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Lucy Kiriara, Sharon Miyamoto & Sally Sudo



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**TC JACL members raise funds for our chapter.
Thank you to all the volunteers at the Festival of
Nations bazaar booth 2011!**



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual TC JACL summer picnic will be
held on Sunday, August 7

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Scholarship Committee holds one seat



Speaker Training Workshop Hosted by the Education Committee

The Twin Cities JACL Education Committee hosted a workshop to train the next generations to speak on the Japanese American World War II experience.

"There is a critical need to add new members to our speakers bureau," stated Sally Sudo, committee chair. "The number of us Nisei who can fulfill requests to schools and community groups is dwindling."

Fourteen trainees, including high school and college students, teachers, and chapter members, attended the half-day training session on March 26 at the International Institute of Minnesota in St. Paul. Janet Maeda Carlson, retired Macalester College professor who taught a course on the Asian American Experience, started with a historical background, then discussed the parallels between the internment and 9/11. Carlson compiled handouts, lesson plans, resources and other materials into a comprehensive CD that was distributed to the attendees. Speakers bureau members and former internees, Sally Sudo and Lucy Kiriara, shared first-hand experiences and gave tips on making effective presentations.

Since the younger generations do not have those first-hand experiences to share, presenters gave information on where oral history interviews could be found, such as densho.org. The chapter also has interviews of seventeen local Nisei on DVD, along with an extensive collection of videotapes, DVDs, books, teacher guides, and photographs that are available on loan.

In addition to the three presenters, others involved in the planning were Carolyn Nayematsu and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas. The workshop was funded by a grant from the Ishida-Winifred Foundation of Illinois, and another training session is planned for fall 2011. For more information about the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee or the upcoming training session, contact Sally Sudo at ssudo@comcast.net.



Photo caption (photo credit: Steve Ozone):

*Workshop attendees and organizers:
First row (L to R): Cheryl Hirata-Dulas,
Linda Izumi Marek, April Dennison, Janet
Maeda Carlson, Joyce Miyamoto, Lucy
Kiriara, and Sally Sudo.*

*Second row (L to R): Ken Ushio, Mark
Honda, Kim Schiller, Rebecca
Ferderer, Kazusa Yamashita, and Carolyn
Nayematsu. Back row (L to R): Matthew
Walters, Hiroki Kikuchi, and James
Densley. Not pictured: trainees Steve
Ozone, Laura Shirley and Rachel Endo.*

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Education Committee Members Participate in Social Studies Conference

The Twin Cities JACL Education Committee participated in the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies spring conference held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester on March 4. Over 150 social studies educators from throughout the state attended the conference, themed "Not Your Typical 'Standards.'" Judy Murakami and Sally Sudo staffed the informational booth, and distributed complimentary copies of the JACL publications, *Journey from Gold Mountain: The Asian American Experience*, *A Troubling Legacy: Anti-Asian Sentiment in America*, and *What It Means to be an American: Lesson Plans on Race and the Media in Times of Crisis*.

Janet Maeda Carlson, retired college professor, and Carolyn Nayematsu, former Executive Director of the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence at the University of Minnesota, led a breakout session titled, "Lessons Learned from the Japanese American Internment and 9/11: Community Resources for Educators." Carlson began with a chronology of hate crimes and responses in the aftermath of 9/11, then gave comparisons to the events after Pearl Harbor, showing the relevance of the World War II incarceration to what is happening today. She also prepared a comprehensive CD of resources and websites that was distributed to the 25 workshop attendees.

Nayematsu discussed the Minnesota connection and the Military Intelligence Service Language School that was housed first at Camp Savage and later at Fort Snelling. She concluded with ideas on integrating the Japanese American World War II experience into the Minnesota Social Studies Academic Standards and on adapting lesson plans to various grade levels.



Photo: L to R: Carolyn Nayematsu, Janet Maeda Carlson, Judy Murakami, and Sally Sudo at the Twin Cities JACL booth during the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies spring conference in Rochester, Minn.

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TC JACL Scholarships



2011 High School Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 48th Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at The Chateau in Medicine Lake. The following 2011 high school graduates were honored at the banquet.

Emily Erickson, Wayzata High School
Stephanie Hohbein, Wayzata High School
Nicholas Honda, Tartan High School
Charles Kiriara, Bloomington Jefferson High School
Tyler Satoh, Edina High School
Mika Sugano, Highland Park Senior High School
TJ Wesley, Eden Prairie High School

The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by JACL board representative, Matthew Farrells, who also shared his experiences in JACL with the graduates. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Scholarship awards totaled \$8,500.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Emily Erickson, Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship
Stephanie Hohbein, Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship / George Yamane Memorial Scholarship
Nicholas Honda, Kimi Hara Memorial Scholarship
Charles Kiriara, Shigeko Kiriara Memorial Scholarship
Tyler Satoh, Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship
Mika Sugano, Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship
TJ Wesley, Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2011 graduates!

If you know of any 2012 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or dagob001@tc.umn.edu. Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2012 high school graduates are: Madeline Anderson (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Alex Honda (Mounds Park Academy), Sophie Kasahara (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Matthew Kitagawa (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Stephanie Noonan (White Bear Lake Area High School), Lauren Olson (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Emily Tani-Winegarden (Eden Prairie High School), Jade Walton (Bloomington Jefferson High School)



((l to r) Nick Honda, TJ Wesley, Stephanie Hohbein, Tyler Satoh and Charles Kiriara. (not pictured) Emily Erickson, Mika Sugano

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In the news - entertainment

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Back home and happy

Mariko Nakasone's name jumped off the page when I.W. looked at the cast list for the Guthrie's "Arms and the Man." In 2002, we profiled her as a teenage actor on the move -- and then she seemingly disappeared. Actually, she went off to Boston University and then the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She worked at the Utah Festival, too, before coming back to the Twin Cities as the ingenue in George Bernard Shaw's play. "It's totally surreal," Nakasone said about working with actors she grew up watching. "To get to be in a show with them is out of this world." Sadly, Nakasone is leaving us again this fall, for graduate school at Yale, with an eye eventually on Hollywood. - By GRAYDON ROYCE

ARMS AND THE MAN

by **George Bernard Shaw**

directed by **Ethan McSweeney**

A romantic comedy armed with chocolate.

As a young lady (*played by our own Mariko Nakasone!*) awaits the return of her heroic fiancé from war, a disheveled soldier sneaks into her bedroom fleeing the fight. Finding his simplicity more alluring than her fiancé's arrogant posturing, she's faced with singling out the real man for her. Will it be the "accidental hero" who is more toy than soldier? Or the pragmatic "coward" who comes armed with chocolates instead of bullets? Crackling with wit, irony and charm, Shaw's romantic comedy pokes fun at the dangers of bravado in battle and idealistic notions of love.



Left photo: Mariko Nakasone (Raina Petkoff) and Jim Lichtscheidl (Captain Bluntschli)

Right photo: Mariko and Kate Eifrig (Catherine Petkoff) All photos by Michal Daniel.

Graydon Royce at the Star Tribune:

"Mariko Nakasone gives this delicate creature a fine sense of regal insolence befitting her privilege."

Congratulations, Mariko!

The play ran at the Guthrie Theater March 19-May 8, however, if you missed the play, there is a snippet of Mariko on the video- First Look: "Arms and the Man"

<http://www.youtube.com/user/guthrietheater#p/u/4/fCtDJX4Huc4>

More photos & videos of the set & costume design can be found at the Guthrie website- http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2010/arms_and_man

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In the news - Thinking green award

Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, one of our dedicated Grant Writers & frequent volunteer for the TC JACL, nominated her daughter's elementary school for the My 29 Think Green Award. They beat out over 50 schools in the metro area! Congratulations, Cheryl, Marissa & Highlands Elementary!

Highlands Elementary Wins My 29 Think Green Award

Published : Wednesday, 23 Mar 2011

<http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/community/highlands-elementary-my29-think-green-award-mar-23-2011>



Left photo: Marissa Dulas (front, far left) with Timberwolves mascot "Crunch" & classmates.

Right photo: Cheryl with BFF Crunch!

Wolves Award School for Thinking Green

Lauren Lang
Wolves Writer

In an effort to promote awareness and creativity My29 and the Timberwolves FastBreak Foundation teamed up to create a go "green" contest for schools in the Twin Cities metro area. More than 50 schools submitted essays on how their school supports going "green" along with plans and programs they wish to instill at their school or environmentally sound initiatives that they currently have in place.

The Think Green Award was presented to Highlands Elementary in Edina in front of more than 500 unsuspecting students, teachers and parents during a morning assembly. Dawn Mitchell, Sports Anchor for Fox 9 was on hand to deliver the big surprise. Students grew impatient and began chanting, "What's going on?!" as they waited for the secret to be unveiled.

"Oh my gosh the kids were just crazy excited! It's just so fun to see them high-fiving the teachers and the parents, and then when Crunch came out it was just, oh my gosh, it was just amazing," recalled Cheryl Dulas a parent volunteer. "The sound in here, the noise, was just phenomenal and they were so excited and high-fiving him and screaming and clapping and everything."

Mitchell and Crunch revealed to the school that due to their efforts on going "green" they were the recipients of a thousand dollar check, 290 Timberwolves game tickets and a "Green Wolfie" trophy all from the FastBreak Foundation.

To watch the video of what inspired Cheryl to nominate Marissa's school, go to the following link-
http://www.nba.com/timberwolves/news/community_Wolves_Award_School_for_Thinking_Green_2011_04_05.html

In the news articles submitted by Jan Monson



Fourth Grade Yonsei Launches Japan Relief Fundraising Campaign

Emmy Yamamoto Markgraf, a yonsei and fourth grade student at Kimberly Lane Elementary School in Plymouth, initiated a fundraising campaign to support relief efforts in Japan. Emmy, who is the granddaughter of Albert Yamamoto, wrote this appeal to her school community:

"Have you heard about the earthquake and tsunami that happened in Japan? When I heard that my relatives had been affected by the earthquake, I didn't know what to do. Then, I got an idea: What if Kimberly Lane could raise money? When I heard the Japanese Red Cross needed money for food and supplies, I talked to Mr. Kipling about collecting donations. We will be donating the money to Peace Boat or the Japanese Red Cross. Hope you can donate!"

Principal Gary Kipling enthusiastically supported Emmy's efforts, saying, "Emmy shared with me her concern for the people of Japan and stated what she proposed to do. ... It is wonderful that one of our own students recognized a need and was determined to do something!"

During the April 22 - May 6 collection period at her school, Emmy raised \$784 for Peace Boat! Way to go, Emmy!

Submitted by Chris Noonan and Albert Yamamoto

Deepest Condolences

Louise Michaela Suzukamo



Beloved daughter of Leslie and Karen Suzukamo and cherished sister of Alison Suzukamo. Louise died May 23 at Children's Hospital St. Paul from complications due to an unknown infection. She was 18.

Besides her immediate family, Louise is survived by her grandparents, Ted and Aiko Suzukamo of Monterey Park, CA.; Warren Clifford of Austin, TX and Erna Clifford of Walnut Creek, CA; her aunts, Laura Clifford of Walnut Creek, Charlotte Suzukamo of Rowland Heights, CA and Tina

Reinhardt (husband, Don) of Phoenix, AZ; uncle, Arnold Suzukamo of Los Angeles and cousin, Noah Reinhardt of Phoenix; her nanny for 16 years, Diane May (husband, Mike and son, David) and her longtime nurses, Shirley Klumb and Diana Heglund.

Louise was a graduating senior at White Bear Lake Senior High School South Campus' special education program. Memorials preferred to Page Education Foundation, or CaringBridge.org.

(Funeral service was held Thursday, May 26, 3 PM, MOUNT ZION TEMPLE, 1300 Summit Ave., St. Paul. SHIVA: 4517 Birch Ridge Road, Vadnais Heights (Thursday, May 26, 7PM). Hodroff-Epstein 651-698-8311)

Peggy Doi, wife of Bill Doi, passed away on Sunday morning, May 29. The obituary will be published tomorrow (June 1) in the Star Tribune and Pioneer Press.

There will be a visitation at the Roseville Memorial Chapel (2245 N. Hamline Avenue in Roseville) on Thursday evening, June 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a sharing time from 7:30 p.m. The memorial mass will be on Friday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church (2131 Fairview Avenue North in Roseville) with lunch following.

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