

A newsletter of the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League October 2003

President's Message: Happy fall! The year is coming to a close, and we still have many exciting and fun events planned. With all that is happening in the broader community, the JACL is more essential than ever.

The importance of the Twin Cities JACL has been demonstrated several times in the past few months. Most recently, we were made aware of the omission of the Japanese American internment experience in the draft version of the Social Studies Academic Standards that, when approved by the legislature next year, would apply to all Minnesota K-12 students and take effect in the 2004-5 school year. Thank you to Sally Sudo, Education Chair, who gave a powerful testimony at the public hearing in St. Paul on September 22; Lucy Kirihara, who also attended the hearing; Rose Chu, Math Specialist at Minneapolis Public Schools, for bringing this issue to our attention; Ilean Her, Executive Director of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, for her support; Bill Yoshino, MDC Director, for his advice; Les Suzukamo for passing on our concerns to the St. Paul Pioneer Press education reporter; and Tom LaVenture, Asian American Press editor for coverage of the hearing.

A letter from the TC JACL Education Committee has been sent to Education Commissioner Cheri Pierson Yecke, and specific recommendations will be submitted to the Social Studies Standards Committee after the chapter's education committee meets on October 11. JACL members are encouraged to review the draft standards (see http://education.state.mn.us), send an e-mail or fax to the standards committee, and/or attend upcoming hearings in the metro area (7-9 pm): Oct. 9-Coon Rapids High School, Oct. 13-Apple Valley School of Environmental Studies, and Oct 20-Forest Lake High School. Please contact Sally Sudo or me if you have any questions or concerns on this important issue. There is also a concern that little, if any, Asian American history, is incorporated in the draft document.

We also responded to offensive advertising campaigns by local restaurants Chino Latino and Fuji Ya. Our concerns about the inappropriate use of racial humor in these ad campaigns were expressed in a Star Tribune article, in an editorial to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, in a commentary to the Asian American Press, and in recommendations to the City of Minneapolis (see below). A response to local radio station KQRS morning show hosts, for making disparaging comments after reading the Pioneer Press editorial on the air is in progress.

Our chapter submitted a statement on behalf of the Japanese American community for the Minneapolis Asian Pacific Islander (API) Summit to be held on Oct. 23. The purpose of the Summit is to strengthen ties between the API community and the City of Minneapolis. Our recommendations include that the City of Minneapolis: (1) continue to provide opportunities for the API community to express concerns so that the City of Minneapolis and other agencies can address them; (2) raise the level of awareness within the broader community about the use of appropriate language, and develop a community standard to counter use of hate speech or expressions of bigotry, racist humor, and racial slurs, particularly in the media and in advertising; and (3) raise the level of awareness about what constitutes hate incidents and hate crimes at schools, on college campuses, in the workplace, and in the community, and develop protocols and procedures for handling cases and for educating about the steps to take for victims or witnesses of hate incidents/crimes; and (4) include information in social studies learning standards for Minnesota's K-12 students about the history, heritage, and cultural traditions of the various API communities in the United States, to ensure that an appreciation for diversity is taught at the elementary and secondary levels. Thank you to Joyce Yamamoto and Penelope Haru Snipper for input on the document.

In June, we participated in the Normandale Japanese Garden bazaar, thanks to May Tanaka and Kimi

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Hara; Leilani Savitt, Natalie Nakasone, Emily Faber and Alison Miyamoto Reiter attended the National JACL Youth Leadership Conference in St. Louis; Sam Honda and others organized the annual Super Senior Luncheon at New Century Buffet in Bloomington. Sally Sudo and her sister, Nobu Ikeda, returned to Minidoka for the first time in 60 years for a reunion; both were quoted in a New York Times article.

Our annual picnic was a huge success thanks to cochairs, Jan Kirihara Monson and Connie Fukuda, along with the many volunteers and chefs (Nakasone family). We participated in the first ever Dragon Festival parade: thank you to Kent Ninomiya and his family for leading off the parade in a convertible driven by Dan Dulas, to Karen Tanaka Lucas, Festival chair, and to Dave and Kathy Ohama Koch, Festival volunteers. The Tri-District meeting was held in Omaha, Nebraska; Allison Fenimore was our chapter delegate and MDC Education Committee representative; Ben Ezaki was re-elected MDC Governor. Allison relocated to San Jose in August to take a science teaching position; we were sad to see her go, but we are grateful for all of her hard work on the Education Committee, Board, and website.

Thanks to Debbie Kirihara for designing our chapter's ad for the JACL Gala Dinner banquet program. A full-capacity crowd turned out to give tribute to our Japanese American National Leaders. Much appreciation to Jay Yamashiro for coordinating the golf tournament again this year. The Headwaters Fund "Walk for Justice" was a success with proceeds benefitting our youth program, especially to Sam Shimada and Natalie Nakasone.

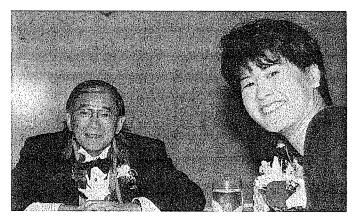
#### Upcoming

We hope that our membership will be able to attend one or more of these upcoming events: "Awe in the Family" youth program (Oct. 11), Generations Dinner (Oct. 12), Chrysanthemum Banquet (Nov. 1), Annual Meeting (Nov. 18), Children's Holiday Party (Dec. 7), or Community Forum on Internment in February 2004. Congratulations to Kimi Hara who is the 2003 recipient of the Mondale Award, to be presented by the Japan-America Society of Minnesota at its annual

dinner on Nov. 6. There are many other worthwhile community events; please refer to calendar of events

To our entire membership, thank you for your continued support and for your contributions to the chapter and the community in ways big and small. Hope to see you or hear from you soon!

