



# RICE PAPER



A newsletter of the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League  
March 2002



## President's Message

Now that the Olympics are over, I won't be parking myself in front of the television all night, only to bite my nails during the live event coverage. I can turn my attention to other matters, like JACL...and catching up with housework!

This quarter has been another eventful one for our chapter. We celebrated with our annual Children's Holiday Party in December. Twenty children (and several adults!) gave their holiday requests to Santa, and everyone enjoyed the festivities. Our chapter received a thank you note from VEAP for our donation of toys. Hats off to Connie Fukuda, our event chair for the past several years, to the youth (Leilani Savitt, Natalie Nakasone, Reiko Koyama, and friends) for helping with hospitality, games, and decorating, and to all of the other "elves." Karen and Les Suzukamo have graciously agreed to take over as event chairs for the 2002 bash.

We placed our annual Pacific Citizen holiday ad (thanks to Chris Noonan), and included information about our cookbook and cooking videotape set. On the same page, there was an ad for the newly published book, "A History of the Minnesota Nikkei Project: the First Twenty Years." The Nikkei Project donated a copy to the Twin Cities JACL, and it will be kept with our chapter's growing collection of educational resource materials, currently housed at Sally Sudo's. The book is filled with biographies of our Issei, documents, memories, and photos of Nikkei laughing and engaged in fun activities. Thank you to the Nikkei Project for the donation, and for doing such important work by documenting and preserving the history of our community!

Also hot-off-the-press is "Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota" (JAVM), a collection of life stories of 17 JAVM members, edited by Edwin M. (Bud) Nakasone. Recognition of the contributions of our community members is long overdue. We are grateful to Bud and our Nisei for sharing your experiences. It is important for future generations of Japanese Americans to know about sacrifices and courageous efforts of our Nisei, especially in light of the political and social climate of that time. Also, thanks, Bud, for your book donation!

In January, Star Tribune columnist C.J. called KFAN (AM 1130) producer Doogie Wolfson on his use of the epithet "Japs" on the air. Mr. Wolfson had refused to back down, prompting us to write him a letter. In a followup C.J. column on that described his parent's response, the Twin Cities JACL also got some press (I got called by neighbors and relatives!)

We held our third annual half-day board and committee chairs retreat on January 12, building upon the framework from the past two years. The vision statement adopted last year was: "Twin Cities JACL involvement for better understanding and historical preservation of our community." Our challenges statement was revised to: "Making JACL relevant for members by working together to achieve our goals."

Membership is a priority issue for both the chapter and National JACL. With the ratification of a dues increase (see article on Membership, page 4), the National JACL and regional offices will be able to continue operations. Our chapter's goals this year are to provide more benefits to members, increase membership by 5% over last year (10 new members), and develop a new membership brochure. Membership fees have not increased since 1996, and we hope that the increased fees do not discourage anyone from renewing (please give us your feedback).

We are currently lining up chairpersons for this year's events (see article on Activities, page 3). If you are interested or have questions, please call or e-mail me.

If you have any fundraising ideas or a suggestion for installation speaker (Apolo Anton Ohno's name comes to mind), let us know, as we are beginning our planning for fall events. Please remember to sign up for a shift at our biggest fundraiser, Festival of Nations.

Here are other retreat highlights and committee updates:

- Scholarship Committee, chaired by Pam Ohno Dagoberg, has identified 22 high school seniors (so far) who are eligible for the chapter's scholarship program;

**President's Message Continued...**

## President's Message Continued...

- Bylaws Committee, chaired by Carolyn Sandberg, is revising and updating the chapter's Constitution and Bylaws;
- Investment Committee (Steve Kumagai and Fred Tsuchiya) is working on an investment policy for our chapter based on a survey sent to Board members, and will make recommendations at our March Board meeting;
- Hate Crimes Committee, chaired by Jamie Cork, is looking for JACL members to participate on Hate Crimes/Human Rights Commissions;
- Newsletter Committee (Connie Tsuchiya and Chris Noonan) has come up with a quarterly newsletter schedule (February, May, August, November);
- Webmeister, Allison Fenimore, is getting our chapter's website up and running (if you know of a server that is free or inexpensive, please let her know, as National JACL is no longer offering chapters free space on their server);
- Youth are coming up with ideas for activities, including an outing to "Romeo and Juliet;"
- Historical records, painstakingly organized by Lynn Yamanaka, will be scanned onto CDs by Carolyn Sandberg, and other documents will be preserved by Creative Memories scrapbooker Joyce Miyamoto;
- Programs Committee (Board) is working to plan ahead and develop procedures/timelines for each activity/event;
- Education Committee, chaired by Sally Sudo, continues to provide speakers for schools and the community, and plans to work on a proposal to train Sansei and others for the speakers bureau. In January, Sally provided materials and books from our resource collection for a display on the Japanese American experience at West Publishing in Eagan. The committee will have an information table at the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies teachers conference in March. Thank you to Richard and Carol Dean for donating a portable display to be used for our education exhibits.

