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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(FOLLOWING IS A LETTER ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSN. ON SEPT. 17.)

Dear Editor,

To Jeffrey Moy, National President of the JACL
RE: National JACL Resolution of Apology to Tule Lake Resisters

On Aug. 3, 2019, the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League adopted a resolution of apology "to those imprisoned in the Tule Lake Segregation Center for nonviolent acts of resistance and dissent, who suffered shame and stigma during and after the war due to the JACL's attitudes and treatment toward individuals unfairly labeled 'disloyal.'"

On behalf of the executive council of the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), I am submitting this executive summary, with enclosure, to the National JACL registering JAVA's objections to the National JACL resolution of apology.

At its Sept. 14 meeting, JAVA's executive council approved the following objections to the National JACL's resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters:

- The resolution of apology is vague and overly broad, without any justifiable basis for its apology;
The resolution of apology is a betrayal of the American values embraced by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during World War II and by the 95 percent of Japanese American adults who answered "Yes" to Question 28 and is knowingly divisive; and
The resolution of apology is a shameful and unwarranted demeaning of the legacy forged by the valor and loyalty of the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during World War II, while at the same time, National JACL, its chapters and members, and the Japanese American community at large, including the Tule Lake resisters, have benefited and will continue to benefit from that legacy.

A full explanation in support of these objections is provided in the enclosure to this letter.

Sincerely,

Gerald Yamada
President, Japanese American Veterans Assn.

Enclosure
cc. David Inouye, JACL Executive Director

ENCLOSURE TO LETTER TO JACL PRESIDENT MOY

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSN., SEPT. 17

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National JACL Resolution of Apology Is Vague and Overly Broad

Based on the Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (AKA "Redress Commission Report"), the Tule Lake Segregation Center was dominated by a "strongly militant pro-Japan faction" composed of:

- Japanese aliens who refused to agree not to engage in any actions that would interfere with the United States' war effort by answering "No" or refusing to answer Question 28 of the loyalty questionnaire;
Japanese aliens who asked to be repatriated to Japan;
Japanese Americans who renounced their U.S. citizenship and asked to be expatriated to Japan;
Japanese Americans who refused to swear allegiance to the United States and forswear allegiance to the Emperor of Japan by answering "No" or refusing to answer Question 28;
Japanese Americans who refused to serve in the United States military after receiving draft notices making this the second National JACL resolution

of apology, first in 2000 and again in 2019, to this group;

- Those who had been denied leave clearance because of adverse evidence in their records; and
Japanese aliens that the Department of Justice recommended for detention at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

The National JACL resolution of apology is given to the above Tule Lake resisters who engaged in "nonviolent acts of resistance and dissent." By excluding only those who engaged in violent acts of resistance and dissent, National JACL demonstrates a shallow commitment to civil rights by including within its resolution Tule Lake resisters who engaged in nonviolent acts of resistance and dissent such as coercive harassment, intimidation and threats of bodily harm against Japanese Americans who volunteered for U.S. military service and other internees who did not share the Tule Lake Resisters' pro-Japan views.

The National JACL resolution of apology also fails to distinguish between the Tule Lake resisters who wanted Japan to win the war and those who believed in peaceful disobedience but did not hold pro-Japan views. The Redress Commission Report states that 31 percent of the Tule Lake Segregation Center population were family members who stayed with those who were segregated. By failing to deal with these significant distinctions, the National JACL resolution of apology unfairly treats all the Tule Lake resisters as "disloyal."

For these reasons, the executive council of the Japanese American Veterans Assn. finds that the National JACL resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters is vague and overly broad, without any justifiable basis for its apology.

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By David Inoue,
JACL Executive Director

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2019'S VERSION OF THE LOYALTY QUESTION

The sponsored ad that popped up on my Facebook feed proclaimed, “China Threat Briefing” to promote the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (USCC) eighth annual Cybersecurity Summit.

Curious, I clicked through to find the agenda for the meeting highlighting reports from the Department of Justice and Homeland Security about Chinese state-sponsored espionage.

There is no denying that there is a significant threat from the Chinese government to infiltrate our government, universities and corporations. Thankfully, despite the sensationalism of the advertisement, the USCC session emphasized that those engaged in espionage are a small minority of Chinese researchers, and that it is not only China, but also Iran, Russia and North Korea that pose a threat. And yet, that advertisement is problematic.

Currently in Ohio, there is an ad campaign

against a referendum campaign that makes specious claims that those who sign the petition will be giving their personal information to the Chinese government and that “China is quietly invading our energy grid and coming for our Ohio jobs.” The commonality between the USCC and Ohio ads: Both leverage the fear of China in their messaging.

Japanese Americans are no strangers to this type of messaging. The 1980s were rife with talk of the threat of Japanese companies taking over. The American auto industry was threatened, and Japanese companies were buying up American properties at what they saw as bargains compared to land prices in Japan.

The result of the fear of Japanese economic dominance was the brutal killing of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American, mistaken for Japanese by unemployed auto workers. And, of course, the prewar caricatures of the Japanese led to the mass incarceration of West Coast Japanese and Japanese Americans.

As early as 1999, Taiwanese American scientist Wen Ho Lee was accused of leaking scientific information to China, only to have the government drop the charges in all but one charge of mishandling information.

In 2014, Sherry Chen was arrested on suspicion of spying, only to have the charges dropped half a year later. She has been fighting ever since to regain her job with the National Weather Service.

In the past year, there has been a surge in accusations of espionage by Chinese researchers in the U.S. In many cases, universities are taking action without any clear threat established by law enforcement because of scientists’ relations with China.

Ironically, the result of these Salem Witch trial pursuits of Chinese suspects is actually resulting in many of these researchers returning to China and most certainly performing research on behalf of the Chinese government, universities or businesses.

The result is a self-fulfilling prophecy that they are loyal to China, but only because we doubted their loyalty here. Again, this is a story Japanese Americans can relate to from the experiences of World War II.

It cannot be ignored that China as a country has much to be criticized: human rights violations, unfair trade practices and, yes, significant overseas espionage. During WWII, Japan was the perpetrator of numerous war crimes and oppressed countries it had conquered in war with

unimaginable cruelty. However, we cannot confuse the country with the people.

The danger we are running into with the hyperbole of the Chinese threat is that individuals are being swept in with the bad actions of their country of origin. Employers are dispensing with due process to terminate employees because of relations that are completely innocuous, but unfortunately are based in China. All of this begins with our perceptions.

We must push back when we see blatant racist appeals to fear that have no grounding in fact like the Ohio ads. These are the obvious places to push back. We also have to recognize the more subtle ways our perceptions are being shaped, such as the advertising for the USCC promotion of its event.

On its face, it was accurate, but it left out a lot of the rest of the story. We need balance. We can recognize the threats that the Chinese government poses without resorting to loyalty tests for Chinese and Chinese Americans who simply maintain ties to their home country.

David Inoue is executive director of the JACL. He is based in the organization’s Washington, D.C., office.



By Andrew Gruhn,
JACL Greater Los Angeles Delegate

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

JACL CONTINUES TO CHANGE OUR COUNTRY FOR THE BETTER

This year’s JACL National Convention in Salt Lake City was a wonderful way for me to learn more about processes associated with the maintenance of a national organization. While there, I was able to obtain a deeper understanding of the issues that the JACL currently faces and had many opportunities to meet many veteran members from all over the United States.

Hearing everyone’s perspectives during the National Council meetings was quite informative and gave me a glimpse of the discourse required to ensure that the JACL takes the right course of action when addressing the many issues that it faces.

Additionally, there were many interesting presentations and seminars that covered a wide variety of interesting topics such as tracing one’s own heritage and educational methods for teaching youth about the internment of Japanese Americans.

As a delegate for the Greater Los Angeles Chapter along with Kanji Sahara and Miyako Kadogawa, I was able to vote and speak on resolutions and amendments to the JACL’s Constitution. Having the opportunity

to voice my opinions in front of the National Council inspired me to become more active within the JACL. It also made me realize the importance of youth involvement within this organization.

