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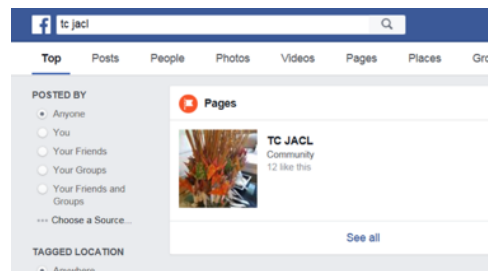
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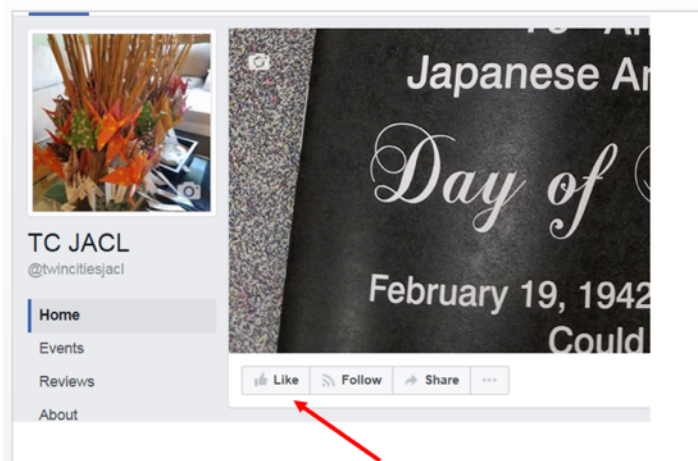
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Submitted by Amy Kuniyoshi



Mu Performing Arts gathers together world-class talent for Minnesota's First Taiko Festival

The festival culminates with a Mu Daiko 20th Anniversary Concert celebration.

Minneapolis, Minnesota — Mu Performing Arts celebrates Mu Daiko's 20th anniversary by gathering some of the best taiko talent from Minnesota, the United States, Canada, and Japan to give audiences the opportunity to experience the impact, depth, and diversity of taiko performance as a dynamic musical art form and a cultural heritage that originates from Japan and is practiced around the world.

"This Minnesota Taiko Festival is a dream come true for me. I want to show Minnesota the best of what taiko has to offer. We are bringing together my favorite taiko people in the world, traveling near and far, to help us celebrate 20 years, and launch us into 20 more." — Jennifer Weir, Mu Daiko Artistic Director

The festival opens with — and repeats as an encore closing event — a concert on the Guthrie's McGuire Proscenium stage featuring Mu Daiko and spotlighting guest artists. The concert celebrates two decades of Mu Daiko with an all-star guest list, featuring a playlist of Mu Daiko favorites, new compositions, and a commission by Michelle Fujii.

Guest artists include:

Yuichi Kimura of Daichi No Kai (Kobe, Japan)
Tiffany Tamaribuchi of Sacramento Taiko Dan & Jodaiko (Sacramento, CA)
Shoji Kameda of On Ensemble (Los Angeles, CA)
Michelle Fujii and Toru Watanabe of UNIT SOUZOU (Portland, OR)
Naomi Guilbert and Hiroshi Koshiyama of Fubuki Daiko (Winnipeg, MB, Canada)
ensemble-MA (Greater Twin Cities, Minnesota)

Saturday afternoon activities are free and open to the public. They include select guest artist performances and workshops designed to introduce the public to taiko basics and allow them to experience the energy, challenge, and grace of taiko drumming firsthand. Panel discussions, educational opportunities, and family activities including origami, face painting, storytelling, and a drum petting zoo will continue throughout the afternoon. These daytime performances, mini-workshops, and family activities are all free events scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 1–5 p.m.

Concert dates and time: April 28 and 29, 7 p.m. each night.

Concert tickets and prices: \$60 VIP tickets (limited quantity) include pre-show reception and preferred seating. \$40 Adult tickets. \$20 Student tickets. For tickets and information, please visit online: www.muperformingarts.org or call 651-789-1012

Festival venue: Guthrie Theater 818 South 2nd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

For those seeking additional training, guest attendees can extend their taiko experience with hands-on studio classes on Sunday, April 30, by attending any or all of the four Master Class Workshops held at the Mu Taiko Studio facility at 2700 Winter Street NW, Minneapolis, MN 55443. The musician instructors include Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Michelle Fujii and Toru Watanabe, Shoji Kameda, and Yuichi Kimura.

For registration and information, please visit online: www.muperformingarts.org



An opportunity to learn about more about World War II

The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Table is committed to preserving the factual history of World War II. Through the input of historians, first-hand accounts from individuals, and travel, the [World War II History Round Table](#) seeks to promote the study of this influential era.

Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of every month from September through May in the Visitors Center auditorium at Historic Fort Snelling (200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55111), unless noted.

A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray costs. Students and Veterans are admitted free.

