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From the Board...

Happy New Year! This year the Twin Cities JACL board has 10 members. We welcome returning board members: Emily Faber-Densley, Matt Farrells, Gloria Kumagai, Dan Motoyoshi, Lisa Shakerin, Karen Tanaka Lucas, and Matt Walters. Two new board members are Carly Faber and Zen Matsuda.

Carly Faber, sister of Emily, served on the board from 2004-2006, when she focused primarily on youth initiatives. She is now a young professional, working as the nurse educator for the Burn Center at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

Zen has been actively involved with the Japanese community in the Twin Cities as his father started the first Japanese language school in the Twin Cities. In 2010, he opened Zen Chiropractic in Edina, Minnesota, where he fuses Eastern and Western concepts of healing.

Karen Tanaka Lucas is chairing our annual fundraiser, the bazaar booth at the Festival of Nations. This is a huge job. Please volunteer to help in any way that you can.

Our Education Committee, chaired by Sally Sudo, is working on a MIS exhibit and teacher workshop. Sally's report is included in this issue.

The 2015 board will be grappling with moving the Twin Cities chapter forward to further engage current members and recruit new members so that the chapter can continue to grow, thrive, and be relevant to Japanese Americans. As always, the board welcomes input and ideas from you, so don't hesitate to call us. A list of board members and their telephone numbers are in this issue.

Gloria Kumagai
Board Member

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) National Education Committee is pleased to offer a free Teacher Training Workshop, Japanese American Incarceration: Constitutional Vigilance in Times of Crisis, on April 24, 2015. This Workshop will connect the constitutional crisis created by the indefinite detention of West Coast Japanese Americans during World War II with current events precipitated by the attacks on 9/11. Several Minnesota Academic Standards for Grades 6, 7 and 9-12 will be addressed with concrete lesson plans.

An informational flyer and a registration form are below and also available at <https://www.tcjacl.org/archives/707>.

Those who participate in the Workshop may request substitute teacher reimbursement up to \$110. Participants will receive resource materials, a Certificate of Attendance and may earn Continuing Education Credit.

After the Workshop, the local Twin Cities Chapter JACL's Education Committee is available to support educational efforts on this and related topics with a lending library and speakers bureau. Upcoming planned events include a Spring, 2015 photo exhibit from NYC's Ellis Island Museum which documents the efforts of thousands of Japanese American soldiers who received training as Japanese translators and interpreters at Fort Snelling during WWII.

The Workshop will be held at Historic Fort Snelling from 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and will include continental breakfast and lunch. Afterwards, an optional tour of the WWII Japanese language school site will be available.

Please circulate our invitation to educators (including librarians and curriculum specialists) who may indicate their interest by submitting a completed registration form from our website. We will continue to accept applications until the workshop fills but, for best consideration, registration forms should be sent in by February 20, 2015.

Questions may be addressed to Sally Sudo at ssudo@comcast.net or 952-835-7374.

Thank you for you helping us to bring our workshop to the attention of educators in your area.

Sally Sudo, Co-Chair, Carolyn Nayematsu, Co-Chair, Education Committee

The Japanese American Incarceration:
Constitutional Vigilance in Times of Crisis
A Teacher Training Workshop

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		
Email Address:		
Title/Position:		
School/Institution:		
Substitute Teacher Needed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
School District:		
Address:		
City:		

Educators are Invited to a Teacher Training Workshop on

Japanese American Incarceration: Constitutional Vigilance in Times of Crisis

Throughout our nation's history, political leaders have been faced with balancing constitutional rights and national security. During World War II, factors such as racial prejudice played a role in the government's decision to remove over 110,000 Japanese Americans from the west coast states without due process and incarcerate them behind barbed wire in remote and desolate locations.

