

MEMBER NEWS

Article for members Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League
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Member input is critical to determining chapter's direction and focus at a first-ever Member Forum

See enclosed flier for more details! For more information, call Lynn Yamanaka, 735-6124.

Youth input is needed to help start our youth program.

Our chapter is seeking youth to participate in focus groups providing feedback and input to help us develop and revitalize our chapter's youth program. If you are a youth in junior or senior high school (college is group dependent and are interested in participating, please let us know if any other commitment is required!), please let us know. If you know of youth we can contact and help them get into the focus groups, please call. For more information, call Ben Ezaki, 922-7008.

"Whispered Silences" is now on display in the Twin Cities. Be a part of the planning committee.

This Smithsonian exhibition will open at the Minneapolis Public Library Saturday, October 11. Proceeds from some of our chapter fundraising efforts over the past year, as well as some grants we have received, will help us to underwrite a series of speakers in conjunction with the exhibit topic, the cost of bringing the exhibit to Minnesota, an opening reception, arrangements for a display at the library, and other activities. We are seeking members to serve on a planning committee to help organize the Whispered Silences series of events. If you can only help for a small amount of time, we would appreciate it! If you're interested in helping, call Cheryl Masuda, 922-7008, or Lynn Yamanaka, 735-6124.

Former members encouraged to attend JACL Tri-District meeting on August 1 to August 2.

For more details, call Ben Ezaki, 472-1985.

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming JACL events:

Saturday, June 7
Member Forum sponsored by the Twin Cities JACL's Coalition Committee

Sunday, Aug. 10
Summer picnic and Pig Roast at Lake Comelia, Edina
Call John Nakasone, 698-3647, if you can help.

Sunday, Sept. 7
Golf Tournament
Call Sam Honda if you can help or want to play, 429-3410.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28
Kanojo returns to the Twin Cities. Join us for an informal tea, fashion show and plenty of shopping. This event will be held at the Bloomington Education Center.

Saturday, Oct. 4
"Whispered Silences" exhibit opens at Minneapolis Public Library.

Culinary aids now for sale!

Don't forget! The 50th anniversary chapter cookbook and the cooking class videos are now for sale. For information about purchasing cookbooks, call Kathy Ohama Koch, 884-1560. For information about purchasing the videos, call Kathy Hara, 420-9562.

Thank you to all who helped at the Suki-yaki Dinner - and thank you to all who ate at the dinner.

Word on the street is that we served more than 700 dinners! A special thank you to Tom and Kimi Hara for all their hard work on this benefit for the Twin Cities JACL's Operating and Scholarship Funds.