Upcoming programs:

April 13, 2017 - [Last Mission of "Jerk's Natural" – with the 93rd Bomb Group](#)

Gregg Jones, author of [The Last Mission](#) and [Veterans of European Air War](#) will discuss the dangers of the bomber missions to destroy German armaments.

May 11, 2017 - Final Major Battle in Western Europe – Battle of Bulge

Hal Winton, author of [Corps Commanders of Bulge](#) and [Veterans of Battle of Bulge](#) will discuss critical decisions and mistakes that resulted in a hard fought Victory.

For more information, visit <http://www.mn-ww2roundtable.org> or contact Colonel Don Patton (Retired-U.S. Army) at email@mn-ww2roundtable.org

Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! 2017 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS BOOTH, St. Paul RiverCentre Twin Cities JACL

This years Festival of Nations will be held May 4, 5, 6 and 7 (Thursday-Sunday). Complimentary admission passes (value \$13.50), \$5 parking credit and \$5 merchandise credit will be given to all volunteers. Meet and get to know other TCJACL members. Support our organization and its work. Before or after your shift check out the exciting performances, eat from the savory international food court offerings, shop the bazaar booths, and experience the cultural exhibits.

Sales shifts still available are:

Thursday, May 4	9:00-12:00	(FULL)
	12:00-3:00	(FULL)
Friday, May 5	9:30-2:00	1 person
	2:00-6:00	1 person
	6:00-10:00	2-3 people
Saturday, May 6	10:00-2:00	(FULL)
	2:00-6:00	1 person
	6:00-10:00	1 person
Sunday, May 7	10:00-2:00	(FULL)
	2:00-6:00	1 person

Please RSVP to Karen Lucas katalucas@aol.com
Or call 952-270-3278

Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit

Japanese American Incarceration WWII, Then and Now

May 27 – October 28, 2017 at Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center

View historic photographs of Japanese Americans during WWII taken by War Relocation Authority photographers— including Dorothea Lange, and Tom Parker—juxtaposed with contemporary portraits of the same individuals or their descendants from Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Paul Kitagaki Jr.

The exhibit is supported by the National Parks Service, Tanforan Assembly Center Memorial Committee, Contra Costa Japanese American Citizens League, Asian Pacific Endowment of the St. Paul Foundation, Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League, and the Joseph and Marie Winter Family Fund for Historic Fort Snelling.



INVITATION

*Gambatte Legacy of An Enduring Spirit: Opening Ceremony
and Reception*

Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center

Tuesday May 23, 2017

Exhibit viewing begins at 5:30 p.m.

Program at 6:30 p.m.-- Speaker: Paul Kitagaki Jr.

Reception will follow



Opening Reception for "Roger Shimomura: Mistaken Identity"

Over 200 people attended the opening reception of "Roger Shimomura: Mistaken Identity" at Macalester College's Law Warschaw Gallery on January 27, 2017. The exhibition was presented to recognize the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, and was sponsored by Macalester College in collaboration with the Twin Cities JACL.

The exhibition of selected prints by nationally renowned Japanese American pop artist Roger Shimomura explored sociopolitical issues of ethnicity, racism, identity, and misconceptions, and provided insight into his childhood incarceration in an American concentration camp at age 2.

Included were several bodies of work: *Minidoka on My Mind*, *Minidoka Snapshots*, *Yellow No Same*, and *Nisei Trilogy* that draw upon the artist and his family's experiences while incarcerated in Minidoka during World War II. The program brochure explained, "These recollections offer a glimpse into the humility of the camps and the resilience and commitment of the citizens detained, who embodied and honored their American identity despite the cultural ignorance which characterized, and continues to characterize, Asian Americans and their status within American society."

Incarcerees, students, faculty, and community members attended the opening reception. Amanda C. Martin and Colin Cureton of St. Paul, learned about the event through on-line and social media. "This exhibit is important and relevant now, especially in our current political climate," stated Martin.

Accompanying the exhibition were weekly documentary film screenings and a 2nd floor display area with archival photographs and resources, provided by the Twin Cities JACL.

The exhibit was curated by Jehra Patrick, Gallery Director and Curator. For a gallery guide to the exhibition, with an essay by Ruthann Godollei, DeWitt Wallace Professor of Art and the Chair of the Art Department, visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7UQ2Qp6rhMoOEZiN1hsb1puX0E/view>



*Image credit: Roger Shimomura, American Buddahead, 2012.
Courtesy Greg Kucera Gallery and Lawrence Lithography*



Amanda C. Martin and Colin Cureton at the opening reception. Photo credit: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas.



Exhibition committee: Karen Tanaka Lucas, Carolyn Nayematsu, Gordon Nakagawa, Jehra Patrick, Ruthann Godollei, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Sally Sudo, and Janet Carlson. Photo credit: Randy Kiriara.