### Cheryl Hirata-Dulas



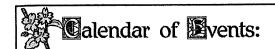
Secretary Norman Mineta and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas at the JACL Gala Dinner

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If you would like to help out with any of the following events, please contact the designated chairperson(s). Event details can be found on the Upcoming Event pages inside.

Thursday, October 9 thru Saturday, October 11 -Awe in the Family: Interpretations of Space of Time Multi-media events held at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, 612-871-4444

Sunday, October 12, 12:30 p.m. - Generations Dinner (& Holiday Boutique!) Co-Chairs: Kathy Ohama Koch & Cheryl Miyazaki Lund
Eagles Club, 9152 Old Cedar Ave. S., Bloomington
Free for members; nonmembers are \$1 per adult or \$3 per family

Friday, October 17, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Asian Pacific American Youth Forum on "Tough Issues, Solid Resolve: Facing the Future Together" State Capitol

**Thursday, October 23, 5-9 p.m.** - Community Summit for People of Asian Pacific Islander Descent Harrison Community Center, 503 Irving Avenue North Minneapolis, Registration begins at 4:30 pm

**Saturday, October 25** - Normandale Japanese Garden Committee dinner/theatre benefit performance Dinner: 6 pm, Performance 7:30

Saturday, November 1, 5:30 p.m. - Chrysanthemum Banquet & Silent Auction, Holiday Inn West, 9970 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park Keynote Speaker: Iwao Takamoto, Emcee: Maya Nishikawa

Saturday, November 1, 11am -2 pm - Bunkasai (Japanese Cultural Festival), sponsored by the Minnesota Japanese School at Normandale, includes a pottery class for adults and children from 12:30-2 pm; registration and materials fee, \$9; Normandale Community College rafeteria, 9700 France Ave S, Bloomington. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct 18), call Ayumi Prosser at 952/361-0861.

Thursday, November 6 - Japan America Society of Minnesota's annual Mondale Award and Scholarship Dinner, social hour at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Kimi Hara will receive the 2003 Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership. Catered by Kikugawa. Medtronic Corporate Headquarters, 710 Medtronic Parkway NE, Fridley, \$100 per person, proceeds benefit JASM and the Mondale Scholarship fund. RSVP by Oct 30 to JASM at 612/627-9357

Saturday, November 8, 1 p.m. – Community Forum/Education Committee meeting Sally Sudo's home

Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m. - Annual Meeting & Installation Kikugawa at Riverplace, 43 Main St. SE, Minneapolis, RSVP to Jan Kirihara Monson @ 952-924-0957 or mmonson838@aol.com

Sunday, December 7, 2-4 p.m. - Children's Holiday Party, Co-Chairs: Darryl & Susan Hamamoto & Mark & Andrea Honda Edina Community Lutheran Church, 4113 W. 54th St., Edina. Free for members; \$2 for nonmembers

Saturday, December 13, 1 p.m. - Community Forum/Education Committee meeting

Saturday, January 10, 1 p.m. - Community Forum/Education Committee meeting

January 10 - February 1 - Pacific Overtures Park Square Theatre, 20 West Seventh Place, Saint Paul

Performances:

Thurs at 7:30 pm -- Fri & Sat at 8 pm -- Sun at 2 pm, AD/ASL Sat, Jan 31 at 8 pm Reservations: 651-291-7005

Saturday, February 14, 1 p.m. - Community Forum/Education Committee meeting

Saturday, Febuary 21, 1-3 p.m. - Community Forum, Moderator Kent Ninomiya Chair: Education Committee, Sally Sudo Bloomington Civic Plaza building (98th St. & James Ave. S.) Topic: Internment



## NAK NAK NEWZ By John Nakasone

GREETINGS FROM BEAUTIFUL HONOLULU, HAWAII. JACQUELINE AND I ARE ATTENDING A PAINTING CONTRACTORS CONVENTION. GOOD DEAL HUH.

TC JACL RECEIVED THE "ONE-TWO PUNCH" FROM TWIN CITIES BUSINESS MONTHLY WHEN THEY PICKED THE "FUJI-YA" RESTAURANT FOR THE "BEST BILLBOARD AWARD" AND SELECTED RESTAURANTEUR PHIL ROBERTS-OWNER OF CHINO LATINO, MANNYS AND OCEANAIRE AS THE "BEST QUOTE SOURCE". THE BILLBOARDS MIGHT CATCH YOUR EYE, AND IGNORANT COMMENTS MIGHT MAKE GOOD PRESS, BUT I PLAN ON TAKING MY FAMILY AND CLIENTS ELSEWHERE.