One thing that really stood out to me was the division that still exists between the JACL and those individuals who were unjustly incarcerated in Tule Lake. Resolution 3, which intended to apologize to the Tule Lake internees on behalf of the JACL for discrimination based on a differing perspective on whether an individual decided to cooperate with or “resist” against the government based on the infamous questions 27 and 28 of the loyalty questionnaire. Even 76 years later, people on both sides are still passionate about this subject, and because of this, a schism still remains within the Japanese American community.

After lengthy debate, the National Council voted in favor of the apology. Even though we achieved a small victory, we cannot say that this issue is resolved. In order for us to put this issue to rest forever, we must continue to reconcile with those who may still harbor resentment toward our organization.

Only through resolving this issue can the JACL be strengthened as a civil rights organization by representing the united voice of

all Japanese Americans and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Overall, the convention was a wonderful, educational and exciting experience. It

highlighted all of the important work that the JACL does to change our country for the better. I am so grateful that I was able to attend the National Convention, and I thank the Greater Los Angeles Chapter for giving me this opportunity.

Andrew Gruhn was GLA JACL’s 2015 scholarship recipient. He graduated this past summer with a degree from the University of California, Riverside’s College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Gruhn is a GLA board member and was sponsored by GLA to the National Convention.

JACL CHAPTERS: SEND IN YOUR 90TH ANNIVERSARY STORIES

The P.C.’s Special 90th Anniversary Holiday Issue in December will celebrate YOU — JACL chapters and all of your accomplishments through the years.

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JACCC APPOINTS PATRICIA M. WYATT AS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

Following an extensive national search, the management and development executive assumed her position on Sept. 23.

LOS ANGELES — The board of directors of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center announced on Sept. 23 that Patricia M. Wyatt has been named as the center's new president and CEO, following an extensive national search. Wyatt assumed her new role on Sept. 23.

Wyatt brings more than 30 years of executive management and strategic development in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors across a multitude of industries. Most recently, Wyatt was the founder and CEO of MayaCo & Associates, a brand and media consultancy focused on social impact.

"Pat's personal connection to and interest in the mission of JACCC, along with her strong record of accomplishments as an experienced leader in the nonprofit, entertainment and creative spaces makes her the right person to continue the incredible momentum of the organization and drive JACCC into the future," said Craig Tomiyoshi, chair of the board of directors. "We're excited to have her onboard and look forward to introducing her to our members and supporters."

In her role at JACCC, Wyatt will oversee the institution's wide-ranging artistic, culinary and education programs, as well as manage a staff of 21 full-time employees, more than 40 part-time and contractual/seasonal staff and 200 volunteers.

"The JACCC is poised to expand its cultural footprint and pride of place in the Japanese American community, and I'm ready to put all of my skills and experience in the corporate and nonprofit sectors to work on behalf of this world-class organization," said Wyatt. "Joining the JACCC team is exciting for me as a professional, but it is also profoundly personal. As a biracial child growing up in Kentucky, I had few opportunities to explore my Japanese heritage, yet as an adult, it has become my passion pursuit, making me a fully vested evangelist for JACCC and its many activities, experiences and services."

Wyatt's work for nonprofit organizations includes the Institute for the Future, Palo Alto, and the Koret Israel Economic Development Fund, Tel Aviv. She also has served

as president of WorkingNation, a start-up, nonprofit media organization designed to galvanize Americans in finding a solution to the looming employability gap.

Prior to WorkingNation, Wyatt was president of Innovation: Africa, a global nonprofit that provides clean energy solutions to rural African communities. In addition, she held the position of chief development officer at ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where she led a team of 550 individuals who together raised a record-setting \$1 billion in one year.

Wyatt's past corporate leadership experience includes president of the licensing and home entertainment companies at Twentieth Century Fox and executive vp of brand marketing at Mattel.

In addition, Wyatt has served on numerous boards, including Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, where she was chair of the board of governors for two of the eight years of her tenure, as well as Machine Project, California/International Arts Foundation, Professional Advisory Panel of the School



Patricia M. Wyatt is the new president and CEO of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

of Integrated Media at CalArts, Technical Advisory group at Pearson Education and Causemo, a mobile donation app and information technology systems service.

Founded in 1971, JACCC is one of the largest ethnic arts and cultural centers of its kind in the U.S. Serving as the hub for Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture, as well as a community gathering place for the diverse voices it inspires, JACCC connects community participants and creative professionals in Southern California and beyond. ■

CENSUS BUREAU URGES ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES TO SHAPE THEIR FUTURE

A new campaign is launched to ensure that Asian Americans respond and are counted in 2020.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. — In preparation for the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau met with Asian American media outlets recently to emphasize the need for all Asian Americans to be accurately counted.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census Bureau data are also used to determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed annually to states and local communities for services and infrastructure, including health care, jobs, schools, roads and businesses.

Speaking at the South Pasadena Public Library, representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau explained how the 2020 Census will be conducted and shared insights that culminated in the recently released Asian-language campaign platforms for "Shape your Future. START HERE."

"The 2020 Census is on track, and we are confident that operations and outreach efforts will reach all communities, including Asian Americans," said Jennifer Kim, assistant division chief for content, transla-



(From left) Moderator Ed Chang and participants Julie Lam, Jennifer Kim, Ron Fong and Tim Wang took part in a panel discussion to launch a new initiative "Shape Your Future. START HERE" that is aimed at educating Asian Americans in taking part in the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census.

tion, Puerto Rico and Island Areas Operations from the Census Bureau. "The Census Bureau is committed to Asian American communities."

According to the 2020 Census Barriers, Attitudes and Motivations Survey, Asian Americans are the racial group with the least familiarity with the census and lowest intention to complete the form.

"The Census Bureau is focusing on outreach and communications to all communities," said Kim. "For the first time, all households will have the opportunity to respond to the census in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail. In 2020, people will be able to respond online or directly via phone in English and 12 non-English languages, including Chinese, Vietnamese,

Korean, Tagalog and Japanese. The availability of these options will make the 2020 Census more accessible than ever before."

During the South Pasadena event, a panel that included Kim as well as Julie Lam, regional director of the Los Angeles regional offices; Ron Fong, executive director of Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program; and Tim Wang, founder and principal of TDW+Co, spoke about the importance of making every person count.

The "Shape Your Future. START HERE" platform arose from research conducted from different multicultural communities to help the Census Bureau reach limited-English-speaking households and teach them about the importance of the census.

"We believe that through the 2020 Cen-

sus, Asian American communities have an opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future by being counted, and this platform will remind them of that opportunity," said Wang.

KEY CENSUS FACTS

- Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.
- The 2020 Census will inform how billions of dollars of funding are allocated annually for critical public services.
- Census data gives local leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses and planning for the future.
- The data is used to redraw district boundaries.
- The census is mandated in the U.S. Constitution, and your participation is a way for you to fulfill a civic duty. Completing the census is required by law.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will send every household instructions on how to fill out the 2020 Census.
- The Census Bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations or anything related to political parties. The 2020 Census will not ask for your citizenship status.
- The census counts every resident of the U.S., including all children in a household, temporary residents and undocumented residents.
- The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your response only to produce statistics. It cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies. All employees take a lifelong oath of confidentiality. ■

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REFLECTIONS

RESILIENCE, REMEMBRANCE, RESOLVE, RESISTANCE ... AND EVEN RECONCILIATION?

By Laurie Shigekuni

My family has deep roots with the JACL. In fact, my great-grand uncle, Tom Okawara, was one of the founding members back in 1929.

I had the privilege of attending my first JACL National Convention a couple of years ago when it was held in Washington, D.C. I accompanied my parents, Phil and Marion Shigekuni. My dad was then serving as JACL San Fernando Valley chapter president. The theme was “Resilience, Remembrance, Resolve.”

In 2017, President Trump had recently been elected, and conference participants were voicing discontent about the anti-Muslim ban and other anti-immigrant policies. I was thinking during the conference that “Resistance” should have been one of the theme words.

Two years later, we are past the initial shock of the 2016 election. We have had time to analyze the new challenges our country faces. And some of us have begun to share our own families’ wartime traumas in the context of current injustices.