Public Discussion for "Mistaken Identity"

On February 23, Twin Cities JACL members, Sally Sudo, Karen Tanaka Lucas, Gordon Nakagawa, and Carolyn Nayematsu served as panelists as they shared their experiences and thoughts on the Japanese American incarceration and how it relates to the present day. Gallery director and curator, Jehra Patrick, facilitated the program, held in the Law Warschaw Gallery at Macalester College, surrounded by a backdrop of works by Roger Shimomura. Over 70 audience members participated in the discussion, and listened intently to the stories, observations and insights.



Ruthann Godollei, Gordon Nakagawa, Jehra Patrick, Karen Tanaka Lucas, Carolyn Nayematsu, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

Minnesota Gov. Dayton proclaims February 19, 2017 the Japanese American Day of Remembrance

A sold out audience of over 400, necessitating an overflow area, attended the Day of Remembrance program at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, MN on February 19. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, this program was co-sponsored by the Twin Cities JACL chapter (TCJACL) and the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS). Present were over twenty camp incarcerated and Japanese American World War II veterans.

The program was titled, "February 19, 1942: A Day the Constitution Died. Could it Happen Again?" in an effort to remind the audience about how the wartime anti-Japanese racism was a symptom of a pathology that is flaring up today, but directed at Muslims.

Dr. Gordon Nakagawa served as the emcee. MNHS Director and CEO, D. Stephen Elliott, talked about the relevance of history to teaching about the past and the implications today, and acknowledged the organization's connection with the Japanese American community because of Historic Fort Snelling, an MNHS-maintained site, which housed the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language School during World War II.

Judge Susan Burke of the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County and the first Japanese American judge in Minnesota, introduced the theme with remarks about the Constitution, and reminded the audience that the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, due process, and equal protection.

Judge Burke's remarks were followed by a candlelight ceremony. Recognized were the ten WRA camps and the camps in Hawaii and the Department of Justice camps, along with the MIS, 100th infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, and draft resisters. Attendees who are camp survivors or veterans and their family members were asked to stand and be acknowledged. Students who participated in the candlelighting ceremony were: Erik Dagoberg, Jack Dagoberg, Maryama Dahir, Jason Dawson, Elizabeth Fugikawa, Ben Hartmann, Emma Hartmann, Hannah Hintermeister, and Marilyn Keon.

In a powerful script written by members of the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee, narrated by poet and author David Mura and directed by Rick Shiomi of Full Circle Theater, twenty-two community members added their voices as readers. They depicted figures prominent during this time, such as President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lt. General John DeWitt, and recited actual testimony of camp survivors and Japanese American World War II veterans as slides of camp photographs and other wartime experiences were shown in the background. Included in the readings were testimonies by Muslim Americans of injustices they have suffered post-9/11, and slides showing the recent increase in hate crimes.

Poet Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre recited an original poem "Dust" written specifically for this occasion. Local drum group Kogen Taiko ended the program with an original piece entitled, "Growing Beyond."

A Statement of Solidarity (*see below*), released by the TCJACL and Council on American-Islamic Relations in Minnesota (CAIR-MN), was included in the program. In that Statement, the TCJACL and CAIR-MN pledge to "stand together to resist the current forces of oppression that join our communities' histories."

In addition to the Proclamation by Governor Mark Dayton, the Minnesota House and Senate both passed resolutions, authored by Rep. Rod Hamilton and Sen. Sandra Pappas, respectively, to recognize the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. Unable to attend the event, Senator Amy Klobuchar submitted a letter that included her assurances that, "As we face an uncertain world today, we must steel our resolve. We all must do our part. We should tell their stories and reflect on what happened, and how it happened. No matter what, I will continue to stand up for what's right. And I know you will, too."

For name tags, attendees received a replica of the incarceration identification tag, each printed with a different ID number. The back of the tag included the phrase "Nidoto Nai Yoni (Let it not happen again)." The Minnesota American Civil Liberties Union donated 300 pocket-sized booklets with the U.S. and Minnesota State Constitutions for distribution. JACL National Education Committee curriculum guides were also provided to interested educators.

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Poetry trees, created by University of Minnesota students Marilyn Keo and Jason Dawson for their final project in a course on the Japanese American incarceration taught by Yuichiro Onishi and John Matsunaga in Fall 2016, were displayed at the event.

The printed program was created by Julie Tsuchiya Diaz, and can be found on the Twin Cities JACL website.

The TC JACL Education Committee organized the program along with Danielle Dart, Public Programs Specialist at the Minnesota Historical Society. Members are: Janet Carlson (co-chair), Carolyn Nayematsu (co-chair), Amy Dickerson, Sylvia Farrells, Elizabeth Fugikawa, Lil Grothe, Ben Hartmann, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Lucy Kirihaara, Gloria Kumagai, Haruhiko Kuramochi, Karen Tanaka Lucas, John Matsunaga, Gordon Nakagawa, Yuichiro Onishi, Sally Sudo, and Teresa Swartz.

