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Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Girl Scouts Troop 12135 and Boy Scouts Troop 738 hold the flags representing the 10 American concentration camps at the Feb. 17 Day of Remembrance program at JANM in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

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# FY2019 BUDGET PROPOSAL ELIMINATES FUNDING FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORY PRESERVATION

President Trump's new budget proposal could mean the end to the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grants program.

By JACL National

President Donald Trump's new budget proposal, unveiled Feb. 12, includes the elimination of funding for the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grants program.

The JACS Grants program, authorized in 2006, has provided more than \$21 million in grants to 163 grantees representing states, counties, local governments and nonprofit organizations. Funds may be used to support the research, interpretation and preservation of Japanese American confinement sites.

The JACS Grants program has enjoyed broad bipartisan support and was initially passed through both the House and Senate



without objection from either party. The program was initially authorized for up to \$38 million, of which close to \$17 million still remains available to support the ongoing preservation of Japanese American history.

It is especially disturbing that this budget proposal be released one week before the 76th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

E.O. 9066 paved the way for

the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans for the duration of World War II. The JACS Grants program is an important component of the country's recognition of the egregious wrong that was done and the need to remember and preserve that history so that it is not repeated.

Japanese American and other partner communities around the country have planned activities to recognize this anniversary as

a Day of Remembrance. JACL urges individuals to locate an activity in their community, attend and affirm the country's belief in justice and that a mistake such as this will never happen again.

For more information about Day of Remembrance activities, please refer to the JACL website (<https://jacl.org/2018-day-of-remembrance-national-events-directory/>).

The president's budget proposal is but one step in the process for determining the funding for next year. JACL will work to impress the importance of this program upon the administration and members of Congress to ensure that 2019 funding is continued at the same level as what has been done in years past.

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By David Inoue,  
JACL Executive Director

# JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

## A MONTH RICH IN CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY

The month of February is a hectic month for the Japanese American community. We are all busy with the many activities for Day of Remembrance, this year being the 76th since the signing of Executive Order 9066. There is a tremendous richness in the variety of activities happening around the country that will expand the reach of our story to others outside our own Japanese American community.

February also happens to be Black History Month. We may not always be fully aware as a community how intertwined our struggles as minority communities might be, but it is important to recognize the alliances we can and must share with other communities of color.

While we are, justifiably so, excited by the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, this is also a major anniversary for the broader civil rights move-

ment. Fifty years ago, the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike brought Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis, Tenn., the site of his assassination later in the year.

The sanitation workers strike is vitally important to the history of civil rights in the United States and ties together so many different issues we are faced with today. Fundamentally, the "I Am a Man" declaration that was the rallying cry for the Memphis workers carries on today with the Black Lives Matter movement. It is undeniable that today still, black lives are undervalued by our society.

Labor remains fundamental to erasing disparity of opportunity in this country. So many Japanese Americans have utilized education to enter professions that afford the opportunity to earn higher wages, though those wages are often lower than what a white person might make for the same work.

Differences are further exacerbated by gender disparity, as women tend to earn less and are less considered for advancement to management

and executive roles. We join other minority communities in fighting the injustices of unequal wages.

The Memphis Sanitation

County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). This case could do significant damage to the viability of union membership and, as a result, damage the ability for unions to advocate on behalf of workers. It is undeniable that employees represented by unions tend to have better wages and benefits than those left to negotiate their salaries and benefits independently.

As in the case of the Memphis workers, organized labor has often served as a galvanizing force in the civil rights movement. Even today, it is organized labor that is leading the fight for immigrant rights in the fight for DREAMers. We are proud to be working with our labor allies in the fight for immigrants' rights.

There is one more important intersection between Japanese American redress and the wider civil rights movement. One of the key provisions of redress was that it was to be payable only to those still surviving who had been in the American concentration camps. This was widely known

to be included as an exclusion, so as to not set a precedent for slavery reparations, as there are clearly no currently living former slaves.

I would argue that the time has come to revisit this "precedent" and recognize it for the concession it was to have redress pass. Just as our country was brought to provide an apology to our community, we need to be a voice for true racial reparations for our African-American brothers and sisters.

We can start by finally embracing the 50-year old demand for recognition in the statement of "I Am a Man!" Make one fundamental concession: Our society continues to devalue the lives of African-Americans in employment practices, educational opportunity, housing availability and so many other sectors of life. Without this basic acknowledgment, we cannot even begin to make an apology for the enduring legacy of slavery and racial discrimination in this country.

*David Inoue is Executive Director of the JACL. He is based in the organization's Washington, D.C., office.*



A poster image that was used during the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike.

Workers Strike underscores the important role labor unions can play in helping to level the playing field. JACL joined in an amicus brief this year in the case of *Janus v. American Federation of State,*

the wider civil rights movement. One of the key provisions of redress was that it was to be payable only to those still surviving who had been in the American concentration camps. This was widely known



By Marsha Aizumi

# A MOTHER'S TAKE

## LIVING IN HOPE

As many of you might be aware already, I have been appointed to the Biden Foundation's LGBTQ Equality Advisory Council. When I first got the call, I was both surprised and honored to even be considered. Then, I saw the list of council members, and I was also very intimidated because many of the names are amazing activists for the LGBTQ community.

Some people see me as an activist as well, but I still consider myself, first, as a mother who loves her sons. And though the work I do most visibly is for the LGBTQ community, I always feel that my voice is also supporting the Nikkei and API communities. Therefore, I am working to make the world safer for both Aiden and Stefan.

My first conference call as an of-

ficial member of the Biden Foundation was a short one . . . 15 minutes. It was basically a welcome call from former Vice President Joe Biden. Listening to him, I felt so motivated to go out and do more, not afraid of what others are saying, but lifting my vision higher and believing I have the power to make a difference.

As I listened, I realized that some people use fear and scarcity to motivate others; then there is Joe Biden, who uses abundance, hope and compassion to cause us to feel empowered and confident that we can change the way things are. He is the kind of leader that I can look up to. He is the kind of leader I aspire to be.

Joe Biden has always been known for his love of family and country. Six weeks after he was elected to the U.S. Senate back in 1972, his first wife and daughter were killed in an automobile accident while they were out buying a Christmas tree. His two young sons were

badly injured as well, and he considered resigning from the Senate to be with his boys, Beau and Hunter. Joe was convinced to stay on, and he was sworn into office from his sons' hospital room.

Once the boys were well, the newly elected senator rode a train from Wilmington, Del., to Washington, D.C., and home again, which was an average commute of three hours every day, in order to be a senator and also a father, home to tuck his sons in at night. I admired him over 40 years ago, and my respect for him has only grown over the years.

I often wonder what our country would look like today if he had become our 45th president. But while reading his book, "Promise Me, Dad," I could feel how it would have taken an emotional strength to campaign for president that he needed to reserve for his family in order to heal from Beau's death from cancer in 2015. But through his foundation, he is still



Marsha and Aiden Aizumi were guest speakers at the "Living in Hope" event, sponsored by the Sakura Foundation, Mile High JACL and the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple. They are shown here with Sakura Square CEO Gary Yamashita and Program Director Stacey Shigaya.

helping our country. He could have just retreated to a well-deserved private life of rest after over 40 years of service, but that was not what he has chosen.