Sam Shimada accompanied me to the opening night of Theater Mu/Stages Theatre's collaborative adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet." This production puts an engaging and interesting twist on the tragic love story, with a Japanese American Romeo and a European American Juliet in post-World War II Seattle (see article for information about group rates and JACL member discounts, page 11). Thank you to JACL member Rick Shiomi, co-director, for the comp tickets and an enjoyable evening. The play is geared to teens and older; don't miss it (closes on March 24; youth outing on March 23).

Mark your calendars for a free community program on June 1, 1-3 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center 3M Auditorium. June 2002 is the 60th Anniversary of the relocation of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language School from the Presidio in San Francisco to Camp Savage, where 5,000-6,000 Nisei received intensive training in the Japanese language during World War II. Karen Tanaka Lucas brought us the idea to have a screening of "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," a film about the role that the MIS played in World War II. Her father, Walter Tanaka, was one of the MIS veterans interviewed in the film. A panel discussion of MIS veterans will follow. Planning committee members are: Bud Nakasone, Sam Honda, Kathy Ohama Koch, Karen, and me. We are co-sponsoring the program with JAVM and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Please take a minute to send a postcard or letter, or call our local PBS station by March 25 to request the broadcast of "Uncommon Courage" in May (see article, page 8). Watch for more information on the program and how to order the video to benefit our chapter.

The Spring MDC meeting in Dayton, Ohio is coming up on March 15-17, and our youth representatives will attend and take part in the youth program/agenda on Hapa issues.

The 37th National Convention, "Building A Brighter Future," will be held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas on June 26-30. Let me know if you would like to submit a nomination for JACLer of the biennium, Edison Uno Civil Rights Award, or Japanese American of the biennium (deadlines are March 28). Proposed resolutions are due on April 27.

My old computer (a 166-Pentium, top of the line 6 years ago) went "kaput," so I lost my e-mail address book and files. If your "in box" is going through withdrawal for JACL-related e-mails, or if you would like to be added to the Twin Cities JACL listserve, please e-mail me at dulas001@msn.com.

Thanks for the opportunity to represent and serve the chapter. Our board looks forward to the coming year, and hopes that you will feel free to contact us with any thoughts, concerns, or suggestions.

With all that is going on in this post-September 11 world, our community and educational efforts have taken on a greater significance. May the true spirit of the Olympic games continue to thrive in our world.

## Board Meetings

Members are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings. The board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Lisa Hintermeister's office (3600 Minnesota Drive, Suite 100, Edina). Call to RSVP and for directions). 2002 meeting dates:

March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15  
November 19, December - no meeting!

## Activities/Event Chairs

Chairpersons/coordinators are needed for:

- \_\_\_ Summer Picnic
- \_\_\_ Community Forum (topic to be determined)
- \_\_\_ Walk for Justice

Contact Cheryl Hirata-Dulas at 952/925-2429 for more info and to volunteer!

## Calendar of Events:

**Friday, February 22-Sunday, March 24:** Romeo and Juliet, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Main Street, Hopkins

**Thursday-Friday, March 7-8:** Minnesota Council for the Social Studies Teacher's Conference, Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington

**Friday, March 15-17:** MDC Spring meeting, Dayton, Ohio

**Saturday, March 23, 7:30 pm:** Youth outing to Romeo and Juliet

**Wed (setup)-Sun, April 24-28:** Festival of Nations, River Centre, St. Paul

**Thursday, May 9:** Scholarship Banquet

**Thursday, May 23:** JAVM Memorial Service at Fort Snelling

**Saturday, June 1, 1-3 p.m:** Camp Savage 60th Anniversary Program - screening of "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties" followed by panel discussion, Minnesota History Center 3M auditorium

**Wednesday-Sunday, June 26-30:** JACL National Convention, Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas

**Sunday, June 30 (tentative):** Super Senior Luncheon

**Sunday, July 21 (tentative):** Summer Picnic

**Sunday, September 15:** 7th Annual Walk for Justice

## Twin Cities JACL welcomes new members:

Kirihara, Bloomington  
Kara Nelson, Champlin  
Duffy and Kathy Ohama, Savage  
Doug and Linnea Tani, Roseville  
Ken Ujifusa and family, Minnetonka  
Michi Ushio, Minneapolis  
Tiffany Yep, Roseville