The program was funded by a grant from the JACL Legacy Fund, and donations from the Les and Karen Suzukamo Fund, the Donald S. Maeda Memorial Fund, and members of the Twin Cities JACL.

Submitted by Carolyn Nayematsu and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas



Rick Shiomi, director; David Mura, narrator; and Gordon Nakagawa, emcee (pictured L to R), against a backdrop of banner panels on Asian American history created by the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and displayed throughout the Minnesota History Center rotunda. Photo credit: Randy Kirihaara.



Poetry tree project. Marilyn Keo and Jason Dawson in front of the poetry trees they created for their final projects for an Asian American Studies course at the University of Minnesota. Photo credit: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas.



Camp incarcerated and Japanese American veterans (pictured L to R): Front row: Kumiko Sugisaka, Lucy Kirihaara, Alice Osada, Sakiye Tsuchiya, Emi Saiki, Bill Doi, and Toshiko Nishida. Back row: Tom Kurihara, Jim Kirihaara, Al Tsuchiya, Al Yamamoto, Butch Kumagai, George Suzuki, Bill Hirabayashi, Ed Yoshikawa, Pearl Yoshikawa, Ruriko Matsuyama, and Sally Sudo. Photo credit: Randy Kirihaara.



Readers (pictured L to R): Front row: Al Yamamoto, Lucy Kiriara, Amy Kuniyoshi. Second row: Gordon Nakagawa (emcee), Elizabeth Fugikawa, Carol Dean, Maryama Dahir, Amy Dickerson, Sylvia Farrells, Kathryn Haddad, Kafia Ahmed, Lisa Hintermeister. Back row: Mustafa Jumale, Jim Carlson, Jon Dickerson, Yuichiro Onishi, Ben Hartmann, John Matsunaga, David Mura, Fred Tsuchiya, Jaylani Hussein, Jim Farrells, and Matt Farrells. Photo credit: Randy Kiriara.



Murakami family (pictured L to R): George and Judy Murakami, and Madalyn, Lisa, and Hannah Hintermeister. George and Judy were incarcerated at Gila River, Arizona, and Heart Mountain, Wyoming, respectively. Their daughter Lisa was a reader, and granddaughter Hannah participated in the candlelighting ceremony. Photo credit: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas.



Judge Susan Burke and members of Kogen Taiko (pictured L to R): Connie Tsuchiya, Al Zdrazil, Cheral Tsuchiya, Charissa Uemura, Todd Tsuchiya, Kimi Aisawa Romportl, Tim Dagoberg and Pam Dagoberg (not pictured, Brian Tsuchiya). Photo credit: Randy Kiriara.

Statement of Solidarity

Seventy-five years ago, 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens, were racially profiled, surveilled, excluded, and imprisoned in American concentration camps. This unprecedented violation of constitutional rights was the direct result of racism, xenophobia, and misleading and unfounded governmental claims of “military necessity.” To the question, “Could it happen again?” we have our answer.

It's happening now.

In this time of rising governmental authoritarianism, the Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (TC JACL) and the Council on American-Islamic Relations Minnesota (CAIR-MN) stand in solidarity and declare our unity of purpose against racism, xenophobia, religious bigotry, and hate. We stand together in the common pursuit of global justice, civil liberties and human rights, hope, compassion, and love.

The legally sanctioned discrimination targeting Americans of Japanese descent during the World War II era mirrors the current demonization of all Muslims and the governmental legitimization of Islamophobia through executive orders and proposed legislation targeting Muslims, at home and abroad, with official acts of discrimination.

TC JACL and CAIR-MN stand together to resist the current forces of oppression that join our communities' histories. These forces include:

- Racial, national origin, and religion-based profiling and discrimination;
- Stigmatizing and assuming “guilty until proven innocent” based on group membership/association without due process;
- Selective surveillance, invasion of privacy, and searches without warrants, based on race, national origin, or religion;
- Indefinite exclusion and detention of legal U.S. residents without charges and denial of the right to a speedy trial and representation in a court of law;
- Defining “American” as white, Christian, and non-foreign born, while demonizing non-white, non-Christian U.S. citizens, legal residents, and foreign nationals as non- or un-American “Others”;
- Official justification of the denial of civil liberties to American citizens and legal residents in the name of “homeland security” or “military necessity.”

While Japanese American and American Muslim histories and experiences are not identical, we share in a common and parallel struggle in seeking a just and inclusive future.

We will resist, oppose, defy, and intervene in any and all acts of racism, xenophobia, misogyny, Islamophobia, and oppression targeting our own and other marginalized and oppressed communities.

We will show up, stand up, speak up, and rise up together in the name of civil and human rights, and local, national, and global justice.

In heart, mind, and spirit, we will accompany one another, side by side, as equal partners, with no single organization or individual walking ahead or behind. Together, we will act and embody in the present the justice and humanity that we envision for all in the future.

