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President's Message - Amy Dickerson

Recently the Business Times wrote: "The value of volunteering is much deeper, much more fulfilling and much more important in contributing to a healthy and vibrant community than money can ever measure."

People volunteer for an endless variety of reasons. Many people want to gain experience, acquire new skills, meet new people or expand their network of contacts as a way to get a new job or start a career. Others just want to give back to their community, help a friend or promote a worthwhile activity. They do it because it makes them feel good. This is the intrinsic value of volunteering."

When I decided to join the TC JACL, I volunteered at the Festival of Nations and helped in the merchandise booth. This was a great way for me to meet other JACL members. I had a great experience helping the organization with their main fundraiser. I continue to volunteer at this event each year.

I encourage TC JACL members or individuals interested in the Twin Cities JACL to volunteer for one of our events. Here are some of the events coming up at the second half of 2018:

- Go For Broke Exhibit: Film screening, Beyond the Barb Wire on August 11, 2018 at 1:00PM
- Go For Broke Exhibit: Public Lecture, Japanese American Resettlement to St. Paul: The International Institute, the War Relocation Authority, and Ruth & Earl Tanbara on August 18 at 1:00 PM
- Lantern Festival in St. Paul starts at 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Multiple volunteer shifts
- TC JACL Picnic: August 25th we are looking for Youth volunteers to help with games
- Midwest District Council Fall Conference: September 7-8, 2018 at Fort Snelling. We are looking for volunteers to help with serving breakfast, lunch, assisting at meetings, assisting with Youth Conference
- Normandale Japanese Fall Festival on September 22th, 11:30AM to 5:00 PM, multiple volunteer shifts

Please contact me if you have any interest in volunteering at the TC JACL events or if you want to be on a volunteer call list. I will put you in contact with the correct coordinator. My email is: adickerson323@gmail.com

I want thank all the volunteers that put in hours of time, work and effort during the first half of 2018. I started putting together a list, but realized there are 40 to 50 people I needed to list. I decide to recognize by groups:

- The board of directors for coordinating all the events the TC JACL put on throughout the year.
- The Education Committee for all the time and efforts they have taken on to fulfill awarded grants. The last two years they have produce incredible events and exhibits. The most recent project is the Go For Broke Exhibit and events continue through September 7th.
- The Scholarship Committee continues to award scholarships to Sansei and Yonsei students and keep this program running smoothly each year.
- To our communication volunteers that produce the Rice Paper, the email blasts, the communication pieces and social media
- To the recent group of youth volunteers that have been coming out and helping us
- To all the TC JACL members and other volunteers who have contributed to our events to make them successful.

I end with a quote from H. Jackson Brown Jr. "Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

“Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American WWII Experience”

Free and open to the public.

On view through September 3, 2018

Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center, 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, MN; (612) 726-1171; mnhs.org/fortsnelling

Visitor Center hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday & Labor Day: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Upcoming Free Public Programs at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center

1. Documentary Film Screening of *“Beyond the Barbed Wire: Japanese Americans in Minnesota”*

Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.



Film Description

This documentary is a part of the St. Olaf College’s digital humanities project, which aims to preserve and present the unique experiences of Japanese Americans who came to Minnesota during World War II. Interviews of Twin Cities JACL members are included. The film project is dedicated to unsung heroes, untold histories, and unforgettable stories.

The film screening will be followed by discussion with St. Olaf College Professor Ka Wong and his collaborators Hikari Sugisaki and Paul Sullivan.

2. Public Lecture on *“Japanese American Resettlement to St. Paul: The International Institute, the War Relocation Authority, and Ruth and Earl Tanbara”*



Presented by Krista Finstad Hanson

Date: Saturday, August 18, 2018

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Krista Finstad Hanson, a local writer, historian and teacher, will present her research findings about largely untold accounts of Japanese Americans’ efforts to begin their lives anew in St. Paul, MN, and the local people that aided these efforts during World War II.

Photograph was taken at New Year's Eve at the YWCA in downtown St. Paul, 1942. Hosts are Earl (7th from the left) and Ruth Tanbara (4th from the left). The guests pictured are resettled Japanese American young women and Military Intelligence Service soldiers training at Fort Snelling. From Around the World In St. Paul by Alice Sickels, University of Minnesota Press, 1945.



Normandale's Nihon Teien Matsuri will take place on Saturday, September 22, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This Japanese Garden Festival is returning for its fifth year! The festival features food, martial arts demos, traditional drums and dance, a shopping boutique and more!