Starting when I was quite young, I used to wonder how it could be possible to violate the rights of Nikkei on the West Coast, when two-thirds of us were U.S. citizens. I wondered what steps were taken at the time to try to prevent this tragedy from occurring.

If I reflected about the U.S. government’s treatment of my kinspeople when I was reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, tears would come to my eyes. I would wonder, “How could this happen to U.S. citizens?” “How could this huge group of people just get on trains and leave?” “Who was there to protest?”

These days, I move in mostly non-Japanese American circles. I am heartened by the fact that my non-JA friends are seeing the ways our community is standing up for the newcomers facing dire circumstances as they try to seek refuge in our country.

In 2016, I gained a deeper awareness of the divide in our community at the Tule Lake Pilgrimage, which I attended with my parents; my neighbor, Amy Kiyota Jong (the niece of the late Dr. Minoru Kiyota); and Amy’s children, Steven and Kenneth Jong. My law practice associate, Martha Bridegam, who has a longstanding research interest in Tule Lake, was also with us. We met up with friends from the San Fernando Valley JACL — Nancy Oda, Norma Jean Yamashita and Wendy Hirota.

At the pilgrimage, I learned that four-fifths of the people in Tule Lake were Buddhist. Since the Justice Department rounded up the Buddhist priests and Japanese-language teachers first and sent them to detention, while their separated families were detained in camps, and since the people who were more likely to answer “No, No” on the loyalty questionnaire were Issei and Kibei and those with deeper Japanese roots, the population at Tule Lake was more Buddhist than the population on the whole.

One of the reasons my Dad and Mom came

to Tule Lake is that when they went to see Hiroshi Kashiwagi’s play “The Betrayed” about a decade ago — about two young people who take different routes through life because of their families’ different choices at Tule Lake — they were moved by Hiroshi’s testimony at the end of the play about his lack of Japanese American friends when he was attending UCLA.

Elsewhere, Kashiwagi has written that he did not seek out Japanese American friends when he attended UCLA because he felt alienated from the community. He wore a “pork-pie” hat that he had received as a gift from his father in order to look odd on purpose. He did not want to be approached by other Niseis and have to answer the inevitable question of, “Which camp did you go to?”

The pain of isolation and ostracism stings. I have enjoyed being a part of the JA community in many different ways. I have enjoyed becoming friends with my parents’ friends through the JACL and have enjoyed the tight-knit camaraderie forged from common experiences of suffering. I think it is incredibly sad that Hiroshi and other “No-No Boys” couldn’t fully be a part of this.

There were many reasons for “No-No” decisions, including Isseis’ fear of becoming stateless, U.S.-born children’s fear of separation from noncitizen parents, lack of information about what the loyalty questions were meant to ask and refusals of military service that were founded on constitutional principle or plain indignation rather than any “disloyalty” to the United States.

And we can all remember what it’s like to be young, grappling with our identity. Of course, people with a greater affinity for Japan, like the Isseis and Kibeis, were angry because of the way they were treated and the way all things Japanese were being trashed. We really can’t blame the ones who got so fed up that they decided to go to Japan or renounce their U.S. citizenship.

The fact is, we were all victims. The government promulgated a “military necessity”

argument for removing us from the West Coast even though there was not a single act of espionage. For reasons that had more to do with California agribusiness than real security, I think, the Japanese on the West Coast were treated as scapegoats, and we suffered a multitude of hardships.

Our incarceration left a pallor on the soul of our community. Dr. Satsuki Ina has helped us to identify that we as a group have been defined by silence.

Hiroshi Kashiwagi Jr. has said that he always had a reluctance to raise his hand in class. I’ve felt the same way. For anybody who has been with groups of Japanese Americans, I’m sure you’ve observed a reticence to offer an opinion. Pastor Saburo Masada explained to me when we were at the Tule Lake Pilgrimage together that Japanese Americans tend to be conflict-averse.

The other way we have suffered is that love of Japanese identity was not strongly encouraged. Since people were ashamed to be Japanese and, like my Dad, wanted to distance themselves from “the enemy,” many people in our community did not retain the Japanese language nor Japanese culture.

Japanese culture is closely tied with Buddhist and Shinto traditions, and for families (like mine) who followed a Christian pathway, our connection to Japanese culture was diminished. I think this is a shame — it means that we have missed out on a lot of cultural richness and awareness of where we come from.

I had the chance to live in Japan for a few months after I graduated from college, and it was a life-changing experience for me. I wanted to learn to speak with my Baachan (who came from Hiroshima when she was 18 years old), and I was able to learn enough to speak with her. The Japanese part of me was awakened, and I have never been the same.

At times when I have felt fed up with a stale situation or a deadlock, new activities have

helped to jolt me out of a bad spot.

My law office associates and I are preparing to found a new nonprofit in part because we want to offer fresh energy to civil rights education work. We would like to call it Kita Kapwa. *Kita* means “kite” in Japanese and symbolizes our hope for the future. *Kapwa* is short for the Tagalog word *Pakikipagkapwa*, which means “We are all in this together.”

One of our projects is to recycle a “sound booth” — a small portable room — that Hiroshi Kashiwagi used as his writing studio for many years. We would like to use QR codes and art to make it a traveling exhibit about courage and resistance in the face of injustice. We also plan on using Japanese fabric to decorate the booth.

If you have some fabric you would like to have incorporated into a quilt border, please let me know. There will be other ways you can help. Our website should be operational soon — www.kitakapwa.org.

So, can we take a deep breath? Can we start the next 90 years of JACL history with fresh thinking and new energy to engage in the civil rights battles at hand?

I believe wounds will heal, and we will keep finding new ways to tell our stories and be able to be an encouragement to our fractured nation.

Editorial assistance from Martha Bridegam is gratefully acknowledged.

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Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Laurie Shigekuni, Steven Jong, Kenneth Jong, Martha Bridegam, Amy Kiyota Jong, Norma Jean Yamashita, Marion Shikekuni and Wendy Hirota.

(From left) Martha Bridegam, Marion Shigekuni and Phil Shigekuni



Pictured at the Tule Lake Pilgrimage are (clockwise from left) Marion Shigekuni, Martha Bridegam, Laurie Shigekuni and Nancy Oda.





The San Diego JACL chapter was awarded an official proclamation by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer.



Commemorative medallions were presented to past presidents of the San Diego JACL.



George Takei

JACL LAUDS TAKEI — AND VICE VERSA — AT SAN DIEGO BANQUET

The chapter also celebrates JACL's 90th anniversary.

By P.C. Staff

On the evening that the San Diego chapter of the JACL celebrated both its 87th year and the 90th anniversary of the national organization of which it is a part, it was fitting that 10-year-old Maiya Ito led the 220 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and 99-year-old 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran Mas Tsuida lent his presence at the proceedings.

Adding a dash of Hollywood glamour leavened with a serious undertone was showbiz icon and Lifetime JACL Member George Takei, who was on hand to give the keynote speech at the Sept. 14 event at the Town & Country San Diego Convention Center, sign copies of his new graphic memoir, "They Called Us Enemy," and celebrate the 11th anniversary that very night of his marriage to his husband, Brad Takei.

Praising the JACL's 1994 historic vote to support marriage equality, George Takei in his speech said, "The JACL was the first minority civil rights organization to take that bold stand. It was a leadership position that they took, and it took more than two decades for the United States Supreme Court to agree with them."

Adding to the night's allure were mistress and master of ceremonies, actress Tamlyn Tomita and KABC-TV Channel 7 news anchor David Ono, reprising their roles at the same venue from a year earlier. Also present to give a heartfelt speech of his own was JACL Executive Director David Inoue.

With the success of the Redress Movement

more than 30 years in the past during a present when would-be immigrants face executive branch directives placing barriers to entry, and with legal permanent residents and even some U.S. citizens facing suspicion because of national origin or religious beliefs, Inoue underscored the importance of JACL's mission today.

"Our community's history has a heavy burden to carry because it brings with us so much responsibility," he said. "We remember that almost no one stood up for us during the war. Not the ADL, the ACLU, the NAACP. What we learned from that failure of others to stand up for us was that we need to stand up for others."

