving him confidence to reach for bigger dreams.

When I share my dreams with those who want to lift me up, I create a network of supporters and cheerleaders. But I have to be careful that I don't share my dream with those who will feel threatened because they will pull me down and perhaps cause me to give up on my dream. I am rooting for this young boy and I hope you are too . . .

The second story that moved me was one I read on Facebook. I got his permission to print the story, but he didn't want to be named. He said this is not about me . . .

*Amazing things . . . SO I purchased a 1943 Hunt High School yearbook from the Minidoka concentration camp online. I planned to use it for the Pilgrimage (Minidoka) for people to search through.*

*But once I received it, I couldn't help but notice the hundreds of auto-*

*graphs and inscriptions in it to the original owner. And thought . . . this should really go back to the family.*

*So, I did a little Internet sleuthing and found that the original owner had passed in 2002. But I was able to identify one of his daughters and reached out via FB.*

*I just got off the phone with his daughter, who relayed tears and gratitude for finding her and returning this precious object to her and her children. She said her dad was her best friend and her life hasn't been the same since his passing.*

*Small world. Holiday miracles. It doesn't make it yours just because you paid money for it.*

I loved this story because here was a random act of kindness to a stranger. And we never know how much our kindness will mean to someone.



Aidan and Papa . . . kindness can even be a warm hug.

I hope this year I will find ways to be kind and generous just like this wonderful-hearted person, who lives in Seattle, has done. I thank him for sharing this story with me so I have a role model of what I can aspire to be in 2018.

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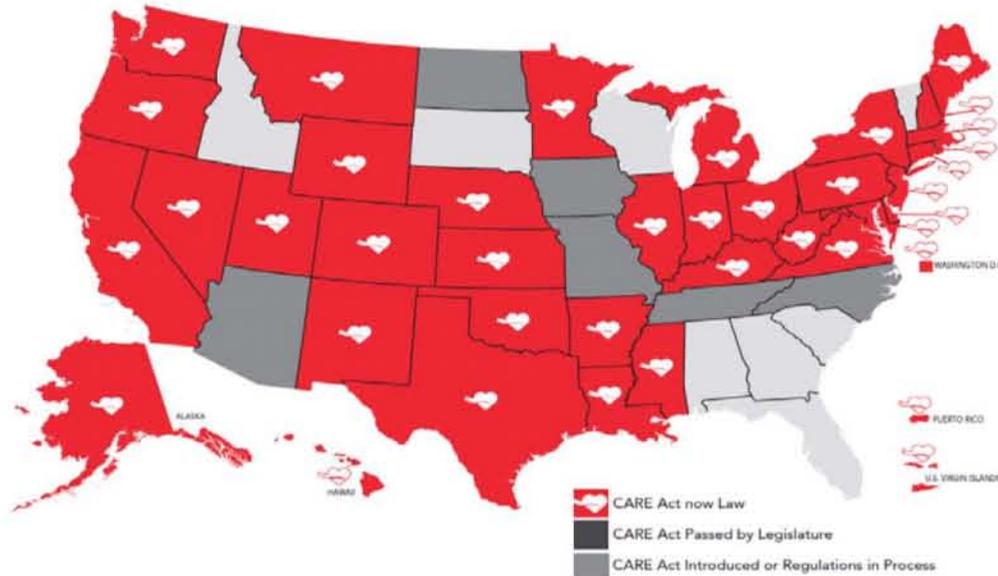
By Scott Tanaka

# DISRUPT EVERYTHING

## Support Increases for Caregivers

### The Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act

The CARE Act is a commonsense solution that supports family caregivers when their loved ones go into the hospital, and provides for instruction on the medical tasks they will need to perform when their loved one returns home.



I ♥ Caregivers - AARP Real Possibilities

I am grateful to be able write again for this first issue of the new year! I wanted to share news on laws that recently went into effect for caregivers. In October 2012, AARP's Public Policy Institute and the United Hospital Fund released results of a national study of family caregivers to determine what types of medical/nursing tasks they perform and how frequently they perform them.

The study, "Home Alone: Family Caregivers Providing Complex Chronic Care," was funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, and it found that almost half (46 percent) of those surveyed were expected to perform complex tasks that are normally done by a medical/nursing professional. These tasks include managing multiple medications, administering injections, performing wound care and managing special medical equipment, among many others. The study shed light on the large gap between what care-

givers are expected to perform and the instructions and guidance provided to them.

This study led AARP's State Advocacy and Strategy Integration team to take the findings of this

study to the state legislation level to form the Caregiver Advise, Record and Enable (CARE) Act. Oklahoma became the first state to pass the CARE Act, and as of July 2017, 39 states and territories have also

passed it.

What Does the CARE Act Require?

- Record the identified caregiver on patient's hospital medical record
- Inform caregiver when patient is

to be discharged from the hospital to another facility or back home

- Provide training needed for the patient once discharged. This can be done in person or through video and will demonstrate the medical tasks the caregiver will need to perform at home such as medication management, injections and wound care

Providing this kind of training greatly benefits both the patient and the family caregiver. The caregiver is better prepared to care for a family's loved one, and the loved one will receive better care. Hospitals are also already seeing a decrease in readmission rates since the CARE Act has gone into effect.

During my first year of grad school, I was placed at Providence TrinityCare Hospice, where I worked as a medical social work intern. I was part of a greater team that included a medical doctor, nurse, massage therapist, art therapist and, when needed, a physical therapist and occupational therapist. Though the CARE Act was not in effect during that time, my team was already in line with this new law.

If a patient was scheduled for a medical procedure, both the nurse and I would attend medical appointments. This allowed us to hear firsthand what was going to happen

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I hope you share your dreams in 2018 with those who will support you, cheer for you and applaud your success. And if you fall short, I hope they will be there to say how proud they are that you tried. We all need someone who believes in us and sees the best in who we can be.