Twin Cities JACL will again have a table at this event. We will be selling various items.

Normandale Community College is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a brunch that morning so there may be more than the 3,500 visitors that attended last year.

If you are interested in volunteering to help staff the JACL table, please contact Gloria Kumagai, Gloriak377@aol.com, 763-377-5602.



Chrysanthemum Banquet - Save the Date

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Normandale Hylands Methodist Church

Address: 9920 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55437

Our Guest Speaker: David Inoue, JACL Executive Director

From the JACL DC website: The JACL-DC chapter is happy to welcome David Inoue, longtime DC chapter member and board member, in his new position as JACL National's executive director. We look forward to continuing our work with him and seeing him at our upcoming chapter events! Below is an excerpt from David's welcome letter that will be included in our upcoming News Notes.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the national executive director for the JACL. To represent the Washington, DC chapter, which I have been a member of since moving here in 2001, is an even greater privilege. It is because of the rich history and dedication from the members of this chapter that I even considered the possibility of serving in this role.

Serving on the board for our chapter, in many ways has helped prepare me for this role. First, I know that I have the vast resources of this chapter to reach out to. Many of you have played a pivotal role in the chapter and the national organization....JACL is not without its challenges. I hope that the successes of our local chapter can in some ways be transferred to the national level. Not all chapters have the advantages we do in Washington, DC such as a constant influx of new young and energetic youth as interns and fellows or a relatively high standard of living. But there are lessons to be learned from what we have done well as a chapter and I look forward to sharing those with others and bringing new ideas from around the country back home. I have begun the process of learning about the many different JACL chapters. I certainly don't want to exclude the DC chapter from that process. Although I am familiar with many of you, please do not hesitate to call or email me with a thought or suggestion. As I emphasized at the Sayonara Banquet in July, JACL is a membership organization and you are the membership. I look forward to working for and with all of you.



Join us for a JACL Book Club event

Potluck (bring a dish to share, and join in on a book discussion)

Book: Midnight in Broad Daylight by Pamela Rotner Sakamoto

November 3, 2018 Saturday at 4:00 PM

RSVP: adickerson323@gmail.com

“Midnight in Broad Daylight is the true story of a family divided by war. After their father’s death in Seattle, the Fukuhara children — all born and raised in the Pacific Northwest — moved to Hiroshima with their mother. Eager to go back to America, two of the children — Mary and Harry — returned in the late 1930s. Then came Pearl Harbor. Despite being sent to an internment camp with Mary, Harry volunteered to serve his country. Back in Hiroshima, their brothers Frank and Pierce became soldiers in the Japanese Imperial Army.

As the war raged, Harry, one of the finest bilingual interpreters in the United States Army, island-hopped across the Pacific, moving ever closer to the enemy—and to his brothers. But before the Fukuharas would have to face each other in battle, the U.S. detonated the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, gravely injuring tens of thousands of civilians, including members of their own family.

Alternating between the American and Japanese perspectives, *Midnight in Broad Daylight* captures the uncertainty and intensity of those charged with the fighting as well as the deteriorating home front of Hiroshima—as never seen before in English—and provides a fresh look at the dropping of the first atomic bomb. Intimate and evocative, it is an indelible portrait of a resilient family, a scathing examination of racism and xenophobia, an homage to the tremendous Japanese American contribution to the American war effort, and an invaluable addition to the historical record of this extraordinary time



Muslim Ban March

Submitted by Karen Lucas

Twin Cities JACL members attended a rally and march at the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Minneapolis on June 27 to protest the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold President Trump’s third rendition of a Muslim Travel Ban after his first two were repeatedly struck down by federal appeals courts. The ban has been challenged on the grounds that it violates the First Amendment to the Constitution which prohibits the government establishment of religion and the Fifth Amendment’s guarantee of equal treatment under the law. On June 26, 2018 the Supreme court in a 5-4 split upheld

Trump’s Muslim Ban 3.0.

Around 700 participated in the Minneapolis rally with speakers from Jaylani Hussein, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, State Representative Ilhan Omar, Rachel English of the Jewish Community Action, our own Twin Cities JACL representative Gordon Nakagawa and others. The group then marched through closed off downtown streets. Other members of the TCJACL who participated in the march/rally included Todd Tsuchiya, John Matsunaga, Karen and Steve Lucas.