In a nod to the past, the event recognized all past presidents of the San Diego chapter (see list) from 1933 to today. While contemporary former presidents were able to receive a commemorative medal in person, descendants of some of the early-era presidents were on hand to receive the honor.

In a nod to the future, meantime, the following youthful scholarship recipients were recognized: Emily Otsuka (freshman scholarship awardee, National JACL Freshman awardee), Brad Yasukochi (freshman scholarship awardee) and Breven Honda (continuing education scholarship awardee). Not present were Hailey Sasaki (continuing education scholarship awardee) and Aileen Yagi and James Ozaki, who each were awarded freshman scholarships.

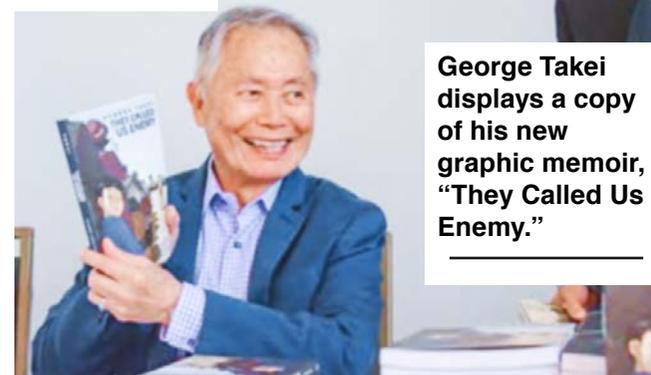
There was also a "make good" moment for San Diego JACL chapter member Den-



Co-emcees Tamlyn Tomita and David Ono



Maiya Ito leads the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



George Takei displays a copy of his new graphic memoir, "They Called Us Enemy."

nis Otsuji, president of the San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego.

Born at Colorado's Camp Amache (Granada War Relocation Authority Center), Otsuji was recognized belatedly after being inadvertently passed over at last year's gala when local denizens who had been incarcerated in Japanese American concentration camps during WWII were acknowledged.

After acknowledging the chapter's board of directors, Chapter President Michael Kurima introduced Gala Chairman Robert Ito, whose granddaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ito thanked gala committee members — Fiona Chao, Linda McLemore, Suzanne Miyasaki, Mimi Morisaki, Sidney Shiroma, Alissa Todd and Jon Yokoyama — and singled out the event's producer, Lane Nishikawa, who shared with

the audience a short video about the San Diego Chapter and later in the program, clips from his upcoming documentary about the JACL titled "League of Dreams."

Nishikawa related how he had applied for — and failed to get — funding for his documentary "Our Lost Years" — DVD copies of which were for sale in the lobby — from ITVS or the Independent Television Service, which funds documentaries that appear on PBS.

During Nishikawa's conversation with the ITVS rep who broke the bad news to him,



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(From left) JACL
Executive Direc-
tor David Inoue,
San Diego JACL
President Michael
Kurima and George
Takei



Guillermo Castillo (left) presents
George Takei with a proclamation
from the San Diego mayor.



(From left) JACL Executive Director
David Inoue, past San Diego JACL
President Joseph Horiye (1997-99)
and George Takei



(From left) JACL Executive Director
David Inoue, San Diego JACL member
Dennis Otsuji and George Takei

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE SAN DIEGO JACL

- Hanako Moriyama (Provisional)
- George Obayashi (1933)
- Frank Otsuka (1934 & 1942)
- George Ohashi (1935-37 & 1939)
- Isamu Fujita (1938 & 1940)
- Fred Katsumata (1941)
- Dr. George Hara (1946-47, 1949-50)
- Minoru Sakamoto (1948)
- Masami Honda (1951)
- Moto Asakawa (1952 & 1958)
- Paul Hoshi (1953)
- Hiomi Nakamura (1954)
- George Kodama (1955)
- Dr. Tad Imoto (1956)
- Bert Tanaka (1957)
- George Muto (1959)
- Hedi Takeshita (1960)
- Jack Matsueda (1961)
- Harry Kawamoto (1962)
- Masato Asakawa (1963)
- Joe Miyoshi (1964)
- Tom Yanagihara (1965)
- Abe Mukai (1966)
- Masaaki Hironaka (1967, 1976-85)
- Isao Horiye (1968 & 1971)
- Tom Uda (1969)
- Don Estes (1970 & 1972)
- Vernon Yoshioka (1973-75, 1986-87)
- Carol Kawamoto (1988-90, 2000-02)
- David Kawamoto (1991-93, 2003-05, 2012-13)
- Karen Tani (1994-96, 2009-12)
- Joseph Horiye (1997-99)
- Miyo Ellen Reff (2006-08)
- Michael Kurima (2014-Present)

she asked him as an aside about the Japanese American Citizens League.

“I told her, ‘It’s the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States, established in 1929.’ And she went, ‘Really? Never heard of it. But I bet that’d make a great film,’” Nishikawa recalled.

Nishikawa said it hit him later that with the 90th anniversary of the JACL coming up, a documentary on the JACL *would* make for great subject matter, and he started recording interviews for this new documentary two years ago at the National JACL. He alluded to the clip of “League of Dreams” that he showed at last’s year’s San Diego JACL gala (*Pacific Citizen*, Oct. 12, 2018).

Nishikawa submitted the grant for “League” in 2018 — and the ITVS administrator again had disappointing news, but told him, “You were close.” Nevertheless, Nishikawa said he is forging ahead with plans to complete his new documentary and will travel to 15 cities to record more interviews.

In Inoue’s speech, he referred to Resolution 3, an amended version of which was approved

at the JACL National Convention on Aug. 3 in Salt Lake City, whereby the JACL apologized to Tule Lake incarcerated “for the role that JACL played in dividing our community during the war and in the years since.”

“It was just a first step toward achieving reconciliation, and there remains much more healing that must take place,” Inoue said. “But this action demonstrates another aspect of history — that it doesn’t just remain in the past, but it continues to have relevance even today and that we have the ability and the capacity to respond to it and do something to change how we see that history.”

During George Takei’s speech, he relayed how he has been a JACL member for more than five decades.

“I was a member of the Wilshire Chapter in Los Angeles. I also served as a president there,” he said, noting that the chapter disbanded after there was a meeting where only five members showed up. “So, it’s wonderful to see this vibrant, alive, thriving JACL chapter getting enormous support from all of you.”

One of George Takei’s current projects is the graphic memoir “They Called Us Enemy,” which reached No. 2 on the New York Times best-seller list after being published in July.

“I told the same story in 1994 as part of my

autobiography,” George Takei told the audience, referring to “To The Stars: The Autobiography of George Takei, ‘Star Trek’s’ Mr. Sulu.” “But this one I tell the whole story as a comic strip because as a teenager, I was a voracious comic strip reader. . . . This book is targeting the young readers, the preteens, the teens, the young adults because they’re going to be the voters of tomorrow.

“I want the future of America to know this chapter of American history, this Japanese American chapter of American history, so that the kind of outrage that is happening now on the southern border, a new grotesque low, will hopefully never again happen in America, not with the future in the hands of those who know the full American story,” he concluded.

After the dinner ceremonies ended, George Takei signed copies of the book, with proceeds of the sales going to the San Diego JACL. Before that, however, during the course of the evening, Guillermo Castillo, an intern serving the mayor’s office, presented proclamations to both JACL and George Takei from San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer.

In his presentation to Inoue, he said, “I would like to take the time to recognize the National Japanese American Citizens League for its tremendous dedication.” ■



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National JACL Resolution of Apology Is a Betrayal of American Values

The Japanese American men and women who served in the U.S. military during World War II suffered in equal measure with the Tule Lake resisters from the unconstitutional confinement imposed by Executive Order 9066, but unlike the Tule Lake resisters, those who served in the U.S. military during WWII put country first, kept their faith in American ideals and assumed greater personal risks by putting themselves in harm's way.

Any shame, stigma or label of "disloyalty" associated with the Tule Lake resisters was self-inflicted as a direct result of their actions, beliefs and decisions, which were antithetical to the actions, beliefs and decisions made by the 95 percent of Japanese American adults who answered "Yes" to Question 28 and by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII.

The Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII served with valor and honor that created a lasting legacy that has greatly benefited all those in the Japanese American community including the Tule Lake resisters.

- The Japanese Americans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated Japanese American combat unit, were involved in a five-day battle in which the Texas "Lost Battalion" (1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment) was rescued, while the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team suffered 54 killed in action and 293 wounded in action.
- The 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd RCT liberated Jewish prisoners at one of the Dachau Nazi death camps.
- The 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd RCT is recognized as the most-decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of American warfare.
- The Japanese Americans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd RCT were awarded seven Presidential Unit Citations, 21 Medals of Honor, 29 Distinguished Service Crosses and countless other medals including over 4,000 Purple Hearts.
- All surviving members of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd RCT in 2012 were made chevaliers of the French Légion d'Honneur for their actions contributing to the liberation of France and their heroic rescue of the "Lost Battalion" during WWII.
- Approximately 3,000 Japanese Americans who served in the Military Intelligence Service as Japanese linguists, a large number of them educated in Japan (aka "Kibei"), volunteered to serve in the first, second or third wave of nearly every Army infantry and Marine invasion to interrogate Japanese prisoners of war, translate captured documents and pass the results immediately to commanders on the front line to prepare counter measures, helping to win battles and save lives.

- The Japanese Americans who served in the MIS as Japanese linguists in the Pacific war theater are credited with shortening the war with Japan by two years, serving as interpreters during war crime trials to ensure fair hearings, and making significant contributions to transitioning Japan to a democratic government during the occupation and restoration of Japan after the war ended.
- The 1399th Engineering Construction Battalion, composed of all Japanese Americans, served in Hawaii during WWII to rebuild Pearl Harbor and completed 54 construction projects that were critical to the defense of the Islands.
- Over 300 Japanese American women served in the U.S. military during WWII.
- The Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII followed advice given to them by their fathers: "Do not dishonor your country, community or the family and, if you are to die, die with honor." Almost 800 Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military were killed in action during World War II. They died fighting for America's freedoms. They died with honor.
- On July 15, 1946, President Harry Truman reviewed the returning 442nd RCT at the White House Ellipse and praised their battlefield accomplishments by saying, "You fought the enemy abroad, and you fought prejudice at home, and you won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win," thereby affirming the decision made by the Japanese American soldiers to serve their country and its ideals and demonstrate loyalty as their way to fight prejudice at home.

The executive council of the Japanese American Veterans Assn. condemns the National JACL resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters as a betrayal of the American values embraced by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII and by the 95 percent of Japanese American adults who answered "Yes" to Question 28 and as being knowingly divisive.

National JACL Resolution of Apology Demeans the Legacy of the Japanese Americans Who Served During WWII

During WWII, most Americans considered all persons of Japanese ancestry to be

"disloyal" based solely on ethnicity. The WWII JACL leaders worked to find ways to prove that Japanese Americans were "loyal" and could be trusted. The JACL advocated to have the U.S. Army create a segregated all-Japanese American combat unit. The idea of a segregated combat unit was originally rejected by Gen. Eisenhower. But JACL persisted. By having a segregated combat unit, JACL's hope was that its military successes would convince the American public that Japanese Americans were loyal.

Mike Masaoka was JACL Secretary during that time and was the main advocate for the all-Japanese American combat unit. When the 442nd RCT was created, Masaoka was the first to volunteer. Because of his role in getting the 442nd RCT authorized, he was assigned to the public relations staff of the 442nd RCT, where he diligently provided information to the press about the successful battlefield accomplishments of the 442nd RCT. Masaoka is credited with generating the high praise that the 442nd received in the American press during WWII.

The opportunity for the Japanese Americans who served during WWII to forge a legacy of valor and honor was created by JACL. During WWII, the JACL actively promoted serving in the U.S. military as a way to show loyalty, so there is a direct link between the WWII JACL and the legacy created by the Japanese Americans who served.

The National JACL resolution of apology disavows that link. The JACL resolution of apology reverses the position of the WWII JACL in that JACL is now supporting the Tule Lake resisters' acts of resistance and dissent as the way the community should have shown their loyalty rather than serving in the U.S. military. Of course, the National JACL resolution of apology ignores the fact that the acts of resistance and dissent were in support of the resisters' pro-Japan views.

As a national veterans service organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII, JAVA must raise its voice on behalf of those Japanese American soldiers by defending their choice as to how they showed their loyalty.

The valor and loyalty shown by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII has greatly benefited the Japanese American community in the following ways:

- Cited by President Ronald Reagan for his decision not to veto, but to sign, HR 442 resulting in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (aka "Redress Legislation") authorizing the U.S. government's apology and redress payments paid to the internees, including the Tule Lake resisters, who were still alive on the date of enactment;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that passed the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act, giving the first generation of persons of Japanese ancestry, including the Tule Lake resisters, the right to become naturalized U.S. citizens;
- The pivotal factor that convinced Congress to end its long-held opposition toward Hawaii's statehood petition resulting in Hawaii becoming the 50th State;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation creating a bipartisan presidential commission — the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians — that determined that Executive Order 9066, issued by President Roosevelt and strongly supported by State and local elected officials such as then-California Attorney General Earl Warren, was the result of "prejudice, war hysteria and the lack of political leadership";
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that authorized the building of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in World War II, sited within view of the Capitol, Washington, D.C.;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that authorized the \$50 million grant program to fund the preservation of confinement sites, including the Tule Lake Segregation Center, used during WWII to imprison persons of Japanese ancestry under EO 9066;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in November 2011 to the soldiers who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT and Military Intelligence Service during WWII.

The executive council of the Japanese American Veterans Assn. denounces the National JACL resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters as a shameful and unwarranted demeaning of the legacy forged by the valor and loyalty of the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII, while at the same time, National JACL, its chapters and members, and the Japanese American community at large, including the Tule Lake resisters, have benefited and will continue to benefit from that legacy. ■



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CAN HELP GROW THE JACL MEMBERSHIP

By S. Floyd Mori,
Mount Olympus JACL Chapter Membership Chair

Congratulations to the outstanding students who were recently announced as being awarded scholarships from the National JACL. You are to be commended for your past achievements and your efforts to further your education. We hope you will become some of the future leaders of the JACL.

The scholarship applicants were required to write an essay on the following topic provided by the JACL National Youth/Student Council: "The JACL strives to stand in solidarity with other entities and individuals advocating for marginalized communities. Pick an organization that JACL could partner with and detail, in whatever framework you see fit, what that collaboration might look like. What might be the benefits and challenges of this collaboration?"

Some of the organizations the students recommended that the JACL partner with are the Boy Scouts of America, Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity or Im4HumanIntegrity, J-SEI, Muslim Community and American Muslim Organizations such as CAIR, Refugee Woman's Alliance, Days for Girls International, INCIGHT, Colorado Asian/Pacific Islander Leadership Conference, NAACP, Pennies for the Planet, Special Olympics, EastWest Players, Japantown Communities and Japanese American Museums, organizations that provide community services for recently arrived immigrants, Intergenerational collaboration, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Japanese American small business owners, LatinX communities, Hawaiian Legal Corporation, American Film Institute, Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), youth organizations, and tribal communities.

Cameron Sueoka mentioned the Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights (LCCR) and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), as well as the need to continue with the coalitions working on civil rights for all. The National JACL was one of the founding organizations for LCCR and is active in NCAPA

along with working with other groups on common goals.

All of the organizations and groups recommended by the students are worthy of collaboration with the JACL. While the National JACL and local chapters of the JACL currently work with some of these organizations, it would be possible for chapters to work with groups in their own communities to provide service or fellowship with others with similar interests. The students who recommended the various groups could take a leadership role in making collaborations happen.

The Issei generation, the first generation of immigrants to the United States from Japan, placed a high value on education. The Issei's were not from the upper class in Japan, but those who came first to the United States were generally laborers trying to improve their lives by coming to the "Land of Opportunity," where they could earn money and get to a better situation in their lives.

Although most of them were not well educated themselves, they encouraged their children and grandchildren to pursue higher education and college degrees. These were likely the great-grandparents of our scholarship recipients. They would be proud of all our JACL students and youth.