SPEAKING OF BUYING POWER-DID YOU KNOW THAT ASIAN AMERICANS LIVING IN MN WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUMPING 3.5 BILLION DOLLARS INTO THE ECONOMY IN 2003. I KNOW THAT MY WIFE HAS BEEN DOING MORE THAN HER FAIR SHARE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN TANI FOR WINNING "THE RAILROAD AND MINE WORKERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP". SHE IS IN THE GRADUATE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO MARIKO NAKASONE WHO WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE HENRY AND CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. SHE IS A FRESHMAN IN THE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

PERENNIAL AWARD WINNERS, ASTUTE BUSINESS OWNERS OF MINTAHOE HOSPITALITY GROUP, AND BIG SUPPORTERS OF TCJACL –ANNETTE AND KELVIN LEE WERE HONORED WITH THE MIDWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S "BUSINESS OF THE YEAR" AWARD. ST. PAUL MAYOR RANDY KELLY AND GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY PERSONALLY PRESENTED ANNETTE WITH THIS AWARD ON 6/18/03. IF YOU NEED CATERING CALL THEMTHEIR FOOD IS EXCEPTIONAL.

SPEAKING OF THE MIDWAY CHAMBER -MY GOOD FRIEND KOU VANG, A HMONG AMERICAN AND PRESIDENT OF JB REALTY WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER. THE SUCCESS OF THE HMONG COMMUNITY IN MINNESOTA REMINDS ME OF THE SUCCESS THAT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACHIEVED A FEW SHORT YEARS AHEAD OF THEM. I THINK IT ALL GOES BACK TO FAMILY AND WORK ETHIC, AND OUR EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION.

DID YOU SEE THAT THEATER MU PROVIDED TAIKO DRUMMING AT THE 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF NAGASAKI AND HIROSHIMA. THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE LYNDALE PEACE GARDEN WAS FEATURED IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF ASIAN AMERICAN PRESS.

WAY TO GO DEREK HAMAMOTO WHO WAS A SILVER AND BRONZE MEDAL WINNER AT THE JR. OLYMPIC TAEKWANDO CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ORLANDO FLORIDA. DEREK IS A FIRST DAN BLACK BELT WHO BEGAIN HIS TRAINING AT AGE 5.

OVERHEARD...ALLISON REITER AND EMILY FABER WENT TO THE JACL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WITH NATALIE NAKASONE. THEY HAD TO EXPLAIN THAT "THE NICE GIRL WITH THE BLOND HAIR WAS NOT ADOPTED AND REALLY IS HAPA."

ACCORDING TO KATHY KOCH, THE IWAO TAKAMOTO SHOW SHOULD BE A GOOD ONE. WHEN I ASKED WHY, SHE SAID-"YOU KNOW I CAN TALK, BUT WHEN I CALLED IWAO-HE CAN REALLY TALK. ALL I DID WAS SIT BACK AND LISTEN AND ENJOY." MAKE PLANS TO BE THERE!!

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR FEARLESS LEADER CLIMBED THE HEIGHTS OF MOUNT REI-YAMA. WE ALWAYS SAID YOU BELONGED ON TOP CHERYL.

WOW-DID YOU SEE THE GREAT ARTICLE ABOUT SALLY SUDO AND HER SISTER NOBU IKEDA IN THE NEW YORK TIMES? IT WAS THE STORY OF

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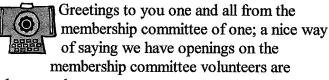
THEIR RETURN TO IDAHO'S MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER ALONG WITH 110 OTHER INTERNEES AND THEIR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. WHILE THE TRIP MUST HAVE BROUGHT BACK PAINFUL MEMORIES IT SERVED TO REMIND OTHERS OF THE MISTAKE OUR COUNTRY MADE WHEN IT REACTED WITH HATE AND FEAR AND PREJUDICE AND LOCKED UP INNOCENT AMERICANS. RIGHT NOW SALLY IS LEADING THE CHARGE ON MAKING SURE THAT THE STORY GETS TOLD CORRECTLY IN MN HISTORY BOOKS. THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS SALLY!

ONCE AGAIN, CHAMPIONSHIP FUND RAISER SAM SHIMADA LED THE CHARGE AT THE HEAD WATER FUND'S WALK FOR JUSTICE BRINGING IN OVER \$350.00. WHAT A MAN SAM!! OTHER WALKERS WERE CHERYL HIRATA-DULAS, AND JACQUELINE AND NATALIE NAKASONE.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST-WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR DONATOINS TO THE SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER COMING UP AT THE CHRYSANTHEMUM BANQUET. PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO PICK UP ANYTHING YOU WISH TO DONATE. OUR ICKINGS ARE A LITTLE SLIM RIGHT NOW, SO GET ON THE PHONE AND GIVE ME A CALL. (ATTN: MOTHERS-CALL YOUR CHILDREN-WE NEED HELP!) 612-363-5801.

ALOHA AND MAHALO -JOHN

### **New Member Information**



always welcome.

Here we are again another quarter with some new faces to meet and greet:

Maya Nishikawa and Shawn Johnson Kathie Hirata Minora and Margaret Hirata Lindsey Lumsden Hannah Semba

As you may have heard the National JACL is trying hard to sign up new members. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the Twin Cities JACL please contact me, or any board member with the information.

Hope to see you at some of the membership events,

Rachel Matsumoto 612-827-5280

#### **Tolerance Minnesota**

Tolerance Minnesota, a program of the Jewish Community Relations Council, is an educational partnership to confront prejudice and respect diversity in the classroom and in the community. The JACL, together with the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Somali Community of Minnesota, the Native American Academy, and Outfront Minnesota, form the Council of Advisors for Tolerance Minnesota. Sally Sudo is our representative on that council.

