Volunteer Origami Teachers Needed!

JACL will again have an origami instruction booth at CulturFest 2014 in Owatona this fall. We are looking for two volunteers to teach the easy cat and dog models to elementary age kids.

Saturday, September 27, 2014
from 10:30am-4:30pm

Wilson Elementary School
325 Meadow Lane
Owatonna, Minnesota

It was a lot of fun to share the art of paper folding with so many young, enthusiastic kids last year and hope you can join us this year. If you are interested in helping for the day, please contact Jenny Olsen 612-280-3571 or jenny.monchichi@gmail.com

Edina Magazine spotted our own Dan and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas at the Edina Film Festival (pic #2).
Tomodachi

Super Senior Luncheon

Saturday, July 26th, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Hibachi Buffet
111 East Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN
612-825-3099
http://hibachibuffetmn.com

Located 1 block west of 35W on the south side of East Lake Street.
There is a large parking lot specifically for the restaurant.

This is a good excuse to visit with your long-time friends in a community
appreciation event!

***If you are 75 years of age or older (75 in 2014) you will be our guest free of charge.
Nikkei Project, JACL and Twin Cities Buddhist Assn. members, spouses, relatives and
friends under 75 years old are welcome to join us. Buffet lunch is $10.50 which includes
beverage/tax/tip. Kids cost is less based on age.

For reservations call or email Todd Tsuchiya: 952-975-0047
Email: ttsuchiya@comcast.net

This event is co-sponsored once again by the Twin Cities JACL, Nikkei Project and the
Twin Cities Buddhist Association

No individual invitations are being sent. Information is distributed by email, newsletters, flyers and word of mouth.
The Twin Cities JACL’s 51st Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at The Chateau in Medicine Lake.

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. Kyle Tsuchiya performed an original song on the snare drum during the program.

Scholarship awards totaled $17,000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Vincent Belsito, Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship
Quinn Coyle, Reiko H. Ohno Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Dulas, Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship
Karen Edwards, Annie Sakai Girard Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Murakami, Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship
Shawn Ramberg, Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship
Roy Ramstad, Shigeko Kirihara Memorial Scholarship
Megumi Rierson, Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Tsuchiya, Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2014 graduates!

If you know of any 2015 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 2015 high school graduates are: Maya Coyle (Blake School), Sam Hidani (Wayzata High School), Maddy Honda (Mounds Park Academy), Reed Morehouse (Buffalo High School), Leanna Sako (Bloomington Jefferson High School), C. Luke Soucy (Wayzata High School)
Who remembers the sukiyaki dinners? Those were some good times.

The Japanese Garden Committee held a festival on Saturday, June 14, in the new Normandale student center. While there was unfortunately no sukiyaki this time, there were delicious bentos, Japanese dance and taiko performances, origami demonstrations, and bazaar and informational booths.

Japan America Society of Minnesota (JASM), the Normandale Japanese language program, and Bloomington Sister City Organization were just a few of the many exciting organizations present.

Unfortunately, the weather was stormy, which put a damper on the fun. Nevertheless, Kogen Taiko packed the auditorium for their epic final performance!

Gloria Kumagai, Lisa Shakerin, Karen Lucas, and Jan Monson graciously volunteered their time to represent JACL with a bazaar booth. Our booth offered items such as Koinobori wind vanes, bracelets, and charms.

We also introduced Ramune soda this year! I first had Ramune while studying abroad in Japan many years ago. It is a children's beverage that tastes delicious and comes in a clear bottle with a glass marble lodged in the top. The plastic cap comes off and must be used as a plunger to push the marble into the bottle. It is a bit hard to describe, but very fun.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered for the event. I am looking forward to next year!
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