### 2002 Twin Cities JACL Board of Directors

Cheryl Hirata-Dulas (President)	(952) 925-2429
Jamie Cork (Vice President)	(651) 450-9459
Ben A. Ezaki III (MDC Governor)	(952) 472-1985
Allison Fenimore (Secretary/Historian)	(651) 636-3044
Gloria Kumagai (Membership Chair)	(763) 377-5602
Jessica Lehman (Youth Rep)	(651) 450-9459
Joyce Miyamoto (postcards/craft classes)	(651) 636-3222
John Nakasone	(651) 698-3647
Natalie Nakasone (Youth Rep)	(651) 698-3657
Mariko Nakasone (Youth Rep)	(651) 698-3647
Carolyn Masami (Chatman) Sandberg	(763) 417-0887
Leilani Savitt (Youth Rep)	(763) 377-5602
Cary Yamanaka	(952) 432-2055
Lisa Hintermeister (Treasurer Non-Board)	(612) 869-5070
Peggy Yamanaka (CPA)	(952) 432-2055

### Newsletter Staff:

Chris Noonan - noonant@mediaone.net  
Connie Tsuchiya - tsuch002@umn.edu



## Information about the Membership Dues Increase

On February 7, JACL chapters ratified a membership dues increase as approved by the National Board in November. The dues increase is effective on April 1, 2002, and applies to new memberships and all lapsed memberships, and to memberships with June 2002 expiration dates and beyond. For our chapter, the old and new membership fee structures are as follows:

	Old	New	
Individual	50.00	62.00	The necessity for a dues increase stems from the fact that from 1986 to 2000: - the total JACL membership count has decreased by 20% from 26,230 to 21,049 members, - the operational budget more than doubled from \$1.2M to \$2.6M, and - membership dues have increased by only 19.4% (for individual membership).
Couple/Family	80.00	105.00	
Student/Youth	15.00	21.00	
Senior	45.00	57.00	
Senior couple	80.00	105.00	
1000 Club Spouse	35.00	35.00	
1000 Club	70.00	100.00	
Century Club	140.00	175.00	

Under the previous dues structure, JACL could not maintain operation of the national organization and its regional and Washington DC offices. Operational expenses at the National office have already been trimmed to a bare minimum, and regional office budgets have been reduced. Despite the financial woes at the national and regional levels, our chapter remains financially stable. Within the new fee structure, the amount that directly benefits our chapter remains the same as in the old structure. The entire amount of the dues increase goes to support the National JACL.

## JACL Membership Benefits

Your JACL dues provide for many membership benefits. On the national level, these benefits include:

- A subscription to "Pacific Citizen," the national newspaper covering current activities and issues affecting the greater Asian American and Pacific Islander American community.
- Access to the national scholarship program, which distributes over \$70,000 annually.
- JACL Credit Union, a national credit union offering financial/banking services.
- JACL Affinity Credit Card Program offering California Bank and Trust VISA card
- "A Magazine" - members can subscribe to this Asian American magazine for \$15/year versus the regular rate of \$25/year. Part of the subscription fee is donated to JACL.
- Hertz Rental Car Discount - upgrade or discount on weekly rentals.
- Access to a variety of life and medical insurance programs, such as term life insurance, catastrophic major medical insurance, and short-term medical and long-term care plans.

## Information about these benefits as well as others can be found on [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org).

In addition, your dues entitle you to many Twin Cities JACL Chapter's benefits, such as:

- Our quarterly newsletter, "Rice Paper"
- Access to our local scholarship program
- Twin Cities JACL Credit Union
- Social events - summer picnic, children's holiday party, generations dinner, golf tournament
- Annual meeting and installation dinner
- Educational programs, such as craft and cooking classes
- Discounts on community programs and special events.

The dues increase will ensure that both national and local membership benefits will continue for you, as well as support for our local community and educational outreach programs.

When you think about it, you get a lot of value for your membership dollars.

**Final report - Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Community Forum-Oral History 101**  
September 29, 2001, YWCA of Minneapolis-Children's Center  
2121 E. Lake St. Minneapolis

Catherine Jo Ishino, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at the University of Minnesota Duluth, lead a very practical and informative session for 13 interested individuals. Participants provided several reasons for attending including wanting to increase their knowledge about conducting oral histories, wanting to capture the history of certain JACL and family members and to further inspire those involved in current projects. The session included a brief overview of a oral history, interview preparation and pointers and selecting the appropriate medium (video, tape recorder). Catherine also shared the oral history video she conducted of her family.