While the media draws the analogy of a violation of civil rights similar to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans, these are not equivalent. There is the significant distinction that during World War II, Japanese Americans who were violated were predominantly U.S. citizens. In the Muslim Ban, these are not citizens but aspiring refugees, asylum seekers, family members and legal residents who are affected. It would be more accurate to compare the Muslim Ban to the 1875 Chinese Exclusion Act and the 1924 Asian Exclusion Act that barred Japanese from immigrating. These were U.S. policies that discriminated based on race, religion and ethnicity and, like the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans, the justification given for the Muslim Ban is based on spurious grounds of national security.

2018 High School Graduates Honored by Twin Cities JACL



Pictured: Amy Dickerson (TC JACL President), Claire Restad, Akiko Nakagawa, Yoji Ishii

The Twin Cities JACL's 55th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church in Bloomington. The following 2018 high school graduates were honored during the program.

Eva Birkholz (Robbinsdale Armstrong High School)

Yoji Ishii (Wayzata High School)

Akiko Nakagawa (Roseville Area High School)

Claire Restad (Roseville Area High School)

Graduates and guests were greeted by Twin Cities JACL Chapter president, Amy Dickerson. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. During the program, Akiko Nakagawa performed an oboe solo.

Scholarship awards totaled \$6250.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship – **Yoji Ishii**

Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship – **Clare Restad**

Annie Sakai Girard and Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship – **Eva Birkholz**

Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship – **Akiko Nakagawa**

Minoru and Mary Yoshida Memorial Scholarship – **Akiko Nakagawa**

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2018 graduates!

If you know of any 2018 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or scholarship@tcjacl.org. Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2019 high school graduates are: Grace Bocek (Wayzata High School), Jack Dagoberg (Wayzata High School), Kullan Daikawa (Centennial High School), Marissa Dulas (Edina High School), Ben Hidani (Wayzata High School), Danielle Honda (Mounds Park Academy), Laoise Murphy (Chaska High School), Alyssa Romportl (Osseo High School), Sam Sikkink, Shogo Umeda (Wayzata High School), Rina Yamamoto, Macy Rei Yonekawa (Nova Classical Academy).

If you are interested in learning more about these scholarships, please contact scholarship@tcjacl.org. Donations may be sent to TC JACL Scholarship c/o Fred Tsuchiya, 5311 Scenic Heights Drive, Minnetonka, MN, 55345.

Submitted by Pam Dagoberg



The Relevance of JACL Today – Eva Birkholz

*This year's scholarship applicants were required to write an essay titled *The Relevance of JACL Today*. They were encouraged to seek out family members or to visit www.jacl.org as they researched their essay. Applicants were asked if they would give their permission to publish their essay in the Rice Paper newsletter. Today, we are happy to share the essay of one of these students.*

“Whatever happens, happens.” This well-known mantra is, in fact, rather accurate. In all situations, whether it be taking a tumultuous tumble down a flight of stairs or burning your tongue on a viciously hot cup of coffee, suffering the wrath of “Asian stereotyping” or losing government funding on the protection of a historical recognition monument, stuff happens. JACL is the group that, in today's society, is devoted to reducing the misfortunes of inequality. No act is more noble and more necessary than to speak up for civil rights, as JACL has been diligently doing for eighty-eight strong years.

When applying to colleges, I always took the time to scavenge each and every college website for the little colorful pie chart of ethnicity. My discovery was, to put it simply, that one could eat for a lot longer with a slice of pie the size of “What/Caucasian” on the chart than the portion labeled “Asian/Pacific Islander” at every single college I looked at. From everything I've learned and experienced as a Japanese-American, ethnic diversity is a difficult thing to achieve in colleges. JACL's scholarship programs (like this one) are what have helped – and will continue to help – that mere portion in the chart gain a few diversity percentiles and push along Asian-American achievement in universities around the country.

JACL makes sure that the world doesn't forget about the true brutality of Japanese Incarceration during World War II. In recent times, the Trump administration has cut funding toward Japanese-American Confinement Sites program (JACS), rejecting JACL's attempts to continue to fund the educational and historical preservation of Japanese internment camps and to recognize the wrongs committed against Asian Pacific Americans. Ensuring that the past is not completely forgotten is imperative in safeguarding the future generations of Americans' safety from such a terrible crime against humanity.

Another critical issue that remains at large in today's society is the wretchedly persistent plague of bullying. While it may not appear to be as loud of an issue as say, protecting national history, in many ways it is even more vital that perpetrators of bullying be apprehended because of the crippling and long term effects on the thousands and thousands of victims. JACL has condemned countless occasions of bullying and racism around the country, taken a stand, and called out the crimes as to remind the American public of the consequential occurrences.