I also hope you find places to be kind in random ways. Have you ever paid for someone's meal or cup of coffee anonymously, not waiting for appreciation? Have you written someone a note thanking him or her for something that really moved you or sent a thinking of you note to someone in a retirement home? A simple hug or compliment can

go far to someone who may need something to brighten his or her day. I would love to hear your stories of kindness if you would like to share them with me . . . [maizumi8888@gmail.com](mailto:maizumi8888@gmail.com).

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something."

— Helen Keller

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CARE Act goes into effect:

Alaska, 1/1/17; Arkansas, 7/22/15; California, 1/1/16; Colorado, 5/8/15; Connecticut, 10/1/15; Delaware, 1/1/17; Hawaii, 7/1/17; Illinois, 1/27/2016; Indiana, 1/1/16; Kansas, 7/1/18; Kentucky, 6/29/17; Louisiana, 8/1/16; Maine, 10/15/15; Maryland, 10/1/16; Massachusetts, 11/8/17; Michigan, 7/12/16; Minnesota, 1/1/17; Mississippi, 7/1/15; Montana, 10/1/17; Nebraska, 3/30/16; Nevada, 10/1/15; New Hampshire, 1/1/16; New Jersey, 5/12/15; New Mexico, 6/17/15; New York, 4/23/16; Ohio, 3/21/2017; Oklahoma, 11/5/14; Oregon, 1/1/16; Pennsylvania, 4/20/17; Puerto Rico, 12/31/15; Rhode Island, 3/14/17; Texas, 5/26/17; Utah, 2/10/16; Virgin Islands, 3/30/16; Virginia, 7/1/15; Washington D.C., 7/6/16; Washington, 6/9/16; West Virginia, 6/8/15; Wyoming, 7/1/16

during the procedure and help us plan for when the patient would be discharged back home. We would then be able to meet with the caregiver and empower him or her with the tools he or she would need to provide the best care possible for a family's loved one.

The nurse would tend to the physical/biological needs of the patient by training the caregiver on wound care, medication management, etc. As the social worker, I would be there to provide support for the patient and the caregiver.

This can be an overwhelming time for both the patient and the caregiver, and social workers can provide that much-needed safe space for people to process what is going on and what is to come.

Following the procedure, we would visit the family at least once a month to assess the needs of the

patient and caregiver and provide any necessary support.

During my second year, I worked as a psychiatric social work intern at the USC Memory Aging Center at the USC Keck School of Medicine. I became part of a greater team there and worked with a neurologist, physician's assistant, nurse, psychologist and other health care professionals. One of the organizations that I would often refer my patients to was the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Los Angeles.

Through the Alzheimer's Association, caregivers can call a 24/7 helpline, attend support groups and even go through a caregiver training designed specifically for caregivers who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or another dementia. The association also has social workers on staff that can provide support, education and re-

sources based on specific needs.

I have talked a lot about social workers, but it is important for our community to know who they are and what they do. I am proud to be a social worker and am proud of what social workers bring to the health care team!

To learn more about the CARE Act, visit AARP's Public Policy Institute at [www.aarp.org/ppi](http://www.aarp.org/ppi). There you can find the full article, "From Home Alone to the CARE Act: Collaboration for Family Caregivers," written by Susan C. Reinhard, AARP Public Policy Institute, and Elaine Ryan, AARP State Advocacy and Strategy Integration.

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# NEW YEAR'S REMINISCING



By Chip Larouche, PNWDC Governor

Happy New Year everybody! I certainly hope this edition of the *Pacific Citizen* finds you healthy and looking forward to 2018.

As I was watching an NHK broadcast not too long ago, the network featured a number of family owned businesses that had been around for more than 1,000 years. That peaked my curiosity, so I did a search on the Internet and found a traditional Japanese Inn called Hoshi Ryokan in the Awazu Onsen area of Komatsu, in the Ishikawa Prefecture. Having been founded in the year 718, it will celebrate its 1,300th birthday this year, with the hotel having been operated by 46 generations of the same family.

Well, here in America, we don't have any institution that is even remotely in that ballpark age-wise, but it did get me thinking about how long JACL has been around.

At the National level, we all know that JACL was established in 1929, and we often boast in writing that we're the oldest Asian American civil rights organization in America.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we have two chapters who are even older than National JACL. Seattle JACL was established in 1921, and Portland JACL was established in 1928, with Portland celebrating its 90th birthday with a big "Birthday Bash" next month. Hopefully, I'll get an invitation from Seattle when it celebrates its centennial in 2021... not very long from now with time seeming to be flying by for me lately!

When I look at what it took to allow a Japanese Inn to thrive for 1,300 years, it seems the family did two significant things right. They took good care of their customers, and they adapted to the times when they needed to.

I think those are pretty good lessons for JACL as well. Of course, our customers are the membership. Something fairly unique to JACL is that our membership has some very young people, and we have many members who are over 100 years old!

That makes tasks like providing the *Pacific Citizen* to all of them a challenge because part of the spectrum of our membership prefers to read it on their smartphone as soon as it's released to the publisher, and others still like to turn the pages of the newspaper as they sip their morning coffee or their green tea. Being able to do both those things introduces some financial challenges for JACL, which need to be solved.

JACL was born when immigration issues were in the forefront of most Japanese American Niseis as well as their Issei parents back in the early 1920s. Many of those issues have been overcome, and many of those solutions required the blood, sweat and tears by our membership.

As we look around though, there are many new immigrants who can probably learn a few lessons from JACL, which, in my opinion, is a great reason all by itself to keep this organization strong and vibrant like that 1,300-year-old Ryokan.

One way to achieve that is to have chapters and the leadership in those chapters pay attention to their membership. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we have the largest (Portland) and third-largest (Seattle) chapters in JACL — their membership has consistently been healthy, even though many of their 80- to 100-year-old members continue to pass away.

My observation as to why this can happen is that these chapters have lots of activities, and it's not uncommon to see board members talking to nonmembers and inviting them to join, often with application envelopes that pop out of a purse or a website reference written on a program telling them how they can sign up online.