In solidarity, justice, and peace,

Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League

Council on American-Islamic Relations Minnesota

Executive Order 13769: The Muslim ban

Executive Order 13769 was signed one week into the Trump presidency. The press has called this executive order the “Muslim ban,” since travel and immigration from seven predominantly Muslim majority nations alone were banned. The Trump Administration argued that people who are fleeing countries where there has been war and terrorism are more prone to commit terror acts because they look like those terrorists or share the same faith as those terrorists. EO 13769 authorizes targeted differential treatment to an entire population without any evidence of individual risk for criminality or wrongdoing. No immigrant from the seven countries listed on the ban has ever committed a terrorist act in the U.S.

Unlike EO 9066, EO 13769 did not create incarceration camps (it is more costly to put people into detention camps than to exclude or deport them). But similar to EO 9066, EO 13769 profiles an entire group based on race and ethnicity. Trump justified EO 13769 by comparing it to FDR's EO 9066, and used the same “national security” rationale.

A challenge to EO 13769 was brought forth by the Attorney General's office in Washington state whose 7,000 Muslim immigrants were affected by the ban. Minnesota has about 30,000 similarly affected Muslim immigrants, prompting our Attorney General, Lori Swanson, to join in the court challenge. One of the primary arguments used was the Supreme Court Case of Mitsuye Endo, which, in December 1944, legally ended the forced mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The courts ruled to block the “Muslim ban” from being implemented, but the Trump Administration signed a new executive order (EO 13780) which once again attempted to create a Muslim ban. This rewritten executive order, which was challenged by the state of Hawaii, has now been thwarted by an injunction issued by a federal court there.

In the wake of the Day of Remembrance and our chapter's newly formed partnership with the Council on American Islamic Relations-Minnesota for that event, the Education Committee of the TCJACL sent a letter of support to Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson for standing up to EO 13769, the contemporary equivalent of EO 9066.

We received a letter in response in which she wrote:

“I note that the (Japanese American Citizens) League and the Council (on American Islamic Relations) issued the joint statement on February 19, the Day of Remembrance. The forced removal and incarceration of Japanese-Americans in World War II is a dark mark on our nation's history and stands as a stark and important reminder of the erosion of constitutional protections that can occur in response to perceived international threats.

“I thank you for your advocacy on the behalf of civil and human rights, individual freedom, and the bedrock constitutional principles of our nation.”

“I appreciate your ongoing commitment to upholding the core values of this country.”

Now is the time to be vigilant not only for our community's civil and human rights but, as stated in the National JACL mission, for "all communities who are affected by injustice and bigotry."

Submitted by:

The Twin Cities JACL Education Committee

Sun ThisWeek - Apple Valley
January 13, 2017 - (Reprinted with permission)

Remembering a dark chapter in nation's history

Local group marks 75 years since Japanese-American internment

by Andrew Miller

SUN THISWEEK
DAKOTA COUNTY TRIBUNE

Seventy-five years ago, the lives of more than 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry living in the United States were changed forever when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order setting in motion their forced removal from the West Coast and mass incarceration during World War II.

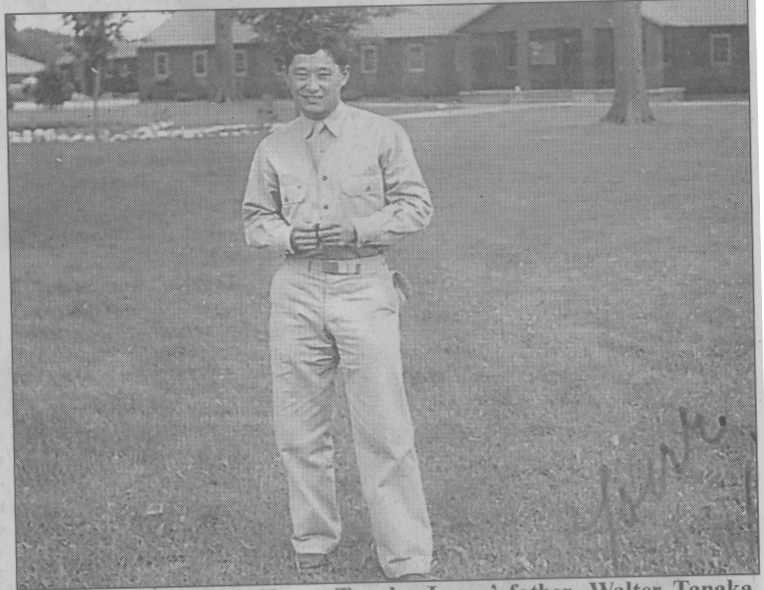
Karen Tanaka Lucas, an Apple Valley resident and board member with the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, is among those for whom the mass incarceration is more than a historical footnote.

Her father, Walter Tanaka, was in the first class of soldiers selected to participate in a U.S. Army Intelligence program that harnessed the language skills of Japanese-Americans.