Injustice is happening all around us, whether we see it or not. It's in the media, in schools, in the government, in families, in workplaces. The world needs people to stand up to injustice and inequality, and that's just what JACL does. Thanks to the integrity and determination of the Japanese American Citizens League, more ethnically diverse students can get a higher education, minority students can feel safer in their schools, and the historical mistakes of the past are learned from rather than repeated. Today's world – more than ever – needs organizations like JACL to guide us into a more equal and harmonious future.

Tomodachi Super Senior Luncheon



Photo cred: Connie Tsuchiya



Chris Noonan was interviewed by Kare11 in May. At the time of this Rice Paper publication, The Great Minnesota Get-Together will start in less than a month! Submitted by Jan Kiriara

100 days until Minnesota State Fair

The Great Minnesota Get-Together is August 23-Labor Day, Sept. 3.

Author: Heidi Wigdahl

Published: May 14, 2018

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. -- Tuesday marks 100 days until the Minnesota State Fair.

"Can't believe it's only 100 days away," said Christine Noonan, marketing and advertising supervisor at the Minnesota State Fair.

Noonan said they've been getting ready for this year's fair, since the last day of the 2017 fair.

So far, fair officials have announced the complete 2018 Grandstand lineup.

"Next up we're going to be announcing all of our free stage entertainment. That's 900 shows by 100+ acts over 12 days and nights and that announcement will be coming within the next few weeks," Noonan said.

New foods will be announced some time in mid to late June, followed by new attractions in July.

Besides construction on a new restroom, Noonan said they are also reconfiguring the Pet Center and Pet Pavilion.

"The Pet Center building itself is going to become the new home of a great food and drink and entertainment establishment. Then the dog exhibit booths, the outdoor demonstration area, and all the great merchandise booths that were located in the Pet Center, are going to move to the new Pet Pavilion area also up on the north end," Noonan explained.

Tickets are already [on sale](#) for the fair. The pre-fair discount admission tickets cost \$11.

To read the full article in its entirety, please go to the following link-

<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/100-days-until-minnesota-state-fair/89-552050290>

Go For Broke Traveling Exhibit Now at Fort Snelling Opening Night A Big Hit!

“Fantastic” “Fabulous” “Extremely well done” “Terrific” “Wow!” “Great program” “Excellent keynote” and “...the food was even better!” were comments registered by attendees of the opening night of “Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience” on June 30 in St. Paul, MN. Over 160 people attended the exhibit and reception and listened to keynote speaker, Dr. Mitch Maki, president and CEO of the Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC), sponsors of the traveling exhibit. The exhibit runs through Sept. 3, 2018 and can be viewed free during open hours of Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center. John Matsunaga, Twin Cities JACL (TCJACL) board member, emceed the program which included a welcome by Melanie Adams, Senior Director, Guest Experience & Educational Services of the Minnesota Historical Society. Stephen Kagawa, Chair of the Board of Directors of GFBNEC expressed his appreciation having come from Hawaii and the “land of people who eat Spam” to being in the “land of the people who make Spam (Hormel in Austin, MN).”

In addition to the core GFBNEC unique hands-on interactives and informative panels on the history of Japanese Americans during WWII, the exhibit presents displays curated by the local TCJACL on the history of the Military Intelligence Service Language School housed in Savage, MN and Fort Snelling and a virtual reality walk through of the remains of the old MISLS classrooms. It explores the challenges and obstacles encountered by Japanese Americans attempting to rebuild their lives in Minnesota as they came out of camps facing both racism and exclusion as well as support and aid from local individuals and organizations. Also notable are multiple artifact cases featuring items loaned by 442 veterans, MIS veterans, as well as crafts and items loaned by local community members representing seven of the ten Japanese American WWII concentration camps.

The weekend of the exhibit opening was an event filled one for the TCJACL organizers. It started with a Minnesota Public Radio taping of behind the scenes stories with interviews and photos of survivors of the Minidoka concentration camp, Sally Sudo and Lucy Kiriara, as well as MIS veteran, Bud Nakasone, and Dr. Maki followed by a tour of the newly opened interpretive history classroom of the MISLS complete with a costumed docent at the old Fort Snelling. A welcome dinner followed that evening.