Catherine ended the session with words of encouragement that included an offer of advice or consultation and to start somewhere. Joyce Yamamoto informed the group of a site in Edina that might be able to accommodate a video project. E-mail addresses were exchanged with a brief discussion of potential follow-up.

#### Resources

- Collecting an Oral History Japanese American National Museum
- Important Links Japanese American Internment Sites
- Japanese American Oral History Guide (available for purchase through the National Japanese American Historical Society)
- Newspaper articles

#### Acknowledgements

Thank you to Joyce Yamamoto, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Catherine Ishino and Bob Appleton and the participants for the tasty desserts.

Submitted: Lynn Yamanaka



**Many volunteers are needed to work in the JACL bazaar booth at the Festival of Nations, April 24-28, 2002. This is our biggest and most profitable fundraiser of the year and we need your help! Here are the approximate shifts:**

Wednesday evening, April 24 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. for set up	Saturday, April 27:	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
		1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25: 8:30 a.m. - noon		5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
noon - 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, April 28:	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 26: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.		7:00 p.m. - for take down
5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.		

Joyce Miyamoto is coordinating the shifts. Call now for first choice on your shift! Her home phone is 651-636-3222, please leave a voice-mail. Thank you!

Dear C.J. (cj@startribune.com),

Thank you for your memo on January 10 to KFAN's Doogie Wolfson in regards to his reference to Japanese as "Japs." In this day and age, it is incredible that we still need to educate adults about what racial slurs are and their negative impact, especially when used by individuals in prominent and influential positions. Thanks again for bringing the incident to the attention of our Japanese American community and to the general public.

Below is a letter I sent to Mr. Wolfson by e-mail (darrenwolfson@clearchannel.com):

---

January 13, 2002  
Darren (Doogie) Wolfson  
KFAN

Dear Mr. Wolfson:

It has been brought to my attention in C.J.'s column that on your Tuesday program (January 8), the term "Japs" was used in reference to the Japanese. On behalf of the Twin Cities JACL, I am writing to let you know that there is something wrong with using this word. It is offensive and has a negative connotation. It was used in a derogatory manner towards Americans of Japanese descent during World War II, at a time when our community members were the targets of racial profiling because of their ancestry. In a broader sense, our community does not condone the use of any racial slurs or stereotyping, even in jest, because they are harmful to communities of color and to the general community.

Your KFAN programs reach a wide spectrum of audiences throughout the Twin Cities area and beyond, and your station is in a position of influence. I hope KFAN makes an effort to learn about the negative impact that racial slurs and stereotyping have, and institutes a policy against their use. Using slurs or stereotypes in the media perpetuates the notion that they are acceptable, when indeed they are not.

We need support from the media, businesses, and community organizations to work together and eliminate negative forces in our community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

Cheryl Hirata-Dulas  
cc: Chad Abbott, Executive Director

---

The response I received from Mr. Wolfson:

Hello Cheryl, Doogie here responding to your email..i apologized on the air for my mistake..Trust me, I meant no harm and it was an honest mistake..one of my good friends is Japanese-American and my mother's best friend's husband is also of Japanese descent..i apologized to both of those individuals..As a Jew living in this country, i certainly to at times have been called names i didn't appreciate and understand how you feel..i can promise you it won't happen again.

Doogie Wolfson

PAGE B4 • STAR TRIBUNE •

METRO/STATE

# FACES & PLACES



C.J.

## KFANer doesn't see the infamy in his joke

*In case Doogie Wolfson's wondering, we always say 'Japanese' these days*

**M**emo to *Doogie*: It's 2002, and we don't call people "Japs" anymore. KFAN producer *Doogie Wolfson*, alias *Darren*, really stepped in it Tuesday while introducing a spoof of CNN's problematic *Paula Zahn* promo, which called her sexy and used the sound of a zipper opening. The Zahn ads were not just a national story, show host *Chadwick Hartman* joked to WCCO-TV sports guy *Mark Rosen*: "It turns out locally we have somebody who's tried a similar ad. It hasn't receive the negative publicity. Doogie, you were able grab this promo?" Doogie told the Chadling, "I don't deserve all the credit. We have great technology here at the FAN. So much like the U.S. in 1941, 1942 intercepted information from the Japs. . . I intercepted this promo from *Ruth Koscielak*, 1220 AM WEZU." The bit that followed, promoting afternoon radio host Koscielak as a red-hot momma with more than 200 recipes for pudding, was precious. The use of Japs was not. "What's wrong with that? You're

going to take me to task for saying Japs? I can't believe that," Doogie said. I can't believe Doogie doesn't know a slur when he hears one. "Nobody called up and said, 'Doogie, what did you say?' he defended. "How come you didn't take me to task three or four weeks ago [on] *Mike Morris*' show? I said, 'I'm Jewish, so I'm cheap.'" Another memo: You can make insensitive remarks about a group of which you are a member, but you may not branch out.