After training — including time at the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service Language School in Savage — he served in the Pacific theater in World War II, providing interpretation during interrogation of Japanese soldiers and other activities requiring translation. He continued serving with Army Intelligence in the years following the war during the U.S. occupation of Japan.

Tanaka Lucas' other relatives from California, however, found themselves in a considerably different situation in World War II. Both her father's and mother's

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Apple Valley resident Karen Tanaka Lucas' father, Walter Tanaka, served with U.S. Army Intelligence during World War II. Other relatives were confined to an internment camp in Arizona. (Photo submitted)

HISTORY, from 1A

families, living in California when Roosevelt issued the executive order, were incarcerated in an internment camp in Arizona.

When World War II ended, Tanaka Lucas' relatives, like many who had been incarcerated, had to start over, having lost their property and belongings during internment.

None of those of Japanese ancestry incarcerated were charged with espionage or sabotage, and a 1988 federal commission found that the incarceration during World War II was motivated largely by racial prejudice and wartime hysteria. An apology was later issued by Congress and President Ronald Reagan for violations of basic civil liberties and constitutional rights.

The local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is hosting an array of events in

coming months marking the 75th anniversary of the executive order that led to the internment camps.

An art exhibit featuring work by Roger Shimomura is set to open later this month in the Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College in St. Paul, with an opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27.

A Day of Remembrance ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Minnesota History Center auditorium in St. Paul. And in May, a "then and now" photo exhibit featuring people interned in the camps opens at the Fort Snelling Visitors Center.

Tanaka Lucas, who was born in Japan while her father was working for the U.S. Army during the post-war occupation, moved to the Twin Cities in 1970 for graduate school and worked as a family physician for over 30 years before retiring.

She said the aim of the upcoming Japanese American Citizens League events is to raise awareness about the mass incarceration during World War II and to help ensure violations of civil liberties do not happen again to any Americans — especially now, when concerns about immigrants and the threat of terrorism color the political climate.

"It's really important now to remember this because all of a sudden there are so many things that seem to be in danger of being repeated," she said. "A lot of these things are coming together to potentially jeopardize the constitutional rights Americans have."

More about the Japanese American Citizens League events is at www.tcjacl.org.

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"Japanese-American Incarceration: Could It Happen Again?"

Twin Cities JACL members Hannah Semba, Sally Sudo, John Matunaga, and Gordon Nakagawa participated in a program on April 11, 2017 at the CAIR-MN office in Minneapolis to talk about whether the Japanese-American incarceration could happen again today, but this time to Muslims and Muslim Americans. The panel discussion was moderated by Jaylani Hussein, Executive Director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN).

Over 75 community members attended the event, co-sponsored by CAIR-MN and the Twin Cities JACL. Attendees were encouraged and inspired to educate themselves; to stand with other communities, but not to speak for them; and engage in sometimes difficult conversations with neighbors and friends who have different viewpoints. Jaylani challenged attendees to take action, including writing about this event to the newspapers in order to impact others. "Are we willing to do that?" he asked. He also quoted Martin Luther King, Jr.: "In the end, we will remember not the words our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

A news segment was aired on the 9 p.m. news on Fox-9 (KMSP) in which Sally Sudo was interviewed. A former incarcerated, Sudo warned that, "it doesn't take much for something like what happened to us to happen to another group of people. I think fear does a lot of strange things to people."

Muslim-Americans, including Jaylani Hussein, participated in the Twin Cities JACL Day of Remembrance program in February. We hope to continue to jointly co-sponsor future community programs.

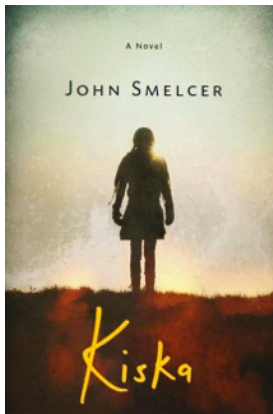


Upper Left: Panelists Sally Sudo, Gordon Nakagawa, Jaylani Hussein, John Matunaga, and Hannah Semba. Photo credit: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

Above: Panelists share their viewpoints and experiences

Left: Jaylani Hussein moderates the panel discussion

Photos credit: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas



NPR

February 21, 2017

John Smelcer

The Other WWII American-Internment Atrocity

<http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2017/02/21/516277507/the-other-wwii-american-internment-atrocity>

John Smelcer wrote that "Most American school children learn that Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, leading us to join World War II. This week marks the 75th anniversary of Japanese-Americans being subsequently rounded up and interned as suspected enemies of the state. But there's another tragic and untold story of American citizens who were also interned during the war. I'm a member of the Ahtna tribe of Alaska and I've spent the better part of 30 years uncovering and putting together fragments of a story that deserves to be told."