The week after being welcomed to the Biden Foundation by the

vice president, I returned to Denver to speak with Aiden at an event called "Living in Hope," sponsored by the Sakura Foundation, Mile High JACL and the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple.

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## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

## TULE LAKE RESISTERS: MY E.O. 9066 STORY

By Yukio Kawaratani,  
Guest Columnist

The World War II American concentration camp experience was the darkest time in Japanese American history. It was also a black mark on America, as our constitutional rights were trampled. My family suffered lifetime consequences.

When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, our whole family was saddened and worried about what was going to happen to us. We were a tiny minority, never fully accepted, and now we looked like and were being tied to the enemy.

The FBI immediately arrested and incarcerated Japanese leaders of the community and organizations, as well as Buddhist ministers, language teachers and people with contacts with Japan. Curfews and travel limits were imposed, and homes, businesses and farms were searched by the FBI. With wartime hysteria, racism and economic competition, soon newspapers, radio stations, politicians and farmers advocated for the removal of all people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast because we could be spies or saboteurs.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the notorious Executive Order 9066 in February 1942. It authorized Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt to remove and incarcerate 110,000 Japanese Americans in 10 concentration camps. Our family suffered a major financial loss, as we had to quickly sell, at a fraction of its value, everything we owned, including our home, farm, crops, vehicles and animals. We could only take what we could carry. I was 10 years old.

Our family's camp experience was terrible. First, we were sent to Poston, Ariz. It was in the middle of the desert, and it was hot and dusty. Our family of 10 was jammed into a 20-by-50-foot room in a wooden tarpaper-covered barrack. There were no partitions or closets. Two bare light bulbs hung from the rafters. Initially, there were 10 metal Army beds and no furniture.

We had to go to the scrap lumber pile for wood to make crude benches, tables and shelves. The mess hall food, with a shortage of sugar and meats and prepared by inmates, was bad. There was a long walk to the toilets, and showers had no privacy partitions at all.

A year later, the constitutionally suspect "loyalty questionnaire" was mandated to be filled out by all inmates 17 years of age and older. Question 27 said, "Are you willing to serve in the Armed Forces on combat duty, wherever ordered?" Many men thought that answering "Yes" meant volunteering for the Army.

Question 28 asked, "Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or any other foreign government, power or organization?" Some Issei did not want to renounce the only citizenship they had, as they were always denied American citizenship.

To play it safe, 90 percent of the adults answered "Yes, Yes." However, there was confusion and no guidance. Some inmates were angry to be forced to answer a loyalty questionnaire while being incarcerated, and they protested on principle by refusing to fill it out. Others were conflicted and answered "No" to one or both questions. They did not know the severe consequences of their decisions.

Our family had a problem. One brother had already been tricked by the FBI agents searching our farm into joining the Army. Two brothers had gone to pick sugar beets for farmers in Utah because of the labor shortage. They had answered "Yes, Yes" to keep working outside of the camp.

We became a "No, No" family because my mother, with tears in her eyes, said, "I already have three sons who will end up in the Army and might be killed in the war. I cannot bear to have two more sons in harm's way. Let's keep the remaining family together by answering 'No, No' and face whatever additional punishment the government gives us."

Soon, eight members of our family and thousands from the nine camps that did not answer "Yes, Yes" were sent to the Tule Lake Segregation Center. It had been converted into a high-security prison for over 18,000 men, women and children. My father was shocked.

Tule Lake had protests and some strikes,

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF YUKIO KAWARATANI



Yukio Kawaratani

< In this photo, taken in 1946, Yukio Kawaratani is shown leaving Tule Lake with his sisters (from left) Fumiko, Tomiko and Yoshiko.

which were mainly about farm working conditions, poor food and living conditions and the brutal treatment of protest leaders in the stockade.

There were constant rumors that we could be subject to prisoner exchanges at any time and would all be deported to Japan after the war. Except for our parents, we were all American citizens, but we were treated like enemy aliens.

Various groups and organizations with differing opinions were formed. My father joined the Hoshidan because they were Japanese speaking. He said that since we could

be deported to Japan, we had better learn the language. He took three of us children out of the English-language school and enrolled us in the very strict Japanese school full time. We had to study all the time because we had a lot of catching up to do. Living in Tule Lake as prisoners facing deportation to Japan was serious business. There were no fun and games.

The next crisis came when Congress passed the "Renunciation Law." At first, very few inmates applied. But in December 1944, the War Relocation Authority announced the

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- Heritage of America Holiday Tour** (Elaine Ishida) . . . . . Apr 27-May 6  
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- New England Autumn Holiday Tour** (Carol Hida) . . . . . Oct 12-19  
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- Costa Rica Holiday Tour** (Carol Hida) . . . . . Nov 7-15  
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Hoshidan members at Tule Lake Segregation Center are inspected in 1945.



# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CAUCUS: SOLUTION TO THE MEMBERSHIP CRISIS?

With youth the voices of the future, maintaining their involvement in JACL for the long-term is key to sustainability.

By Rob Buscher,  
Contributor

It should come as no surprise to members of the JACL that our organization is in the midst of a demographic crisis. For much of our history, we have been driven and supported by the Nisei generation. Alas, time slows for no person, and as our Greatest Generation fades, we as an organization must ask how the JACL can survive into the future.

Central to this conversation are the voices of Yonsei and emerging Gosei generations, who mostly range in age between their teens to thirties and are increasingly multiethnic or multiracial. Unique to any generation that has come before them in terms of their diversity of lived experience and relationship to Japanese identity, convincing these young adults to care about an organization that has typically been associated with their grandparents' generation is no small feat.

We also have a growing number of Shin-Nisei, or children of the Japanese nationals that emigrated in the post-war era who are roughly the same age as our Yonsei/Gosei. While Shin-Nisei increasingly identify as Japanese American over the culture of their immigrant parents, they, too, lack a familiarity with the struggles of our Nisei forbearers within the JACL.

The experiences of JAs are no longer similar enough to be encapsulated within the singular narrative that has historically defined the JACL membership. Given the national trend of declining membership, it would seem that our elders are at a loss for how to convince these new generations to join the organization. However, the path forward may lie in the leadership of the youth itself.

Over the past three years, a group of young leaders comprised of a myriad of ethnic and generational identities have begun self-organizing a new affinity space within the JACL for young adult members who have aged out of the Youth membership category.

Known as the Young Professionals Caucus (YPC), this group is still in development but will likely be officially recognized as a Standing Committee by the National Board. The YPC was conceptualized, in part, as a

successor to the National Youth & Student Council programs to help young adult members above the age of 25 remain engaged in the JACL and create an intentional space for this distinct peer group to interact with one another.

National Vice President of Membership and San Francisco Chapter member Haruka Roudebush was one of the instigators of this movement, which he sees as critical to our organization's survival.

"A crucial component of keeping younger members involved is creating a comfortable space within the organization specifically for the young professional demographic," said Roudebush, a Shin-Issei born in Japan and raised in the U.S. as a naturalized citizen. "It is our hope that having a supportive social space as well as supplementary programs and trainings through the YPC will also help prepare individual members to take on larger roles and responsibilities at the chapter, district and even national levels of JACL."