So, if you're reading this and you're still looking for that elusive New Year's resolution that has nothing to do with losing a few pounds or fixing something that might not need fixing, how about saying some nice things about JACL in your neck of the woods to see if you can recruit one new member this year!

The 2018 National Convention will be in Philadelphia. I hope to see many of you there, and let's enjoy their hospitality. ■

# 'WE NEED TO GIVE GENEROUSLY NOT ONLY OF OUR TIME BUT OF OUR TREASURE'

By Betsy Sato, MDC Governor

It's been a busy year in the MDC. We had two all-district meetings — Omaha in April and Chicago in September. In addition to the usual business, both meetings featured dinners honoring Bill Yoshino on the occasion of his retirement from JACL. His energy, savvy and wisdom will be greatly missed as a part of MDC and JACL as a whole. For as long as I have been involved in JACL, Bill was the go-to person for information about JACL and advice on how best to get things done.

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, most of our chapters held programs or exhibitions about E.O. 9066 and incarceration.

The Chicago Chapter collaborated with the Alphawood Gallery on an excellent major exhibition: "Then They Came for Me — Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties." The Indianapolis Chapter had an exhibit on a more

intimate scale that featured hand-made crafts, clothing and other objects created in the camps. Taken together, these two exhibits provided a comprehensive sense of life behind barbed wire.

Other MDC chapters held film festivals or lectures about E.O. 9066 and its implications today. As a result of the demand for speakers, JACLers who had been hesitant to tell their stories began to speak out. Anne Moore from Indianapolis and Gordon Yoshikawa from Cincinnati both gave public presentations about their early lives and the experiences their families endured during incarceration, followed by their move to the Midwest.

The demand for speakers continued throughout the year, with many chapter representatives visiting schools, libraries and civic meetings to talk about incarceration and the JA experience. My husband, Kazuya, and I talked with third- through fifth-graders attending a daylong workshop at Northern Kentucky University. Every student had read the book "Paper Wishes" by Lois Sepahban, which



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tells the story of a young girl sent to Manzanar from Bainbridge Island, Wash. Representatives from most of our chapters spoke to schools and local organizations.

In many ways, this is the strength of the MDC. We are widespread geographically, and the population of Japanese Americans is not particularly dense. Nevertheless, we work hard to get the story of

JACL and the Japanese American experience out to our communities. Building coalitions with other Asian American groups also helps to spread the word about JACL. This creates bonds across Asian American communities and helps increase visibility and understanding as well as adds strength in numbers when we speak out on pertinent issues

affecting us all.

Because of the anniversary of E.O. 9066, 2017 was a busy year, but thus far in 2018, things do not appear to be slacking off, partly because of the discussions about immigration reform, DACA and other national issues.

As a result, JACL members will continue to be called upon to speak out from our experiences and values. Since we are also often identified as knowing about Japan, we will be called upon to talk about

Japanese history, culture and society in our local schools and other organizations. Our local chapters are pretty well equipped to do this.

We are also grateful to National JACL for providing information on issues when we need it. This is just one illustration of the relationship between local chapters and our national organization. Our national offices in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., are a great resource of information and support for our local efforts. We

need to be a resource to them as well with our time, knowledge and, yes, I have to say it, our money.

JACL as an organization has an important message to share. To do that effectively, we have to have the resources to make that message available to all who would hear it. So, for JACL to share its expertise and experience in the Midwest and throughout the rest of the country, we need to give generously not only of our time but of our treasure. ■

**'ACTIONS CAN BE IN ANY QUANTITY TO EFFECT CHANGE'**



By Carol Kawase, NCWNP Governor

**A**KEMASHITE OMEDETOU! Welcoming the New Year of the Earth Dog comes with the astrologist's communique of a year for *action* and great *change!* People born with the dog zodiac sign are destined to have a noteworthy year during this once every 60-year cycle. This is especially relevant to President Donald Trump. The past and impending actions by the current White House administration on several key issues that seriously

affect minorities and low-income families are set to confront us with great change.

The policy changes in education, immigration, health care, foreign policy, labor rights, social programs and transportation in the past year was indeed implemented with charged tenacity that undermined social justice reform. So much that had been put into place to support and strengthen social justice and civil rights has been dramatically dismantled. It's appalling to see so many people disenfranchised, demoralized and filled with dread.

In regards to resolutions, Anais Nin opines, "The habit of making

plans, of criticizing, sanctioning and molding life, is too much of a daily event." As such, I don't make New Year's resolutions either. Personally, I'm more successful making a lifelong lifestyle and/or mind-set change.

As a leader, I'm guided by my 4E principle — educate, enlighten, engage and effect. However, after watching all the drastic, unimaginable changes last year, this year I'm compelled to make a resolution. I RESOLVE to utilize my 4Es more proactively. I resolve to make a daily habit of planning, criticizing, sanctioning and molding to advocate for a strong

social justice infrastructure.

This is where JACL's longstanding ties in Washington, D.C., is immensely important. We've made great strides in civil rights legislation, lobbying Congress, amicus briefs to overturn or amend legal decisions that affect the AAPI community as well as other minority groups. Our long history of experiences still burns bright and gives JACL leverage to continue the work of equality for all. It's imperative that we continue monitoring the current dismantling of key social justice assurances and be prepared to address injustice.

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lose but our chains. Let us risk big things as an organization this year. We have nothing to lose but our fears, our apathy, our subjection to participation in forces of death.

The JACL is in need of your financial, ethical and emotional support now more than ever. I know there are many worthy, radical groups that ask for your time, money and energy, including the movement for black lives. Yet, if organizing with Nikkei and working for social change with other Japanese Americans marked or influenced by our wartime saga is important to you, I plead with you to come alongside us in this work.

We must love each other and support each other — uplift young, mixed female, queer and trans and Shin-Nikkei leadership within

your chapters, districts and national representation.

I will close with the words of Assata Shakur. If you feel comfortable, I invite you to meditate on them, speak them out loud to yourself, share them on social media or read them to a friend. May they be for you a balm and a liturgy of hope as you reflect on what has passed and how to shape a more just and merciful 2018.

“Love is contraband in hell because love is an acid that eats away at bars. But you me and tomorrow hold hands and make vows that struggle will multiply. The hacksaw has two blades. The shotgun has two barrels. We are pregnant with freedom. We are a conspiracy.” ■

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produced an eight-week social justice film and discussion series focusing on these marginalized populations: undocumented, physically challenged, addicted, incarcerated, mentally ill, homeless, LGBTQ and working poor. The chapter has received many inquiries from around the state about reproducing the program in other cities.

At our fall IDC meeting in Salt Lake City, we learned that several of our students received National scholarships and that students from our district participated in the Kakehashi program. Our youth group has been re-energized by new leadership and will focus on getting more youth involved in JACL this year.

In 2018, I foresee more meaningful DOR programs and chapters presenting more events on top of their traditional ones that highlight social justice and civil rights in our district by partnering with like-minded organizations or institutions that help get the word out about JACL.

We will continue with our civic engagement, voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts funded by remaining Coulter funds. The fact that our chapters share newsletters helps to keep our district informed and feel like a more cohesive unit.

Wishing you all good mental and physical health, joy and prosperity in our personal friendships and business associations in the year ahead. ■

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It's fortuitous to be affiliated with the NCWNP District. As one of the largest districts within JACL, it's a diverse entity of many chapters with longstanding history and cumulative experiences. Each of our chapters has committed boards, successful programs and dedicated

members. Many chapters have committed expertise in progressive social justice organization.

I draw from those gained experiences to enlighten all chapters to be as effective in their own local areas through organization networking, fundraising, education

collaborative programs and cultural exchanges. I believe strength in numbers helps our ability to support one another through any challenges.

I'm hoping for everyone's resolve to stay relevant, vigilant and ready to get involved. Take advantage of any opportunities to help educate and enlighten yourselves and others to be able to take on the challenges that lie ahead. Let's maintain our connection

with each other by engaging with other organizations, educating each other about our experiences and collaborating.

Actions can be in any quantity to effect change. It can be as simple as being a member of JACL. Any support, big or small, for our organization helps us to stake a claim for equal access.

What's your 2018 resolution for action to maintain social justice change for all? ■

## THE EATON COLLECTION 'CONTESTED HISTORIES' IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT JANM

Once the subject of a controversial auction, the Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection is now on view in Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES** — The Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection, which was saved from the auction block in 2015 through the efforts of various community groups that felt Japanese American history from World War II should not be for sale, is now on display at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Titled “Contested Histories: Art and Artifacts From the Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection,” the display includes physical or digital representation of every item in the collection — more than 450 individual photographs, sculptures, paintings and watercolors, jewelry items, vases, beads, nameplates and other handmade items from the WWII incarceration camps that Japanese Americans were forced to endure. The exhibit will remain on view until April 8.

While conducting research for a book about art and craft objects created by Japanese Americans during WWII, Eaton amassed a significant collection of such camp artifacts. After many years of being in storage and forgotten, the collection was

inherited by a family friend of Eaton's, who in April 2015 decided to put the artifacts up for auction. Japanese American activists and community leaders rallied successfully to stop the sale, and ultimately, the collection was transferred to JANM.

In addition to providing the opportunity to see the collection that inspired strong emotions and decisive actions within the Japanese American community, “Contested Histories” is intended to help gather information about each individual object

so that the museum's efforts to preserve and catalog the collection can be as complete as possible.

Camp survivors and their family members and friends will be encouraged to share with JANM information they know or remember about the objects, including who is depicted in the many photographs, most of which were shot by photographers working for the War Relocation Authority.

After the display at JANM concludes in April, the artifacts and/or facsimiles will

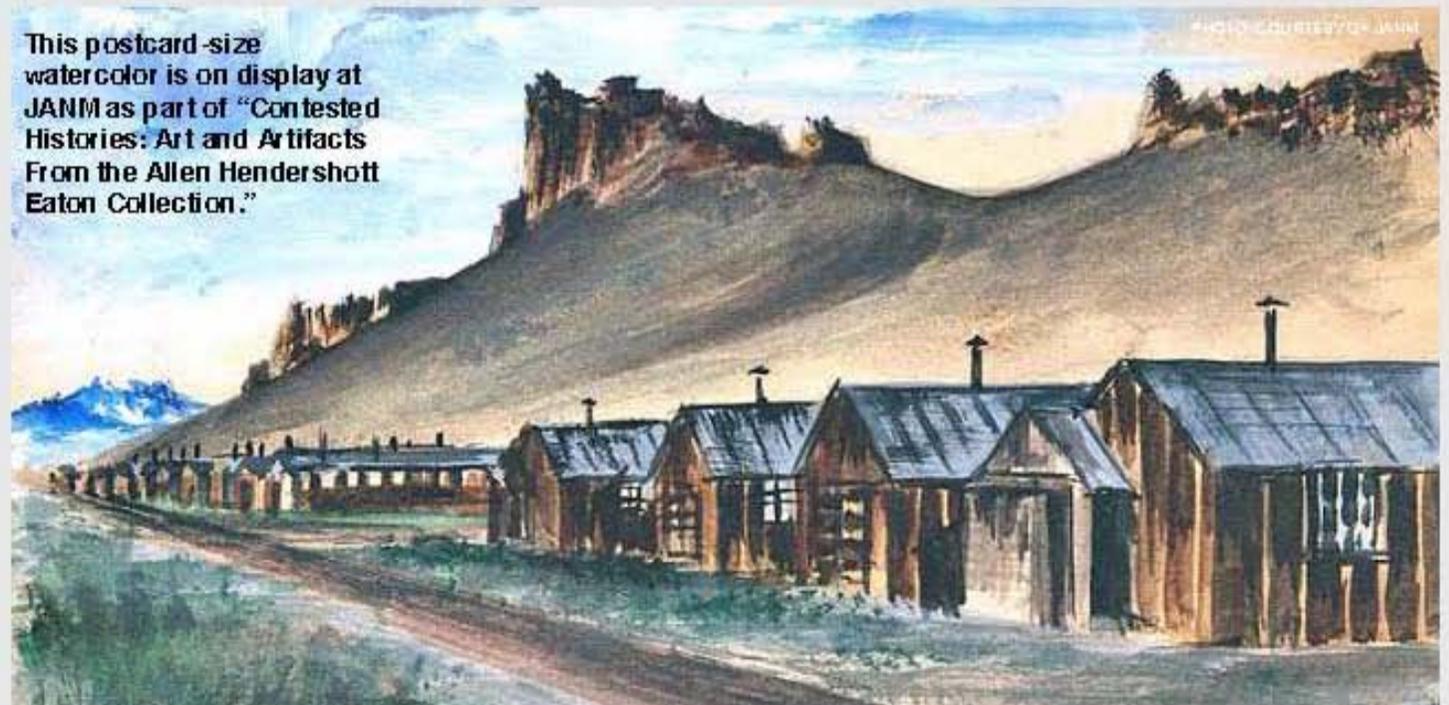
travel to a number of other locations in the United States for additional viewing and information gathering. Venues and dates for the traveling display are still being determined.

Support for the conservation and display of the Eaton Collection was provided by the National Park Service's Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program.

The exhibit is included with regular museum admission and is accessible during the museum's Hirasaki National Resource Center hours on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

*Additional information about “Contested Histories” is available at [janm.org/contested-histories](http://janm.org/contested-histories).*

This postcard-size watercolor is on display at JANM as part of “Contested Histories: Art and Artifacts From the Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection.”



# TUNA CANYON COALITION RIPS PETITION TO MOVE MEMORIAL

The Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition is pushing back efforts to relocate its planned memorial to honor all those who were wrongfully detained at the site during WWII.

The nonprofit Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition has issued a statement opposing a petition calling for the memorial to be moved from its historic location to an area across the street.

Coalition spokeswoman Nancy Oda emphasized that the proposed alternate location has no meaningful connection to the people and events that shape the Tuna Canyon Detention Station story.

According to TCDSC Secretary and Board Member June Berk, "The developer, Snowball West Investments, is trying to relocate our planned memorial and place it across the street, so that they can build 229 houses on the Tuna Canyon site. This recent petition is being circulated by a lobbyist in Little Tokyo and the Japanese community."

During World War II, the Tuna Canyon Detention Station was used to hold Japanese who emigrated from Japan to the U.S., as well as Japanese Peruvians and German and Italian immigrants, according to Densho.org.

In June 2013, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted to designate a one-acre parcel, distinguished by a grove of mature oak trees, as Historic Cultural Landmark No. 1039. In addition to a memorial plaque, the TCDSC is considering the installation of hiking trail markers, other educational

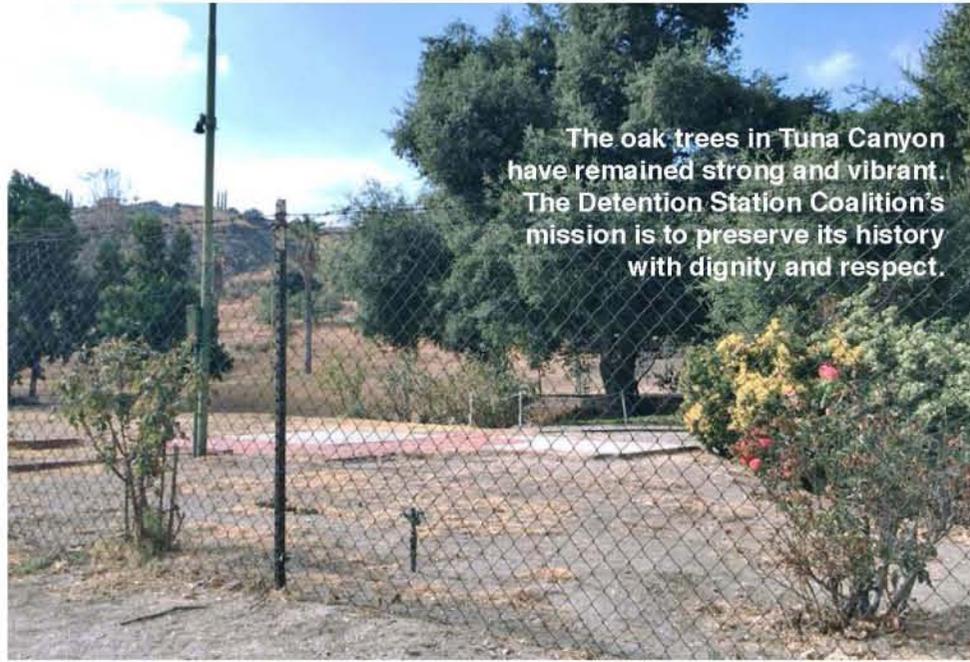


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The oak trees in Tuna Canyon have remained strong and vibrant. The Detention Station Coalition's mission is to preserve its history with dignity and respect.

amenities and perhaps a regional park intended to raise awareness about the area's historical significance.

"There is every reason why we should have a memorial on the ACTUAL site. It is the RIGHTFUL place to commemorate the men and women who suffered on these grounds,"

said Berk in a statement released by the committee. "Just as the Manzanar Memorial was not built across the highway, or Heart Mountain or Tule Lake built in a place 'close to' or across the street, so, too, we believe that Tuna Canyon Historic-Cultural Monument needs to be built in its rightful place."

When completed, Tuna Canyon will join other local, state and federally designated World War II landmark sites such as Manzanar, Tule Lake, Crystal City, Santa Fe, Ft. Missoula and others in helping to transmit the lessons embodied in the preservation, interpretation and education made possible through the "power of place," according to Oda.

Oda points out that the coalition has logged several accomplishments since it was formed nearly five years ago, among them:

- Recognition by the National Park Service with two Japanese American Confinement Sites grants.
- Development and mounting of "Only the Oaks Remain," a museum-quality traveling exhibit bringing to light the treatment during WWII of Japanese, German and Italian immigrants, Japanese brought to the U.S. from Peru and others.
- Establishment of "The Legacy Project," a video collection designed to record and preserve the stories of Tuna Canyon prisoners through their descendants.
- Extensive, scholarly research including but not limited to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to chronicle the archival records and events that helped shape the Tuna Canyon story.

For more information, please visit the Tuna Canyon website at [tunacanyon.org](http://tunacanyon.org).

## NewsByte

### Missile Alert Employee Not Cooperating in Probe

HONOLULU — The Hawaii state employee who mistakenly sent an alert warning of a ballistic missile attack on Jan. 13 has refused to cooperate with federal and state investigators, officials said Jan. 25.

Lisa Fowlkes, head of the Federal Communications Commission Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, said the agency was disappointed by the refusal.

"We hope that person will reconsider," she told members of a U.S. Senate commerce committee in Washington, D.C., during a hearing on the alert that caused widespread panic and confusion.

However, Fowlkes said she was pleased with the cooperation of leaders of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, a Democrat from Hawaii, told the committee he was introducing legislation making it clear that the authority to issue missile alerts rests with the U.S. departments of Defense and Homeland

Security, not with state and local governments.

"It is increasingly clear to me that if we get all 50 states and all the territories and 3,007 counties across the country participating in this program, the likelihood of another mistaken missile alert as a result of human or bureaucratic error is not zero," Schatz said.

Spokesman Richard Rapoza said the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency has encouraged all employees to cooperate with investigations of the erroneous message. He said the worker who sent it has also refused to

cooperate with the state agency's internal investigations.

"He has taken the position that he provided a written statement shortly after the incident and doesn't need to speak to investigators because he has nothing to add," Rapoza said in an email.

The name of the worker has not been released. He continues to work at the agency but has been reassigned to a section where he doesn't have access to the warning system.

He is among people at the agency that has received death threats after the false alarm.

The alert was sent to cellphones, TV and radio stations in Hawaii. The effect of the mistake was compounded when it took 38 minutes for the Emergency Management Agency to send an alert retracting the warning.

After the incident, the agency began requiring two people to sign off on the transmission of alerts and tests. It also drafted a correction that it will be able to send immediately if a missile alert is wrongly sent in the future.

— P.C. Staff and Associated Press

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# CALENDAR

## NCWNP

**J-Sei 27th Annual Crab Feed & Drawing**  
**El Cerrito, CA**  
**Feb. 25; 4-7 p.m.**  
**El Cerrito Community Center**  
**7007 Moesner Lane**  
**Price: \$45 presale; \$50 at the door; \$15 children 12 and under**  
 Join J-Sei at its annual event featuring fresh Dungeness crab, Asian salad, pasta, rolls, desserts and beverages. Live entertainment at each seating will be provided as well as a drawing, with raffle tickets selling for \$2 each or \$10 for six. Come out and support the organization at this community event sure to be a hit for all!  
**Info: Visit [www.j-sei.org](http://www.j-sei.org) or call (510) 654-4000.**

**Stockton Day of Remembrance**  
**Stockton, CA**  
**March 17; 1 p.m.**  
**San Joaquin Delta College**  
**Tillie Lewis Theatre**  
**5151 Pacific Ave.**  
**Price: Free**  
 Join the Stockton JACL and Asian Pacific Islander American Staff Association of Delta College as it offers the Central Valley Premiere of the new documentary "The Ito Sisters, an American Story." The film's director-producer Antonia Grace Glenn will also take part in a Q & A session following the screening.  
**Info: To RSVP and for more information, contact Aeko Yoshikawa at (209) 470-5578 or email [aeko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aeko@sbcglobal.net).**

**'Artists' Eyes: Art of Incarceration'**  
**San Francisco, CA**  
**Thru May 20**  
**MIS Historic Learning Center**  
**Building 640**  
**Presidio**  
**640 Old Mason St.**  
**Price: \$10 admission; open weekends, Noon-5 p.m. and W-F by appt.**  
**NJAHS Peace Gallery**  
**1684 Post St.**  
**Price: Free; open M-F, 12-5 p.m.; 1st Sat of the month, 12-5 p.m.**  
 The National Japanese American Historical Society presents Artists' Eyes: Art of Incarceration in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. These two multigenerational art exhibits reveal a successive unearthing of evocative expressions through three generations. Works by Japanese American and other multicultural artists expose the profound and eventual

reclamation of history and identity. The exhibits, hosted at NJAHS's two sites at the Presidio and Japantown, are curated by Betty Nobue Kano and Judy Shintani.  
**Info: Visit [www.njahs.org](http://www.njahs.org).**

## PSW

**'Contested Histories: Art & Artifacts From the Eaton Collection'**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**Thru April 8**  
**Japanese American National Museum**  
**100 N. Central Ave.**  
**Price: \$12 Adults; \$6 seniors 62 and over; students & youth, \$6; children under 5 and JANM members, free**  
 Come view the collection that was almost auctioned off in 2015, all of which are now at JANM. The Allen Hendershott Eaton collection includes more than 450 paintings, photographs, sculptures, jewelry and other objects from the camps. Each item has been conserved and on exhibit in the museum's Hirasaki National Resource Center with support from the National Park Service's Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program.  
**Info: Visit [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org).**

**'Allegiance'**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**Feb. 21-April 1**  
**JACCC Aratani Theatre**  
**244 S. San Pedro St.**  
**Price: Ticket prices vary**  
 East West Players and the JACCC by special arrangement with Sing Out, Louise! Prods. And ATA present the Broadway musical "Allegiance," starring George Takei. Inspired by Takei's true-life experience, this musical follows one family's extraordinary journey in this untold American story. The production also features Greg Watanabe as Mike Masaoka and Elena Wang as Kei Kimura.  
**Info: Call (213) 680-3700 or visit [allegiancemusical.com](http://allegiancemusical.com).**

**'Allegiance' Special Showing**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**March 17; 8 p.m.**  
**JACCC Aratani Theater**  
**244 S. San Pedro St.**  
**Price: \$64 (discounted from \$80) using code: KIZUNA**  
 Join Kizuna family and friends for an uplifting, entertaining and educational night watching "Allegiance: A New Musical Inspired by a True Story." Kizuna is offering a limited amount of

discounted balcony tickets for one night. Don't miss this opportunity to see the Broadway musical live in Los Angeles.  
**Info: Call (213) 680-3700 for ticketing inquiries or visit [www.gokizuna.org](http://www.gokizuna.org).**

**Asian Pacific American 2018 Gubernatorial Debate**  
**Pasadena, CA**  
**April 27; 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Pasadena City College**  
**Sexson Auditorium**  
**1570 E. Colorado Blvd.**  
 Save the date for the first APA-focused gubernatorial debate in California history. Scheduled to discuss issues pertinent to the state of California are candidates Travis Allen (R), John Chiang (D), John H. Cox (R), Delaine Eastin (D), Gavin Newsom (D) and Antonio Villaraigosa (D). Viewers can also tune in at [apagovdebate.eventbrite.com](http://apagovdebate.eventbrite.com). This event is presented by the Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment (CAUSE).  
**Info: Visit [causeusa.org](http://causeusa.org).**

## PNW

**Portland JACL 90th Birthday Bash**  
**Happy Valley, OR**  
**Feb. 17; 11:30 a.m.**  
**Aerie at Eagle Landing**  
**10220 S.E. Causey**  
**Price: \$50**  
 The Portland JACL is excited to celebrate the 90th year of the JACL. Please join the chapter at this luncheon event, which will include stories of the organizations early history by former presidents, as well as music provided by the Minidoka Swing Band. RSVP by Feb. 1.  
**Info: Call (503) 698-4656.**

**2018 Day of Remembrance Event**  
**Yakima, WA**  
**Feb. 18; 1-3 p.m.**  
**The Yakima Valley Museum**  
**2105 Tieton Dr.**  
**Price: Free; seating is limited.**  
 This DOR event "The Yakima Valley Japanese Pioneers: Their Story Continues to Educate New Generations" will feature panelists Tammy Ayer, Yakima Herald Republic editor; Ellen Allmendinger, local historian who offers tours on the Yakima Valley Japanese community before World War II; and Patti Hirahara, whose Yakima family roots has been instrumental in telling this story across the U.S. Following the panel discussion and Q & A, guests will be able to view the museum's award-winning exhibition "Land of Joy and Sorrow — The Japanese

Pioneers of the Yakima Valley."  
**Info: Call (509) 248-0747, as RSVP is requested.**

## CCDC

**Annual Day of Remembrance Luncheon and Officer Installation**  
**Fresno, CA**  
**Feb. 18; Noon-3 p.m.**  
**Pardini's**  
**2257 W. Shaw Ave.**  
**Price: \$40 per person**  
 Join the JACL's CCDC at its annual DOR luncheon and officer installation. Scheduled to speak are Elizabeth Laval and Jeff Aiello, who will discuss their new documentary, an original local production of Valley PBS, based on the experiences of Japanese Americans before, during and after WWII, with a focus on the Merced, Tulare, Fresno and Pinedale Assembly Centers. In addition, the district will honor Sierra Nisei Post 8499 and Hanford Nisei Liberty Post 5869 as recipients of the 2018 Distinguished American Award for the Spirit of Courage.  
**Info: RSVP required by Feb. 14. Call (559) 281-6497 or email [tsnishi@aol.com](mailto:tsnishi@aol.com) for more information.**

## IDC

**Living in Hope: A Mother and Her Transgender Son's Journey**  
**Denver, CO**  
**Feb. 11; 1-3 p.m.**  
**Quebec Place at Fairmount**  
**430 S. Quebec St.**  
**Price: Free; RSVP required**  
 The Sakura Foundation is pleased to welcome Marsha and Aiden Aizumi to share their journey and ongoing challenges facing the transgender community. This talk will conclude with a signing session of their book "Two Spirits, One Heart: A mother, Her Transgender Son and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance."  
**Info: RSVP at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search Sakura Foundation.**

## MDC

**Nidoto Nai Yoni: Forgetting and Remembering the Wartime Incarceration of Japanese Americans**  
**St. Paul, MN**  
**Thru Feb. 24; Discussion Panel on Feb. 10 from 1-3 p.m./Artists Panel on Feb. 17 from 1-3 p.m./**

**Film Screening and Discussion of "And Then They Came For Us" on Feb. 19 from 7-9 p.m.**  
**East Side Freedom Library**  
**1105 Greenbrier St.**  
 This exhibit presents photographs of the physical remnants of the 10 American concentration camps that were used to incarcerate Japanese Americans during World War II. The works explore the themes of memory and forgetting, particularly in regards to the loss in our understanding of this history when the last of those who experienced this reality pass away. The Discussion Panel will include members of Minnesota's Japanese American, immigrant and refugee communities; the Artists' Panel will feature various artists, including John Matsunaga, in a conversation about how they have used their art to engage the historical injustices that have challenged their communities.  
**Info: Visit <http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org/>.**

## EDC

**'No-No Boy'**  
**New York, NY**  
**Feb. 7-18; Tues-Sat. 7:30 p.m./ Sat. & Sun. 2:30 p.m.**  
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**Abe, George Jyoji, 101**, Kailua, HI, Dec. 19; he was predeceased by his wife, Lynn, and their son, Clinton; he is survived by his daughters, Jean Sumimoto, Gloria Chapman and Carol Abe; gc: 4.

**Ariyasu, Yoshito, 91**, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 30.; he is survived by his wife, Fumi; children, Janice Carol (John Wisneski) Ariyasu and Joy

Ann (Gary) Yoshihara; he is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.



**Baba, Robert, 100**, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 4; during WWII, he was incarcerated at the Gila River WRA Center in AZ and served as a medic in the Army's 442nd RCT; he is survived by a daughter and two sons; gc: 4.

many nieces, nephews and other relatives.



**Kusakabe, Alice Tamiko, 77**, Seattle, WA, Dec. 10; she is survived by her husband, Tomio; children, Galen (Nya) and Katha (Thomas Reuss); sister, Helen (Ron Arie); gc: 5.

CA, Dec. 27; he is survived by his wife, Mieko; children, Dan (Lily), Jane Taguchi (Terence Chang), Gail Taguchi and Roger (Leticia) Taguchi; sisters, Emiko Nitta and Michiko Murakami; gc: 2.



**Umeda, Taro, 97**, San Jose, CA, Dec. 28; he was predeceased by his wife, Chiyeko; sons, John and Glen; he is survived by his children, Kay (Norman) Ugai, Bill (Jonita), Ray (Elaine Smith) and Jerry; daughters-in-law, Elaine and Miki; gc: 12; ggc: 5.

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## EDITH KAZUE TANAKA



Edith Kazue Tanaka passed away peacefully at her home in San Francisco on Dec. 7, 2017, at the age of 92.

She was born in Sacramento, Calif., on July 31, 1925. She graduated from high school in Tule Lake internment camp. In 1947, she earned her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. While in New York training as a dietitian, she met her future husband, Frank Yonekazu Tanaka. They were married in Sacramento, Calif., on Oct. 15, 1950. Before raising her four children in San Francisco, she worked as a dietitian at Stanford Hospital.

She enjoyed traveling around the world with her husband through his business, Tanaka Travel Service.

For many years, Edith proudly served San Francisco's Japanese American community as a leader and volunteer. She was a member of Christ United Presbyterian church since the 1960s and served as a deacon, church elder, choir member and volunteer. Edith was the first woman and longest-serving president of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. She played a pivotal role in its early years including during the construction of the center in 1987.

Up until a month before her passing she continued to lead an active life, attending church and exercise classes at the YMCA and going on field trips with the Kimochi senior group. She loved seeing her grandchildren, going out to eat and watching her beloved Warriors and Giants on TV.

She is survived by her children, Susan Tanaka (Kurtis Chin), Carol Tanaka (Clifford Chow) and Joan Tanaka (Mitchell Lam), six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Tanaka, and her son, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation be made in her name to the JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, the Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 or the charity of your choice.

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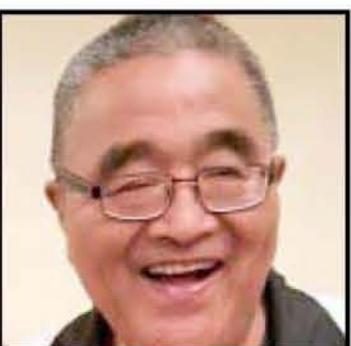
## JANICE FUKUKO OKINAGA

Janice Fukuko Okinaga, 93-year-old WLA resident, passed away on Dec. 16, 2017. A private family funeral service for Janice was held on Jan. 6, 2018, at the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Gary Oba.

Janice is survived by her daughter, Elaine H. Okinaga; niece, Carolyn Sato; and nephews, Robert (Anna), Garry (Esther) and Brian Sato. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard S. Okinaga. [www.fukuimortuary.com](http://www.fukuimortuary.com) (213) 626-0441.



**Fukuhara, Warren Yoshiharu, 90**, Denver, CO, Nov. 15; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA and the Topaz WRA Center in UT; postwar, he served in the U.S. Army; he is survived by his wife, Marge; son, Rod; two brothers and eight sisters and many nieces and nephews.



**Ige, Calvin, 71**, Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 1; he is survived by his son, Michael Masao Ige; siblings, Thomas (Barbara), Jeanette Ginoza and Helen (Owen) Iha; he is also survived by



**Mallory, Fumiko (Hirai), 87**, Rancho Cordova, CA, Jan. 2; she is survived by her husband, Charlie; children, Lena (John) Blackburn, Jeffery (Nancy) Mallory, Virginia Mallory-Quijada and Joan (Mark) Alder; gc: 4.



**Nakano, Jimmy Katsuzo, 82**, Spokane, WA, Jan. 4; he is survived by his wife, Teruko ("Terry"); son, Tom Nakano (Carol Magness).  
**Nakashima, Kimiko Dawn, 94**, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 9; she is survived by her children, Wayne (Judy), Reginald (Joyce) Nakaoka and Jill Kido; five siblings; gc: 7; ggc: 4.



**Yasui, Kazuye, 103**, Sacramento, CA, Dec. 31; during WWII, she was incarcerated at WRA Centers in Tule Lake, CA, and Poston, AZ; she is survived by her son, Ray, (Margie); siblings, Rio Sunahara, Midori Sunahara, Ben Sunahara, Ginger Sunahara and Seiko Okimura; son-in-law, Johnnie Togioka; daughter-in-law, Hope; gc: 5; ggc: 2.



**Yoshida, Ronald Yutaka 'Tubby,' 90**, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 20; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Topaz WRA Center in UT; he was drafted into the U.S. Army and as part of the MIS served as a translator in Tokyo and Kyoto; he later served as president of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of JAFL in 1972; he was predeceased by his first wife, Yoshie; he is survived by his wife, Miye; children, Ron (Kelly), Douglas (Jennifer Huang) and Karen Leib (Paul); gc: 5; in lieu of flowers or koden, it is asked to consider donating to the Topaz Museum ([topazmuseum.org](http://topazmuseum.org)).

**Taguchi, Minoru, 87**, Winnetka,

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