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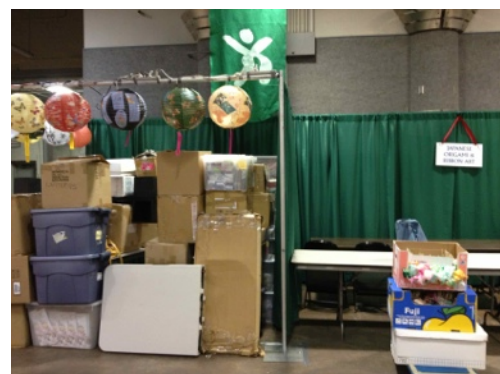
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Scholarship Committee holds one seat



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LEGACY FUND GRANT



JACL Legacy Fund Grant Awarded to the Education Committee

The Twin Cities JACL Education Committee received a \$3,000 grant from the JACL Legacy Fund to update and expand the 2007 version of the Twin Cities JACL curriculum guide on the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language School at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling during World War II. The revised MIS curriculum guide will be available in printed format as well as a CD and on-line.

In addition, funds will be used to educate teachers about the MIS, which will enable them to fulfill a Minnesota social studies academic benchmark under Grade 6, World War II: "identify the contributions of Minnesota and its people," for example, the Japanese language school at Fort Snelling [and Camp Savage]. A teacher education workshop titled, "Minnesota's Yankee Samurai: America's Secret Weapon in WWII" will be presented at the Education Minnesota conference on October 17, 2013 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. Carolyn Nayematsu will give a background on the MIS, and Bud Nakasone and other local MIS veterans will share their experiences during the 90-minute session.

The grant will also enable the Education Committee to have a booth in the exhibit hall at the conference to distribute the MIS curriculum guides and other information related to the Japanese American experience during World War II.

"Our committee is honored to receive this award from the JACL Legacy Fund," stated Sally Sudo, Education Committee chair. "We are also grateful that the Minnesota legislature recognizes the importance of teaching students about Minnesota History and the key role that Japanese Americans in the MIS played during and following World War II."

Matthew Walters, board member and Education Committee member, will be accepting the award on behalf of the chapter at the National JACL Convention in Washington, D.C. on July 24-26.

Members of the Education Committee are: Sally Sudo (chair), Janet Maeda Carlson, Sylvia Farrells, Lillian Grothe, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Lucy Kiriara, Gloria Kumagai, Edwin (Bud) Nakasone, Carolyn Nayematsu, and Matthew Walters.

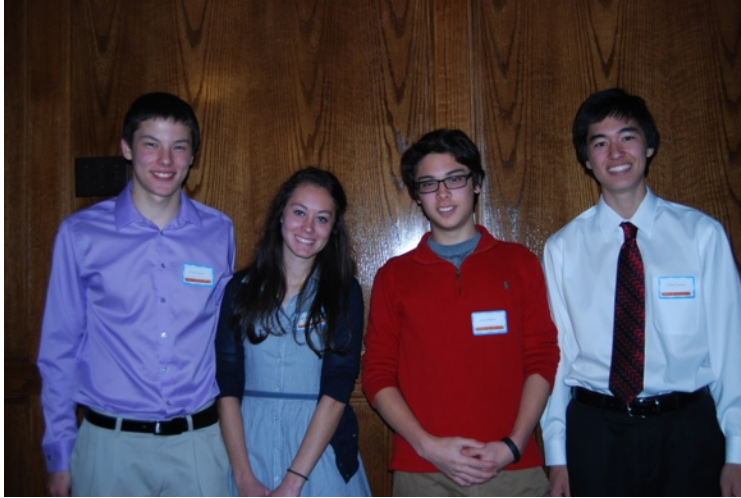
Please contact the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee at ssudo@comcast.net with any questions, concerns, or ideas about how the MIS curriculum guide can be further utilized.

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TC JACL Scholarships

2013 High School Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 50th Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at The Chateau in Medicine Lake. The following 2013 high school graduates were honored at the banquet.



l to r: Randy Tanaka, Mara Maruyama Walli, Christopher Kiriara, Evan Tsuchiya

Christopher Kiriara (Bloomington Jefferson High School)
Natalie Ostrow (Southwest High School)
Ryan Sudo (Forest Lake Area High School)
Randall Tanaka (Hopkins High School)
Evan Tsuchiya (Eden Prairie High School)
Mara Maruyama Walli (St. Paul Academy and Summit School)

The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by JACL board representative, Dan Motoyoshi. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Scholarship awards totaled \$9,000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Christopher Kiriara, Shigeko Kiriara Memorial Scholarship / Kimi Hara Memorial Scholarship
Natalie Ostrow, Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship / Peggiew Doi Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Sudo, Rick Shiomi Performing Arts Scholarship
Randall Tanaka, Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship / Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship
Evan Tsuchiya, Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship / Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship
Mara Maruyama Walli, Annie Sakai Girard Memorial Scholarship / Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2013 graduates!