Involvement with other groups can help our membership numbers as the JACL needs to work on increasing membership in order to continue as a viable civil rights organization. Decades ago, Mike Masaoka, an early leader in the JACL, envisioned the JACL membership growing to more than 50,000.

We have a long way to go. The potential is there if we work hard on membership by finding people who are interested in the goals of the JACL. Everyone has friends and family who could benefit by joining the JACL.

Students and all members of the JACL can help to build up membership. Scholarship recipients are a good group to begin to work more diligently in helping the JACL to increase membership. Chapters are asked to seek out former JACL scholarship recipients and invite them to renew their memberships if they are not currently members. These outstanding young people are the future of the JACL. ■

George and Sakaye Aratani 2019-20 CARE Award Applications Now Open

The University of California, Los Angeles' Asian American Studies Center is pleased to announce that the 2019-20 Aratani CARE Award applications will be accepted until Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. Awards will be announced in January 2020.

The George and Sakaye Aratani "Community Advancement Research Endowment," or Aratani CARE Awards, are given to projects that will benefit and advance the Japanese American commu-

nity. Projects that strengthen ties between the Japanese American community and UCLA students, staff and faculty will receive particular consideration. Award recipients must list and acknowledge UCLA's Asian American Studies Center and the Aratani CARE Award as co-sponsors on all PR and programs.

Nonprofit organizations and qualified individuals are invited to apply for awards that generally range from, but are not li-

imited to, \$1,000-\$5,000. Recent past awardees include UCLA's Nikkei Student Union; Asian Americans Advancing Justice; Gardena Pioneer Project; Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute; Grateful Crane Ensemble; Little Tokyo Historical Society; Little Tokyo Service Center; Kizuna; Japanese Community Youth Council; Media Bridges; Washizu Films; the Nichi Bei Foundation; and Vigilant Love.

Information about funding and how to apply is available at the Aratani CARE website (<http://www.aratanicare.org/>).

Specific questions about the Aratani CARE Award that are not covered on the website may be sent to the Aratani Care Team's e-mail address at aratanicare@aasc.ucla.edu.

'HOLD THESE TRUTHS' TO MAKE ITS INTERNATIONAL DEBUT

The acclaimed play is making its debut in Vancouver, B.C.

Compelling, powerful and undeniably moving, Jeanne Sakata's "Hold These Truths" is a story that stands the test of time. This critically acclaimed play stars Joel de la Fuente (Amazon's "The Man in the High Castle") as Gordon Hirabayashi, a U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who fought against the forcible removal and mass incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry in America during World War II.

Hirabayashi's journey, from his time as a young man fighting injustice in America to his final days as an educator and activist in Canada, demonstrates his passion and hunger for freedom, civil and human rights. It is an inspiring quest of what one can do to fight inequality, a tenacious reminder of history and a reflection of how we, too, can change the future if we hold on to these truths.

"Hold These Truths" is making its international debut at the Cultch Historic Theatre in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, under the direction of

Lisa Rothe after a celebrated U.S. tour, the latest leg having just concluded in late September at the Barrington Stage Company in Pittsfield, Mass., in a back-by-demand run.

De la Fuente, in addition to his role in "The Man in the High Castle," has performed in theaters all over the world as both an avid classical theater actor and developer of new work. He is an alumnus of Brown University and the Graduate Acting Program at New York University.

All boxoffice proceeds from the Vancouver performance will be donated to the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, the University of British Columbia's Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies program and the Kokoro Dance Theatre Society.

For ticket information, please visit https://tickets.thecultch.com/Online/default.asp?doWork::WScontent::loadArticle=Load&BOParam::WScontent::loadArticle::article_id=7529175E-099D-4906-8F4C-0E251EC43992.

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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CALENDAR

NCWNP

Half Moon Bay's Art & Pumpkin Festival Half Moon Bay, CA

Oct. 19-20
Half Moon Bay's Main Street
Price: Free

Don't miss this opportunity to see the winner of the 46th annual World's Greatest Gourd Growers and their record-setting pumpkins as well as a weekend filled with delicious food offerings, crafts and art displays and plenty of pumpkins! The champion pumpkin as well as the top four pumpkins overall will be on display. Don't miss this family-friendly event and community festival that makes for a wonderful day for all.

Info: Visit <https://pumpkinfest.miramarevents.com>.

Japantown 2019 Halloween Carnival San Francisco, CA

Oct. 25; 6-8:30 p.m.
The Center
1840 Sutter St.

Price: \$7 Per Person at the Door

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and Japanese Community Youth Council present "Japantown Halloween Carnival," an event offering a costume contest, games, a haunted hallway, bounce house, crafts, prizes and much more. This is an event for the entire family to enjoy the Halloween season.

Info: Visit <http://www.jccnc.org/event/japantown-halloween-carnival-2019/>.

The Life and Career of Kaneji Domoto Exhibition

Berkeley, CA
Thru Dec. 16
University of California, Berkeley
Environmental Design Library, Wurster Hall
Room 210

Renowned Nisei landscape architect Kaneji Domoto's life and work is the focus of this retrospective exhibit that pulls from original correspondence, photographs and drawings from the Domoto Collection. The exhibit will also survey Domoto's life, including his apprenticeship and architectural work at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin studio in Wisconsin, prewar, and his architectural achievements at Wright's Usonian Community in New York, postwar.

Info: Call (510) 642-5124 or email designarchives@berkeley.edu.

PSW

OC Japan Fair Day & Night Market Costa Mesa, CA

Oct. 18, 5-11 p.m.; Oct. 19, Noon-10 p.m.;
Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
OC Fair and Event Center
88 Fair Dr.

Price: Admission, \$8; Parking, \$9

This year's event will feature family activities, sake tastings, cosplay, live music including special guest

singer-songwriter Yuna Ito, singer-songwriter Misono and Japanese entertainer Ai Haruna, as well as a beer garden and plenty of delicious Japanese food offerings. This is one of the largest Japanese cultural festivals in Southern California.

Info: Visit www.oc-japanfair.com.

Concert at the Ace Hotel Featuring Ryuichi Sakamoto

Los Angeles, CA
Oct. 18; 8 p.m.

The Theatre at Ace Hotel
929 S. Broadway
Price: \$20-\$150 Tickets

The Ace Hotel is marking its 20th anniversary as a cultural institution in Downtown Los Angeles and to celebrate this milestone, a special concert and dance party is being held featuring legendary Japanese artist Ryuichi Sakamoto, known for his globally inspired rock albums, classical compositions and more than 30 musical scores.

Info: For tickets, visit <https://www.axs.com/events/380058/ace-20-year-celebration-tickets>.

'Within These Lines' Talk by Author Stephanie Morrill

Independence, CA
Oct. 20; 11 a.m.-Noon

Manzanar National Historic Site
Manzanar Visitor Center's West Theater
5001 Hwy. 395

Price: Free

Author Stephanie Morrill will hold a book talk, Q & A and signing of her new book "Within These Lines," a young adult historical fiction novel that explores the World War II-era relationship between an Italian American girl and a Japanese American boy as they exchange letters to one another during the war.

Info: Visit www.nps.gov/manz or call (760) 878-2194, ext. 3310.

U.S.-Japan Council 2019 Annual Conference

Hollywood, CA
Nov. 4, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Nov. 5, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Loews Hotel Hollywood
1755 N. Highland Ave.

Price: Check website for registration information.

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, this year's conference theme "Bold Ideas, Bolder Leadership: The Next Stage of U.S.-Japan Relations" will highlight diverse leaders and leadership styles across several industries to showcase potential for further U.S.-Japan collaboration. There also will be leadership workshops geared toward providing training, as well as professional development opportunities for attendees.

Info: Visit <https://www.cvent.com/events/2019-annual-conference/registration-edf757092cca4a9c-8028060fadf43902.aspx?fqp=true>.

PNW

Walk to Feed the Hungry

Portland, OR

Oct. 19; Noon-3 p.m.

Oregon Buddhist Temple
Portland Friends of the Dharma
1404 S.E. 25th Ave.