### Doogie the dodger

Doogie knows how to dance. "Your phone's ringing, C.J. You'd better get that," Doogie said. Nice try. Next he tried to sidetrack the question by needing me. "How'd you get beaten by *Robyne Robinson* on the *Prince* marriage?" The KMSP-TV anchor is a good friend of Prince's. "I know that," said Doogie. Well, whom would you leak something to: your good friend Robyne or the woman who drove you to write "Billie Jack Bitch?" Not to be out-needed, I told Doogie that the part of

his KFAN Web bio that mentions "his *Ricky Martin*-like good looks" needed quotation marks around it. "Are you saying I'm ugly?" Doogie said. No, but he looks nothing like Martin. But then, Martin seems like a mental dodo, while Doogie comes across as much smarter (when he's not saying something stupid). "I appreciate the compliment," Doogie laughed.

### Execs had to know

WCCO-TV's Mark Rosen made a cogent observation about CNN execs who disavowed any knowledge of how the Paula Zahn ad got on the air. "It's an oxymoron to talk about the brilliance of TV management," said Rosen, a regular on KFAN. "You don't create a spot like that and somehow slip it into the tape room, push the button and get it on the air. They had to go through channels for someone to OK that stuff."

### Watkins' wealth?

Alabama billionaire *Donald Watkins* is growing miffed about Minnesota

media continuing to he has the bucks to build a stadium. Why here meeting and gr of America, his friend ball analyst *Harold Re* people are "embarra formed to question V Watkins has a meetir Major League Basebi his interest in the Tw ably reveal more abo USA Today baseball

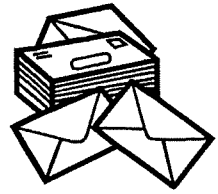
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 • 2002

thing to the children about this. My heart goes out to Tonya and the kids.

### Mother knows best

Although KFAN's *Doogie* wouldn't back down when I called him on using a 1940s Japanese racial slur, he gets it now, thanks to a talk with the ultimate authorities: his parents. "We just sat down with him and we explained that that was wrong and he realizes he shouldn't have said what he did," said *Trina Wolfson*, mother of producer *Darren Wolfson*, aka Doogie. As for Doogie's defense that he, a Jewish person, has made a stereotypical remark about his own people, too, Trina said she and *Steve Wolfson* are of the opinion that Doogie "shouldn't be saying these things about any groups. Whether you're Swedish or Jewish or whatever." Doogie has apologized to radio listeners. While remarking on air that his mom bought about 20 copies of the paper that contained his gaffe, for family and friends, one of Doogie's radio sparring partners quipped that if Doogie's mom had raised him right, this wouldn't have happened. Sounding deflated, Doogie said he was raised properly. Doogie also got called out by *Cheryl Hirata-Dulas*, prez of the metro chapter of Japanese American Citizens League.

— C.J. is at 612-332-TIPS or at [cj@startribune.com](mailto:cj@startribune.com), where she never opens attachments. So don't even try.



*JACL members: Please send a letter to PBS/KTCA station in support of broadcasting this film.*

Dear Friends--

I have some exciting news to share with you: PBS is broadcasting Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties! The scheduled feed date is Thursday, May 16th at 10 p.m. Uncommon Courage is the story of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS)--Japanese American soldiers trained in the Japanese language and sent to the Pacific during World War II and the Occupation of Japan while their families on the West Coast were incarcerated in concentration camps, stripped of their civil rights. This is the first time a program that focuses exclusively on the MIS has ever been on TV, and it's a little-known part of American history that will finally be brought to the American public.

This is so exciting because it is not often that PBS feeds by satellite an independent producer's program on its National Program Schedule which is fed during prime time (8 to 11 p.m.) Sunday through Friday. Most of these time slots are scheduled with station-produced series and programs such as NOVA, the new Bill Moyers series, and Live from Lincoln Center.

To me, it's so wonderful for these veterans to be recognized for the sacrifices they made and their courage that served all of us despite many of their families and friends being imprisoned in concentration camps on the West Coast. It is a story of hope, of triumph despite despair, of perseverance. I am very glad this story can be broadcast when these men can see their story on national TV along with millions of other Americans. Uncommon Courage is so timely in the aftermath of 9.11. Now, more than ever, we need to be vigilant about protecting our civil rights, particularly if we can be singled out because of our physical characteristics.