Exhibit opening day began with a well attended youth interactive workshop held at Augsburg College and led by Dr. Maki. This moving and verbally engaging exercise challenged participants to relive the wrenching choices and decisions compelled by the forced removal, the loyalty questionnaire, military recruitment, and draft resistance as an act of conscience. It addressed the late rise of activism, the solicitation of cathartic testimonies for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and revealed the incredibly powerful story of political organizing, lobbying and strategizing to finally achieve Apology and Redress for a wronged community. As one of the authors of “Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Obtained Redress”, Dr. Maki was eminently qualified to lead this inspiring workshop.

Submitted by Karen Lucas



*L. - R Veterans Al Yamamoto, Ed Yoshikawa, George Murakami, Bud Nakasone
Seated: Butch Kumagai*



*Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Mitchell Maki,
President and CEO,
Go for Broke
National Education
Center*



*Emcee: John
Matsunaga*



*Susan Kaneko Binkley,
Principal/Creative
Director-Breeze
Communication Arts*

Go For Broke Traveling Exhibit Fort Snelling - Opening Night



Melanie Adams, Senior Director, Guest Experience and Educational Services from the Minnesota Historical Society, and David Beckford.



Mike Lapensky; Bruce Murasaki; Stephen Kagawa, Chair of the GFBNEC Board of Directors; Mitch Maki, President and CEO of GFBNEC; and Lynn Murasaki, cousin of Mitch Maki.

Youth Interactive Workshop



Workshop attendees in front of a slide of President Ronald Reagan signing the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

1st row (l to r): Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Andy Aoki, Sally Sudo, Mitch Maki, Elizabeth Fugikawa, Karen Tanaka Lucas, Lisa Hintermeister, Garry Hesser.

2nd row: Akia Yang, Athena Yang, Sue Vang, Naomi Strait, Marissa Dulas, Elizabeth Tremmel, Alfred Ono, Ben Hartmann, Duane Nguyen, Janet Nguyen, Richiko Kamata, Takehito Kamata, Daniel Dulas.

3rd row: Todd Tsuchiya, Alexander Yang, Steve Lucas, Ayanna Platt, John Matsunaga, Louise Platt, Jahi Davis, Matthew Dulas.



Dr. Mitch Maki giving an introduction to his interactive presentation on "Restoring America's Promise."

Recent News Items of Interest

1. “Exhibit Recalls Japanese-American Internment during WWII”

By Emma Sapong

MPR News, June 29, 2018

Sally Sudo, Lucy Kirihaara, Bud Nakasone, Karen Tanaka Lucas, and Mitch Maki were interviewed by MPR on June 29 at the media preview of “Courage and Compassion” at Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center. Read the article (with photos of Lucy, Sally, Bud and Mitch), and listen to the broadcast at:

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2018/06/29/exhibit-recalls-japanese-american-internment-of-wwii>



Twin Cities residents Lucy Kirihaara, left, and Sally Sudo both spent over 3 years of their childhoods living with their families in the Minidoka incarceration camp in Idaho in the early 1940s. They spoke to the media at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center in St. Paul on Friday, June 29, 2018. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Edwin "Bud" Nakasone of St. Paul reads a display about Minnesota's secret school for language of which he was a part. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Mitchell Maki, president and CEO of Go For Broke National Education Center in Los Angeles, looks over part of the traveling exhibit. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Edwin "Bud" Nakasone of St. Paul points out his jacket and medals featured in a display. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Edwin "Bud" Nakasone of St. Paul points out his jacket and medals featured in a display about Minnesota's secret school for language of which he was a part during a media preview of "Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience" at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center in St. Paul Friday, June 29, 2018. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



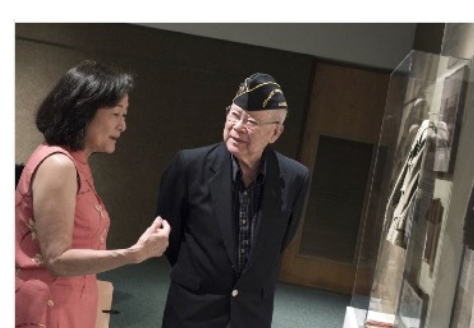
Notebooks from the 1940s are displayed next to a photo of members of the Military Intelligence Service Language School in the exhibit. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



A display asks guests to share their own experiences of everyday acts of courage in the exhibit "Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience" at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center in St. Paul Friday, June 29, 2018. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Walter Tanaka's "pocket" dictionary is displayed. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Edwin "Bud" Nakasone, right, of St. Paul talks with Karen Tanaka Lucas of Apple Valley. *Courtesy Perry for MPR News*



Recent News continued...