Smelcer's article details the incarceration of Aleuts during World War II. Shortly after Japan invaded and occupied Kiska and Attu, the westernmost islands of Alaska's Aleutian Chain in June 1942, American naval personnel rounded up and evacuated 881 Aleuts from the Aleutian Chain and the Pribilof Islands to internment camps near Juneau, almost 2,000 miles away. Those Aleuts were housed in dilapidated abandoned salmon canneries with no electricity, running water or sanitation, and 118 Aleuts died from lack of warmth, food, and medical care. Even after the Japanese military was defeated in that area by fall 1943, the Aleuts remained incarcerated until mid-1945, the end of the war. Eventually, the U.S. Government admitted to violating their constitutional rights. In 1988, Congress passed the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act, and provided redress of \$12,000 to survivors, but "by then, about half of the survivors had long since passed away."

Smelcer's historical novel, *Kiska*, about the Aleut incarceration experience told from the perspective of a courageous teenage girl, will be coming available in fall 2017.



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Twin Cities JACL members and Media Coverage for the 75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and Day of Remembrance

1. Sun ThisWeek - January 13, 2017

Andrew Miller, "Remembering a dark chapter in nation's history"

Features Karen Tanaka Lucas. Article not posted to the Sun ThisWeek website (see reprint of article elsewhere in the Rice Paper).

2. Star Tribune- January 31, 2017

Editorial Section

Readers Write: Responses to Trump's executive order on refugees

Seventy-five years ago, Japanese-Americans were not named or mentioned in the executive order that mandated their incarceration. Muslims are not named or mentioned in the recent executive order that mandates their exclusion. To the recurrent question, "Could it happen again?" we now have our answer. It's happening now.

Gordon Nakagawa, White Bear Lake

3. Woodbury Bulletin

February 8, 2017

Youssef Rddad, "Does Trump Order echo the past?"

Features Yoshio Matsumoto and Gordon Nakagawa.

<http://www.woodburybulletin.com/news/politics/4213539-does-trump-order-echo-past>

Woodbury Bulletin

Letters to the Editor in followup to the article above.

February 15, 2017

On ads in sports and front-page news

A comment and a question. The comment is that the placement of the large ad by the St. Croix casino for gambling was illy placed in the sports section with the area high school athletes.

It was in poor taste and reflected bad judgment by the person responsible for such ad placements. It is beneath the quality of the newspaper.

My question is this: Do you believe the front-page article by Youssef Rddad about Trump's order was objective?

Youssef comes across as a card-carrying Democrat who has yet to come to grips with the election which resulted in Trump winning and his party's candidate losing.

He took advantage of his being a member of the press and is an example of why many hold the press in such low regard.

Lance Johnson, Woodbury

Editor's note: Lance Johnson is writing in response to a story titled, "Does Trump order echo the past?" published Feb. 8.

March 1, 2017

Lance Johnson's Feb. 15 letter bashes Bulletin reporter Youssef Rddad for his well-written and thoughtful article "Does Trump order echo the past?" in which he profiled elderly Woodbury resident Yoshio Matsumoto. He interviewed Mr. Matsumoto regarding his experiences in a Japanese internment camp in California during WWII. As the article stated, this was tied to the 75th anniversary in February of this very black blot on our country's history, and its memories had Mr. Matsumoto concerned about the Trump administration's travel ban, and "guilt by association." We need to be reminded more often of the mistakes we've made as a country so hopefully we do not repeat them.

Mr. Johnson had nothing to say about the article's actual content but instead attacked the reporter, including that he "comes across as a card-carrying Democrat" and "is an example of why many hold the press in such low regard." Now, I have never met Mr. Rddad and would have no idea if he is a Democrat, "card-carrying" or otherwise. (By the way, what does that even mean?) But maybe Mr. Johnson has inside information, as I would hope he wouldn't make judgments on the basis of someone's name.

On Feb. 16 I watched Trump's mess of a press conference in which numerous times he attacked the reporters because he didn't like what they had written about him. In other words, instead of debating the message, kill the messenger. This is not only wrong, but is very dangerous to our country. It doesn't matter if it's the New York Times or the Woodbury Bulletin, journalists do not deserve to be denigrated for doing their job.

Carol Turnbull, Woodbury

4. Star Tribune- February 12, 2017

Curt Brown, "A humiliation that time can't erase"

Features Hannah Semba, Ed Yoshikawa, Sally Sudo, and Jim Kiriara.

<http://www.startribune.com/shame-lives-on-75-years-after-forced-removal-of-japanese/413495633>

5. Lillie News - February 14, 2017

Mike Munzenrider, "Roseville residents mark 75 years since incarceration during World War II"

Features Bill Doi and Bill Hirabayashi.

<http://www.lillienews.com/articles/2017/02/14/roseville-residents-mark-75-years-incarceration-during-world-war-ii>

6. Sun Sailor- February 16, 2017

Seth Rowe, "St. Louis Park resident recalls imprisonment in WWII internment camps"

Features Jim Kiriara.

<https://sailor.mnsun.com/2017/02/15/st-louis-park-resident-recalls-imprisonment-in-world-war-ii-internment-camps/>

7. Sun Post - February 16, 2017

Kevin Miller, "Japanese internment camp survivors reflect on their experience"

Features Takeshi and Alice Osada. Includes video clips of their interview.

<http://post.mnsun.com/2017/02/16/video-japanese-internment-camp-survivors-reflect-on-their-experience/>

8. MinnPost - February 17, 2017

Yuichiro Onishi, "How to remember the wartime Japanese-American incarceration"

<https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2017/02/how-remember-wartime-japanese-american-incarceration>

Article by Yuichiro Onishi, Associate Professor in the Department of African American and African Studies at the University of Minnesota. In Fall 2016, he co-taught a course with John Matsunaga titled, "75 Years After Japanese American Incarceration: Remembering a Tragic Past in the Age of Islamophobia and Resurgent Bigotry and Violence."

9. MPR News - February 17, 2017

Nancy Yang, "'What did I do to deserve this?': The 75th anniversary of Japanese incarceration"

Features interviews of Sally Sudo and Hannah Semba.

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/02/17/75th-anniversary-japanese-internment>

10. Fox News (9 pm and 10 pm news) - Feb. 19, 2017

Reporter Ted Haller, "Survivors mark 75 years since executive order incarcerated Japanese Americans"

Features interviews of Lucy Kiriara, Jim Kiriara, and Bill Hirabayashi, footage of Kogen Taiko's performance.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/236796556-story>

11. KSTP-5 Eyewitness News, 10 p.m. broadcast - February 19, 2017

"Learning from history."

Features footage from the Day of Remembrance program and an interview of Sally Sudo.

Note: there is no on-line link. Please visit the Twin Cities JACL website to view this video.

12. Star Tribune - February 20, 2017

"The day they were sent away."

Features a photograph of Bill Doi and Bill Hirabayashi at the Day of Remembrance event, taken by photographer Richard Tsong-Taataii.

Note: there is no on-line link. Please refer to the original *Star Tribune* newspaper article.

13. Channel 11 News at 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. - February 21, 2017

Reporter Jana Shortal, "Minnesota woman reflects on internment camps."

Features an interview of Lucy Kiriara.

<http://www.kare11.com/entertainment/television/programs/breaking-the-news/minn-woman-reflects-on-internment-camps/411088709>

14. White Bear Press / Shoreview Press - Feb 21, 2017

Julie Kink, "75 years later, resident reflects on life in internment camp"

Features George Murakami.

http://www.presspubs.com/shoreview/news/article_80e9d5a6-f856-11e6-9d0c-8785c1636794.html

White Bear Press

Letter to the Editor in follow-up to article above

Mar 8, 2017

"Historical internment reminds of present day bigotry"

The story of George Murakami, "75 years later, resident reflects on life in internment camp," and other Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II is more than a cautionary tale about governmental overreach in times of crisis. The racial profiling, exclusion, indefinite detention, and abrogation of Constitutional and human rights experienced by Americans of Japanese descent comprise a kind of "history of the present." The racism and failure of political leadership that led to the Japanese American incarceration are being revisited in the present-day demonizing of American Muslims and the pending discriminatory ban on immigrants and refugees.

Although Muslims have not yet been detained behind barbed wire fences, the executive orders issued by the current administration echo the xenophobia and institutional bigotry that subjected Japanese Americans to unprecedented surveillance and unwarranted incarceration 75 years ago.

The Day of Remembrance program commemorating the Japanese American incarceration was held this past Feb. 19, the date in 1942 that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which initiated the exclusion and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens, including my parents. The program highlighted stories of incarceration, much like George Murakami's, and also included narratives of American Muslims whose current experiences are disturbingly reminiscent of former Japanese American incarcerated. The Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (co-sponsor of the event with the Minnesota Historical Society) presented a Statement of Solidarity in partnership with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN), stating that we "stand in solidarity and declare our unity of purpose against racism, xenophobia, religious bigotry and hate. We stand together in the common pursuit of global justice, civil liberties and human rights, hope, compassion and love."

We invite friends and allies to join us in remembering the Japanese American incarceration and in ensuring that it is not repeated in our present-day treatment of any of our diverse American communities.

Gordon Nakagawa

White Bear Lake

http://www.presspubs.com/white_bear/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/article_89285be8-03a0-11e7-af04-17ad070337c9.html

15. Bloomington Sun Current - March 2, 2017

Mike Hanks, "Bloomington women recall WWII incarceration"

Features Sally Sudo and Lucy Kirihara.

<http://current.mnsun.com/2017/03/04/bloomington-women-recall-years-of-political-incarceration/>

16. Edina Sun Current - March 30, 2017

Ethan Groothuis, "Internment history, firsthand - Students learn about internment camps from survivor."

Article reporting on Hannah Semba's visit to South View Middle School on March 22, 2017.

<http://current.mnsun.com/2017/03/31/students-learn-about-internment-camps-from-survivor/>

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