A major issue that nearly all YPC members have identified is that once they have aged out of the Youth membership category, there isn't much to keep them involved in JACL.

Seattle Chapter member Sylvie Shiosaki, who identifies as a multiracial Yonsei-Han (4.5) since her grandfather was Nisei and grandmother is Sansei, added, "In my chapter, we have noticed that very few youth members convert into regular memberships once they finish college. Youth are provided with lots of support and programming, but once they are no longer in that age group, they may feel that JACL has nothing more to offer. I am involved in YPC to help change this by developing the infrastructure to continue stewarding and supporting our young leaders."

Considering that roughly half of the organization's current National Board members are alumni of the NY/SC program, the opportunity that YPC presents as a potential continuation of that leadership pipeline cannot be overstated.

"I am excited at the prospect of having the YPC serve as a space that can play a role in developing our leaders after they've aged out



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF ROB BUSCHER

YPC and NY/SC members participated at a regional summit that was held in November 2017 at the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival.

of youth programs and activities, particularly if it leads to more representation from the next generations, who are knowledgeable and savvy on both the civil rights and social justice issues the organization addresses," said Roudebush.

While the age-old question persists of whether JACL's primary role is as a JA community convener or organization with predominantly JA membership that conducts broader civil rights advocacy, it appears evident that young professionals care a great deal about the JACL's activist mission.

"It is rewarding to be a part of an organization that affects change everywhere from a local level to the national stage," said Nick Hori, one of the youngest Sansei members in his Silicon Valley Chapter. "I hope that the YPC will help my peers find a place of belonging and give us an opportunity to channel our energy toward positive social change."

Data collected by the National Strategic Planning Committee also supports this assertion, since an overwhelming majority of chapters whose membership includes significant populations of young professionals listed social justice as their primary motivation for being a JACL member.

"While analysis of our recent Strategic Plan survey illustrates a spectrum of priorities and issues of importance throughout JACL's chapters and districts, the most enthusiastic young professional members seem to want the JACL to be an organization that can serve as an outlet for civic engagement and advocacy on current civil rights and social justice issues," said Roudebush, referring to the SWOT analysis presented at the 2017 National Convention in July. "Many young professionals have been encouraged to see the National JACL engage on issues such as combatting Islamophobia and other discriminatory policies against the Muslim community, anti-blackness and police brutality, compassionate immigration reform and equal marriage rights."

The world of civil rights and social justice advocacy is constantly changing, and if JACL wishes to remain relevant within these spaces, it is paramount to allow young professionals to drive the direction of activism.

"Young professionals in our age group are best equipped to provide guidance and educate on current social justice issues, which are evolving perhaps faster than ever," said New York chapter member Takumi Harada, who was born in Japan to a Sansei father and Shin-Issei mother. "Our participation is necessary to provide direction on many issues that are relevant to our mission, which might otherwise be glossed over. There is a great opportunity in the JACL for us to shape the future of our organization and ensure that our mission remains relevant and valuable."

YPC is already providing a space for these types of conversations to take place, primarily in the form of monthly conference calls, an email listserv and annual meetings that were held at the most recent Las Vegas and D.C. conventions.

"YPC has provided a venue to discuss topics and issues with other young professionals that are otherwise difficult to discuss with a larger audience," said Shiosaki. "Topics such as domestic violence, the model minority myth and #metoo can be discussed in a safe space among my peers."



YPC members socialize after hours at the 2017 Washington, D.C., JACL National Convention.

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# ALWAYS REMEMBER, NEVER FORGET

Los Angeles commemorates Day of Remembrance in Little Tokyo.

By P.C. Staff

**F**ind a way to be part of the resistance and join us in making Feb. 19 not only a Day of Remembrance but also a day of resistance."

Resounding words given by keynote speaker Alan Nishio of Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress that echoed through the George and Sakaye Aratani Central Hall at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo on Feb. 17.

Titled "The Civil Liberties Act of 1988: The Victory and the Unfinished Business," the 2018 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance program commemorated the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties

Act of 1988, the landmark legislation that provided the U.S. government's apology and monetary reparations to the survivors of the forced removal and mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II as a result of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942.

The event offered the standing-room only audience the opportunity to pause and reflect upon the 76th anniversary of E.O. 9066, as well as reaffirm their commitment to continue the fight for justice today so that such mistakes are never again repeated.

The program, emceed by Kristin Fukushima, managing director of the Little Tokyo Community Council, and Chris Komai, board chair of the LTCC, opened with a taiko performance by Yuujou Daiko, based out of Gedatsu Church in South San Gabriel, Calif., and affiliated with the Gardena



The event featured a keynote speech by longtime civil rights activist Alan Nishio.

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Manzanar National Historic Site Chief of Interpretation Alisa Lynch (left) with Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga

Valley Japanese Cultural Institute.

Fukushima and Komai then welcomed JANM President Ann Burroughs, who echoed the importance of coming together to fight for the truth of history, as she, too, was denied due process in her native South Africa while opposing apartheid.

"It's very hard to think that the turmoil and divisions in the country could be further deepened in this last year. Prejudice, bigotry and exclusion is rising again, so we

know that at this time there is an enormous amount of unfinished business," Burroughs said. "We also know that in this year of great turmoil, there has also been a time of great coming together, a time of great hope where people have come together to organize, think and re-examine to look at the challenges we are faced with and understand what business is before us and what we need to do. ... We know there

is an enormous amount of work to do, on our own, as communities, as colleagues."

Special recognition was given to honorable guests in the audience, including Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, an archivist and researcher for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, who uncovered documents that debunked the wartime administration's claims of "military necessity" and helped compile the CWRIC's final report, "Personal Justice Denied."

Said Fukushima, "If it wasn't for Aiko, there would be no redress."

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance) of the 66th District spoke about the importance of DOR and how he introduces an annual resolution declaring Feb. 19 as a Day of Remembrance throughout the State of California.

"For me, the passage of [the Civil Liberties Act of 1988] and the redress movement that led to the passage of this act will always be one of the greatest examples of the potential to achieve justice through the democratic process."

Muratsuchi then presented Fukushima a framed poster that will also be displayed in all offices in the California State Legislature to commemorate the Day of Remembrance for the State of California.

Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Boy Scouts from Troop 735 and Girl Scouts from Troop 12135 then entered the hall carrying flags bearing the name of all 10 War Relocation Authority camps. Incarcerates in attendance were asked to stand and be recognized as a roll call was announced. A moment of silence was then observed to honor those in the redress movement who have since passed away.

The event's keynote speaker, Alan Nishio, who was pivotal to the success of the redress movement campaign and the founder and co-chair of NCCRR, then took the podium.

"In Los Angeles, this is our 39th Day of Remembrance program, and it's an important one as we share the lessons from the camps and we commit ourselves to the banner of never again," said Nishio. "I'm very proud to be able to look back ... and know that I was able to be part, a very small part, but a part, of a movement for change and to see what the impact of those movements have been upon a changing society. None of those

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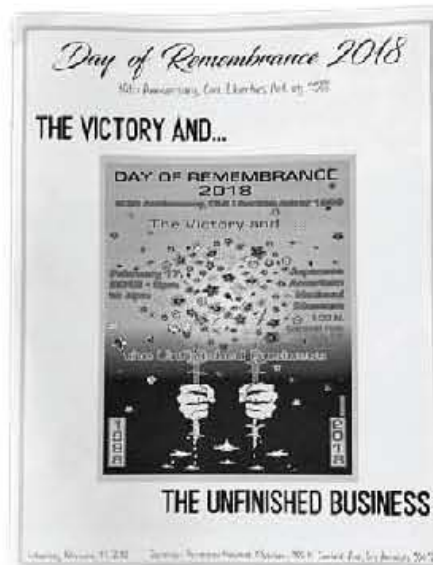


All 10 American concentration camps were recognized during the DOR program in JANM's Aratani Central Hall.

PHOTO: GANN MATSUDA/ MANZANAR COMMITTEE



Members and friends of Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress posed for a photo following the DOR program.





movements were more significant in my personal life than that of redress.”

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was not ideal, Nishio said, as it did not provide redress for those who were not alive when the bill was passed, nor did it include Japanese Latin Americans and other groups that were denied because of that initial legislation. But it was an official government acknowledgment of a wrong that had been committed.

“My participation in the redress campaign was really a highlight of my life’s involvement,” Nishio reflected, adding that it was the people’s movement that saw redress through. “Let us not forget the importance of this movement because many will tell you that it was a phone call to President Reagan that got him to sign the legislation. . . . Believe me, it was the people’s movement that got us redress, and let’s not forget that.”

“Many want us to feel powerless, that against overwhelming odds, they want us to feel that there is nothing we can do. . . . But the Civil Liberties Act affirms that there’s a lot we can do. Never underestimate the power of individuals that are committed to ideals when they work together,” Nishio said.

Nishio then shared a valuable lesson to be learned with the audience.

“So, what have we learned from all of this? A few things: The camps were not merely a history lesson. They are a cautionary tale; it is a story of importance not only to Japanese Americans. It is important because it is a tale of what could happen when a group is profiled and scapegoated in the name of national security. We want redress, but redress would be a hollow victory for our community if we chose to stand idly by while others are threatened. . . . We know the cost of silence. . . . We cannot choose to remain silent in light of the things we know that can directly impact our own experience.”

Nishio also stressed the importance of remaining vocal and to never stop fighting for what is right.

“This is not the time to retire. This is the time to use our experience for wisdom and be engaged and use that as part of creating change. . . . We need to continue to support future Day of Remembrance programs to ensure that our stories are passed on to future generations,” Nishio concluded.

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JANM's Ann Burroughs

The first-place winner in the Manzanar Committee’s Student Awards Program then addressed the audience with his award-winning essay “Keep Our Families Together.”

The speaker remained anonymous due to the current political climate as he spoke about being connected to similar feelings of what Japanese Americans experienced during WWII and what immigrant families are facing today.

“Immigrant communities are being torn apart just like Japanese Americans were during the war,” he said.

“Moving a family by force can cause great harm. Similarly today, families also face such injustices. . . . No matter what ethnicity you are, never let yourself be labeled with something you know isn’t true. The Japanese Americans weren’t at all what the government labeled them as and they didn’t let themselves be identified as that. Nor should you let yourself be identified by the labels others put on you. Families should always be kept together because no matter how diverse our country becomes, the family unit will endure and fill our lives with love and strength.”

In attendance at the program was JACL Executive Director David Inoue, who reflected upon the day’s events.

“Hearing the story of the student’s family and how it was torn apart really drives home how intertwined today’s immigration debate is to our community’s experience,” he said. “Too often I hear JACL members argue that we should not be speaking out on issues such as immigration, but that story drew the direct parallel between the two experiences,” he said. “It is important that the enthusiasm that we felt this afternoon is carried throughout the year.”

The program ended with a “Call to Action” on various issues affecting the Japanese American community.

JACL Associate director Stephanie Nitahara, representing the Pacific Southwest District, spoke about the devastating con-

PHOTO: GANN MATSUDA/MANZANAR COMMITTEE



AI Muratsuchi presents a commemorative DOR poster to LTCC's Kristin Fukushima.



PHOTO: ALLISON HARAMOTO

Members of Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's Boy Scout Troop 738 and Girl Scout Troop 12135 participated in the Day of Remembrance ceremony.

sequences that could result if President Trump’s 2019 budget proposal eliminates the Japanese American Confined Sites Grant program.

“Join us in fighting to continue the JACS funding by calling your representatives and letting them know what you think,” she said.

“Resources and a script to call your representative may be found on the JACL website (<https://jacl.org/help-us-fund-the-japanese-american-confinement-site-program/>).”

The program was co-sponsored by the

Go for Broke National Education Center, JACL/Pacific Southwest District, JANM, Manzanar Committee, NCRR, Nikkei Progressives, Organization of Chinese Americans/Greater Los Angeles and Progressive Asian Network for Action/PANA.

#### CORRECTION:

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DR. NEWTON K. WESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WILL OFFER A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP ANNUALLY (PACIFIC CITIZEN, FEB. 9-22, 2018, “JACL NATIONAL BOARD CONVENES TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR 2018”)



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## MARCH 10 PROGRAM RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO BATTLED WORLD WAR II 'FAKE NEWS'

While President Trump may have popularized the term, "fake news," the late Nisei journalist Jimmie Omura and the draft resisters were battling fake news long before Trump was even born.

During a special program on March 10 at the Mezzanine meeting area of Sakura Square in Denver, Arthur A. Hansen, professor emeritus of history at California State University, Fullerton, will share excerpts from an upcoming memoir of Omura, which will touch upon the journalist's World War II court trial that stemmed from his support of the Heart Mountain draft resisters, his subsequent ostracism from

the Nikkei community and his re-emergence as a civil rights leader during the 1980s.

Omura's memoir, "Nisei Naysayer," will be published by Stanford University Press in late 2018 and is based, in part, on journals kept by the Bainbridge Island, Wash.-born Omura, who moved to Denver, Colo., to avoid camp incarceration and lived out his post-war years in the area.

The program, set to begin at 1 p.m., is being co-sponsored by the Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado, the Japanese American Association of Colorado and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center's Eiji Suyama En-

dowment, which strives to preserve the history of Japanese American dissent during World War II.

This 60-minute program will begin with a short introduction about the Suyama Project by Professor David K. Yoo, vice provost for the Institute of American Cultures and professor of Asian American Studies and History at the University of California, Los Angeles. There will also be a website presentation on the Suyama Project.

Yoo will then be followed by Hansen, in dialogue with Lane Hirabayashi, professor emeritus of Asian American Studies and the former George & Sakaye Aratani Endowed Chair at UCLA.

In addition, there will be a question and answer session, as well as a light reception.

The Sakura Square Mezzanine meeting area is located at 1905 Larimer St. in downtown Colorado. To get to the meeting room, the Sakura Square Mezzanine is located at ground level on Larimer Street, between 19th and 20th streets, and not at the regular Sakura Square address.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Marge Taniguchi at [margetaniguchi@aol.com](mailto:margetaniguchi@aol.com) or call (303) 333-2130.



"Nisei Naysayer," about the life of journalist James "Jimmie" Matsumoto Omura, is set to be published this year.

## JACL MOURNS THE PASSING OF JOHN YASUMOTO: A VISIONARY LEADER IN THE JA COMMUNITY

Among many accomplishments, Yasumoto was instrumental in developing a health insurance program for the organization's national membership.



By JACL National

John Yasumoto's leadership in the JACL extends back more than 60 years. In 1958,

Yasumoto was the membership vp for the San Francisco chapter. As he struggled to recruit new members, he recalled that the most commonly asked question was, "What does JACL do for me?"

One day when visiting a friend in the hospital, he could see many others suffering, and in that moment, he recognized the importance of health care coverage and how difficult it could be to buy for Japanese Americans.

In 1960, as the San Francisco chapter president, Yasumoto tried to start a health insurance program as a JACL member benefit but failed. In 1964, as District Governor for the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District

Council, he successfully proposed a health insurance program.

On March 10, 1965, the JACL Blue Shield Health Plan was founded with the help of the late Mas Satow, then-JACL National Director.

Satow predicted, "Johnny, this program probably will not last more than three years." Against the odds, the plan flourished with members in several states, from over 74 chapters in eight District Councils and eventually provided this important benefit to over 7,000 members and their families.

Through the years, Yasumoto continued to develop the Plan into a Trust, with staff, legal counsel and a board of directors from three

District Councils.

Eventually, the Plan had to organize separately from JACL, but Yasumoto and the board continued to be elected by the participating chapters and required JACL membership to be covered by the Plan. Yasumoto also felt strongly that the Trust never stop supporting the good work of the JACL — that support continues to this day.

With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the separate subscriber group that was maintained by Blue Shield for the JACL could not continue. As a tribute to the loyalty of the covered members, almost 100 percent of them agreed to become covered by individual plans offered by the Trust.

Because of the change in the law, a premium stabilization fund, carefully built up over 45 years to help minimize insurance premium fluctuations, was refunded to the Trust.

To maximize the good that could come from these funds, the Trust created a 501(c)(3) nonprofit called the JA Community Foundation, which in turn makes grants to support the JA community, focusing on the more senior members who were the heart of the previous plan. Today, the Trust and Foundation continue to provide benefits and support the JA community, ever mindful of the vision and legacy of John Yasumoto.

Yasumoto passed away at the age of 88 on Jan. 13 in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Chibi, and his son, Jason, and daughter, Liane.

For information about his memorial service, visit <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=john-yasumoto&pid=188205360&fhid=2318>.

## Manzanar Committee Calls on Huntington Beach City Council to Act to Preserve, Protect Historic Wintersburg

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Committee calls on the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach to act to preserve and protect the site of Historic Wintersburg, which is currently threatened by the proposed sale of the land by Republic Services to Public Storage.

Historic Wintersburg, the former site of a late 1800s Japanese American farming

community, was named as one of America's Most Endangered Places in 2014 and a National Treasure in 2015. Both designations were made by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Manzanar Committee first announced its support for the protection and preservation of Historic Wintersburg in July 2013.

"The Manzanar Committee is shocked and

dismayed that, despite previous assurances, Republic Services has moved to sell Historic Wintersburg, a site of conscience and important landmarks, to Public Storage," said Manzanar Committee Co-Chair Bruce Embrey. "Despite its significance to the local community, the Japanese American community and our nation, it appears these companies have placed their narrow interests above all else."

"We call on the Huntington Beach City Council to listen to its constituents and concerned parties from around the state and work to preserve the site," Embrey continued. "Preserving the site, rather than building a public storage facility, should be an easy choice, with the site being right next to a school — the educational value for the entire community alone outweighs the alleged need for a storage facility. The City of Huntington Beach should intervene to protect the public

good above the narrow interests of two corporations."

Embrey also noted that preserving Historic Wintersburg would likely have positive impacts for Huntington Beach that have not been considered.

"Our experience with establishing the Manzanar National Historic Site demonstrates the overwhelming positive impact preserving our nation's history can have," he said. "The economic, social and cultural benefits to the Owens Valley (site of the Manzanar National Historic Site) are tremendously positive, bringing economic development and jobs."

"The Manzanar Committee urges everyone to continue to support Historic Wintersburg, and work to ensure that this historic landmark is preserved and protected," Embrey concluded. "The Huntington Beach City Council should act accordingly and without delay."



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Looking around the room as we spoke, I saw people who loved their LGBTQ children, people who wanted to raise their awareness about the LGBTQ community, but most of all, I saw people who are looking for greater hope and humanity, so that they and their children — whether LGBTQ or not — can live in a society free from discrimination, hatred and hurt.

By being part of this LGBTQ Advisory Council, I seek to bring the perspective of an Asian American parent who loves her LGBTQ child and also a person who is working every day to make the world safer for my children and, I hope, your children as well.

Our children need to believe that they are beautiful, worthy and loved for all of who they are, but they also need to live in a

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**Pictured (from left) are Marsha Aizumi, Aiden Aizumi, Mile High JACL President and Pacific Citizen Editorial Board Chair Gil Asakawa and his wife, Erin.**

world where schools, universities, workplaces and homes are free from violence. I may not have all the answers on how to create this world I envision, but I will never stop believing that this world is possible. This is how I live in hope....

*Marsha Aizumi is an advocate in the LGBTQ community and the author of the book "Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance."*

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start of the closure of all the camps, including Tule Lake. The U.S. Supreme Court, based on the Mitsue Endo case, ruled that American citizens who are concededly loyal could not be held indefinitely in WRA camps.

But, having the family released into a hostile white community while the war was still going on and with no job or place to live created a panic. It would be safer to stay in Tule Lake. It was a time of confusion and intimidation, which then became a mass statement that caused over 5,000 Nisei to renounce their American citizenship — a regrettable decision with major repercussions.

The government blamed the Hoshidan organization. My father and two brothers were sent to Department of Justice detention centers in North Dakota and Texas. I was left with my mother and three sisters in Tule Lake. Also, ironically at the same time, three of my brothers were serving in the U.S. Army. One fought in Italy with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Another was with the Military Intelligence Service headquarters in Minnesota. Our family of 11 was broken into six pieces.

After the devastating atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the war ended in August 1945. A few months later, the government prepared two ships to deport Department of Justice detention center inmates and Tule Lake renunciants to Japan. But, due to the amazing legal intervention by American Civil Liberties attorney Wayne Collins, the mandatory deportations were stopped, and only those volunteering to go would be deported.

Tragically, my father was so angry and disillusioned with America that with two of his sons, he boarded the ship to Japan. My mother was in a quandary about what to do. But two of my brothers in the Army came to Tule Lake and convinced her not to take us children to devastated Japan to starve. A fortunate decision.

Through two decades of dedicated and heroic efforts, Collins, aided by attorney Tets Nakamura and others, was able to, one by one, regain the American citizenship of almost all of the 5,000 Tule Lake renunciants. With years in Japan, my two brothers had married Japanese wives and were able to return to California. Again, tragically, my

poor father had not survived long and had passed away in Japan — I believe primarily of a broken heart.

For all these years, former Tule Lake inmates have been stigmatized as those "trouble makers" by the Japanese American community. After the war and to this day, people still ask, "What camp were you in?" I never hesitate to say Poston and Tule Lake, but I am always angered by people's negative reactions. They don't understand that we were trapped and highly victimized by the government, and our families suffered many times more severely than those in other camps. Because of the stigmatization, many Nisei chose to not admit they were in Tule Lake.

In closing, I would like to make a plea on behalf of former Tule Lake inmates and their descendants. Please do not continue to call us the "No-Nos" or, worse yet, the "No-No Boys." These have been derogatory slurs — sometimes hateful and hurtful — for over 70 years as stigmatizing put downs of Tule Lake inmates. We were severely victimized by the government for resisting the major injustice of the American concentration camps, so I request understanding and eventual reconciliation by all Japanese Americans before the Nisei generation is gone. ■

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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

# CALENDAR

## NCWNP

**Camp and Campus**  
**Berkeley, CA**

**March 1; 5:30-7 p.m.**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
**Center for Japanese Studies**  
**554 Barrows Hall**

The Center for Japanese Studies, Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies 122, UC Berkeley Japanese American Studies Advisory Committee and Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley welcome Cal alumna Joyce Nao Takahashi ('55), who will speak about her personal experience during the "war years," which were spent in Tanforan, Calif., as well as Topaz, Utah, and Chicago, Ill. As a board member of the Japanese American Women Alumnae of the University of California, Berkeley, she participated in the club's oral history project, which is the basis for the monograph "Japanese American Alumnae of the University of California, Berkeley: Lives and Legacy."  
**Info: Visit [cjs-event@berkeley.edu](https://cjs-event@berkeley.edu) or call (510) 642-3415.**

**Bamboo Flute Making Workshop**  
**With Michael Kanner**  
**San Francisco, CA**  
**March 10; 1-4 p.m.**  
**Japanese Cultural and Community**  
**Center of Northern California**  
**1840 Sutter St.**

**Price: \$35 JCCCNC Members; \$40 General Public**  
Adults and children are welcome to join this class where they will make a real, playable transverse flute from bamboo. The workshop includes all materials as well as a special presentation on different types of flutes from cultures from all around the world by flute maker Michael Kanner, who has been making and playing bamboo flutes for more than 40 years.  
**Info: To register, visit <https://14797.blackbaudhosting.com/14797/Bamboo-Flute-Workshop>.**

**'Exquisite Art Under Adverse Conditions' — From the Japanese American Incarceration Camps: 1942-1945**  
**San Jose, CA**  
**Exhibit Now Open**  
**Japanese American Museum of San Jose**  
**535 N. Fifth St.**

This extensively remodeled and enhanced section of the museum is dedicated to the art and craft created by many artisans who were forcibly held in the camps during World War II. Using natural material from the 10 desolate incarceration camps, the artwork comes alive in a very naturalistic way reflecting the "Art of Gaman" — to endure the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity.  
**Info: Visit [www.jamsj.org](http://www.jamsj.org).**

**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).**

## PSW

**'Moment' by Wakana Kimura**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**March 10; 5-7 p.m. opening reception**  
**Koyasan Buddhist Temple**  
**Daishi-do (2nd floor)**  
**342 E. First St.**

**Price: Free**  
This special two-hour exhibition will feature the work of artist Wakana Kimura in Koyasan Temple's sacred hall, which is normally only visited by Buddhist priests. The installation is part of Kimura's ongoing series of works that deals with combined collaboration of a common ground within unconventional, sacred spaces.  
**Info: Call (626) 318-5742 or email [wakanakimura@gmail.com](mailto:wakanakimura@gmail.com).**

**Author Discussion: 'Hiroshima Boy' by Naomi Hirahara**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**March 17; 2 p.m.**  
**Japanese American National Museum**  
**100 N. Central Ave.**  
**Price: Free for museum members and included with general admission for nonmembers.**

The latest and final installment in the beloved Mas Arai mystery series finds the detective returning to Hiroshima to bring his best friends' ashes to a relative. However, Arai becomes embroiled in the mysterious death of a teenage boy who was about the same age he was when he survived the atomic bomb in 1945. Award-winning author Naomi Hirahara will lead this reading and discussion event of her book, which will be available at the JANM store.  
**Info: RSVP is encouraged. Visit <https://9644p.blackbaudhosting.com/9644p/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=70957a03-c1b6-43c0-bd28-d2406df2a25e>.**

**'Allegiance'**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**Thru 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).**

**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).**

**'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).**

## PNW

**Hanakago: The Art of Bamboo and Flowers**  
**Portland, OR**  
**Thru April 1**  
**Portland Japanese Garden**  
**Pavilion Gallery and Tanabe Gallery**  
**611 S.W. Kingston Ave.**

This exhibit features more than 30 museum-quality bamboo baskets and sculptures from the collection of Portland resident Peter Shinbach, along with pieces loaned by TAI Modern in Santa Fe, N.M., the leading Japanese bamboo art gallery in North America. Throughout the exhibition, Ikebana artists will arrange flowers in the baskets each weekend.  
**Info: Visit [www.japanese-garden.org](http://www.japanese-garden.org).**

**'Year of Remembrance: Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner'**

**Seattle, WA**  
**Thru April 22**  
**Wing Luke Museum**  
**The Hugh & Jane Ferguson Foundation Welcome Hall**  
**719 S. King St.**

This exhibition recognizes the 75th anniversary of E.O. 9066 and explores historic and contemporary issues of racism, discrimination and human rights. The inspiration for the exhibit came from "Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner," a book of poems by Lawrence Matsuda and artwork by Roger Shimomura.  
**Info: Visit [www.wingluke.org](http://www.wingluke.org).**

## CCDC

**Asian Fest: Year of the Dog**  
**April 28**  
**Fresno City College**  
**1101 E. University Ave.**

**Price: Free**  
AsianFest celebrates Asian American culture and showcases the talents of community performers, martial artists and cultural organizations. There will also be numerous exhibits, craft booths and amazing food, in addition to a children's craft area. This event is coordinated by the Asian American Faculty and Staff Assn. at Fresno City College.  
**Info: Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/182918448976717/>.**

## IDC

**'Nisei Naysayer' Presentation by Professor Arthur A. Hansen**  
**Denver, CO**  
**March 10; 1 p.m.**  
**Sakura Square Mezzanine Meeting Area**  
**1905 Larimer St.**

**Price: Free**  
Professor Arthur A. Hansen, professor emeritus of history at California State University, Fullerton, will share excerpts from an upcoming memoir of journalist Jimmie Omura that touches upon his WWII court trial that stemmed from his support of the Heart Mountain draft resisters, his subsequent ostracism from the Nikkei community and his re-emergence as a civil rights leader during the 1980s. Also scheduled to speak are Professor David K. Yoo, vice provost for the Institute of American Cultures and professor of Asian American Studies and History at UCLA and Professor Lane Hirabayashi, professor emeritus of Asian American Studies and the former George & Sakaye Aratani Endowed Chair at UCLA.  
**Info: To RSVP, contact Marge Taniwaki at [margetaniwaki@aol.com](mailto:margetaniwaki@aol.com) or call (303) 333-2130.**