Price: Donations

This annual walk supports the many projects of Buddhist Global Relief, mainly helping people throughout the world escape chronic hunger and malnutrition. Fundraising happens through the First Giving website, individually or part of a team. To donate as part of the Oregon Buddhist Temple team, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/BuddhistGlobalRelief/2019-Portland-OR-Walk-to-Feed-the-Hungry/teams>.

Info: Contact Robbi Ando at rchando@comcast.net.

'Shining Through: Reflections of an Oceanic Future' Exhibit

Seattle, WA

Thru Nov. 10

Wing Luke Museum
719 S. King St.

Price: Included With Museum Entrance Fee
In this exhibit, five Pacific Islander artists look forward into the unknown, drawing upon stories, myths and personal experiences to imagine the future. Using photography, poetry, illustration, sculpture, sound and film, the artists transform the gallery space into a vision of the past, present and beyond.

Info: Visit www.wingluke.org.

CCDC

Boy Scout Troop 199 16th Annual Crab Feed

Clovis, CA

Nov. 2; 5 p.m.

United Japanese Christian Church
136 N. Villa Ave.

Price: \$50

Join the community at this all-you-can-eat crab dinner benefitting Boy Scout Troop 199. Each ticket comes with crab, salad, pasta and dessert. There will also be a fun 50-50 raffle, in addition to a silent raffle and a dessert raffle. Presale tickets are available through the Boy Scout troop.

Info: Visit ujclife.com.

Grateful Crane Ensemble: 'Just Like Old Times' — A Special Concert for Nisei and Sansei'

Clovis, CA

Nov. 9; 2-4 p.m.

United Japanese Christian Church
136 N. Villa Ave.

Price: Free

"Just Like Old Times" is the Grateful Crane Ensemble's nostalgic journey back to some of your favorite Japanese and American songs of all time. The concert is co-sponsored in part by the Central California District Council of the JAACL. Refreshments will be served.

Info: Visit ujclife.com or email Debbie Ikeda at deborahikeda@att.net.

MDC

Crystal City Pilgrimage

Crystal City, TX

Oct. 31-Nov. 3

98 Popeye Lane

Survivors and descendants of this incarceration camp, along with their friends and family, will be making the pilgrimage to Crystal City. During the three-day event, there will be a meet and greet mixer, opening remarks and educational workshops, the pilgrimage and a "Stop Repeating History: Immigrant Support Rally and Vigil," followed by closing remarks.

Info: Visit https://www.facebook.com/pg/CrystalCityPilgrimageCo/events/?ref=page_internal for more information.

Twin Cities JAACL Chrysanthemum Banquet Bloomington, MN

Nov. 9; 11 a.m. Silent Auction; Noon
Banquet Program

Normandale Hylands Methodist Church
9920 Normandale Blvd.

Price: TBA Soon

Please join the TC JAACL at its annual banquet. This year's guest speaker is Marsha Aizumi, a regular contributor to the Pacific Citizen and author of the book "Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance."

Info: Please call (612) 338-8405 or email Amy Dickerson at adickerson323@gmail.com to RSVP.

EDC

2019 Boston Asian American Film Festival Boston, MA

Oct. 24-27

Various Theatre Venues

"Rising Together" is the theme of this year's festival, which encourages all persons to stand up and be counted. BAAFF is using film as the backdrop to illuminate the power of the individual strengthened by a community forum to engage, enlighten, encourage and rise together. The full

schedule of BAAFF films is available at www.baaff.org.

Info: Visit www.baaff.org for a full schedule of films, ticket information and festival details.

Yayoi Kusama: Love Is Calling

Boston, MA

Thru Feb. 7, 2021

Institute for Contemporary Art
25 Harbor Shore Dr.

An icon of contemporary art, Yayoi Kusama has interwoven ideas of pop art, minimalism and psychedelia throughout her work in paintings, performances, room-size presentations, outdoor sculptural installations, literary works and more during her influential career. This exhibit is the most immersive and kaleidoscopic of the artist's Infinity Mirror Rooms. For the 90-year-old artist, this exhibit represents the culmination of her artistic achievements.

Info: Visit <https://www.icaboston.org/exhibition/yayoi-kusama-love-calling>.

En/trance

New York, NY

Through 2020

New York Japan Society Gallery
333 E. 47th St.

This exhibit features a series of art projects aimed at bringing visual art and interactive experiences into the institution's public spaces. Artist Yoshitomo Nara launches the series with new works he created in Shigaraki, one of Japan's oldest areas for pottery making.

Info: Visit <https://www.japansociety.org/page/programs/gallery/entrance>. ■

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In MEMORIAM

Akiyama, Takehiro, 77, Monterey Park, CA, July 24; he is survived by his wife, Noriko; sons, Glen and Kevin Akiyama; brother, Shohei (Katsuko) Akiyama; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Doi, Sumiko, 83, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 18; she is survived by her children, Kevin (Dorene) and Karen Cuadra; siblings, Shizuko Nakasone, Atsuko Craig and Hideo Hirata; gc: 5.

Hamada, Chiyeko, 95, Monterey Park, CA, Aug. 31; she was predeceased by her husband, George Akira; she is survived by her children, James (Lynnette), Reiko (Vance) Ik-kanda and Diane Wright; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 5; ggc: 1.

Hamashita, Arlene, 89, Los Angeles, CA, June 27; she is survived by her sons, Glenn, Randy (Pam) and Gerry Hamashita; siblings, Evelyn Yamamoto, Ken (Lily) and Bob (Lynda) Sugino; gc: 5; ggc: 1.

Ichikawa, Sandra, 75, Montebello, CA, July 19.



Kashino-Takisaki, Louise, 93, Seattle, WA, Aug. 20; she was predeceased by her first husband, Shiro Kashino, her second husband, Jiro Takisaki and ggc Ethan Kanai; during WWII, her family and she were initially incarcerated at the Puyallup Fairgrounds before being transferred to the Minidoka WRA Center ID; she is survived by her daughters, Kris Hiraoka (Stan), Debbie Kashino (Bruce Inaba) and Bev Kashino (Doug Tsujii); brother, Frank Tsuboi; gc: 4; ggc: 3.

Kumagai, Sumie, 97, Torrance, CA, June 29; she was predeceased by her husband, George Tadashi Kumagai; she is survived by her siblings, Joe (Sachi) Watari, Sue Kawana and Yayeko Kuboshima; sisters-in-law, Marilyn and Elsie Watari; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Kurihara, Alice N., 86, Kailua, HI, Sept. 14.

Kurusu, Myrtle, 92, Rosemead, CA, July 13; she is survived by her husband, Kenneth; son, Maurice; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Lock, Yet, 83, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 7.

Mashita, Stanley Masami, 85, Huntington Beach, CA, Sept. 20; he is survived by his wife, MaryLou; sons, Daryl (Karen) and Chad; sister, Gladys; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 5.



Matsuhiro, Richard, 63, Stockton, CA, Sept. 18; he was predeceased by his father, sister, Joyce, and brother, Robert; he is survived by his wife, Prescilla (Pedrogosa) Matsuhiro; children, Kevin, Noriko and Tomiko; his mother; siblings, Judy, Jayne (Dean), Ronald (Sharon), Janine (Keith) and Jill; gc: 2.



Murata, Sachi, 92, Fruitland, ID, Sept. 7; she is survived by her husband, Tom; children, Apryl Davenport (Jim), Debra Ujiiye (Dennis), Kathi Murata, Shelley Howarth and Thomas Murata (Jennie); sister, Sada Honda; sister-in-law, Andie Murata; gc: 4; ggc: 5.

Nakamura, Yoshiko, 99, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 27; she was predeceased by her husband; Yoshio; she is survived by her daughters, Reiko Ogawa, Kiyoko (Gene) Chikami and Emiko Takeda; gc: 5; ggc: 4.



Nishimura, Eddie, 91, Fresno, CA, Sept. 21; during WWII, he was incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; afterward, he served in the

Korean War; he is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Garey and Brian; daughter-in-law, Erin; sister, Dorothy Tazumi; gc: 4.

Oshiro, Frederic Gene, 75, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 4.



Pugh, Yuriko, 90, West Haven, UT, Sept. 23; she was predeceased by

her husband, Willard; she is survived by her daughters, Grace, Janet and Audrey; gc: 2; ggc: 1.

Supsic, Takeko, 86, Bonita, CA, Sept. 22; she was predeceased by her husband, Francis, and one of her children; she is survived by her children, Kay McAteer and Tomi Supsic.

Takaki, Rose, 91, Wailuku, HI, Sept. 5.

Yamamoto, Okuni Helen, 101, Torrance, CA, Aug. 25; she was predeceased by her husband, George "Jalage" Shigeo Yamamoto; she is survived by her children, Patricia (Fred) Nakata, JoAnne (Robert) Martin, Dr. Mark (Leta) Yamamoto, Beatrice (John) McCallson and Geoffrey (Denise) Yamamoto; sisters, Shikako Sogabe and Yemi Kamiya; sister-in-law, Catherine Uyeda; gc: 16; ggc: 20; gggc: 1.

AMERICAN HOLIDAY TRAVEL 2019 TOUR SCHEDULE

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) **Waitlist** Nov 10-22
Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Ibusuki, Kagoshima, Miyazaki, Beppu, Matsuyama, Kochi, Takamatsu, Shodo Island, Tokushima.

2020 TOUR SCHEDULE PREVIEW

HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVAL HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) **Wait List** . . . Feb 2-12
Abashiri, Sounkyo, Sapporo, Otaru, Lake Toya, Tokyo. Hyobaku Ice Festival, Asahikawa Snow Festival, Sapporo Snow Festival, Hyoto Winter Festival.
HAWAII 3-ISLAND HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) Mar 3-11
Honolulu, Big Island Hawaii, Maui.
JAPAN SPRING COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) Apr 2-14
Tokyo, Shimoda, Lake Kawaguchi, Takayama, Kyoto. Geisha Show in Kyoto.
NEW ORLEANS GETAWAY TOUR (Elaine Ishida) Apr 15-19
Walking tour of the French Quarter, City tour, Louisiana swamp cruise, enjoy Jazz club, beignets at Café Du Monde, New Orleans Cooking School.
TULIP FESTIVAL & GREAT LAKES ADVENTURE TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . May 7-15
Chicago, Grand Rapids, Holland Tulip Festival, Mackinac Island, Green Bay, Milwaukee.
GRANDPARENTS-GRANDCHILDREN JAPAN TOUR (Ernest Hida) **Wait List** .Jun 21-July 1
Tokyo, Hakone/Atami, Hiroshima, Kyoto.
CANADIAN ROCKIES-GLACIER NATIONAL PARK TOUR (Carol Hida) . .Jul 28-Aug 3
Calgary, Glacier National Park, Kootenay National Park, Lake Louise, Columbia Icefields Parkway, Moraine Lake, Banff.
KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) Sep
CLASSICAL JAPAN HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) Oct 7-19
Tokyo, Lake Kawaguchi, Nagoya, Gifu-Cormorant fishing, Hiroshima, Kyoto.
PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST TOUR (Elaine Ishida) Oct 4-12
Denver, Grand Junction, Bryce-Zion Canyon National Park, Springdale-Utah, Arches-Canyonland-Capitol Reef-Grand Staircase National Parks, Las Vegas
OKINAWA HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) Nov 11-20
Naha, Onnason, Islands of Ishigaki, Iriomote and Taketomo.

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REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

RETAIL DRUG PRICES HAVE INCREASED FASTER THAN INFLATION FOR AT LEAST 12 STRAIGHT YEARS

By Ron Mori

A recently released AARP Public Policy Institute report shows that retail prices for a combined set of 754 widely used brand-name, generic and specialty prescription drugs increased by an average of 4.2 percent in 2017, well above the general inflation rate of 2.1 percent for the same period. This marked the 12th year in a row of often-substantial drug price increases.

Notably, the average annual cost for a drug used on a chronic basis would have been more than \$12,500 lower in 2017 (\$7,263 vs. \$19,816) if prescription drug prices had been limited to the rate of general inflation from 2006-17.

Prescription drug price increases affect consumers, employers, private insurers and taxpayers who fund programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Spending increases driven by high and growing drug prices will eventually affect all Americans in some way.

“Prescription drug prices are out of control. Our report tracked price growth in prescription drugs for 12 years, and every single year, those price increases have been higher than the rate



of inflation,” said Debra Whitman, executive vp and chief public policy officer at AARP. “It’s shocking to see how much lower drug prices would be today if price increases did not exceed the rate of general inflation. Instead, older Americans are struggling to afford the medications they need to stay healthy.”

The report analyzed three types of widely used prescription drugs and found that price growth for brand-name and specialty drugs more than offset price decreases for

generic drugs. In 2017:

- Retail prices for widely used generic drug products decreased by an average of 9.3 percent (average annual cost: \$365).
- Retail prices for widely used brand-name drug products increased by an average of 8.4 percent (average annual cost: \$6,798).
- Retail prices for widely used specialty drug products increased by an average of 7 percent (average annual cost: \$78,871).

“The average annual cost for a prescription drug is simply too high — at nearly \$20,000, it’s rapidly approaching the median annual income for Medicare beneficiaries,” said Leigh Purvis, director of health services research at AARP Public Policy Institute. “Patients often end up paying for high drug prices more than once: through their out-of-pocket expenses and, later, with higher health-care premiums and cost sharing. Our report demonstrates, yet again, why we need Congress to pass long-term, meaningful reforms that will help rein in the outrageous prices of prescription drugs.”

If these trends continue, older Americans will be unable to afford the prescription drugs that they absolutely need, leading to poorer health outcomes and eventually higher health-care costs down the road.

To view “Trends in Retail Prices of Prescription Drugs Widely Used by Older Americans: 2017 Year-End Update,” visit www.aarp.org/lrxpricewatch.

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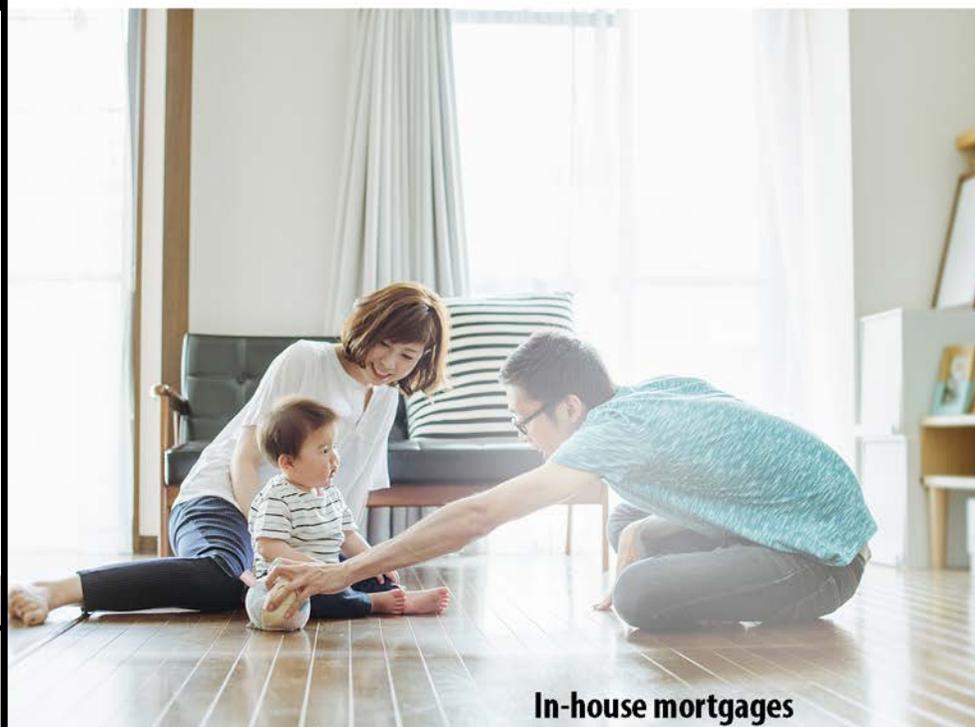
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