Workshop will cover:

*Historical background and ties to current events (such as 9/11), and
Provide lesson plans to assist with fulfilling requirements in the
Minnesota Academic Standards for the Social Studies:*

Grade 6: Minnesota History and World War II

Japanese language school (Military Intelligence Service) at Fort Snelling (6.4.4.21.4)

Grades 7, 9-12: United States History

Japanese American experience during World War II (7.4.4.21.4; 9.4.4.21.6)

No charge to attend workshop

Participants will receive:

*Continental breakfast and lunch,
Complimentary resource materials,
and Certificate of Attendance.*

Substitute Teacher Reimbursement:

*Up to \$110 per teacher attending will be
provided to school district upon request.*

Continuing Education Credit:

*1 CEU is available through the College of Extended
Learning (CEL) of San Francisco State University.
Any fees are the responsibility of the participant.
Contact: teacherworkshop@jacl.org*

Workshop Information

Date/Time:

Friday, April 24, 2015

7:45 - 8:15 a.m. - check-in

8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - workshop

3:15-4:15 p.m. - tour of Fort Snelling (optional)

Location:

Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center

200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, MN

www.historicfortsnelling.org 612-726-1171

*At junction of MN Highways 5 and 55, one mile east of
the MSP International Airport (Lindberg Terminal).*

*From Hwy 55, take Bloomington Road exit, then
follow signs to "Fort Snelling Historic Site"*

Free Parking

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE WORKSHOP IS FULL.
For best consideration, please submit completed form by FEBRUARY 20, 2015

For questions, contact: Sally Sudo, Twin Cities JACL at 952-835-7374 or ssudo@comcast.net

This workshop is presented by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) National Education Committee, with funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program. JACL is a national Asian American organization with an ongoing mission of securing and maintaining the civil rights of all Americans affected by injustice.

Use of the workshop facility is being provided by the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS).
MHS preserves Minnesota's past, shares our state's stories and connects people with history in meaningful ways, for today and for tomorrow.



FESTIVAL OF NATIONS VOLUNTEERS 2015

The Festival of Nations is coming up, Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3, 2015

We will be having a merchandise sales booth. This is our chapter's biggest fundraiser and primary source of income for the year and we appreciate all of your help. We are looking for volunteers for the following jobs and times:

Sales People Description:

Add up purchased items, take cash and make change without a cash register, and restock display tables.

Items for sale include decorations, toys, crafts, kitchen items, and other trinkets.

Thursday, April 30

- 9:00-12:00 5 Sales people
- 12:00-3:00 4 Sales people

Friday, May 1

- 9:30-2:00 5 Sales people
- 2:00-6:00 4 Sales people
- 6:00-10:00 4 Sales people

Saturday, May 4

- 10:00-2:00 4 Sales people
- 2:00-6:00 4 Sales people
- 6:00-10:00 4 Sales people

Sunday, May 5

- 10:00-2:00 3 Sales people
- 2:00-6:00 3 Sales people

We are also looking for help in setting up the booth Wednesday April 29 5-9 pm and as well as take down Sunday May 8 from 6-9 PM

All volunteers will be given an admission ticket and a parking pass for the day as well as a \$5 credit on a merchandise item from the booth (total value over \$20.00)

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to www.tcjacl.org/fon

For additional information contact Karen Lucas at katalucas@aol.com or call 952-270-3278.



Normandale Japanese Garden: Celebrating a Dream by Dave Kenney.

I stumbled upon this surprising gem of a book when I met Bunnie Aaze, one of the tireless heroines in this heartwarming and inspiring story behind the challenge and struggle to bring a Japanese Garden to Bloomington in the late 1960s and 1970s. Author Dave Kenney details the captivating story of devoted persistence, good will, generosity, sacrifice and friendships which all came together to accomplish what seemed an impossible, insurmountable task. The book tells of the early pivotal role of the local and national Military Intelligence Service veterans in realizing the dream to bridge the cultures of Japan and the state that adopted them during and after World War II. Highlighted are several beloved members of the Twin Cities JACL who volunteered hours of time to bring a 2-acre Japanese garden to fruition at Normandale Community College (NCC), and who can claim this successful effort among their legacies even after they have passed on.

The book also describes the remarkable story of how the cherry blossom trees in Washington D.C. helped to repopulate Tokyo's own municipal trees devastated by war, and how a new cherry blossom tree was developed and patented as *Prunus sargentii* 'Hokkaido Normandale' for the Minnesota college garden in which it was developed, the first to flourish in cold northern climates. In words and pictures, explained are the meaning of the elements used in the Edo style of Japanese garden, designed by Takao Watanabe, a professional landscape architect from Tokyo, Japan.

The Japanese maple and flowering crab apple trees used by Tokyo landscape architect, Takao Watanabe endure. After more than 50 years of dedication the original Edo-style strolling garden remains faithful to Watanabe's vision, and has been entrusted to the ongoing care of gardeners trained in the specialized pruning essential to maintain its authenticity.

To obtain a copy of the book, send a check for \$29.95 per book plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling (for 1-3 books) made out to Normandale Japanese Garden with "history book" written in the memo line to: Normandale Japanese Garden, 9700 France Ave. South, Bloomington, MN 55437. For more information, contact the Normandale Japanese Garden Committee at bcgaaaze@comcast.net.

Karen Tanaka Lucas
Twin Cities Chapter JACL



2015 High School Scholarships

Scholarship applications for 2015 high school graduates are now available. Please contact Pam Ohno Dagoberg (763-557-2946, dagob001@tc.umn.edu) if you are interested in obtaining a scholarship application or would like to recommend someone for a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must be current JACL members. Individual Student or Family membership status is required (Individual membership of a parent does not qualify the student to receive a scholarship). To find the scholarship application, or to find information on membership, please visit www.twincitiesjacl.org

Applications have been mailed to the following students:

Maya Coyle (The 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)

In addition to completing the application form and submitting a transcript, students must write a short essay entitled "The Value of Further Education." Applications are evaluated based on the student's scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and the essay. Completed applications must be mailed by March 31, 2015.

Many National JACL scholarships are also available. Information about National JACL scholarships can be found on the Youth page at the JACL website (www.jacl.org).

If you would like to donate to the TC JACL Scholarship program, please send your tax deductible contribution to the JACL Scholarship Program, c/o Connie Tsuchiya, 6431 Mere Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. Or contact a member of the scholarship committee for more information.



MIS EXHIBIT COMING TO THE TWIN CITIES

The Minnesota Historical Society, in co-sponsorship with the TC JACL Education Committee is pleased to announce an exhibition of photographs related to the role of the Nisei servicemen and women of the Military Intelligence Service during WWII. This exhibit, ***Minnesota's Secret WWII Weapon: Japanese Americans in the Military***

Intelligence Service, is being shown for the first time in the Midwest, and will be held at the Historic Ft. Snelling Visitors Center, 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, MN. An opening dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 17th, 1:00 p.m. The event is free of charge and open to the public. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

The Military Intelligence Service (MIS) has been called "America's secret weapon in the war against Japan." During WWII nearly 6000 Japanese American service men and women received intensive and accelerated training in the Japanese military language at the MIS Language School at Minnesota's Camp Savage and Fort Snelling. Sent in small teams, these MIS soldiers participated in every major campaign in the Pacific. "Never in military history did an army know so much about the enemy prior to actual engagement," said Gen. Douglas MacArthur. This vital intelligence operation saved lives and helped shorten the war by two years. Due to its highly classified nature, the role of the MIS was kept secret for many years. Now their story can be told through this exhibit and they can receive the recognition they deserve.

The exhibit will be on view from April 24 – July 5, and again from August 25 - October 31st, 2015. Visitor Center hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. In conjunction with the exhibit, several educational programs are also being planned – a panel of former MIS soldiers, a documentary DVD, and a book signing. Dates and times are yet to be determined.

For questions and information contact Sally Sudo ssudo@comcast.net 952-835-7374, or Carolyn Nayematsu nayem001@umn.edu (651) 699-7407.

TC JACL IN THE NEWS: Our adorable Lisa Hintermeister (#4) pictured in the November issue of the Edina Magazine!

Submitted by Jan Monson

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GALLERY

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Megan Stone Book Launch

Edina author signs copies of her new book, *Own Your Education: A Student's Guide to Greater Success in School and Life*. (1) Molly Schmidt and Margaret Davis (2) Heidi Youngdahl, Angie St. Dennis, Nicole Schnell, and Kim Stratton (3) Megan Stone and Kelly McCoy (4) Lisa Hintermeister (5) Megan Stone and Jackie McClees (6) Rick, Megan, Nathan and Lauren Stone (7) Cindy Perusse, Ann Wordelman and Jodi Swaim (8) Dario Anselmo (9) Megan Stone and Mary Joing (10) Jerry McClees (11) Jill Gnos and Barrie Lund



ON THE WEB: To view more pictures from this event, as well as others, visit edinamag.com.

TO HAVE YOUR EVENT CONSIDERED FOR GALLERY, send date, time, location and contact information to edinamag@tigeroak.com.

Metropolitan State University will be hosting an exhibit from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and coordinating two related events, both described below.

Hiroshima Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibits
(Posters are provided by Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum)

March 20 (F), -March 30 (M), 2015

Location: Founders Hall Reception Area

Metropolitan State University

700 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106 U.S.A.

Related Events

March 25 (W) Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Survivor Talk through Skype

(Translator Provided)

Time and Format to be determined: an evening event

Location: Founders Hall Auditorium

March 27 (F) Keynote Speech - "How Peace Activists Saved the World From Nuclear War" (a history of the nuclear disarmament movement and how it transformed public policy)

Professor Lawrence S. Wittner

Professor of History Emeritus, State University of New York at Albany

Time to be determined.

Location: Founders Hall Auditorium

Posters are provided by Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and events are sponsored by the Office of Provost, Institute for Community Engagement and Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, History Department; St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, and St. Paul Peace.

Metropolitan State University

HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI ATOMIC BOMB Poster Exhibits

at Metropolitan State University

<p>Saint Paul Exhibit Friday, March 20th - Monday, March 30th Founders Hall Reception Area, Saint Paul Campus 700 East 7th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106</p>	<p>Minneapolis Exhibit Monday, April 6th - Monday, April 20th MEC 2nd Floor Corridor Wall, Minneapolis Campus</p>
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Related Events:

Friday, March 20th - Thursday, April 30th
 Library 2nd Floor, St. Paul Campus
 Book Display

Wednesday, March 25th - Founders Hall, St. Paul Campus
 *Documentary Film: A Mother's Prayer (30 minutes) - 6 pm
 (provided by Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum)
 *Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Survivor Talk and Q&A through Skype - 7 pm
 (translation provided)
 *Refreshments will be provided!

Friday, March 27th - Founders Hall, St. Paul Campus
 Keynote Speech: How Peace Activists Saved the World from Nuclear War, 2-4 pm
 Professor Lawrence S. Wittner
 Professor of History Emeritus, State University of New York at Albany
 *Copies of Wittner's book, *Confronting the Bomb: A Short History of the World Nuclear Disarmament Movement* (Stanford University press, 2009) will be available for purchase and signing*
 *Refreshments will be provided!

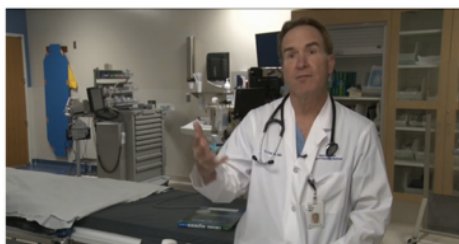
Wednesday, April 1st - Ecolab Room, St. Paul Campus
 A Nuclear Energy Site and One Native Community's Struggle:
 Presentation by Prairie Island Tribal Council President Ron Johnson
 1-2:30 pm
 *Refreshments will be provided!

If you have questions, please contact Professor Sumiko Otsubo at 651.793.1477 or sumiko.otsubo@metroststate.edu.

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IN THE NEWS: Dr. Dan Dulas, *Submitted by Jan Monson*

New Procedure Could Prevent Amputations

COON RAPIDS, Minn. - There's a new therapy, right here in the Twin Cities that could prevent amputations caused by peripheral artery disease (PAD). The procedure is helping a Minnesota man stay on his feet.

As a machinist at Premier Industries in Blaine, Joe Sibinski has to be on his feet all day. But two years ago, he said, "I woke up one night and my right foot was ice cold. I had a total loss of sensation. I couldn't feel anything." He was diagnosed with PAD which is a narrowing of the arteries in his legs. Sibinski had a stent put in to improve blood flow. But after a year, scar tissue built up around the stent. He said, "It was just clogging around the area."

He needed a new solution. So this month, Sibinski had a brand new procedure at [Mercy Hospital](#) in Coon Rapids. It's called [Lutonix](#). Developed in the Twin Cities, Lutonix is a drug coated balloon that not only opens the artery, like traditional balloon angioplasty, it also delivers Paclitaxel, a chemotherapy drug, directly to the vessel wall, preventing build-up of scar tissue.

Interventional cardiologist, Dr. Daniel Dulas explained, "Just like with cancer where you give chemotherapy to prevent cells from replicating, growing, from advancing, that's what we do with this. This drug does the same thing as chemotherapy drugs do." Dulas was principal investigator at Mercy Hospital for the three year trial of Lutonix. It was approved by the FDA in October.

The video can be viewed in its entirety at the following link:

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/health/2014/12/02/new-procedure-prevent-amputations-pad/19801025/>