A very talented and dedicated group of people worked on Uncommon Courage--Ken Kashiwahara (narrator), Dan Friedman (editor), Joan Yoshiwara (archival researcher), and Dan Kuramoto (composer) to mention just a few. The Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California began with the project dream, and has provided support throughout Uncommon Courage.

There is still more to be accomplished now that Uncommon Courage will be on the air nationally. Though Uncommon Courage is being fed to stations by PBS, we need to make sure your local PBS station is running it. Stations will be making up their May schedules in the next few weeks. Because Uncommon Courage is in the National Program Schedule for PBS, it has an excellent chance of being broadcast by stations. But PBS stations do not have to carry it. You can help make sure it is broadcast in your area. So.....

**CALL OR WRITE YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION BEFORE MARCH 25TH!**

1. Ask for the program director
2. Ask when Uncommon Courage is being broadcast.
3. Let your public TV station know that this is the kind of programming you appreciate and you would like to see this program on the air. Encourage the station to broadcast Uncommon Courage--it's the story of Japanese Americans on a program that would run during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, it's a story about civil rights at a time when Americans should be concerned about our liberties, and it's our American history about which we should all be educated.
4. Write your local PBS station before March 25th. A postcard is fine.

I'm sending you names of both the programming director and the station/general managers--writing both is fine. And pass the word!

Many thanks!

gayle yamada  
Producer-Director-Writer

*In Minnesota contact: Tom Holter, Director of Programming AND/OR Bill Hanley, Executive Vice President, Content AND/OR James Pagliarini, President & CEO*

*KTCA  
172 East 4th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
612.222.1717*





## Volunteers Needed to Combat Hatred

Several of the Twin Cities JACL members have been actively involved in Hate Crimes/Incidents issues over the last few years. As a result of the networking that has been done the Twin Cities JACL has been invited to have a member sit on the Minneapolis Hate Crimes Response Network.

This network responds to victims after hate crimes and/or incidents, organizes and does training for professionals, strategically plans ways to be proactive in preventing hate crimes/incidents, sponsors educational programs, etc.

This would be an excellent opportunity for someone to get involved and make a difference. It is preferable that the person for the Minneapolis Network be from Minneapolis or one of the nearby areas, however, there are several other response networks in different areas if you do not live in the area but are interested in getting involved. Please contact Jamie Cork at (651) 450-9459 if you have any questions or are ready to sign up!



## Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Service

The Japanese American Veterans of MN (AVM) invite you to attend a memorial service on Thursday, May 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. The service will be held to honor all Japanese American Veterans interred at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. The location in the cemetery will be at committal shelter #7 (to the right of the main entrance on Pruden Drive).

Chaplain (Major) Kenneth L. Beale will give the meditation and Benediction. The service will close with flowers given to family or friends of the deceased to be placed at the grave sites.

Following the service please join us for lunch at the New Century Buffet, Portland Ave. So. and 494. If you have any questions please call Kathy Ohama Koch at (952)884-1560 or Sam Honda at (651)429-3410.

## Minnesota Nikkei Project History Book "First Twenty Years"

Available at \$15 per book  
Call Sam Honda (651) 429-3410



A book about our Japanese Community "The Issei Project" is now available. It was of the many volunteer projects financially supported by the Twin Cities Japanese Community. This was a successful program enjoyed by all the Isseis who participated. It will bring back fond and joyous memories of our Isseis.

## Scholarship Fund Donations



Twin Cities JACL Scholarships are awarded each year to member graduates. If you wish to contribute to the JACL Scholarship Program, please send your donation to Connie Tsuchiya, Scholarship Committee Member at 6431 Mere Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

## 2001 Twin Cities JACL Children's Holiday Party Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Edina Community Lutheran Church.

This year, there were 43 total attendees (20 adults, 20 children, and two Youth representatives plus a guest). The children ranged in age from 8 months to 13 years old. In 2000, we had 37 total attendees, and in 1999, there were 51 attendees.

The entertainment was:

- Children's activity, led by the Youth representatives
- Entertainment from WonderWeavers storytellers
- "Santa Claus" (Dick Tirk)

### *Party Item Donations*

- Cheryl Hirata Dulas donated the use of a hot water pitcher, tea bags, and apple juice.
- Connie Fukuda donated gift items for the Youth representatives.

### *Volunteers*

The following people served as volunteers for the 2001 party. Without their help, the party could not have been the success that it was.