On Wednesday, October 1, Tolerance Minnesota was awarded the Anti-Racism Initiative Award as part of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and Minnesota Council on Foundations joint annual conference. The reception and ceremony were held at the Landmark Center in St. Paul.

Tolerance Minnesota is the first program in the state to incorporate anti-bias lesson plans and hands-on activities into existing school curricula. They have recently entered into a partnership with the Minnesota Twins. Through a pop culture series on "Baseball," students will study the ways that immigrants and minorities have shaped the game of baseball. The "Anti-Bullying Initiative" will feature lessons and activities that provide realistic student esponses to bullying. It is anticipated that 12,000 Minnesota schools will be reached by Tolerance Minnesota programs in the 2003-2004 school year.

# RICE PAPER education

Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Lucy Kirihara, and Sally Sudo joined together with representatives of the Council of Asian Pacific Americans to attend a public hearing on the newly proposed Social Studies standards for Minnesota. This hearing was held on Monday, September 22, at Central High School in St. Paul. Sally Sudo spoke on behalf of the organization. The following are her remarks:

My name is Sally Sudo. I represent the Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. I chair the Education Committee. I am a retired teacher and a former internee of a World War II internment camp. Representatives of our organization and the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans came here today to express our concern that the Japanese American internment experience during World War II was not included anywhere in the first draft of the Social Studies standards. Commissioner Yecke's opening remarks that this was an oversight, and that it will be corrected encourages us.

For too many years, this chapter in American history has been all but ignored by the textbooks our students are using. Therefore others like myself with first-hand experience have made it our mission to go out and speak to classrooms on this topic.



Twin Cities JACL Education Committee Members, and former WWII Internees Lucy Kirihara and Sally Sudo, with TC-JACL President Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Ilean Her, executive director, State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, and Dr. Rose Chu, Minneapolis Public Schools.

Photos by Emmett Timmons

As you know, some 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry (2/3 who were American citizens) lost their civil rights and were placed in American prison camps during World War II. It is important for students to study not only the manner in which this decision was made, but also to know why such a gross violation of constitutional rights was sanctioned by the highest levels of government, so that something like this will never happen again.

The Japanese American experience encompasses a wide range of subtopics, including, but not limited to, World War II American History, the role of the Nisei soldier in the 442nd regimental combat team and the 100th infantry battalion (which was the most decorated unit in all of WWII), diversity and racism issues, and the violations of the Bill of Rights.

Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in Minnesota, and it is important for that reason to include more information about Asian American history in the social studies standards.



### Remembering: Voices of the Internment

The JACL Community Forum to be held in February 2004 will be on the topic of the internment. Kent Ninomiya will moderate the event. The purpose of the forum will be educational. Those with firsthand knowledge and experience related to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II will have an opportunity to tell their stories to the younger generations.

The forum will be held at the Bloomington Civic Plaza building in Bloomington (98th St. & James Ave. S.) This event will be held Saturday, February 21 from 1:00-3:00 P.M.

A short survey will be distributed the end of October. The information will be compiled to learn about & preserve the memories of the internees. We hope everyone will participate.

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Kimi Hara with JASM president W. Soren Egekvist at a New Year's dinner party in 1976.

### The Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership

The Japan America Society of Minnesota is proud to announce Kimi Hara as the recipient of the 2003 Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership to recognize her outstanding contributions to the building of understanding, cooperation and respect between the people of Japan and Minnesota.

On Thursday, November 6, JASM will present the Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership to founding member Kimi Hara, and also recognize current and past recipients of the Mondale Scholarship. Also, KSTP-TV news anchor Kent Ninomiya has been invited to serve as the master of ceremonies, and violinist Yuko Heberlein and harpsichordist Asako Hirabayashi will perform a musical interlude. This year's dinner will feature authentic Japanese food prepared and served by Kikugawa at Riverplace.

Please join JASM in honoring Kimi Hara for her many accomplishments at the Mondale Award and Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, November 6th. Invitations to this event will be mailed to all JACL members.



JACL Gala Banquet: Matthew Dulas says that he will always treasure meeting Senator Daniel Inouye during an evening that was also highlighted by inspiring life stories of Rep. Patsy Mink, Rep. Mike Honda, Rep. Robert Matsui, and Secretary Norman Mineta.

Representatives of the MDC were: Ben A. Ezaki, III, Allison Fenimore, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Laura Paige, Bill Yoshino, and Shirley and Ralph Fujimoto.



# Past JACL National Director, Randy Senzaki, Passes Away in June

Randy Senzaki, son of Miyo and the late Ben Senzaki, passed away on June 13. Senzaki was a community leader and educator. Most recently he taught with the American Studies Departments at City College of San Francisco, SF State University, and San Mateo Community College. National Director of JACL from 1993 to 1994, he visited our chapter and was the keynote speaker for our annual banquet in 1994. The Senzaki family lived in Minneapolis until the late 1960's, and was very active in JACL.

Our condolences also to the families of Ben Ezaki, Jr., Ko Ishibashi and Paul Shimada (Sam Shimada's brother).

# RICE PAPER upcoming events



Reservations due for events with Scooby-Doo creator Iwao Takamoto Now is the time to make your reservations for Saturday, Nov. 1, when animator extraordinaire Iwao Takamoto comes to town!

The Twin Cities JACL's 57th Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2003. This special event is an opportunity for community people and JACL members to gather and celebrate the year. We're extremely honored that animator extraordinaire Iwao Takamoto will join us as our keynote speaker and that Maya Nishikawa, WCCO-TV reporter, will emcee our event. The banquet also includes a silent auction to benefit the programs of the Twin Cities JACL, and a presentation of colors by representatives of Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota.

### EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003

5:30 p.m. Social hour with cash bar, silent auction bidding, opportunity to meet Iwao Takamoto

6:30 p.m. Presentation of Colors by Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota, followed by dinner.

7:45 p.m. Keynote speaker Iwao Takamoto

8:45 p.m. Closing

Holiday Inn West, 9970 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park (763-593-1918)

Near Highway 394 and 169: From the east on 394, take 169 north to Betty Crocker Drive; go left; road winds around; hotel is on the left close to 394. From the west on 394 go north on Hopkins Crossroad; take first frontage road on right.

Tickets are \$35 JACL members, \$45 nonmembers. Reservations required by Tuesday, Oct. 28 to Kathy Ohama Koch, 952-884-1560.

Transportation to the event is available by calling May Tanaka, 952-934-9238, by Oct. 24.



## "Animator Up Close" program for children

Iwao Takamoto will present an informal program for young people on Saturday, November 1, 1 to 2 p.m., at the Holiday Inn West. He will talk about his career, sketch, answer questions and autograph one item per child.

Cost: \$5 per JACL member; \$10 family rate for JACLers with Family Memberships; \$10 each per nonmember adults and children.

Seating is limited; reservations required. Contact Lindsay Lumsden, 651-647-1361 or lums0001@umn.edu.

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More about Mr. Takamoto

Iwao Takamoto may not be a household name, but his creations surely are.

Mr. Takamoto was working at Hanna-Barbera in the 1960s when he sketched an oversized dog with a distinctive personality to add comic relief to a proposed mystery cartoon. Using key traits of a prizewinning Great Dane, Mr. Takamoto drew the opposite and explains: "The legs were supposed to be straight, so I made them bowed. I sloped the hind-quarters and made his feet too big. He was supposed to

have a firm jaw, so I receded it ..." — and Scooby-Doo was born. Running from 1969 to 1991, Scooby-Doo is the longestrunning cartoon in TV history.

While at Hanna-Barbera, Mr. Takamoto was part of a team of mavericks — the first to offer a single-story, 30-minute animated episode, featuring the Flintstones. The Saturday morning cartoon soon became a tradition and demand for animation exploded.

Mr. Takamoto played a major role in the design of literally hundreds of animated characters — Yogi Bear, the Jetsons, Quick Draw McGraw, Jonny Quest, Doggy Daddy, Grape Ape, Penelope Pitstop, Atom Ant, Wacky Races, Dino, Astro, Muttley, to name a few.

Prior to that, during 15 years at Walt Disney Studios beginning in 1945, he worked alongside animation legends on shorts and feature films, many of which are recognized as all-time classics — "Mickey Mouse," "Cinderella" and "101 Dalmatians."

Mr. Takamoto began sketching to amuse himself while interned as a young man in the Manzanar concentration camp during World War II. He caught the eye of two art directors interned with him, one of whom suggested he seek a job at Walt isney — which had liberal hiring policies — which Mr. Takamoto did after his release from camp.

Revered for inspiring generations to laugh, Mr. Takamoto is a brilliant artistic virtuoso — part of a pioneering class that ignited the Golden Age of animation in America. He currently is vice president of creative design at Warner Bros. Animation.

The annual JACL Holiday Party will be December 7th from 2-4 pm at the Edina Community Lutheran Church located at 4113 W. 54th St., Edina.

There will be food, drinks, entertainment and a visit from Santa. We will be collecting unwrapped new toys for donation to VEAP. This event is free for members and \$2 for nonmembers.

This event is Co-Chaired by: Darryl & Susan Hamamoto & Mark & Andrea Honda

Awe in the Family: Interpretations of Space of Time

Join renowned artist Carei Thomas and friends for a unique 3-Day Gift Shop, featuring 3 evenings of multimedia events and a Saturday afternoon for youth at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis; 612/871-4444.

Sat. Oct 11, 1-3 p.m. - Youth Workshop. Free. The TC JACL will be demonstrating origami. Other activities for youth include yo-yo-ing and visual art designing.

Thurs.-Sat., Oct 9-11, 7:30 p.m.: multimedia performances (program varies each night); admission: \$10; \$5 for youth and Intermedia Art members. Free admission to "Gift Shop" in the gallery with artwork and other items for purchase. The project is part of the McKnight Foundation Artist Fellowship Program for Interdisciplinary Artists.

# RICE PAPER upcoming events

Theater Mu in association with the Park Square Theatre production

#### **PACIFIC OVERTURES**

music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim -- book by John Weidman directed by Gary Gisselman

January 10 - February 1, 2004 Park Square Theatre 20 West Seventh Place, Saint Paul



#### PERFORMANCES:

Thurs at 7:30 pm -- Fri & Sat at 8 pm -- Sun at 2 pm AD/ASL Sat, Jan 31 at 8 pm

Tickets: \$32.50 - \$37.50

students: \$19 -- \$2.50 discount for seniors -- group rates

available

RESERVATIONS: 651-291-7005

The encounter between American gunboat diplomacy and Japan¹s determined isolationism in the 1850's set off a whirlwind of world-changing events in a revealing clash of cultures. Sondheim's unsurpassed mastery of the American musical mixed with the theatrical techniques of Japan create a rich and thought provoking view of our world.

# Normandale Japanese Garden Committee dinner/theatre benefit performance

A benefit for the Normandale Japanese Garden will be held at Normandale Community College (98th St and France Ave S in Bloomington) on Sat., Oct 25:

Dinner - 6 pm - Normandale Community College cafeteria (menu: teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, tossed salad, soft breadsticks, turtle cheesecake, green tea, coffee)
Performance - 7:30 pm - "Rashomon", performed by the Normandale Dept of Theater - Fine Arts Theater
Tickets: \$25 (reserve early as seating is limited) (all proceeds go to support the care and maintenance of the Normandale Japanese Garden)

Contact: Pat Kirsch at 612/866-5322 or Lynn Feidfeld at 952/835-1636

About "Rashomon": A samurai is killed. A notorious bandit confesses to the murder. A judge hears the case but still finds himself grappling with the truth. Told from several points of view of the individuals involved, this play forces the audience to examine how truth is perceived and perceptions can vary.

# Asian Pacific American Youth Forum on "Tough Issues, Solid Resolve: Facing the Future Together"

Friday, October 17, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, State Capitol, 75 Martin Luther King Blvd, St. Paul, FREE, lunch provided.

This forum is for youth, community members, direct service providers, and/or policy makers who care for the well-being and positive development of today's youth. The forum will provide an opportunity for the community to gather and join efforts to resolve and eliminate challenges that keep youth from reaching their full potential. Tough issues, such as teen pregnancies, polygamy, racism, cultural clashes, gang involvement and violence, early marriages, abuse and neglect, mental health, sexual exploitation, will be discussed, and a working plan of action will be developed.

Contact Jovita Bjoraker at the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans (651/296-0538 or jovita.bjoraker@state.mn.us) to register.

## Kogen Taiko

Performance Calendar &

Normandale Culture Festival - An Evening of Drums

Normandale Community College Bloomington November 13, 2003

## Asian Journalists Association Fundraising Event

Weisman Art Museum University of Minnesota Campus 333 East River Road December 10, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

## **Apple Valley Library**

Free Performance February 1, 2004, time tba

For more information, visit www.kogentaiko.org

# RICE PAPER event reports

The JACL Annual Golf Tournament took place September 14th, at Francis Gross Golf Course. There were 29 participants with the big winners for the low net scores were Helen Tsuchiya and Harley Ogata, \$50 gift certificate for Gross Golf Course. The closest to the pin winners were: Eiko Hidani, Emi Sako, David Mura and Dan Dulas. \$25 gift certificates for Gross Golf Course.

Jay Yamashiro

Normandale Garden Party

The Normandale Garden Club held its garden party dinner and boutique on June 22. Thank you to May Tanaka for organizing and coordinating our boutique booth, Kimi Hara for ordering merchandise, and the following other individuals for helping with set up/take down and working shifts: Mary Ness, Sally Erickson, Lindsay Lumsden, Mary Tsuchiya, Mary Yoshida, Jan Kirihara Monson, Lucy Kirihara and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas. Thanks also to May Tanaka for her lenerosity in donating a domburi dinner ticket to each volunteer. Entertainment was provided by members of our chapter, including drum group Kogen Taiko, and Kimi Yanari, who demonstrated origami.



**Dragon Boat Festival:** Above - Kent Ninomiya and his son Kent Jr. lead off the Dragon Festival Parade. Seated in front are Kent's wife Ava and Dan Dulas at the wheel.

Right - Mari and Tim Thompson, Dave and Lathy Koch (volunteers) marched in the parade along with Marissa and Matthew Dulas.



Headwaters fund "Walk for Justice" - Sam Shimada, Jacqueline and Natalie Nakasone, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas participated in the 8th annual event starting at Boom Island in Minneapolis. Almost \$900 was raised. Sam Shimada, who has walked for the past 4 years in a row, raised over \$700 in pledges to benefit the TC JACL Youth awesome job, Sam!!!



Above - Super Senior Luncheon: Ruth Tanbara, Yoshi Tani, Linda Hashimoto van Dooijeweert and Tom Kurihara enjoy the Super Senior Luncheon at the New Century Buffet in June.



# RICE PAPER events

### SUMMER PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS!

More than 120 people enjoyed fun in the sun at this year's Summer Picnic. This annual event was on Sunday, July 13, at Rosland Park in Edina.

Picnic goers enjoyed the good company, potluck lunch, and beverages under the park's shaded pavilion. There was the traditional snow cones, ice-breaker game, bingo (with prizes), and - of course - the many children's games (three-legged race, tug of war, etc.).

We would like to thank you - the families, friends and out-of-town guests - for attending this year's picnic and for providing the infamous potluck lunch! Special recognition goes to the following people who volunteered their time and talents in making this picnic a big success:

Cheryl Dulas Lisa Hintermeister

Sam Honda Mark Honda

Lucy and Mikio Kirihara Gloria Kumagai

Lindsay Lumsden Rachel Matsumoto **Dorothy Matsumoto** 

Barb Mitzuhata Ryo Miyagi Mitch Monson

John and Jaqueline Nakasone **Bud and Mary Nakasone** 

Jacob Nakasone ("griller extraordinaire!")