If you know of any 2014 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 2013 high school graduates are: Mariko Akimoto, St. Paul, Matthew Dulas (Edina High School), Karin Edwards (Lakeville North High School), Dani Honda (Mounds Park Academy), Parker Morehouse (Buffalo High School), Matthew Murakami (Eden Prairie High School), Roy Ramstad (Cannon Falls High School), Kyle Tsuchiya (Eden Prairie High School)

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SAVE THE DATES



Chrysanthemum Banquet **Save the Date - Saturday, November 9th:**

The Chateau
10715 South Shore Drive
Medicine Lake, MN 55441

Social Hour will begin at 5:00, the event at 6:00 and concluding at 9:00.

We are pleased to have Mr. Wing Young Huie, an accomplished photographer, as our guest speaker. Below is an excerpt from his website, describing his work and accomplishments:

Wing Young Huie's many photographic projects document the dizzying socioeconomic and cultural realities of American society, much of it centered on the urban cores of his home state of Minnesota. Whether in epic public installations or international museum exhibitions, he creates up-to-the-minute societal mirrors of who we are, seeking to reveal not only what is hidden, but also what is plainly visible and seldom noticed.

His most well known works—Frogtown (1995), [Lake Street USA](#) (2000), and [The University Avenue Project \(2010\)](#), produced by [Public Art Saint Paul](#)—transformed Twin Cities' urban areas into public photo galleries, reflecting the everyday lives of thousands of its citizens in the midst of some of the most diverse concentrations of international immigrants in the country.

<http://www.wingyounghuie.com/>



Roger Daniels Is Coming to Town - Save the Date!

History Professor Roger Daniels, the preeminent historian of Japanese American incarceration, will speak on "Immigration and Ethnic History 1963-2013: A Personal Survey" on Tuesday, **October 1, 2013, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**, Room 120 in the Elmer L. Andersen Library, on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. He will talk about his work as an immigration historian, and then focus on his current research, which is on Japanese American legal cases and Tule Lake.

He just finished a book called *The Japanese American Cases*, which will be published in November. His next sizable book will be a study of the concentration camp at Tule Lake, which he is doing in collaboration with Barbara Takei.

JACL is hosting a potluck dinner for Professor Daniels on **Monday, September 30, at 5:30 p.m.** at the home of Carolyn Nayematsu, 1446 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. To RSVP, call Carolyn Nayematsu at 651-699-7407. Please bring appetizers, salad, or entree. Dessert will be provided by the host.

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EDUCATION



Twin Cities JACL members Janet Maeda Carlson and Sally Sudo attended the Japanese American National Museum conference, “*Speaking Up: Democracy, Justice, Dignity*” held in Seattle, WA from July 4-7th. The conference commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. It was significant that the conference was held in Seattle, since that city is often considered the birthplace of the redress movement.

Attendees were able to hear first hand accounts of the crafting of the Civil Liberties Act.

The emotional personal testimonies given at the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internments of Civilians in 1981 had a powerful impact on members of Congress. These testimonies galvanized a grassroots campaign, resulting in the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Highlights of the conference were the many break-out sessions offered on topics as diverse as the expression of Nikkei identity through taiko, Issei poetry, and the experience of the Alaskans, Aleuts, Hawaiians, and Latin American Japanese in WWII. Other highlights were an address by The Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, Senior Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, who considers the *Hirabayashi v. United States* as “the case of a lifetime” which allowed the courts to help rectify one of our nation’s greatest wrongs, an address by the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, former congressman and Secretary of Transportation, a special screening of *Farewell to Manzanar* which was followed by a Q&A with co-author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, and tours of Bainbridge Island and Nihonmachi.



Chapter Website Update

TwinCitiesJACL.org has a new look! In June 2013, we migrated the Chapter website to a free host. Not only has this reduced our annual expenditures, but also given us a chance to redesign the layout. Check it out at www.twincitiesjacl.org!



L to R Sylvia Farrells, Chuck Woldum, Sally Sudo

TC JACL INTERNMENT CAMP PRESENTATION

Twin Cities JACL Education Committee members, Sylvia Farrells and Sally Sudo, were invited by Chuck Woldum, Program Chairman, to present the Japanese American Experience during WWII at a recent meeting of the Control Data Ceridian Retirement Group. Their presentation took place at Creekside Center in Bloomington.