- Party set-up – May Tanaka, Cheryl Hirata Dulas, Karen Suzukamo, (Youth representatives) Natalie Nakasone (and her guest, Mary Wyatt) and Leilani Savitt, Alison Suzukamo, Sachi Williamson
- Beverages – Cheryl Hirata Dulas
- Paper goods – Mary Dennison
- Desserts – Karen Suzukamo
- Party clean-up – Eugene and Emi Sako; Cheryl Hirata Dulas; Karen Suzukamo; Leilani Savitt; Natalie Nakasone and her guest, Mary Wyatt; Chieko, Shiro and Yoshi Katagiri

Submitted by Party Chair Connie Fukuda



Sansei Yonsei Kai is looking for dancers of all ages. To join the group to learn traditional Japanese dancing, or for more information, contact Linda Hashimoto van Dooijeweert at 651/631-9157. Dance costumes are not required. The group dances at Festival of Nations and other community events. Learning to dance is a great way to learn about the Japanese culture! Also, call Linda if you have used dance clothing or equipment to donate.

## Wogen Taiko Performance Calendar



### March 10, 2002

Eden Prairie Murals  
Unveiling Event  
Eden Prairie Center  
Time: 2:00  
20 minute free performance

### April 26-28, 2002

Festival of Nations  
River Center - Downtown St. Paul  
Roy Wilkins Auditorium  
15-20 minute performances  
Call the festival for performance times:  
651-647-0191  
[www.festivalofnations.com](http://www.festivalofnations.com)

### August 1, 2002

City of Crystal, Becker Park  
00 free performance



## Membership Perk from Theater Mu/Stages Theatre!

JACL members receive a 10% discount on tickets to performances of Romeo and Juliet. Ticket prices are: \$11 adults, and \$9 children (2-17) and seniors (60+).

Group rates (for 10 or more): \$5 on weekdays and \$7.61 on weekends (note: for every 25 tickets purchased, 1 is free). Group tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 952/979-1111. Ask for Erin or Bruce if there are any questions/problems.

TEENS see page 13 for information on a group outing.



Who: **The Minnesota Sinfonia with guest soloist, Rumi Shimazu**, the winner of the Senior Division of the Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist Competition.

What: The third concert of The Great Winter Festival, a series of FREE classical music concerts.

### Where/When:

March 15, 2002 at 7:00pm  
Metropolitan State University, 700 East Seventh Street, St Paul  
FREE tickets required at MSU only, call 651-772-7642

March 16, 2002 at 7:30 pm  
Hamline University, Sundin Music Hall, 1536 Hewitt Ave, St Paul

March 17, 2002 at 2:00 pm  
Basilica of St. Mary, 16th and Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis.

Join the Minnesota Sinfonia as it welcomes Rumi Shimazu, the winner of senior division in the Young Artist Competition as she performs as cello soloist with the orchestra. Also on the program will be the world premier of a Sinfonia commissioned work, In Saint Chapelle, by the gifted New York composer, Joel Mandelbaum. All concerts are free and open to the public. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Sinfonia at 612-871-1701

Rumi Shimazu grew up in a musical family in Osaka, Japan, with both her father and her older sister being very accomplished cellists. Rumi's father, Dr. Hiroshi Shimazu, has combined two careers as a professional cellist and a medical doctor. Ms. Shimazu is a sophomore at the international boarding school Shattuck-St. Mary's School in Faribault, MN, where she is studying cello with Jonas Carlson. At the Shattuck-St. Mary's School, Rumi is a member of Counterpoints Strings, with whom she frequently performs locally as well as nationally. Having placed third in the Japanese National High School Concerto Competition two years ago, Rumi has this year won the Minnesota Sinfonia Young Artist Competition, placed second in the YPSCA Competition, been a semi-finalist in the WAMSO Competition, and has been a finalist in the Lennox Artist Competition in Dallas, Texas.



# NAK NAK NEWZ

By John Nakasone



BRAD YAMANAKA JUST RETURNED FROM TOKYO, JAPAN AFTER SPENDING FOUR MONTHS IN SCHOOL STUDYING JAPANESE LANGUAGE, ECONOMICS AND FAR EAST HISTORY. HE SAYS TAKE PLENTY OF MONEY CUZ A MED PIZZA IS \$25.00.