## MDC

**Candidates' Forum on Asian American Women and Communities**  
**Skokie, IL**  
**March 4; 1:30-3 p.m.**  
**Oakton Community Center**  
**4701 Oakton St.**

**Price: Free**

All are invited to this discussion that will focus on issues impacting Asian American communities and women. Candidates for Illinois State Senate District 8 and House District 17, which encompass some of the largest Asian American voting districts and populations in the state, will speak about issues facing the American people today. This event is sponsored by KAN-WIN, Apna Ghar and NAPAWF.  
**Info: Visit <https://actionnetwork.org/events/aapi-women-candidate-forum> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/157485618298221/>.**

**Festival of Nations 2018**  
**St. Paul, MN**  
**May 3-6**  
**175 W. Kellogg Blvd.**

**Price: \$11/\$8**  
The Festival of Nations is the longest-running multicultural festival in the Midwest, featuring more than 100 ethnic groups in a celebration of this nation's cultural heritage. In addition to cultural booths, there will be ethnic cuisine, entertainment and much more for people of all ages! Twin Cities JACL will have a merchandise booth at this festival.  
**Info: To volunteer at the Twin Cities JACL booth, email [katalucas@aol.com](mailto:katalucas@aol.com); for general festival information, visit [www.festivalofnations.com](http://www.festivalofnations.com).**

## EDC

**FOLD: Golden Venture Paper Sculptures**  
**New York, NY**  
**Thru March 25**  
**Museum of Chinese in America**  
**215 Centre St.**

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**Boston, MA**  
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# IN MEMORIAM

## TRIBUTE

### KIMIYO EVELYN FUKUHARA

Kimiyo Evelyn Fukuhara, 93, of Monterey, Calif., passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, in Belmont, Calif. Born in Pu'unene, Maui, she was predeceased by her husband, James C. Fukuhara, who was an attorney in Monterey, after retiring as Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army. She received her B.A. degree from San Jose State University.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Carole and Mark Louie of Menlo Park, Dr. Rene Dahl and Roger Dahl of Montara and Elaine and Spencer Schilling of Moraga; her grandchildren, James, Nicholas and Amanda; her sister, Masayo Matsui of Wailuku, Maui; and many nieces and nephews.

At Evelyn's request, no service was held. Interment will be next to her husband, James, at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Calif.

## TRIBUTE

### DR. RAYMOND S. MURAKAMI



Dr. Raymond S. Murakami, Bethesda, Md., a prominent Washington, D.C., dentist, passed away on Jan. 24, 2018. During his nearly 50 years in dental practice, he served members of Congress, cabinet secretaries, members of the diplomatic community, Hollywood movie stars and the Japanese American population.

He was a member of the ADA, D.C. Dental Society, Federation Dentaire International and Academy of General Dentistry. He was elected to the

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Society (PiPi Chapter) for honorary dental academic achievement. He was also a recipient of the First Student Clinician Award and later became president and a member of the Board of Governors. He was an American College of Dentists Fellow; a member of the official delegation of the ADA to represent the United States at the first Federation Dentaire International (FDI) held in Japan; and a dental consultant at the U.S. Department of State. He was a past president of the Maimonides Dental Assn.

Dr. Murakami was born in San Martin, Calif., on May 6, 1927, and during World War II was incarcerated in an internment camp in Tule Lake, Calif., where he attended high school. He earned his AA from UC Berkeley, BA from UCLA and his DDS at the College of Dentistry, Howard University, Washington, D.C. He volunteered for the U.S. Army and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal.

He was a life member and past president of the Japanese American Citizens League (D.C. Chapter); life member of the Japanese American Veterans Assn.; and member of the board of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. In recognition of his contributions to the Japanese American community, he received the Order of the Rising Sun from the Government of Japan.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Mary Tamaki Murakami; daughters, Diane Murakami and Kimi Murakami and her husband, Kenley Hoover; and grandchildren, Christopher and Michelle Drake, and Anna and Carolyn Hoover.

A private interment will be held at a later date. Donations in Dr. Murakami's memory may be made to National Japanese Memorial Foundation, 4200 Wisconsin Ave., NW, #106-236, WDC 20016 or to Howard University Dental School at [www.howard.edu/give](http://www.howard.edu/give).

**Akashi, Takako, 88**, Honolulu, HI, Dec. 27; she is survived by her daughters, Lorraine Kuniyuki and Marlene (Bob) Arnett; gc: 2.

**Hashiguchi, Lester Ichiro, 76**, Everett, WA, Jan. 8; he is survived by his brother, Wayne (Jill), and his partner, Anita Joy

**Hoshizaki, Irene, 91**, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 20; she is survived by her husband, "Ko" Kotaro; children, Glen (Deborah), Carole, Russell (Elizabeth), Dale (Robert) Kitagawa, Lori (David) Sunahara and Julie (Martine Gaudissart) Hoshizaki; gc: 8.

**Ishii, Annabelle, 89**, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 13; she is survived by her son, Dane; gc: 1.

**Ishimitsu, Kazuo, 88**, Seattle, WA, Jan. 4; he was predeceased by his wife, Masue; he is survived by his children, Peter, Mike (Carrie) and Paul; siblings, Nobu (Jim) Murakami and Kich (Bobbi) Ishimitsu; gc: 4.

**Ito, Shigeji, 95**, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 2; he is survived by his wife, Fumie; children, Christine T. Ito and Kenneth T. Ito; brother, Wataru (Keiko) Ito; he is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Iwasa, Jeanette Fusano, 94**, Kailua, HI, Dec. 4; she was predeceased by her husband, Richard; she is survived by her daughters, Pauline (Michael) Oshiro and Mae (Kent) Kuriyama; siblings, Thomas (Mabel), Wilfred (June), Ruth (Winston) Shigenaga and Judy (Donald) Takayama; gc: 5; ggc: 3.

**Koba, June, 91**, Sedona, AZ, Sept. 16; she is survived by her sons, Dennis and Michael; sisters, Mei and Eiko; gc: 3.

**Kuromiya, Emiko, 99**, San Gabriel, CA, Jan. 2; she is survived by her son, Larry (Ann) Kuromiya; gc: 1; ggc: 3.

**Kuwano, Stanley, 75**, Santa Monica, CA, Dec. 6; he is survived by his wife, Suzanne; children, Jill and John; sisters, Rose Sumi and Mari (Joe) Sato; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.



**Masuda, Masao Frank, 100**, Fountain Valley, CA, Nov. 14; during WWII, he served in the Military Intelligence Service; he was predeceased by his wife, Lily; he is survived by his children, Marvin (Donna) and Denise; gc: 1.



**Matsui, Carole, 89**, Sacramento, CA, Dec. 10; she was predeceased by her husband, Jimmy; she is survived by her children, Roger, Tracy and Wendy (Brad) Boemecke; sister, Taye (George) Ogawa; sisters-in-law, Tokie Hironaka, Rose Hironaka and Ruby Satow; gc: 1.