Sylvia Farrells was born in Hawaii. She related the experiences of those living on the islands and illustrated how that differed from what took place on the mainland. People in Hawaii (which at that time was a U.S. Territory) were subjected to martial law, which meant that the military took control of the civilian population and ordinary law and Constitutional rights were suspended. This lasted until 1944. About 1400, mostly Issei men who were leaders of the community, were incarcerated for the duration of the war. They were never charged with any crime, but were confined in sites built in Kauai, Maui, the Big Island, and Oahu. There were at least five confinement sites in Hawaii. Some of those incarcerated were eventually sent to camps on the mainland.

Sally Sudo related the experience of her family of ten children being removed from their home in Seattle, WA, and being sent to camps in Puyallup, WA and eventually Minidoka, ID. Sally spent 3 ½ years of her childhood in the prison camps, eventually moving to Minnesota when she was nine years old. Sally said, "Growing up, I always felt the stigma of being Japanese. I thought there was something wrong with me. Being the only Asian in my class from 4th grade through high school made me keenly aware that I was different. I often wondered how different my life might have been had we returned to Seattle and the Japanese community." The Japanese experience during WWII changed the lives of 120,000 people forever. It is the goal of the Education Committee to keep the public informed about that period of history, so history doesn't repeat itself.

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NOTICES



Twin Cities JACL Summer Picnic

**This annual festivity includes great food,
children's games, bingo and door prizes.
FREE!**

See you there!

Sunday, August 11, 2013

12 noon to about 4 p.m.

**Rosland Park Shelter
(same place as last year; watch for posted signs)
4300 West 66th Street, Edina 55435**



**RSVP to Lisa Shakerin with the
number attending & ages of the children coming:
Phone 763-537-6829 or Email mincks01@aol.com**

**Bring a side dish, salad, dessert or tasty treat to share.
Main dish, beverages & paper goods provided.**



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Thank you,
Your TC JACL Board of Directors

Dear JACL member,

The Twin Cities chapter is conducting a survey to learn more about what their members want the local chapter to be. The information collected will help us to respond better to members needs and to map a clear path for the organization's future. We would like to understand more clearly what you think are the most important types of events and activities the Twin Cities JACL chapter should focus on in the future.

This survey is only 8 questions and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and each question is important. We would greatly appreciate you completing the questionnaire by September 1, 2013. You can take the survey:

1. Online (<http://www.twincitiesjacl.org>)
2. Mail your completed survey to Jenny Olsen at 10676 McCool Dr E, Burnsville, MN 55337
3. Bring a completed survey to the JACL Picnic on August 11.

Thank you for your time.

Twin Cities JACL Executive Board

TWIN CITIES JACL Membership Survey

1. How long have you (or your family) been a member(s)?
 - ☐ 0-5 year
 - ☐ 5-10 years
 - ☐ 11-20 years
 - ☐ 20+ years
2. Which events or activities did you (or your family) participate in during the past year?
 - ☐ Yellow Fever Presentation
 - ☐ Origami and Ribbon Class
 - ☐ Festival of Nations Booth
 - ☐ Picnic
 - ☐ Golf Tournament
 - ☐ Chrysanthemum Banquet
 - ☐ Annual Board Meeting
 - ☐ Conference or Convention
 - ☐ Scholarship Committee
 - ☐ Education Committee
 - ☐ Other (please specify) _____
3. What was your primary reason for joining JACL?
 - ☐ Networking / Community Involvement / Friendship
 - ☐ Educate Others
 - ☐ Learn about Japanese Culture
 - ☐ Political / Advocacy
4. Overall, how satisfied are you with Twin Cities JACL?
 - ☐ Dissatisfied
 - ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied
 - ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
 - ☐ Satisfied
 - ☐ Exceeded Expectations
5. How would you like the Twin Cities JACL to change?

1. Mark the activities or events if you think the Twin Cities JACL should fund, if you would attend, or if you would volunteer to help coordinate:

Activity or Event	Fund	Attend	Help Coordinate
Culture & Arts			
Japanese Cooking Class			
Japanese Dance Performance			
Taiko Drum Performance			
Japanese Theater			
Tea Ceremony			
Origami Class			
Ribbon Fish Class			
Sashiko Class			
Flower Arranging Class or Show			
Community Involvement / Networking			
Picnic			
Luncheon			
Dinner			
Golf Tournament			
Newsletter			
Website / Blog			
Membership Recruiting			
Political			
Letter Writing Campaign			
Community Activism			
Regional and National Conference or Convention			
Fundraising			
Festival Merchandise Booth			
Craft Booth			
Silent Auction			
Grant Writing			
Education			
Giving Presentations			
Developing Materials			
Fair booth			
Scholarships Committee			

Other (please specify) _____

2. Please provide any other comments or suggestions for the Twin Cities JACL chapter:

3. Provide your contact information if you are interested in helping coordinate any of the events:

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