EMILY FABER WILL BE HEADING TO FORT ELEZA, BRAZIL FOR SOME STUDY ABROAD, WHICH ACCORDING TO HER MOTHER JOYCE MIYAMOTO, "YOU KNOW-IT'S THAT LITTLE POINTY THING THAT STICKS OUT IN THE OCEAN" SHE WILL BE THERE FOR FOUR MONTHS OF STUDY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICA LEHMAN ON BEING ACCEPTED TO WINONA SCHOOL OF NURSING AT WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA HINTERMEISTER ON HER NEW BABY GIRL. HANNAH JO BORN 12/27/01 JUST IN TIME FOR A TAX DEDUCTION. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE HER LOOKING OVER OUR FINANCES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JODIE TANAKA, TANAKA ADVERTISING INC. AND JOHN NAKASONE, PAINTING BY NAKASONE FOR BEING NAMED TO THE "CITY BUSINESS" TOP 25 MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES FOR 2001. CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO MINTAHOE HOSPITALITY GROUP, OWNED BY CALVIN AND ANNETTE LEE, FOR BEING NAMED TO THE CITY BUSINESS 2001 LIST OF TOP 25 CATERERS.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT AFTER CONNIE TSUCHIYA'S LAST TRIP TO VEGAS, SHE HAS BEEN BANNED FROM THE CRAPS TABLE AT CAESARS. WE HOPE TO GET HER TO PUT ON A SEMINAR ON "WINNING AT THE CRAPS TABLE" SO THAT WE CAN EDUCATE SOME OF THE YOUNGER YONSEI ON THE FINER POINTS OF THE GAME...

CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTI DEAN-DAUGHTER OF CAROL DEAN FOR BEING CROWNED HOMECOMING QUEEN FOR BLOOMINGTON JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL.

LT. COLONEL PAUL AND SUSAN NAKASONE, STATIONED AT THE PENTAGON HAD THEIR THIRD AND FOURTH CHILD-TWINS!! DAVID AND JOSEPH BORN 1/31/02. HIP HIP HOORAY!!

HAVE YOU HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE MARIKO NAKASONE'S NEW TELEVISION SHOW CALLED "DRAGON FLY"? IT IS ON CHANNEL 2 EVERY SATURDAY AT 8:30AM. IT IS A SCIENCE SHOW SHOWN NATIONALLY FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12. ACCORDING TO MARIKO, "IT IS LIKE MTV MEETS NEWTONS APPLE."

SALLY SUDO AND MARY YOSHIDA HAVE BEEN BUSY LATELY SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE SPEAKING TO YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE AT SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THANKS FOR ALL THE TIME YOU AND THE REST OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE-TOSH ABE, TED ASAO, BUD NAKASONE, TOM OHNO, TOM OYE, AND YOSHI TANI HAVE PUT IN REPRESENTING US. THE J-A COMMUNITY APPRECIATES YOUR TIME, HARD WORK AND DEDICATION!!!

I FORGOT TO CONGRATULATE CALVIN AND ANNETTE LEE ON THEIR NEW BABY BOY, ETHAN HYU SEOK LEE, WHO JUST CELEBRATED HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY ON THE THIRTEENTH OF FEBRUARY. ANNETTE SAYS HE IS A SWEETIE!

HOLD JUNE 1 OPEN FOR A SCREENING OF "UNCOMMON COURAGE: PATRIOTISM AND CIVIL LIBERTIES FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION AT MN HISTORY CENTER 3M AUDITORIUM.

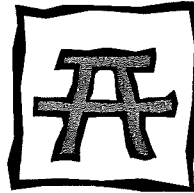
LOOK FOR BUD NAKASONE'S NEW BOOK- "JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA", COMING OUT SHORTLY. THIS BOOK DETAILS THE EXPERIENCES OF 17 OF OUR JAVM/JACL MEMBERS. SHOULD BE GOOD READING.

## ANNUAL TWIN CITIES JACL SUMMER PICNIC

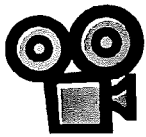
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2002

Noon - 4 p.m.

ROSLAND PICNIC PAVILION, EDINA  
(Same place - formerly Lake Cornelia)



Mark your calendars. More info to come.



### Camp Savage 60th Anniversary Program

When: Saturday, June 1, 1-3 p.m.

Where: Minnesota History Center 3M  
Auditorium, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St.  
Paul.

What: Screening of the film "Uncommon  
Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties,"  
followed by a panel discussion by MIS veterans.

Watch your mail for more information.

### HEY TWIN CITIES JACL TEENS!



Stages Theatre Company in collaboartion with  
Theater Mu are putting on the play Romeo and  
Juliet, and you're invited to attend!

When: Saturday, March 23 @ 7:30 pm

Where: Hopkins Center for the Arts  
1111 Mainstreet,  
Hopkins, MN

For more information or to RSVP, call Leilani Savitt  
@ 763-377-5602.

Please respond by March 14.

**Japanese  
American  
Citizens  
League**

**148 Hemlock Place  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127**

---

**TWIN CITIES CHAPTER**

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
St. Paul, MN  
Permit #3311

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED