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# P.C.'S SPRING CAMPAIGN BRINGS NEW BEGINNINGS

My dad discussed life in the incarceration camps with us while we were growing up. As a young man, he left Poston "camp" to work in Idaho and experienced homelessness and hunger. After he left camp, the work was not scheduled to start for another week. He had no money or a place to live. He ate out of dumpsters. But, it was as through *gaman* that he survived.

I remembered my dad saying how important JACL was to him. It provided him with a sense of belonging, and the *Pacific Citizen* resonated what JACL was all about. The *P.C.* has been in my family for many years. It has been a bridge of com-

munication from JACL to its members.

Dad was governor of CCDC in the 1970s. We discussed redress and its importance in the lives of those who had their lives disrupted by Executive Order 9066. The *P.C.* was there then, and it continues to be the link to JACL today.

I think of spring as the season of new beginnings. The fruit trees here in the Central Valley are beginning to blossom. The cold of winter is turning into bright, sunny days. The rain has left clear, fresh air and a breathtaking view of the Sierras.

It is during this beautiful season that I reflect on giving to the *P.C.*'s annual Spring Campaign.

Please join me in giving whatever you can to help keep the *Pacific Citizen* thriving now more than ever.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcia Chung,  
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## JACL MOURNS THE PASSING OF JEFF ADACHI, SAN FRANCISCO'S PUBLIC DEFENDER

By JACL National

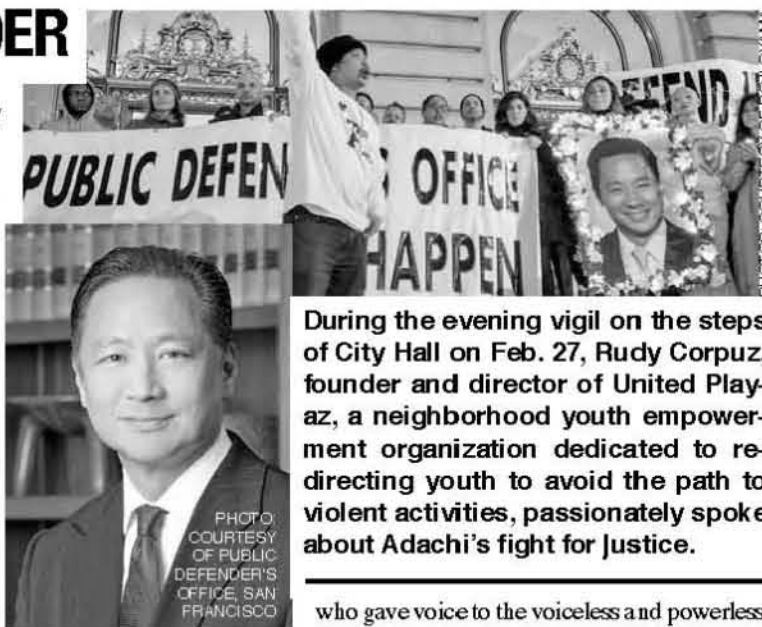
WASHINGTON, D.C. — National JACL, the Northern California, Western Nevada, Pacific District and the San Francisco chapter collectively mourn the passing of San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi, who passed away on Feb. 22 at the age of 59.

A Sansei born in Sacramento, Calif., Adachi first won election to the office of San Francisco Public Defender in 2002 in a tough election. The voters of San Francisco believed in his vision, values and commitment to represent those marginalized by society. Adachi, winning his first shot at elective office, said the voters decided that "money, power and politics shouldn't dictate who runs the public defender's office."

Adachi was the most highly visible Japanese American elected official in San Francisco and was the only elected public defender in the State of California. He was re-elected four times by the citizens of San Francisco.

"Jeff was tenacious and passionate in his belief that all people, regardless of their economic or social status, deserved full and equal representation in the criminal justice system," said John Hayashi, president of the San Francisco JACL. "He refused to play politics with his principles, remained unmoved in his convictions and was not intimidated by the powerful and connected."

Adachi was known as the "people's lawyer,"



During the evening vigil on the steps of City Hall on Feb. 27, Rudy Corpuz, founder and director of United Playaz, a neighborhood youth empowerment organization dedicated to redirecting youth to avoid the path to violent activities, passionately spoke about Adachi's fight for justice.

who gave voice to the voiceless and powerless. To those in society who were invisible, he gave them a place at the table and in the courtrooms. He embraced his role as a watchdog for police and prosecutorial misconduct, always fighting for justice system reform.

Adachi always celebrated his Japanese heritage and his roots in the Japanese American community. He was involved in and supportive of several community organizations and activities, including the board of directors of the San Francisco JACL chapter.

His family's experience of incarceration during World War II, because of their Japanese ethnicity, shaped Adachi and had a deep and lasting influence on his life. At a rally last year protesting the White House policy of separating immigrant children from their families, Adachi stated, "This is a very personal issue to me. My parents and grandparents, along with 120,000 Japanese Americans, were interned. During World War II, my mother was 6 years old and sent to Arkansas for four years without a trial. We said it would never happen again, and it is. And that's why it's so important that we make sure that people are properly represented."

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## A MOTHER'S TAKE DHARMA AND DIALYSIS

By Marsha Aizumi

**A**t Okaeri 2018, Jeri Okamoto, a wonderful ally of the LGBTQ community and dear friend, gave me a book called "The Great Work of Your Life." I put the book aside because I received it right before Thanksgiving. The holidays are generally not the best time for me to read, but right after the new year, I decided to pick it up.

I ruffled through the pages, skimmed the table of contents and then thought this book was exactly what I needed to start 2019. So, with my highlighter in hand, I grabbed a blanket, cuddled up on the sofa and began to read. I found myself highlighting sentence after sentence, wanting to read each page very slowly to absorb all that the author was trying to convey. After I finished reading it, I turned right around and began to read it again. I am now on my third read through.

I was first captured by the thought that this book could help me with my LGBTQ work, since the subtitle was "A Guide for the Journey to Your True Calling." Many of you may have found your true calling early in life. It has



taken me 60 years to find mine. And so as I read, I would highlight things that confirmed I am on my sacred path or, as the book calls it, "my dharma."

So many chapters resonated with me, but the one that really struck a chord was Chapter 9, entitled "When Difficulties Arise, See Them as Dharma." Difficulties lead you to your sacred path? How could that be? Yet, that is what my journey of the past 60 years has prepared me for... being a voice for the LGBTQ+ community. This is my dharma.

I was sharing this concept with my brother, Marty, who has been dealing with some health issues. As a result of his diabetes, he is now on dialysis because his kidneys are not functioning properly. Dialysis removes waste, salt and

extra water, keeping your body at a safe level of certain chemicals that are in your blood.

Initially, he went to a clinic and was hooked up to a machine for three and a half hours, three times a week. Now, he decided that he wanted to do dialysis at home. So, after extensive training, he has transitioned to doing dialysis himself every night while he sleeps for about 9 hours.

He shared that when he first got the news of his weakening kidneys, he thought, "Woe is me, another thing to deal with," and finally, "Why is this happening to me?" But as we talked, I said, "You don't seem miserable, depressed or resentful now. What happened?"

Marty explained, "Well in the beginning, I was anxious and uncertain, but I remember

a saying, 'Suffering is optional.' And so, I decided if I needed to be on dialysis, I would find a way to make the experience positive."

Initially, Marty would watch an uplifting video or write thank-you notes while at the dialysis clinic. In spite of his situation, he said things could be worse, and so he was grateful that there was a way for him to keep living a good life. Many of his thank-you notes were to people who supported him and gave him hope. He would also bring snacks for the nurses who took good care of him with compassion and patience. Being grateful made him focus on what was going right in this challenging time.

Marty also educated himself so that he could make the best possible decisions for his care. Now at home, he says he has more flexibility during the day because he doesn't have to do dialysis at the clinic 15 hours per week.

In a couple of months, we are going to Las Vegas to meet up with some family. Marty will be going with Tad and me along with five days of dialysis equipment. Having this difficulty has not stopped him from doing things he wants to do.

He also shared with me that he wished that he had someone for support during the initial diagnosis and subsequent procedures he had. And so we are not sure if this is his dharma, but he has volunteered to be a listening ear for others who might have to go through some of the same things that he went through and also be part of a support group that may be starting soon in the Pasadena area.

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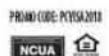
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# SEEKING FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY TO CONNECT, EVOLVE AND ADVOCATE

The Japanese American Confinement Sites consortium is united but seeks more consistent financing.

By Ray Locker,  
Heart Mountain Editorial Consultant

**T**he group of organizations affiliated with former Japanese American confinement sites is more united than ever but has challenges paying for its long-term mission, leaders said during a robust three-day meeting held in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 26-28.

The Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium is a nationwide network of historical organizations, education institutions, advocacy groups and grassroots organizers focused on preserving the sites and artifacts related to the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans and dedicated to educating the public about this history and its still-relevant lessons.