Natalie Nakasone

Chris Noonan

Carolyn and Chris Sandberg

Leilani Savitt Josh Savitt Reiko Sumada Connie Tsuchiya Sachi Williamson

Cary Yamanaka Jared Yamanaka

Our apologies if we overlooked anyone. Thank you!

Picnic lost and found items: (1) Black wire rim sunglasses; (2) plastic water bottle with Erik's Bike Shop logo). Contact Jan Monson to claim these items by phone, (952) 924-0957 or e-mail: mmonson838@aol.com.

Connie Fukuda and Jan Monson 2003 Summer Picnic co-chairs



Ayumi, Don, Forrest and Megan Prosser



Matsumoto Family





Ben and Lil Honda call Bingo with Josh Savitt



Bud, John, Jacqueline. Jake and Mary Nakasone

Hiromi and Leonard Hodgman Family

# RICE PAPER announcements

### Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue Advertising Opportunity

Again this December, the Pacific Citizen (PC), the newspaper of national JACL, is publishing a special holiday issue. Advertising revenue in this issue helps to support the PC. This year, our chapter will purchase one ad on behalf of our chapter members.

Opportunities are available for those who wish to purchase their own ad space to give holiday greetings or advertise their business. Advertising rates range from \$20 per 1 column x 1" space to \$80 for a business card-size ad; other options are also available.

If you are interested in this, please contact Chris Murakami Noonan, 651-486-9150 or noonant@comcast.net for more information. Camera-ready ads must be received by the PC by Dec. 1, 2003.

## Historian to visit Minnesota to research missionary teacher Elizabeth (Betty) Evans

Dale Ann Sato, a historian from California, is coming to the Twin Cities from Oct. 6-22 to research Elizabeth (Betty) Evans (1886-1972), a Presbyterian Board missionary teacher who taught in Sapporo, Japan. Her hometown was Minneapolis, and she and her sister Lillian lived at 3607 Emerson Ave N. During WWII, Ms. Evans assisted Japanese Christians in central California during evacuation. She later worked in the Social Welfare office at Granada-Amache. Following WWII, she served as director at a St. Paul hostel (1945-47), helping JAs to resettle. She occasionally attended the TC Independent Church and the Japanese Christian Union Church at 2200 Blaisdell Ave, before returning to Japan in 1947. In 1944, names mentioned were Sam and Mary Fujita, Rose Tsuratani, and Terry (Teruko?) Sato. Churches which sponsored Ms. Evans were Calvary Presbyterian-Minneapolis or possibly House of Faith Presbyterian Church.

Anyone with information about Ms. Evans or her family, no matter how minor, or those who stayed at the Japanese hostel, please contact Dale Ann Sato. Oct 6-13: Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 400 Hamline Ave N, St. Paul, 651/642-1234 or 800/535-2339; Oct 13-22: leave a message at 952/925-2429 (Cheryl Hirata-Dulas); after Oct 22: daansa@earthlink.net or 3507 W. 229th St, Torrance, CA 90505; 310/539-3491.

Are you web-savvy? We are looking for someone to replace Allison Fenimore as webmanager for our

TCJACL.ORG website. Please contact Cheryl Hirata-Dulas at 952/925-2429 or dulas001@msn.com. Thanks for your help in maintaining our website!

# State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM) Seeks Board Member

Looking for a way to get involved with the Asian-American community? CAPM is seeking a replacement for Masami Suga, who will be vacating the Japanese American seat in January 2004. Please contact CAPM at 651/296-0538 to apply for this important position.

## Learn the Japanese Language

Interested in learning to speak and understand Japanese? Contact Ayumi Prosser at 952/361-0861 for more information on group classes for adults and children.

### 2004 High School Scholarships JACL Membership Required for Recipients



Scholarship applications for 2004 high school graduates will be available in January 2004. Please contact Pam Ohno Dagoberg (763-557-2946, dagob001@tc.umn.edu) if you are interested in obtaining a scholarship application or would like to recommend someone for a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must be current JACL members. Individual Student or Family membership status is required (Individual membership of a parent does <u>not</u> qualify the student to receive a scholarship). To obtain a membership application, please contact Rachel Matsumoto at (612) 827-5280.

Applications will be sent to the following students:

Justin Aoki, Eden Prairie High School Drew Bennett, Henry Sibley High School Sarah Bissonnette, Minnesota Business Academy Derek DuSold, Lakeville High School Jennifer Judkins Ellison Kawakami, Trinity School @ River Ridge Jenna Kresa, Maple Grove High School Martin Lang

Jacqueline Lehman, Simley High School Alicia Munson, Blaine High School Kari Tanaka, Bloomington Jefferson High School Mike Tanaka, Hopkins High School Bryanna Trygg, Jennings Experimental High School Hayley Tsukayama, Jefferson High School Angela Umeda, Apple Valley High School

In addition to completing the application form and submitting a transcript, students must write a short essay entitled "The Value of Further Education." Applications are evaluated based on scholastic achievement, extra curricular activities, community service and the essay.

Completed applications must be mailed by March 31, 2004.