2. "Senate Confirms Paul Nakasone to Lead the NSA, US Cyber Command"

By Ellen Nakashima

Washington Post, April 24, 2018

The change-of-command ceremony took place on May 4, and the position comes with a promotion to four-star General. Congratulations to General Paul Nakasone and the Nakasone family!

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/senate-confirms-paul-nakasone-to-lead-the-nsa-us-cyber-command/2018/04/24/52c95ca4-47e8-11e8-9072-f6d4bc32f223_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.25f663bd7bf9

3. "Order 9066"

APM Reports and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History presents "Order 9066."

This eight-chapter series, with bonus segments, chronicles the history of the Japanese American incarceration through first-person accounts and narration by Sab Shimono and Pat Suzuki, veteran actors and stage performers who were both incarcerated at Amache. The series is being broadcast on MPR 91.1 and is available on podcast at:

<https://www.apmreports.org/order-9066>

4. "I Know What Incarceration Does to Families. It Happened to Mine"

By Michiko Kakutani

New York Times, July 13, 2018

In 1942, my mother, her parents and her sister were sent to an internment camp by the U.S. government. I worry that history is repeating itself.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/13/opinion/when-america-incarcerated-my-family.html>

The last two news items were brought to our attention by Murtice Sherek, who organized the Rochester Saint Marys School of Nursing "Courage and Compassion" exhibition. Thank you, Murtice!

Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

Volunteers Make 2018 Festival of Nations Another Successful Year

Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers we raised a recent record setting \$9,000 (net profit) for TCJACL events and activities for this year. There were over 40 individuals who volunteered time and effort for the May 2018 four day event!! Those of you who worked the Friday “student day” are to be especially commended. Friday gross sales came to almost half of the total sales for the entire 4 day Festival and exceeded last years Friday intake by \$3000!

Volunteers this year had a lot of fun and got to reconnect with or meet other JACLers. We experienced community pride in having one of the most complimented booths in the bazaar and a felt a sense of cultural authenticity. It seemed that despite being in a back corner of the venue, we became a “destination booth.”

A peace crane making session was held in March, making around 150 cranes on a stick to sell at the Festival of Nations. Then we rewarded ourselves with lunch.



Seated left to right: Phil Nomura, Amy Dickerson, Steve Lucas, Vini Taguchi, Micaela Magee, Karen Lucas, Elizabeth Fugikawa and Mary Kojima. Missing are Carolyn Nayematsu and her grandson Ben and Lisa Shakerin who were not able to stay.



Thanks to:

Steve Savitt for storage of our merchandise during the year.

Steve Lucas, Steve Savitt and Matt Farrells for loading and moving merchandise from storage to RiverCentre.

Matt Farrells, Cary and Peggy Yamanaka for helping to set up the lanterns.

Lisa Shakerin, Carolyn Nayematsu, Joyce Miyamoto and Karen Lucas for help with booth set up.

Our awesome booth sales force: Lorrie Saito, Natasha Vaubel, Carolyn Nayematsu, Karen Lucas, Lisa Shakerin, Sylvia Farrells, Joyce Miyamoto, Joyce Rank, Sudie Hofmann, Amy Dickerson, Elizabeth Fugikawa, Cece Cope, Chris Noonan, Mary Kojima, John Borkenhagen, Mary and Russ Dennison, Mari, Lynn and Tim Thompson, Judy and George Murakami, Noriko Freeman, Vini Taguchi, Micaela Magee, Connie Fukuda and Dave Clark, Renee Shakerin, Gloria Kumagai and Steve Savitt, Dave, Madalyn, and Lisa Hintermeister. The Hintermeister's were invaluable in taking down the booth and loading it into the truck for moving out.

My apologies to anyone I forgot to include.



Photo on the left at change of shift Friday: Joyce Miyamoto, Sudie Hofmann, Lisa Shakerin, Elizabeth Fugikawa, Cece Cope, Joyce Rank, Amy Dickerson, Sylvia Farrells. Photo on the right: a small break in the crowd reveals hachimaki sign and origami paper stand

Help wanted for 2019. Next year will be my fifth year of coordinating the Festival Booth and I plan to step down after 2019. This work really needs a small group. Areas of responsibility include 1) Merchandise storage and delivery 2) Booth set up and take down and displays 3) Volunteer coordination 4) Merchandise exploration and ordering, inventory and pricing. If there are people willing to take on any one of these areas or willing to be overall coordinator, please contact me. We have had a Festival Booth for decades. If we do not enter a booth, another group such as Japan American Society or one of the sister-city programs will jump at the chance to have it and we may not be able to get it back.

Submitted by Karen Lucas

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Twin Cities JACL Co-Sponsors “Challenging Islamophobia” Conference

By Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

The Twin Cities JACL co-sponsored “Challenging Islamophobia,” a full-day conference organized by the Minnesota Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN). Held at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs on May 10, 2018, over 200 educators, activists, politicians, and concerned community members came together to discuss the current state of Islamophobia, and develop strategies for dismantling it.

Twin Cities JACL members presented a breakout session titled, “Challenging Islamophobia Through Japanese American Incarceration History.” John Matsunaga gave a brief historical background on the Japanese American incarceration, Sally Sudo shared her experiences of being imprisoned with her family at Minidoka, and Gordon Nakagawa concluded with a presentation on the power of storytelling in personalizing and confronting the experiences of Japanese Americans then and American Muslims now.

Conference attendee, Todd Tsuchiya, whose mother and father were incarcerated at Gila River and Jerome, respectively, stated that he “previously thought it was widely accepted that the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans was not justified, as exemplified by an official apology from the U.S. government.” “But,” he continued, “it is frightening to see the parallels in today’s society, especially from the current administration, which leads me to believe that this is not the case....I appreciate these efforts to educate about our community’s experiences so that history does not repeat itself.”

In front of a packed auditorium, Sally Sudo opened the afternoon plenary session by discussing the parallels between the experiences of Japanese Americans and American Muslims. In her remarks, she also recounted recent collaborations between the Twin Cities JACL and CAIR-MN in response to Executive Orders 13769 and 13780. At the Day of Remembrance program in St. Paul, MN on February 19, 2017, Jaylani Hussein, Executive Director of CAIR-MN, and Amy Dickerson, Twin Cities JACL president, presented a Joint Statement of Solidarity. Since then, the two organizations have worked together on several community programs in a collective effort to speak out against anti-Muslim sentiment and hate crimes in Minnesota.

At a session on “National and International Trends of Islamophobia,” Karen Tanaka Lucas learned about the existence of “tiny groups or individuals who are very highly agitated and effective, and who, through organizing, are able to dominate public discourse and sway public opinion.” An example she cited was the opposition to the proposed Muslim Community Center near the site of the 9/11 tragedy. “We need equally effective, vocal and organized small groups on the opposite side to reframe this debate,” she stated. “I left wondering if this is what failed to happen during the WWII mass incarceration of Japanese Americans.”



(Pictured L to R): Gordon Nakagawa, Sally Sudo and John Matsunaga answer questions at their session on the Japanese American World War II experience.



Yuichiro Onishi moderates the afternoon plenary session on “Impact of Islamophobia in Minnesota and Abroad: Stories of Resilience.”

Attendees learn about the Japanese American WWII incarceration experience and ways to challenge Islamophobia through sharing personal testimonies from then and now at the morning breakout session.



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Applications are due 15 October 2018.

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Thank you to Karen and Steve Lucas for hosting the reception at their home on June 29, 2018 to welcome **Mitch Maki** and **Stephen Kagawa** from the **Go For Broke National Education Center**.



1st row: Sally Sudo, Lucy Kiriara, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

2nd row: John Matsunaga, Ben Hartmann, Mitch Maki, Gordon Nakagawa, Sylvia Farrells, Les Suzukamo, Karen Suzukamo, Gloria Kumagai, Karen Tanaka Lucas, Elizabeth Fugikawa, Steve Savitt, Amy Dickerson, Jon Dickerson, Stephen Kagawa, Alfred Ono, Andy Aoki, and Steve Lucas.

Not pictured: Melanie Adams, David Beckford, Daniel Dulas (photographer)



S. Bill Doi

Doi, S. Bill Age 101. Born August 31, 1916, died May 16, 2018. Bill lived in Roseville. Survived by his 5 children: Peggy, David (Sue), Dede (Terry), Jon (Sharon) and Sandi (Rick); 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Iky (99 years) and Yoshio (95 years).

Preceded in death by his wife, Peggie; twin daughters, Mary Louise & Sandra Mary; brothers, Jim and Susumi. Bill was born in Leland, WA and was valedictorian of his high school class. His desire to pursue art was interrupted in the spring of 1942 when he was imprisoned in the Tule

Lake Internment Camp with thousands of other Japanese Americans. In late 1942 Bill enlisted in the US Army and went from Tule Lake to join the Military Intelligence School at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling and served until 1947. He asked his future wife, Peggie, to join him in MN, gaining her release from camp. They married in June 1943 and had 67 years of loving happiness until her death in 2011. After the army, Bill renewed his pursuit of art and received a BA from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in 1950. He had a successful career in advertising, mentoring many young ad execs until he retired in 1983. After enduring the injustice of internment, Bill dedicated thousands of volunteer hours toward civil and human rights, working with local, state, national and international organizations to improve the lives of the oppressed and less fortunate and to fight for social justice. He was also a founder of the Minnesota Nikkei project, which offers support and social contact to older Japanese. Bill found time to travel with Peggie to 6 of the 7 continents. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and humanitarian. He will be deeply missed. Celebration of Life: Tuesday, May 22, 4:30 - 7:30 PM with time of sharing at 6 PM, at Roseville Memorial Chapel (2245 N. Hamline Ave. [651/631-2727](http://www.rosevillememorialchapel.com)). Memorial Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 AM, Wednesday, May 23, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church (2131 Fairview Ave. Roseville) followed by lunch. Military Funeral Honors at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Little Hospice, Twin Cities JACL Scholarship Fund or Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

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Jim Kiriara

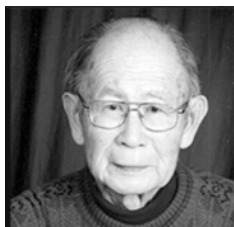
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Kiriara, Jim Age 93 of St Louis Park died peacefully on June 19, 2018 at Masonic Home Assisted Living. Preceded in death by wife Shigeko and brother Mikio. Survived by children, Terry (Cecelia), Randy (Julie), Marsha (Mike) and grandchildren, Jim, Amy, Tom, Paul, Charlie, and Christopher. A special thanks to the Masonic Home and Heartland Hospice staff for their help and support. Jim was a long time Mason and Shriner and the friendships he shared were a very

important part of his life. Memorial service to be held 11AM Friday, July 27 at the chapel in the

Masonic Home, 11501 Masonic Home Drive in Bloomington with access via the west main entrance. Visitation one hour before the service in the Dan Patch Hall with a luncheon afterwards. Memorials preferred to the Twin Cities JACL Education committee.

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Tsuchiya, Albert T. November 28, 1929 July 14, 2018 Passed away at age 88 surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Saki Tsuchiya (nee Ohno) for 60 years. Loving father of Carol (James) Reitz, Ann (John) Hill, Brian (Cheral) Tsuchiya, and Julie (Richmond) Diaz. Proud grandfather of Emilie Reitz, Abigail and Nicholas Hill, Evan and Aaron Tsuchiya, and Gabrielle Diaz. Also loved by his nieces, nephews, and their families. Preceded in death by brothers, William, Frank, and Paul. Al was the youngest of four brothers born to Fude and Kakunosuke Tsuchiya in Merced, CA. After a career in small manufacturing business finance he retired as Vice President of Finance for Griffiths Corp. Al enjoyed baseball, his time at his cabin, reading

westerns, listening to his happy music, and finding new ways to use duct tape. After 50 years as a Bloomington resident, Al and Saki had recently moved to Eden Prairie. He was immensely proud of the 70-year tradition of the Tsuchiya/Ohno Family New Years celebration that continues into the third and fourth generations of his family. Visitation Friday, 1 PM with service to follow at 2 PM, at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 11000 France Ave. S., Bloomington. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for charitable contributions.

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Obituaries

Bridget 'Cathy' (Barry) Kushino

Kushino, Bridget "Cathy" (Barry) Age 85 of Golden Valley, MN passed away on June 30, 2018. Preceded in death by husband Norman; parents John and Rose Barry; brother, John. Survived by children Patrice (Jeff) Erickson, Elise (Kal) Kushino, and Terri (P.J.) Tompkins; and grandchildren, Ashley (Matt) McDonald, Joe (Jackie), Emily Erickson, Nick and Jacob Kouatli, Maddie and Isabel Tompkins. In lieu of flowers and to continue Cathy's wishes to help families in need during the holidays, please make donations to Patrice Erickson. A fund will be set up for holiday meals. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Visitation 10- 11AM on Saturday, July 28th with memorial service at 11:00 AM all at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

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