During its meeting, which was largely held at the law firm offices of Hogan Lovells, who sponsored many of the week's events, the JACSC discussed long-term funding for long-term impact as a primary goal for plenary sessions.

JACSC received start-up funding from the federal Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program through awards in 2015 and 2017. Having identified a mission of capacity building for individual members, preservation and advocacy, it seeks firmer footing by generating ongoing funding.

As a result, the JACSC gave tentative approval to a sustainability

proposal requiring its member organizations to pay 1 percent of their annual operating budgets in dues, sat with members of Congress to seek continued funding for the federal JACS program and held a congressional briefing on federal immigration issues.

"All of our organizations are holders of this history. We have come together to think beyond this moment to consider our long-term impact, which we cannot achieve without becoming sustainable," said Ann Burroughs, chair of the JACSC Advisory Council and President/CEO of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. "This is a historic meeting not just for our consortium but also because of the context in which we find ourselves as a nation," she said, referencing how the unjust incarceration of Japanese Americans relates to the recent Trump Administration Muslim ban and ongoing immigrant detention issues.

"The question is not can we be sustainable but how we can be sustainable," Burroughs continued.

JACSC needs between \$45,000 and \$55,000 annually to sustain its core efforts, including paying its part-time executive director, Brian Liesinger, running its new website, organizing two national meetings and keeping its member groups informed about developments within the Japanese American community, according to Doug Nelson, vice chair of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation.

The dues, Nelson said, would not have to start until the beginning of next year if the board of directors for the various coalition groups approve them.

Nelson urged members to also look for major donors willing to support long-term financial stability for the consortium, but he acknowledged that it might be difficult to find funders willing to provide annual operating grants on an on-going basis.

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Sam Mihara, former Heart Mountain incarcerated, describes his family to Sec. Norman Mineta and Prentiss Uchida, also a former Heart Mountain incarcerated.



JACSC Chair Ann Burroughs and Sec. Norman Mineta

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PHOTO: BRIAN LIESINGER

U.S. Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.) speaks at a press conference on Capitol Hill about the trauma of incarceration, sponsored by the American Psychological Assn. in collaboration with the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, JACL and JACSC.

So far, some of the consortium's start-up costs have been paid for by federal grants, but the Japanese American Confinement Sites program is primarily aimed at preservation and research projects and not operational support.

The recent meetings provided the most concrete results for the JACSC, which has moved slowly to promote unity and common cause among the various groups since its first gathering in Washington, D.C., in May 2016.

One recent success and ongoing activity of JACSC is collaborative advocacy for the JACS grant program itself. The program was eliminated in the president's budget for fiscal year 2019. JACSC stakeholders were able to mobilize together quickly to support the funding program and highlight the long-term benefits from nearly 200 projects that have been funded by the grant program. For 2019, the efforts paid off, and funding was restored. JACSC awaits the release of the fiscal year 2020 budget, with the expectation that JACS will be included.

The continued support for the JACS program was a major theme of the meetings with senators and representatives on Feb. 27, as consortium members fanned out across Capitol Hill for a day's worth of meetings. Time was spent educating legislators about the JACSC, advocating for JACS grant funding and discussing border issues and the treatment of immigrant families in detention.

Individual stakeholders also met with their respective congressional delegations, and a JACSC leadership group met with key allies and members of crucial Congressional committees.

JACL Executive Director David Inoue, part of the leadership of the JACSC, set the tone for the group in preparation for the visits.

"There are no individual needs," he said. "We have come together, and we celebrate these partnerships that make us stronger as a people and stronger as a community."

A delegation also met Feb. 28 with House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who said that she supports continued JACS funding and new efforts to highlight the parallels between the incarceration and present-day fears over alleged threats posed by certain immigrant groups and the dangers they present to the nation's security and identity.

"What happened to the Japanese Americans is something we must own up to," Pelosi said about the incarceration and efforts to preserve the confinement sites. She told Norm Mineta, the former Cabinet secretary, House member and Heart Mountain incarcerated, that she was honored to vote for the Civil Liberties Act that compensated the Japanese American incarcerated during her first term in Congress in 1988.

Consortium members called their meetings with their delegations encouraging. Members of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation said their state's three-person congressional delegation, all Republicans, supported continuing JACS funding and doing whatever they could to help the foundation, which operates an interpretive center about 50 miles east of Yellowstone National Park.

Created in 2006, the JACS program was authorized to spend \$38 million to pay for various programs to preserve or restore parts of confinement sites as well as educate the public about the incarceration. In 2018, funded projects ranged from \$13,464 for the Friends of Minidoka to digitize items in its collection to \$398,272 to Full Spectrum Features to produce two documentaries about resistance to the military draft and the resettlement of incarcerated around the country during World War II.

So far, about \$27 million of the JACS money has been spent, which gives the program about three more years left on its current funding level. Mineta suggested that members of the coalition look beyond preserving the remainder of the initial authorization to getting Congress to back another authorization beyond the first \$38 million.

JACSC Chair Ann Burroughs addresses attendees at the Old Residence of the Japanese Embassy. The Embassy hosted a reception in honor of the JACSC.



PHOTO: BRIAN LIESINGER

The Heart Mountain Wyoming Board delegation met with welcoming Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) during the three-day meeting. Pictured with Enzi (center) are (from left) Susan Sandeen, Doug Nelson, Shirley Ann Higuchi, Eric Sandeen, Aura Newlin and Dakota Russell.



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The Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium met with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi (center) to ensure future funding of the JACS grant program and convey the relevancy of the Japanese American WWII confinement history today.

He also urged the coalition to reach out to the leaders of the congressional committees that would reauthorize the program — Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.). Both represent states connected to the incarceration, as Japanese Americans living in Alaska were incarcerated during the war, while Arizona was home to two camps — Gila River and Poston.

Inoue summed up the meeting: “Not only was this week successful in bringing the Japanese American community together, it also emphasized that it is not just the Japanese American community that must carry this message. The consortium itself has a diversity of individuals, who may not be Japanese American, but share in the mission of preserving the Japanese American story and are using it to speak to current issues. We also find tremendous support from the Japanese government, which has taken a strong interest in our history as Japanese Americans and is working to share our story more with those in Japan. Our message finds resonance not only here, but also internationally as well.”

#### Congressional Briefing

The comparisons between the Japanese American incarceration and the forced separation of immigrant families at the border were at the center of a congressional briefing, sponsored by the American Psychological Assn. in collaboration with the HMWF, the JACL and JACSC, on the morning of Feb. 28 at the Capitol Visitors Center.

Arthur Evans, president and CEO of the American Psychological Assn., joined JACSC members and Rep. Mark Takano, a California Democrat whose family members were incarcerated at the Heart Mountain, Wyo., camp.

“I never thought that my being in Congress and my parents being in internment camps would be so relevant now,” said Takano, who is also the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. “What you’re doing here is so important,” adding that it is essential that the lessons of the incarceration “get out more and more to the American public.”

Evans compared the Japanese American incarceration with the plight of immigrants to the United States who have been placed in internment camps while they await their claims for asylum.

The incarceration, Evans said, broke up families, which had serious effects on the children as they grew older; that impact is similar to the separation of families at the border, he said, which has a particularly strong effect on children.

“The bond established with a parent is important, particularly early in life,” Evans said. “When that attachment is disrupted, children experience anxiety and depression.”

Evans visited Heart Mountain last October and said that the experience affected him profoundly.

“Many things struck me there,” he said. “How can our government do this? How we can make other people ‘the others’ is how we can do that.”

Sam Mihara, a Heart Mountain incarcerated as a child, talked about the incarceration’s effect on his family, including how his grandfather’s colon cancer was treated incorrectly, which caused him to die prematurely.

“In two weeks, I saw him wither away to skin and bones,” said Mihara, who also is a member of the HMWF board of directors. “He was like a Holocaust survivor.”

Mihara said he has visited multiple detention camps for immigrants, where he saw children treated poorly: “They are given a poor diet, lots of bread and pasta and few fresh vegetables and protein.”

What he saw during his visits was appalling to Mihara, who reiterated that what happened to him should never happen again to anyone else.

“What happened to me and my family at Heart Mountain is just one of thousands of stories,” he said. “Similar injustices and trauma were experienced by tens of thousands of other Japanese Americans who have stories to tell and lessons to teach — all designed to help make sure that this great country never again abandons its fundamental values and constitutional protections.”

“We are gathered here in Washington as part of a new national network known as the Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium. Our mission is to work together to preserve all of our historic sites, support critical preservation funding programs like NPS’ Confinement Sites grant program and to collectively raise our voices and tell our stories so that a cruel injustice never happens to any group ever again.”

Former U.S. Sec. Norman Mineta also spoke at the briefing and was heavily involved with the week’s JACSC events. Mineta was a part of the political leadership involved in the redress movement as a co-sponsor of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, when he was a U.S. Representative from California. He now serves as chair of the Board of Trustees of JANM.