**Matsushima, Hiroshi Charles, 78**, Portland, OR, Dec. 18; during WWII, he was incarcerated at a WRA Center; he is survived by his wife, Janie; children, Becky (Stacy) Talus, Darryn and Ryan (Kelly); gc: 7.



**Mizokawa, Louise Yukime, 94**, Bellevue, WA, Dec. 29; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; she is survived by her children, Gerald (Linda) Mizokawa

and Mary Ann Mizokawa; gc: 3; ggc: 2.



**Mizuno, Kelly, 64**, Folsom, CA, Dec. 26; he is survived by his wife, Stephanie; mother, Shimako; brothers, Steve (Lisa) and Phil (Wendy); he is also survived by nieces, nephews and many cousins.

**Nakashioya, Kenichi, 96**, Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 29; he is survived by his wife, Kazuko; children, Nancy (Edd) Hayashibara, Judy (Paul) Isozaki and Howard (Suzanne); gc: 9; ggc: 5.

**Nakasone, Kazue N., 92**, Cerritos, CA, Jan. 7; she was predeceased by her husband, Sammy; she is survived by her sons, Emerick (Masumi Kanaya) and Warren (Elaine Yasui); sisters, Masako Nagoshi Yamaguchi and Alice Nagoshi Shoji; gc: 6; ggc: 5.

**Shimizu, Jimmie, 93**, Monterey Park, CA, Dec. 6; he is survived by his children, Jimmy, Ann (Vernon) Lee, Nancy (Mayson) Kodama, Ruthy Matsumoto and Kathy (Michael) Ozawa; brother, Takeo (Makoto) Shimizu; gc: 10; ggc: 13.

**Shimizu, Marci, 50**, Seattle, WA, Jan. 4; she is survived by her husband, Eric; children, Ryan, Sydney and Ty; mother, Patricia Toshiko Fukuhara; siblings, Cathy (Mark) Takasaki, Teresa (Victor Jay) Mori and David (Sandra) Fukuhara.

**Shishido, Wallace Tadao, 85**, Diamond Bar, CA, Nov. 29; he is survived by his wife, June; daughters, Stacy Yoder (Steven) and Tess Whittington (Blair); brother, Lowell Hioki; gc: 5.



**Taniguchi, Martha, 87**, Seattle, WA, Dec. 24; she was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie; she is survived by their daughter, Sandee (Gary) Hamatani; sisters-in-law, Fumie Taniguchi and Kimie Take-mura.

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## REIMAGINE EVERYTHING



## A QUESTION OF SAVING FACE AT THE RISK OF BEING A SILENT VICTIM

By Ron Mori

An AARP survey of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders 50 years and older on fraud and scams found that nearly four in 10 older AAPIs report that they or their family members have experienced fraud schemes. Additionally, one-third (33 percent) of victims lost \$15,000 on average.

Nonfinancial costs are even more widespread, with most fraud victims (72 percent) experiencing some sort of emotional, physical or mental health impact, including anger, stress and anxiety, difficulty sleeping and shame. In short, everyone is at risk no matter your age, income or education level. This fraud survey underscores the need to raise awareness around fraud and scams in order

to protect against financial and nonfinancial loss — especially for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Awareness and education are major factors in avoiding fraud, but many AAPIs age 50 and older may be overconfident in their ability to spot common scams. In the survey, nearly three of four participants (73 percent) were confident they could spot a fraudulent offer, yet the majority (71 percent) failed a general fraud knowledge quiz of six questions, unable to correctly answer more than half of the questions.

Some of the most common types of fraud targeting AAPIs age 50 and older include:

- Foreign lottery scams (36 percent)
  - Crisis-related charitable donations (33 percent)
  - Tech support scammers offering virus removal (32 percent)
  - IRS imposter calls to collect back taxes (24 percent)
  - Phishing emails — emails that ask for your personal contact information (20 percent)
- AARP offers advice on dealing with the nonfinancial impact of fraud, including:
- Understand you are not alone and that it's not unusual to experience feelings of anger, shame and embarrassment.
  - Rechannel those feelings into action. Volunteer to help educate others about fraud. Share tips with family and friends.
  - If you have continued feelings of shame, embarrassment or anger, seek professional help. Talk to your doctor or another professional.

Family members can also support a victim of fraud by:

- Listening with an empathetic ear to your loved one.
- Ask questions to better understand the situation and context in which the fraud occurred.
- Keep lines of communication open. Remember to focus frustration and anger on the scam and the perpetrator — not the victim.
- Listen for clues of continued participation, such as: "I'm going to win money" or "the nice man on the phone said..."
- Read the free AARP Fraud Prevention Handbook and discuss it with your family members.

AARP urges people who have lost money to a scammer to report it immediately to the consumer credit bureaus (directions available on their websites)

and credit card companies if a charge card was involved. Victims should also report scams to the Federal Trade Commission and your state Attorney General's office.

### Protect Yourself From Con Artists' Latest Tricks

Every year, thousands of Americans are impacted by fraud and scams — but you can beat con artists at their own game by joining the AARP Fraud Watch Network. When you sign up, you'll get:

- The latest, breaking scam alerts, delivered right to your inbox.
- Prevention tips based on thousands of hours of interviews with con artists and law enforcement.
- Access to resources from our network of experts.
- Access to a special network of people like you who are sharing their experiences with scams, so you know what to watch out for.

The Fraud Watch Network is **free of charge** for everyone. By joining, you'll learn how to shop and bank safely, create strong passwords, protect yourself from identity theft and scams, use social media risk-free and more.

Protect yourself and your family. Join the AARP Fraud Watch Network today at [AARP.org](http://AARP.org) and search for the Fraud Watch Network to sign up.

*Ron Mori is a member of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter and manager of community, states and national affairs — multicultural leadership for AARP.*

### FACING FRAUD

Majority of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders at Risk for Fraud



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The YPC's first annual meeting at the Las Vegas 2016 convention

In the past, younger members who expressed progressive political views may have felt alienated by local chapters that were not as engaged in the advocacy efforts of the national organization. Through YPC, these individuals can now connect with other members around the country who are actively addressing these issues, bringing the best practices back to their own chapters.

"While the work the organization does is impactful, JACL has also been an incredibly enjoyable organization to be a part of because it connects me with so many great people from other parts of the country," said Roudebush.

To this effect, YPC recently collaborated with the NY/SC to host its first joint regional summit in November 2017, which convened approximately 30 members from Chicago, New England, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., at the Philadelphia Asian

American Film Festival.

It is through collaborations like these that YPC hopes to strengthen the pipeline from one membership category to the next.

"I think that the YPC is a fantastic vehicle to promote this type of involvement across the JACL so that future leaders of the organization can be identified and motivated," elaborated Harada.

Ultimately, as important as our advocacy work is, the JACL has always been about creating space for community. In an era where it has become increasingly difficult to define what the JA community is, the kinship fostered through YPC may be our best chance at sustaining this organization into the next generation.

*Rob Buscher is a member of the JACL Philadelphia board of directors.*

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