Mineta relayed the story of his father gathering the family together in their San Jose home to calm them after the attack on Pearl Harbor. But soon after, they were removed from the home they so cherished.

“I became a nonalien. I became 32198G,” Mineta said. “And so to this day, I cherish the word ‘citizen’ because at that time, my own government wouldn’t recognize me as one.”

#### Support From Japan

The consortium also continued to strengthen its connection to the government of Japan. The Embassy of Japanese hosted a Feb. 27 reception at the Old Ambassador’s Residence next to the embassy. Embassy officials also attended a Feb. 26 reception at Hogan Lovells.

Kazutoshi Aikama, the embassy’s deputy chief of mission, welcomed the group and said that the Japanese government was eager to work with consortium members to highlight issues



PHOTO: DARRELL KUNITOMI

Speaker Nancy Pelosi and National JACL Executive Director David Inoue (far right) discuss the urgency of sustaining JACS grant funding and the relevancy of the Japanese American WWII incarceration historical narrative in today’s political arena. Also taking part in the conversation are Floyd Mori (left) and Speaker Pelosi’s Policy Director Richard (Dick) Meltzer.

from the incarceration and raise awareness of it in Japan. Embassy ministers said they planned to attend some of the pilgrimages at the various confinement sites this year.

— Additional reporting provided by Brian Liesinger

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- Fred T. Korematsu Institute — “And Then They Came for Us” film **\$100,579**
- The Internet Archive — Digital Library of Japanese American Incarceration **\$47,624**
- Japanese American National Museum — Scouting in American Concentration Camps **\$155,952**
- Japanese American National Museum — Stanley Hayami Diary **\$331,779**
- Musical Traditions Inc. — “Both Eyes Only” chamber opera **\$40,000**
- National Japanese American Historical Society — Camp Oral History Digital Collections **\$119,750**
- National Japanese American Historical Society — We Are All Americans teacher project **\$142,468**
- San Francisco Film Organization — United States Japanese Alien Camps of World War 2 **\$204,302**
- Stanford University — Office of Redress Administration Oral History Project **\$72,871**

### COLORADO

- Colorado Preservation Inc. — Amache Recreation Hall restoration **\$290,344**
- University of Colorado Denver — Amache 3D digital documentation **\$37,047**

### IDAHO

- Friends of Minidoka — Digital repository project **\$13,464**
- Friends of Minidoka — The Lessons of Minidoka documentary **\$247,716**

### ILLINOIS

- Full Spectrum Features — Resistance and resettlement documentaries **\$398,272**
- Japanese American Service Committee — Bridging Voices project **\$252,233**

### MASSACHUSETTS

- Smith College — The Art of Munio Makuuchi **\$37,822**

### OREGON

- Oregon Nikkei Endowment — Preserving and sharing Minidoka collection **\$67,155**

### WASHINGTON

- Densho — Oral histories of resettlement and return **\$112,688**
- Northwest Film Forum — Japanese American pilgrimage website **\$194,101**



# A SUCCESS MADE IN ANAHEIM

For Anaheim Union High School District Superintendent Michael B. Matsuda, his inspiring family story all begins with his mother.

By Patti Hirahara,  
P.C. Contributor

In looking for stories related to the Japanese American incarceration experience across the country and ones that are especially timely due to the 77th Anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 during World War II, the Ikeda-Matsuda family history, in Anaheim, is a truly amazing story.

In 1942, a young Anaheim High School freshman named Ruth Ikeda was a member of the school's Japanese Club, but her time there was short-lived since she had to leave her friends due to the Japanese American incarceration during WWII.

It was also a difficult time since her mother had recently passed away, and the family was grieving. The Ikeda family lived in Stanton, Calif., and Ruth rode several miles by bicycle to school each day; that bicycle was her pride and joy since she saved enough money to purchase it.

But when the U.S. government ordered the forced evacuation of Japanese Americans in May 1942, Ruth along with her five sisters, two of whom had already graduated from Anaheim High, and their father had to abandon everything except what they could carry. Ruth's new bicycle, which was considered quite a luxury during those days, was gone forever.

In looking at the 1942 Anaheim High School yearbook, one can see a group photo of Ruth with other Japanese American and Japanese school members, but that is the only evidence that she ever attended school there.

There were more than 30 students from Anaheim High that were incarcerated behind barbed wire between 1942-45. In those days, Anaheim High School was the only high school in Northern Orange County where Japanese American and Japanese students, living in that area, could attend.

Orange County families were sent to the Colorado River Relocation Center, more commonly known as Poston in Arizona, which had more than 1,600 people sent there from the area. Covering 71,000 acres, Poston was the largest of the 10 American concentration camps, having a total of three camps in one location.

According to information in a story carried in the Anaheim Union High School District's "Good News" newsletter in June 1997, "One person who eased the pain and confusion for many of the evacuees was the principal of Anaheim High, at the time, Mr. Paul Demaree. He displayed great sensitivity and courage in dealing with the incarceration."

The article continued, saying that "he corresponded with many of his students and gave them a sense of dignity and hope for the future." Mr. Demaree held a special assembly

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Ruth Ikeda Matsuda in Poston at the age of 15

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on campus and explained to the rest of the school what was happening to their fellow Japanese American students.

"He did not tolerate prejudice and was upset that the [incarceration] was going on. On top of that, this kind man actually took the time to write to tell us that he cared. It was really a brave gesture," recalled Ruth Ikeda Matsuda, whose husband's family was also sent to Poston.

Demaree, who was born in Japan to missionary parents, was named principal of Anaheim High School in 1941. He continued in that position as principal/superintendent until 1955, when he vacated his post to become the full-time superintendent of the Anaheim Union High School District in 1956. The first Japanese American students returned to Anaheim High in 1947, and Demaree retired from his position in 1958.

Ruth Ikeda Matsuda didn't realize it, at the time, but she was putting her family mark on Anaheim, Calif., history for future generations.

In the late 1990s, her son, Michael Matsuda, then a junior high school teacher in the Anaheim Union High School District, heard about an initiative in San Francisco to present diplomas to former Japanese American students who were sent to incarceration camps during WWII.

Michael Matsuda wanted to hold the same ceremony here in Anaheim for his mother and others who had experienced the same ordeal at Anaheim High.

His mother resisted the idea initially until the Anaheim Union High School District agreed to posthumously honor her former Anaheim High School Principal Paul Demaree for ev-

everything he had done for his Japanese American students during WWII.

Said Michael Matsuda about how strongly he felt in pursuing the long-overdue recognition for his mother, Demaree and other classmates: "It's about justice and making a wrong into a right."

Michael Matsuda persuaded then-AUHSD Superintendent Jan Billings about the proposal.

"She could have said no, but she totally embraced the idea and felt that it would send a message to young people in the district of what America stands for," he said.

At the age of 71, Ruth Ikeda Matsuda and her former Anaheim High School classmates Toru Sugita and Ruth Watanabe Shingu received their diplomas 52 years later, marching alongside hundreds of seniors from the AHS Class of 1997.

"It was a proud moment," Michael Matsuda

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Anaheim High School Japanese Club members in 1942. Pictured (from left, back row) are Tsugio Saito, Ruth Ikeda, Hana Komaki and Jack Fujii and (from left, front row) Ernest Hiraga, John Yoshida and Masami Matsumoto, president.



Ruth Ikeda Matsuda received her long-overdue diploma from Anaheim High School — 52 years later — at the school's annual commencement on June 12, 1997. She and 30 other Japanese American students were forced to leave Anaheim High and were sent to the Poston camp in Arizona during WWII. Congratulating Ruth Matsuda was her son, Michael Matsuda, who was then an instructor at Orangeview Junior High School, and AUHSD Superintendent Jan Billings (left).

Anaheim High School  
Anaheim California

This certifies that  
RUTH A. IKEDA

has satisfactorily completed the regular course of study as prescribed by  
the Anaheim Union High School District  
and is therefore awarded this

Diploma

Given at Anaheim, California, this  
month of June, 1997.

Heath B. Matsuda  
James L. Matsuda  
R. A. Matsuda  
J. E. Matsuda  
Nathaniel A. Smith



Janice Billings  
Doug Mendenhall

Ruth Ikeda's 1997 diploma from Anaheim High School

said, and he is reminded of that moment each day when he walks into his office and sees his mother's graduation photo on his wall at the Anaheim Union High School District headquarters. It is an inspiration of what he was able to achieve for his mother and her classmates while she was still alive 22 years ago. This proud moment also reminds him each day of the experiences she faced during the incarceration and what he never wants to see happen again.

"Only in America could a son grow up to become the superintendent of the school district from where his mother was forcibly removed

PHOTO: COURTESY OF JACKIE MATSUDA COUNTS



and incarcerated because of her place of birth," he said. Today, Michael B. Matsuda is a nationally recognized 21st-century educational leader who leads the Anaheim Union High School District as its superintendent, 77 years after his mother's principal, Paul Demaree.

Matsuda assumed the role of superintendent in March 2014, having previously spent 22 years as an educator in the Anaheim Union High School District. He began teaching at Orangeview Junior High School, where he was twice selected as "Teacher of the Year." There he taught multiculturalism to students from countries all around the world. He also taught honors English classes at the Oxford Academy. However, it was an honor that his

mother was unfortunately never able to witness, since she passed away before his appointment.

Known for his leadership in creating innovations, entrepreneurship and building creative collaborations with private, public and nonprofit sectors, Michael Matsuda has transformed and extended educational opportunities for all students in Anaheim.

Michael Matsuda received his bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. He received his teaching credential from Chapman University and his administration credential from California State University, Fullerton. He also served nine years as a trustee on the board of the North Orange County Community College District.

In his five years as superintendent of

AUHSD, he has been honored as one of the 12 national "Leaders to Learn From" awardees from Education Week Magazine, the "Visionary Education Leadership Award" from California State University, Fullerton, and the California Association for Bilingual Education 2017 Administrator of the Year award.

In addition, he received an honorary "Doctor of the University" from Chapman University in 2017, and in 2018, he received the State Administrator for Social Studies Diane L. Brooks Award.

Michael Matsuda's passion and energy in creating new programs for Anaheim is a labor of love, especially when listening to him explain each new endeavor he is now implementing when I met with him at his office.

The new Anaheim Union Educational "The Pledge" program through the Anaheim Union High School District has created an impressive list of accomplishments:

- 93 percent of the Class of 2018 planned to attend college
- 43 percent increase in the number of 2018 graduates admitted to the University of California, Irvine
- 25 percent increase in the number of 2018 graduates admitted to CSU Fullerton
- Admissions Advantage allowed additional AUHSD graduates to be admitted to CSU Fullerton
- Unprecedented number of AUHSD students enrolled at Fullerton and Cypress colleges
- Priority registration allowed 75 percent of AUHSD graduates to enroll as full-time students at Cypress and Fullerton colleges
- 3,700 students participated in Anaheim's Innovative Mentoring Experience, with 50 corporate partners; 125 AIME students annually receive scholarships for internships.

With more than a century of serving students, AUHSD is the premier school system in Orange County in the state of California. Founded in 1898, the AUHSD has a student population of approximately 31,000, making it one of the largest school districts in the state.

The district covers 46 square miles and stretches across the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma and Stanton. Its students, who speak 49 different languages in their homes, attend 21 campuses that equal the size of two Anaheim stadiums plus parking lots. It also employs almost 3,000 employees, making AUHSD the third-largest employer in the City of Anaheim.

AUHSD is proud of the many academic accomplishments of its students and teachers. Thirteen AUHSD campuses are designated as California Gold Ribbon Schools for their academic excellence, and they join seven California Distinguished Schools and five California Democracy Schools. Additionally, Oxford Academy, which is representative of the entire district as it draws students from across the district, annually is ranked as the No. 1 or No. 2 school in Orange County and the state, and ranks near the top nationally. Oxford also earned National Blue Ribbon status from the U.S. Department of Education, while Savanna High School was designated as a National P-21 Exemplar School.

It is also the first school district in Orange County to offer graduates a "Seal of Biliteracy" on their diplomas. To attain the seal, students must show mastery of English and Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, French, Korean, Vietnamese or Arabic. The program recognizes that the mastery of two languages is a valuable asset for graduates to be able to participate in this diverse 21st-century economy. During its first academic year 2010-11, about 200 students earned this special recognition; that number swelled to nearly 1,200 in 2017-18.

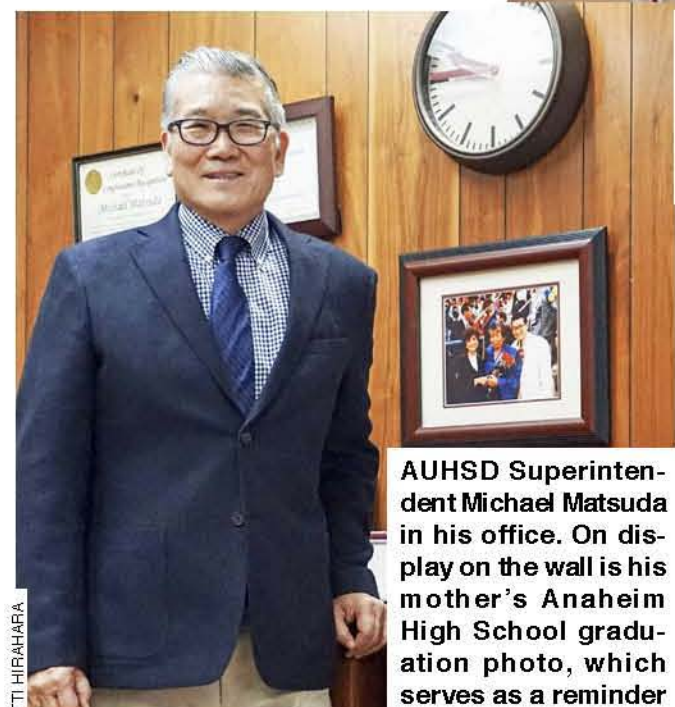
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At an "Envision Our Future Community" event at Anaheim High School on Feb. 1, Anaheim Elementary School District President Ryan A. Ruelas (left), AUHSD Superintendent Michael Matsuda and Anaheim Elementary School District Superintendent Christopher Downing are pictured during the event.



Anaheim Union High School District honors



AUHSD Superintendent Michael Matsuda in his office. On display on the wall is his mother's Anaheim High School graduation photo, which serves as a reminder of how much she inspires him every day.



Michael Matsuda served as a guest speaker at an Anaheim Public Library Foundation event on Nov. 10, 2015, where he talked about the Japanese American incarceration experience in Anaheim during WWII.

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## NEW ENGLAND JACL HOLDS TWO DOR EVENTS

'The Collective Power of Rhythm' and 'American Sutra' both feature intimate discussions regarding race and social issues.

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Dr. Yutaka Kobayashi (second from left) is pictured with taiko members from Genki Spark and Odaiko New England.



Professor-author Duncan Williams (second from right) was part of a panel discussion that also included (from left) Stephen Prothero, Diana Eck and Helen Hardacre.



Williams discussed his book "American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom During the Second World War."

The New England JACL co-sponsored recently two Day of Remembrance events, "The Collective Power of Rhythm: Rebuilding the Japanese American Identity" and "American Sutra: Buddhism and the Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII," on the campus of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

"The Collective Power of Rhythm," held on Feb. 19 at Harvard University's School of Education Library, was a program that explored "how taiko drumming helped to redefine identity and recognize the power of rhythm and social patterns to enact social change."

The program was created and organized by JACL Alaska chapter member Erika Ninoyu, a graduate student at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. It featured JACL member Dr. Yutaka Kobayashi, 94, who shared his experience of being

incarcerated as an 18-year-old during WWII; Kanoko Kamata from the Harvard Weatherhead Center on Social Movements; Karen Young of the Genki Spark; and taiko performances by the Genki Spark and Odaiko New England.

And on Feb. 22, the New England chapter co-sponsored, along with Harvard's Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, "American Sutra: Buddhism and the Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII" at the university's Belfer Case Study Room.

During the discussion, Duncan Ryken Williams, professor of religion and East Asian languages and cultures at the University of Southern California, discussed his new book "American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom During the Second

World War" (Harvard University Press, February 2019).

"American Sutra" is based on newly translated Japanese-language diaries of Buddhist priests from the American concentration camps, extensive interviews with survivors and "newly declassified government documents about how Buddhism was seen as a national security threat."

Williams argued that "Japanese American Buddhists launched one of the most inspiring defenses of religious freedom in U.S. history."

According to a press release about the event, "Williams studied with the late Masatoshi Nagatomi, Harvard's first professor of Buddhist studies, whose father, Sinjo Nagatomi, was the chief Buddhist priest and community leader at Manzanar." ■

## CCDC DISTRICT HOLDS ANNUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

By Roberta Barton

Guests attending the CCDC Annual Day of Remembrance and Officer Installation at the Fresno County Historical Museum on the Big Fresno Fairgrounds on Feb. 17 were reminded of the power of storytelling in conveying the Japanese American narrative.

The event's keynote speaker, Tom Ikeda, executive director of Densho, shared some of the stories his organization has collected over the years to demonstrate how these narratives can move listeners to laughter, tears and hopefully action.

Excerpts from the Densho oral history collection highlighted living conditions and redress efforts as examples of difficult issues that detainees struggled with during and after their imprisonment during World War II.

One internee recounted how barrack toilets placed side by side without any partitions stripped them of their dignity. Another internee remembered a conversation with a politician who originally planned to vote against redress legislation



Tom Ikeda (center) speaks with (from left) Fresno County Supervisor Sal Quintero and his wife, Hope, along with Consulate General of Japan Tomochika Uyama and his wife, Keiko.

that ultimately resulted in a change of heart and a change of his vote.

Many of the guests attending the Day of Remembrance were not Japanese Americans. Ikeda emphasized the importance of storytelling as a powerful education tool that preserves the Japanese American experience and helps us find common connections as Americans.

Ikeda and Densho were presented with



Tom Ikeda addresses the crowd at the CCDC Annual Day of Remembrance and Officer Installation event.

the CCDC Distinguished American Award for the Spirit of Education. Previous recipients of the Distinguished American Award have included John Tateishi, Sen. Barbara Boxer, Congressman Adam Schiff, David "Mas" Masumoto, Clovis Veterans Memorial District, Big Fresno Fair, Sen. Norman Mineta and Sen. Daniel Inouye, among others.

The event was hosted by the Big Fresno Fair in the Fresno County Historical Museum. CCDC collaborated with the fair in 2015 to create an exhibit titled "Japanese Americans in the San Joaquin Valley," which shared stories of Japanese American contributions to local history and recognized prominent Japanese Americans in the Central Valley. ■

## DEFENDER » continued from page 2

Mourners gathered to pay their respects to Jeff Adachi at a memorial service that was held at City Hall on March 4.



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"Jeff would fill up a room whenever he entered," said Rudy Hayashi. "If it was a courtroom, he would walk in ready and prepared to fight for his client. If it was a community function, he would greet friends with a big smile, warm handshake or hug. Despite his stature and all his awards, he was a modest, down-to-earth guy; he showed concern for people, had a good sense of humor and was genuine."

Adachi loved life, his family, his job, his community, his colleagues and friends. He gave fully of himself to everyone and every endeavor.

"The JACL celebrates the life of Jeff Adachi and all he did for the San Francisco community in fighting for social justice," said JACL Executive Director David Inoue. "He exemplified the very best of humanity by dedicating his life to uplift others. We mourn his passing and offer our sympathy to his family, his wife, Mut-suko, and daughter, Lauren."

More than 1,000 people gathered at an evening vigil that was held for Adachi on Feb. 27 at his office, followed by a march to City Hall in remembrance of Adachi's fight for human rights and compassion. Participants there called Adachi a "warrior who fought for people who suffered injustices."

Among the many outspoken speakers was Rudy Corpuz, founder and director of United Playaz, a neighborhood youth empowerment organization, who spoke passionately about Adachi's fight for justice.

The Asian Art Museum also held a memorial tribute dedicated to Adachi's life and accomplishments at Samsung Hall on March 1. The event featured Adachi's 60-minute documentary "Defender," as well as guest speakers that included Francisco Ugarte, immigration attorney, San Francisco Public Defender's Office; Michelle Tong, deputy public defender, San Francisco Public Defender's Office; Jay Xu, director/CEO, Asian Art Museum; and Matt Gonzalez, chief attorney, San Francisco Public Defender's Office.

Gonzalez, Adachi's second-in-command, was appointed by Mayor London Breed to take over day-to-day operations following Adachi's unexpected death. Breed has not yet indicated whom she will choose to replace Adachi before the seat is filled in the Nov. 5 election.

An official memorial was held on March 4 at City Hall. Speakers included Breed; former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown; Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California's Paul Osaki; Adachi's brother, Stan; and Rev. Ronald Kobata of the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

— Additional reporting by P.C. Staff



JACler Roji Oyama shows his support for Adachi during the evening vigil.





# REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

## THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS IN PATIENT OUTCOMES

By Ron Mori

From now through April 15, AARP Primary care providers agree that family caregivers play a vital role in patient care and in better patient outcomes, according to a new survey by AARP Research. However, providers say that time constraints and not knowing who or if there is a family caregiver prevent them from working with family caregivers for more of their patients.

I always like to share our latest AARP research on a variety of topics, especially when it comes to caregiving. Recently, AARP Research (<https://www.aarp.org/research/>) shared results from a survey of 400 primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants to understand their perceptions and interactions with family caregivers, as well as their knowledge of available caregiver resources and potential barriers to working with them.

Physicians find that establishing communication with family caregivers can be challenging, with finding time to connect and other scheduling conflicts getting in the way, the new AARP survey reveals. Most conversations happen in-person or over the phone in 15 minutes or less, while digital communication (online portals, email, etc.) are less common.

The survey also reveals signs of potential growth and opportunity areas regarding the provider-family caregiver relationship. Most physicians (65 percent) and nurse practitioners/physician assistants

(76 percent) expect to be working significantly or somewhat more with caregivers in the future.

In addition, the survey shows how important the caregiver is. Nearly all (97 percent) providers say caregivers play an important role in patient care. An overwhelming percentage of providers (86 percent) express a strong interest in working with family caregivers, and 75 percent are extremely or very confident in their ability to do so.

Among the various health care provider roles, physicians are the most likely to speak with caregivers (84 percent), AARP's research discovered, followed by nurses (74 percent), nurse practitioners (44 percent) and receptionists (44 percent). This is important to note, with the growing number of caregivers.

"Today, 40 million Americans are caring for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones, and close to half of them are responsible for medical tasks like injections and wound care," said AARP Executive VP and Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer Nancy LeaMond. "Delivering more treatment on an outpatient basis means that family caregivers are critical members of patient care teams. The entire health care system — from providers to hospitals to insurers — must recognize family caregivers' critical role and understand that teaming up with them can improve health outcomes and quality of life for both patients and family caregivers."

### Key Findings

Nearly all primary care providers (97 percent) said that family caregivers play an important part

in patient care. They reported that sharing patient information with caregivers leads to better patient outcomes, higher patient and caregiver satisfaction and lower hospital readmission rates. The survey also found that most provider-family caregiver discussions involve instructions on managing medications, performing medical and nursing tasks and arranging transportation, meals and other services.

### Barriers to Family Caregiver Interaction

Health-care providers gave the following top reasons for not interacting more with family caregivers:

- Patients had multiple caregivers

- Not aware of caregiver identity
- Fluctuations in caregiver involvement
- Too time consuming

Providers said that lack of time is also a key barrier for nurses and receptionists in working with family caregivers.

### Additional Resources

- AARP's "Prepare to Care: A Resource Guide for Families" is available for free at [www.aarp.org/caregiving/prepare-to-care-planning-guide](http://www.aarp.org/caregiving/prepare-to-care-planning-guide).
- AARP Family Caregiving Resource Center at [www.aarp.org/caregiving](http://www.aarp.org/caregiving).



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

## AMERICAN HOLIDAY TRAVEL

### 2019 TOUR SCHEDULE

- Charleston-Savannah-St. Augustine Tour** (Carol Hida) Waitlist . . . . . **April 7-13**  
Charleston, Fort Sumter, Beaufort Horse Drawn Carriage Tour, Savannah, Jekyll Island, St. Augustine Trolley Tour
- Japan Spring Countryside Holiday Tour** (Ernest Hida) Waitlist. . . . . **April 12-23**  
Tokyo, Sakata, Akita, Oga Peninsula, Hanamaki Onsen, Matsushima, Aizu Wakamatsu, Ouchijuku, Iwaki Hawaiian Show, Ashikaga Flower Park.
- South America Japanese Heritage Holiday Tour** (Ernest Hida) . . . . . **May 9-24**  
Argentina – Buenos Aires; Brazil – Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Iguassu Falls; Peru – Lima, Machu Picchu. Meet local Japanese and learn their history.
- Iceland Explorer Holiday Tour** (Elaine Ishida) . . . . . **June 5-11**  
Reykjavik, Blue Lagoon, Strokkur Geyser, Gullfoss/Golden Falls, Thingvellir National Park, Viking Ship Museum, Lake Kleifarvatn.
- Grandparents-Grandchildren Japan Tour I** (Ernest Hida) Waitlist . . . . . **June 17-27**
- Grandparents-Grandchildren Japan Tour II** (Ernest Hida) . . . . . **July 1-11**  
Tokyo, Hakone/Atami, Hiroshima, Kyoto
- Alaska Land & Cruise Tour** (Elaine Ishida) . . . . . **July 16-28**  
Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Talkeetna, Anchorage, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Vancouver, Seattle.
- Hokkaido Summer Holiday Tour** (Ernest Hida) . . . . . **July 17-29**  
Chitose, Furano, Asahikawa, Rishiri Island, Wakkanai, Sapporo, Otaru, Lake Toya, Hakodate, Tokyo
- Western Mediterranean Holiday Cruise** (Carol Hida) . . . . . **Aug 18-31**  
Rome, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Provence, Monte Carlo, Monaco, Florence/Pisa. Holland America Line
- Yellowstone & Mt. Rushmore Holiday Tour** (Elaine Ishida) . . . . . **Sep 22-29**  
Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Park, Sheridan, Mt. Rushmore.
- Japan Autumn Countryside Holiday Tour** (Ernest Hida) . . . . . **Oct 17-28**  
Tokyo, Sado Island, Kanazawa, Shirakawago, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Matsue, Tamatsukuri Onsen, Kobe.
- Kenya Wildlife Safari Holiday Tour** (Carol Hida) Waitlist . . . . . **Oct 9-21**  
Nairobi, Amboseli-Nakuru Lake-Masai Mara National Parks, Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Sweetwaters Tented Camp, Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary.
- Kyushu-Shikoku Holiday Tour** (Ernest Hida) . . . . . **Nov 10-22**  
Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Ibusuki, Kagoshima, Miyazaki, Beppu, Matsuyama, Kochi, Takamatsu, Shodo Island, Tokushima.

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If you want to connect with my brother because you are faced with dialysis and need someone to talk to who has walked this path already, please email me at [maizumi8888@gmail.com](mailto:maizumi8888@gmail.com).

Oftentimes, we are led to our dharma by challenges, and only by leaning into difficulty do we find the place where our voice can make a difference. I believe that my brother has not run away from his difficulties or allowed the negative voices in his head to make him depressed and full of hopelessness.

Marty's dialysis treatments have led him to discover that he still has

much to live for and so much to offer. He plans to live his life to the fullest, not allowing dialysis prevent him from doing the things he loves.

Dolly Parton once said, "Find out who you are and do it on purpose." I think Marty has discovered more of who he is, and each day, he doesn't take life for granted but chooses to live with intention and gratitude. I am so proud of my brother . . .

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



A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

# CALENDAR

## NATIONAL

**The 2019 JACL National Convention**  
Salt Lake City, UT  
July 31-Aug. 4  
Little America Hotel  
500 Main St.

Save the date: Join JACL at its annual National Convention in Salt Lake City! Details regarding registration information will be forthcoming. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with JACLers from across the country as the organization continues its civil rights advocacy mission.

Info: Visit [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org).

## NCWNP

**'Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties' Exhibit**  
San Francisco, CA  
Thru May 27; Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**The Presidio**  
100 Montgomery St.

Presented by the Jonathan Logan Family Foundation, this exhibit offers an expanded focus on the experiences of those returning to Northern California following the closing of the incarceration camps following the end of World War II. It also features imagery by American photographers Dorothea Lange and Ansel Adams, alongside works by incarcerated Japanese American artists Toyo Miyatake and Mine Okubo. Combined with additional artifacts made by camp survivors, historical documents, videos and a wide array of cultural, curatorial and political programs, this exhibit illuminates this historical event from several vantage points.

Info: Visit [www.ThenTheyCame.org](http://www.ThenTheyCame.org) or email [info@thentheycame.org](mailto:info@thentheycame.org).

**Spring Kaiseki Workshop**  
San Francisco, CA  
March 16; Noon-3 p.m.  
JCCNC  
1840 Sutter St.

**Price: \$45 Member; \$55 Nonmember**  
The popular seasonal Kaiseki workshop continues with a spring menu featuring an elegant multicourse meal in the Kaiseki tradition using fresh ingredients to reflect the flavors and colors of the season. This workshop will feature four dishes including chirashi sushi, Kaiseki-style miso soup, wild sea scallops with fish roe and dashi soup stock made with kelp and dried bonito.

Info: Visit [www.jccnc.org](http://www.jccnc.org).

**WakamatsuFest150: The Sesquicentennial Wakamatsu Farm Festival**  
Placerville, CA  
June 6-9; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily  
**Price: Ticket prices vary, packages available; \$5 parking (includes free shuttle); enter coupon code**

**goldhillsamurai2019 for \$5 discount on multiday festival passes until June 5 only.**

Don't miss the world's one and only celebration of 150 years of Japanese American heritage, arts and cuisine at the site of the first Japanese colony in the U.S. This four-day festival will celebrate the arrival at Wakamatsu Farm of the first Japanese colonists on June 8, 1869 and will feature Japanese American performances, music, speakers, demonstrations, vendors, food, crafts, kids activities and much more!

Info: Visit [www.ARConservancy.org/wakafest150](http://www.ARConservancy.org/wakafest150).

**Medaka No Gakko Japanese Culture Summer Day Camp**  
Palo Alto, CA

June 24-July 12; 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.; 1-4 p.m. Extended Care

**Price: \$450 per child by Jan. 31; \$500 after Feb. 1; \$400 per child for extended care**

The mission of Medaka is to convey the customs, values and aesthetics of Japanese culture. This three-week day camp, open to K-6th grade students, has been in operation since 1982, featuring a dedicated team of teachers that provide lessons in art, music, cooking, Japanese language and history. Parent participation is required: half-day in class, activity team and Obon shift.

Info: For more information, email [MedakanoGakkoPaloAlto@gmail.com](mailto:MedakanoGakkoPaloAlto@gmail.com) and for additional parent information, email [naoko.fujii@gmail.com](mailto:naoko.fujii@gmail.com).

## PSW

**Tsuruya Kokei: Modern Kabuki Prints Revised & Revisited**  
Pasadena, CA  
Thru July 14

**USC Pacific Asia Museum**  
46 N. Los Robles Ave.  
**Price: Admission free for members; \$10 General Admission; \$7 Students and Seniors; Free for Children Under 12**

This new exhibition celebrates the 30th anniversary of the contemporary artist's first solo show and features the complete collection of his actor prints from 1984-93. The exhibition also showcases actor prints by Sharaku as well as two-dozen prints by contemporary Japanese and western artists.

Info: Visit [pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu](http://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu) or call (626) 449-2742.

**Kollaboration EMPOWER Conference**  
Los Angeles, CA  
March 23-24; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
JANM

**Price: Registration opens in February.**  
This two-day event is for aspiring Asian Americans of all ages and professions to gather and learn directly from some of the community's most inspirational professionals. Attendees will be able to explore a variety of creative career paths, industries

and practices to make their dreams a reality. This unique experience will bridge communities, generations, industries and innovative minds.

Info: Visit <https://empower.kollaboration.org>.

**Keiro Caregiver Conference**  
Pasadena, CA  
March 30; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Pasadena Buddhist Temple  
1993 Glen Ave.

**Price: Free, but registration is required.**

This free one-day conference continues Keiro's work to support and equip informal caregivers with practical knowledge to enhance the quality of care that our community's older seniors receive. This year will feature two keynote speakers: Patty Watson-Swan, RN, BSN, from Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network and a moderated panel will be held to discuss the challenges of caregiving resulting from complex family dynamics.

Info: To register, visit [www.keiro.org/caregiver-conference](http://www.keiro.org/caregiver-conference) or call (213) 873-5708.

**'Behind Barbed Wire' Book Signing and Reception With Paul Kitagaki Jr.**  
Los Angeles, CA  
April 20; 3-5 p.m.  
JANM

**Price: Event is included with museum admission, but space is limited.**

To commemorate the release of his new book "Behind Barbed Wire" and in celebration of his highly regarded exhibition "Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit," join photographer Paul Kitagaki Jr. for a special reception that will feature several of the exhibition's subjects. Kitagaki will also be signing copies of his book, which will be available for purchase in the JANM Store.

Info: RSVP by April 13 to <https://9644p.blackbaudhosting.com/9644p/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=1c5e0008-9b6a-46c2-9208-19d1a4c7e1fd> or call (213) 625-0414 or email [publicprogram@janm.org](mailto:publicprogram@janm.org).

## PNW

**Structural Racism in Oregon: A History From 1492-2018**  
Ontario, OR  
Thru March 25

**Four Rivers Cultural Center**  
676 S.W. Fifth Ave.

In this exhibit, presented by the Four Rivers Cultural Center, curator Quinn Susuki, a student at both Ontario High School and Treasure Valley Community College, takes a look at the topic of racism and how it along with discrimination has played a role in Oregon's history.

Info: Call (541) 889-8191 or visit [4rcc.com](http://4rcc.com).

**Cherry Blossom Bazaar**  
Portland, OR  
March 30-31; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
139 N.W. Second Ave.

**Price: Free**

The Oregon Nikkei Endowment is proud to present the seventh annual Cherry Blossom Bazaar, a unique sale of Japanese collectibles, objects and furniture, including clothing and accessories, tableware and pottery to children's toys. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Oregon Nikkei Endowment and its programs. Donations of new or gently used Japanese items for this year's bazaar are being accepted thru March 27 from Noon-5 p.m. Please make arrangements for drop-off of donations ahead of time.

Info: Call (503) 224-1458 or email [info@oregonnikkei.org](mailto:info@oregonnikkei.org).

## IDC

**Holly Yasui and Peggy Nagae Present 'Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Right for Justice' and Reception**

Boise, ID  
March 30; 4:30-8:30 p.m.  
Zions Bank Building, 17th Floor  
800 W. Main St. #100

**Price: \$25 Single seats for reception and dinner (4:30-6 p.m.) and free film screening following**

Don't miss the opportunity to attend this event that will feature a screening of the documentary film portraying the life and times of civil rights activist Minoru Yasui, who initiated a legal case during WWII, challenging military orders that led to the incarceration of more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry.

Info: Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/boisevalleyjacl/232081>.

## MDC

**'Exiled to Motown'**  
Ann Arbor, MI  
April 2-May 12  
Ann Arbor District Library (Downtown)  
343 S. Fifth Ave.

**Price: Free**  
This exhibit tells the story of Japanese Americans in Detroit, drawing on oral histories conducted by the Detroit JACL chapter, as well as archival photographs and documents. From the Ford Motor Co. to World War II, the murder of Vincent Chin and Japanese-Arab American solidarity in the wake of 9/11, "Exiled to Motown" sheds light on a little-known but critical piece of American History.

Info: Visit <http://exiledtomotown.org>.

**'Caught'**  
Minneapolis, MN  
May 17-June 2  
Dowling Studio of the Guthrie Theater  
818 S. Second St.

**Price: Ticket prices vary.**  
Full Circle Theater presents "Caught" by Christopher Chen and directed by Rick Shiomi. This play begins with a visual art exhibition by a Chinese artist and then Lin Bo, the artist himself, appears to give an extended talk about his experience in China as a dissident artist. This play delves into issues of appropriation, racism and white privilege within the American intellectual elite.

Info: For tickets and further information, visit

[fullcircletheatermn.org](http://fullcircletheatermn.org).

## EDC

**Tamagawa Taiko and Dance**  
Chestnut Hill, MA  
April 5; 6-8 p.m.  
Ellsworth Theatre  
Pine Manor College  
400 Heath St.

**Price: \$25 General admission; \$10 Students; Children 12 and under free with attending adult; Nonreserved seating**

The Japanese taiko group returns to Boston from its world tour. Their unique blend of music, Japanese folklore and dance has gained a growing international fan base. This event is presented by the Japan Society of Boston.

Info: Visit <http://www.japansociety-boston.org/event-3174220?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=3/27/2019>.

**Eaglemania: Collecting Japanese Art in Gilded Age America**  
Boston, MA

Thru June 2  
McMullan Museum of Art, Daley Family Gallery  
Boston University  
2101 Commonwealth Ave.

This exhibit features bronze, silver and ivory sculptures of birds of prey in folding screens, scroll paintings, netsuke, lacquerware, ceramics and textiles to bring to life the history of the Boston College eagle. During a recent conversation, Boston College's monumental bronze eagle was found to be a Japanese masterpiece from the Meiji period (1868-1912), which was donated to the college in the 1950s.

Info: Visit <https://www.bc.edu/sites/artmuseum/exhibitions/eaglemania/>.  
**Conservation in Action: Japanese Buddhist Sculpture in a New Light**

Boston, MA  
Thru June 30  
Museum of Fine Arts  
465 Huntington Ave.

This exhibit offers a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the conservation of seven Buddhist sculptures. The wooden figures are decorated with polychromy or gilding and date from the 9th-12th centuries. The conservation project occupies an entire gallery in the museum, allowing visitors to observe the techniques employed by conservators as they carefully clean the sculptures and secure areas of loose paint, lacquer and gilding.

Info: Visit <https://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/conservation-in-action-japanese-buddhist-sculpture-in-a-new-light>.

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# In MEMORIAM

**Harada, Hiroshi Ted, 95**, Gardena, CA, Jan. 1; he is survived by his wife, Masako "Mako"; son, Wesley (Natalie); sisters, Fumi Yano and Miyo (Phil) Cronin; gc: 3; ggc: 3.

**Munekata, Rick Takumi, 53**, Gardena, CA, Dec. 22; he is survived by his mother, brother and sister.



**Ogi, Jean, 93**, Daly City, CA, Dec. 26; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Topaz WRA Center in UT; she was predeceased by her husband, Sadayoshi Sam Ogi; and daughter, Patricia Underwood; she is survived by Ronald (Misa-ko), R. Allen, Wayne and Michael; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

**Shintaku, Masanoru 'Mike,' 105**, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 4; he is survived by his sons, Ken (Karen) and Mickey (Nadine); gc: 2; ggc: 2.

**Suto, Frank, 91**, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 20; he was predeceased by his brothers, Fred Suto and Victor Suto; he is survived by his wife, Mae Suto; son, Jeff (Linda) Suto; gc: 1.



**Takayama, Toyo, 104**, Parma, OH, Jan. 5; she was predeceased by her husband, Hiroshi; children, Ken and Toby; she is survived by Keiko, Chiyo (Tage) Grant, Jin and Joe (Julie); gc: 3; ggc: 2.



**Tanaka, Eric T., 68**, Elk Grove, CA, Jan. 1; he served in the Army in the Vietnam War; he was predeceased

by his sister, Lynette Tanaka; he is survived by his wife, Jan; children, Rich, Lara, Melody Enella, Wendy Sandoval and Conley Vessels; sister-in-law, Susan (Ron) Hardwick; gc: 6; ggc: 3.



**Uchida, Yuri, 98**, Berkeley, CA, Dec. 30; she was predeceased by her husband, Frank; and son, Brian; she is survived by her daughters, Karen (Stan) Yamamoto and Sharon (Jim) Gallagher; gc: 2; ggc: 1.

**Tsumura, June, 87**, Elk Grove, CA, Jan. 9; she was predeceased by her husband, Frank Tsumura; she is survived by her sons Darren (Miya) Tsumura, Randle (Kim) Tsumura and stepson Wesley Fujii; gc: 2.



**Watanabe, Teruko 'Terrie,' 86**, Seattle, WA, Oct. 19; during WWII, her family and she were forcibly removed to and incarcerated at the Minidoka WRA Center in ID; she was predeceased by her siblings, Yoshinori, Ayako Fujitomi and Mitsi Toyohara; she is survived by her daughters, Shelly Watanabe, Cindy (Walter) Watanabe-Mezs; Cheryl (Mike) Okazaki and Terry Watanabe; gc: 7; ggc: 2.

**Tsutsumi, Stella Tayeko (Kitahara), 93**, San Jose, CA, Dec. 9; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ before she and a sister left for Chicago to work as housekeepers; she was predeceased by her husband, Roy Yasuo Tsutsumi; siblings, Alyce (Yamamoto), Mary (Kimura), Burt, Arthur, Lila (Yamasaki), Franklin, Norman, Patrick and Mae (Villanueva); she is survived by her sons, Glenn, Jerry (Sharon) and Steven (Yen); gc: 6; ggc: 3.

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## TRIBUTE

### SACHIE TANAKA



Sachie (Fukiage) Tanaka (b. Dec. 27, 1923), died peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 7, 2018, in Chicago, where she had resided since 2007. She was born in Wapato, Wash., to Tsunematsu and Seki Fukiage. After WWII began, she and her family were moved from their farms to be initially processed at the Puyallup fairgrounds before returning to the now government-owned farms back in Wapato for the duration of the war. None of the family

was incarcerated in the U.S. concentration camps.

She was the valedictorian of her high school class. She attended the University of Washington from 1940-1942 completing her undergraduate studies at Ohio Wesleyan University (1944) and graduate studies in social work at Western Reserve University (WRU) School of Applied Social Sciences (SASS, 1946) now Case Western Reserve University (CWRU).

Sachie was a group worker at the YWCA Teen Department in Akron, Ohio, (1946-47) upon completion of her educational studies. Her next job was an assistant, then promoted to director of the Recreation Department of Cleveland State Hospital (1947-50). She took an extended break in her professional career to raise her four boys, instilling in them the academic excellence that she had achieved. She returned to full-time employment as a group worker in the Outpatient Services of Fairhill Mental Health Center in Cleveland (1972-75). She was hired as director of the Social Work Department at Highland View Hospital in Cleveland (1975-78) and a similar role as supervisor, Rehabilitation Services Unit at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital (1978-86). She also enjoyed her involvement in academic training as an on-site field work supervisor for WRU/SASS graduate students (1972-86) throughout her professional career until her retirement in 1986.

A longtime member of the Cleveland JACL, she was the wife of Henry Tanaka, who preceded her in death in 2006. They were married for 59 years and are survived by sons David (Deirdre), Steven (Carol), Robert (Michiko), and John (Joan) and eight grandchildren (Hillary, Adrienne, Kelsey, Lindsey, Douglas, Scott, Alexander, Andrew) and two great-grandchildren (Christoph and Athea).

She was the last surviving Fukiage sibling, preceded in death by brothers Harry, Shoji and Ken, and sisters Mitsui, Fumi and Fuki.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106. The family requests remembrances to Ohio Wesleyan University or CWRU/Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences in lieu of flowers.

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# HMWF SET TO HONOR LEGENDARY NEWSMAN TOM BROKAW

Brokaw will receive the foundation's LaDonna Zall Compassionate Witness Award.

**T**om Brokaw, the legendary NBC broadcaster and author, will receive the third annual LaDonna Zall Compassionate Witness Award during the annual Heart Mountain Pilgrimage in Wyoming on July 27, the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation decided during its board meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 2.

"I am greatly honored to be a part of the testimonial to the heroic Japanese American citizens who endured the cruel incarceration during WWII," Brokaw said. "What happened at Heart Mountain should be taught to every succeeding generation of American schoolchildren."

Since speaking at the 2011 grand opening of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, Brokaw has continued to report on the injustice of the Japanese American incarceration, including an NBC News report marking the 75th anniversary

of Japanese internment in 2017.

Said HMWF Chair Shirley Ann Higuchi, "We have been honored with Tom's support since the day we opened the doors to our interpretive center, and we want to show our appreciation."

The award is named after Zall, who as a child living in Powell, Wyo., witnessed the last train of incarcerated leaving Heart Mountain on Nov. 10, 1945. She became a teacher in Powell and was one of the first local residents to join the foundation in developing the interpretive center. She received the first Compassionate Witness Award, which was then named after her.

Last year, the foundation gave the award to David Ono and Jeff MacIntyre, the Los Angeles-based team that produced the Emmy-winning documentary "The Legacy of Heart Mountain." Ono is an anchorman on ABC-7 news in Los Angeles, while MacIntyre is a producer of multiple documentaries.

Along with planning for the busiest annual pilgrimage, planned for July 26-27 at the site of the former Heart Mountain incarceration camp between Cody and Powell, Wyo., the foundation also announced plans for its new affiliate — the Heart



Tom Brokaw at the Grand Opening of Heart Mountain Interpretive Center in 2011, with former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation Chair Shirley Ann Higuchi and former U.S. Senator from Wyoming Alan Simpson

Mountain Institute.

The institute, Heart Mountain Vice Chairman Doug Nelson said, will focus on developing media projects that are separate from the operation of the foundation's interpretive center and archives in Wyoming.

Early institute projects include the republication of Nelson's 1975 book "Heart Mountain: The History of an American Concentration Camp." That book, which started as Nelson's master's thesis in history, was the first major work that told the story of the Heart Mountain draft resisters, a fundamental part of the camp's history.

While in Washington, D.C., board members working with the institute met with Jonathan Amakawa, an assistant professor at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts, to plan for the development of an augmented reality tour around the Heart Mountain site. The tour would allow visitors to experience the sights and sounds of the original camp while listening to the memories of former Heart Mountain internees.

The foundation and the institute have also applied for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' Landmarks of American History and Culture program. If successful, the foundation will conduct two workshops in the summer of 2020 for K-12 teachers from around the country to learn about the incarceration and how to teach their students about it.

— Ray Locker

## ANAHEIM » continued from page 7



Anaheim High School started its new bilingual newspaper *Anaheim Exclusivo* in 2018, where Vanessa Sanchez serves as editor-in-chief of the Spanish-language section. She conducted an interview with AUHSD Superintendent Michael Matsuda on Jan. 31 to talk about the district's "Anaheim Kindness Project."

In 2017, Michael Matsuda led two busloads of students from the AUHSD to witness the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of E.O. 9066 by visiting Manzanar. While on a tour of one of the rebuilt barracks, which depicted the horrible conditions of open toilets and rickety beds with nothing but straw mattresses, a student behind him said, "Wow, this is pretty nice." Matsuda then turned around and asked him to explain what he meant. The student said, "At least they had a place to sleep, while I sleep with my brother on the garage floor."

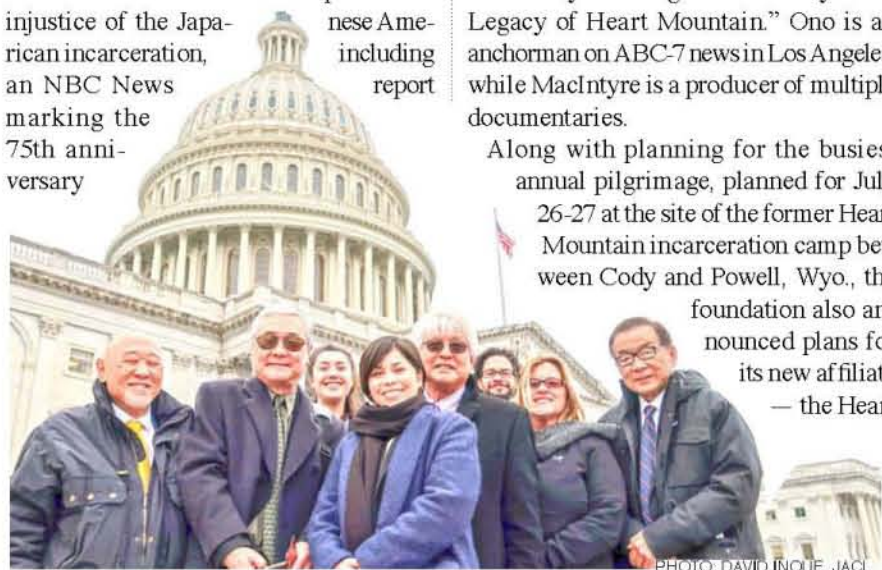
For Matsuda, this is one of the challenges he faces — the reality of how some of his students live today. He is happy he is able to provide educational experiences, for these students, that they may never experience in their everyday lives. In addition to showing them his own family's personal experiences 77 years ago,

he also reflects on today's current times.

With his energetic compassion, Matsuda continues to make new strides in promoting his "Anaheim Kindness Project," as well as his new program "Unlimited You."

For the Matsuda family, starting with a mother who was educated in Anaheim, only to have her learning experience cut short due to the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, to raising a son who would become head of the entire AUHSD, their story is one that clearly shows how diversity, hard work and a love of giving can overcome adversity and bring about change to an entire community. Ruth Ikeda Matsuda would have been so proud.

For more information on Michael Matsuda's school initiatives, visit <http://www.auhsd.us/district/index.php>.



Photographed on the Hill are members of the JACSC leadership, who are ready for Congressional visits. Pictured (from left) are Prentiss Uchida, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation and former internee; Darrell Kunitomi, HMWF; Katharine Hirata, National JACL; Mia Russell, Friends of Minidoka; Larry Oda, Japanese American Memorial Foundation; Brian Liesinger, JACSC; Ann Burroughs, Japanese American National Museum; and Sam Mihara, HMWF and former internee.

# PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION

By Floyd Mori

**S**alt Lake City will once again be the host city for the National JACL Convention in 2019, set for July 31-Aug. 4. Plans are being made by the local convention committee comprised of JACL members from the Salt Lake City, Mount Olympus and Wasatch Front North Chapters, who are working with the National JACL staff and board.

This year's venue will be the Little America Hotel, the same hotel where the 1978 National JACL Convention was held. It was during that convention year that the quest for redress was officially undertaken in earnest by the JACL.

Edison Uno is widely considered to

be the main force behind the redress movement. He wanted the public to become educated about the grave injustice committed against Americans and immigrants of Japanese heritage during World War II.

Uno was an activist who was teaching at the University of California, San Francisco, when he became heavily involved in civil rights issues. He was born in Los Angeles and had been incarcerated with his family at the Granada Camp in Colorado before being transferred to the Crystal City Camp in Texas for the duration of the war.

At his urging, the National JACL passed a resolution at the 1970 convention to seek redress. However, not a lot of progress was made, though

President Gerald R. Ford did rescind Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1976.

Unfortunately, Uno suffered a heart attack on Christmas Eve in 1976 and passed away at the age of 47, but his efforts were not in vain. The National Council at the 1978 National JACL Convention voted to diligently work for redress for those who were forcibly removed from their West Coast homes and incarcerated unjustly during WWII.

Dr. Clifford Uyeda was elected as National JACL president at the 1978 convention, replacing Jim Murakami. Floyd Shimomura was elected as a JACL vp at the age of 30. James Tsujimura was JACL president from 1980-82. After four years serving as

a vp, Shimomura was elected JACL president in 1982. These are some of the early JACL leaders of the redress movement, along with John Tateishi, who was Redress Chair, and Bill Yoshino of the JACL staff, among many others.

The 2019 National JACL Convention promises to be a historic event as the JACL celebrates its 90-year history as a premier civil and human rights organization.

Among the activities being held to coincide with convention is a golf tournament on July 31, which will be held prior to the evening's Welcome Reception, as well as an opportunity to visit the Topaz Camp near Delta, Utah, on Aug. 4. Many enjoyable and interesting events are being planned



along with the important work of the National Council during its business sessions. There also will be an opportunity to view a variety of films about the Japanese American experience.

JACLers everywhere are encouraged to join with friends at the 2019 National JACL Convention. Hope to see you there!