Mariko Nakasone of St. Paul, MN, and a member of your Twin Cities Chapter is the 2003 recipient of the National JACL Scholarship Program's Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Creative & Performing Arts Scholarship, and

Karen Tani of Sunfish Lake, MN, and a member of your Twin Cities Chapter, is the 2003 recipient of the National JACL Scholarship Program's Railroad & Mine Workers Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Community Summit for People of Asian Pacific Islander Descent Thursday, October 23, 5-9 p.m. Harrison Community Center

503 Irving Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55405 Registration begins at 4:30 pm

Asian Pacific Islanders are invited to a Community Summit, organized by the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights & Commission on Civil Rights, with support from the Office of the Mayor and community members. The purpose of this summit is to give the API community an opportunity to voice concerns and work on solutions on issues such as: bringing housing and buildings up to code to reduce health risks; accessibility to services and resources (including grants & contracts); API-community based services such as community centers; City of Minneapolis staff knowledgeable to assist API families; interpretive services; police community relations; youth issues; economic development and job related issues. If you have any concerns, please feel free to attend. The Twin Cities JACL has submitted a statement, based primarily on civil rights and education issues.

# KICE PAPER announcements

### Stories of Kindness to JAs during and following WWII Requested

The KANSHA (in gratitude) Project is a nation-wide effort to find, document, and honor non-Nikkei Americans who courageously supported Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II and following the post-internment period. Spearheaded by the MIS of Northern California, National JACL, and other groups, this monumental project aims to document these stories by conducting oral histories and collecting photographs, with the ultimate goal of publishing a book. The list of stories compiled from our chapter's Day of Remembrance program ("Unsung Heroes: Champions of Human Rights") in February 2000 has already been submitted. If you have any additional stories of acts of kindness, please contact: KANSHA Project, c/o JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter Street, Room #206, San Francisco, CA 94155; 415/567-8691; kansha@jcccnc.org or kansha@njahs.org.

#### JAs/JACLers In the News

#### **New York Times**

June 30-Article on Minidoka reunion-Sally Sudo and sister Nobu Ikeda, were quoted.



#### **Asian American Press:**

May 23-Asian Pacific banquet, with photos of keynote speaker Dr. Roy Saigo, George and Judy Murakami, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, and Tomo, J.R. Klepp and Jason Yamamoto; reference to Maya Nishikawa (MC), Leadership awardees Kogen Taiko and Jodie Tanaka; quote by Joyce Yamamoto.

June 20-Article on Kent Ninomiya and quote by TC JACL.

July 4-Personal commentary on Chino Latino and Fuji Ya ads by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas.

July 25-Dragon Festival photographs and article (quotes by Karen Tanaka Lucas, photo of Kent Ninomiya and family in parade).

Sept 5-Feature article on Erik Takeshita, senior policy aid for Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak.

Sept 26-Article on Social Studies Standards Hearing, with testimony by Sally Sudo and photos of Sally Sudo, Lucy Kirihara, heryl Hirata-Dulas.

### St. Paul Pioneer Press:

July 15-TC JACL editorial opposing Fuji Ya and Chino Latino ads.

Sept 23-article about Educational Standards Hearing in St. Paul, including reference to omission of JA WWII internment.

#### Star Tribune:

June 10-Article on edgy ads-reference to TC JACL's concerns.

July 21-Photo of Connie Tsuchiya and Kogen Taiko group on the Metro section front page performing at the Dragon Festival; quote by Karen Tanaka Lucas, chair.

#### Pacific Citizen:

July 4-17-JACL National Youth Conference-photos of Leilani Savitt and Natalie Nakasone, MDC Youth Co-Reps and others Aug 15-Sept 4-TC JACL members on the MDC Education Committee listed; Derek Hamamoto congratulated for Silver and Bronze Awards at the Tae Kwon Do Jr. Olympic Championships.

Sept 19-Oct 2-Article on National JACL Scholarship awardees, including Karen Tani and Mariko Nakasone from TC JACL

#### Osseo-Maple Grove Press

May 21-In "Maple Grove grad knows way to Sesame Street", Liz Hara was featured for her internship at Jim Henson Studios last year and for her work on costumes and props for "Sesame Street Live" this summer.

### JACL Network Update (Hate Crimes Newsletter):

Fall 2003: TC JACL editorial response to Fuji Ya ads ("Eating us will bring smile" and "From this position you will receive ")") were reported.

# RICE PAPER correspondence

Commentary published in Asian American Press, July 4, 2003 issue. **Now I Get It** 



I remember a few years ago when Esther Torii Suzuki\* stood out in the snow to pass out flyers protesting the Broadway production of "Miss Saigon" at the Orpheum Theater. It made an impression on me, but it wasn't until this year that I can say, "I get it." Why she would risk her health in the freezing cold and stick her neck out to fight against the stereotypical way that Asians/Asian Americans, especially the women, are portrayed in theater and in other forms of media, I get now. Reducing Asian/Asian American women to provocative, subservient objects is offensive, and it continues today in our local community.

Recent advertising campaigns of local restaurants Chino Latino ("Happy hour: cheaper than a Bangkok brothel") and Fuji Ya ("Eating us will bring smile" and "From this position you will receive fun") are examples of businesses and ad agencies taking liberties to use derogatory, distasteful, and demeaning ethnic- or gender-themed ads. Businesses and ad agencies typically justify the ads as "not meant to cause injury or harm," or as "good clean fun." The ads are indeed harmful to the entire community. I feel angry and betrayed that businesses/ad agencies push the envelope knowingly and at their whim, and yet do not have to suffer the negative consequences or repercussions that the targeted community does. We need to build coalitions, network, and hit businesses/ad agencies where it hurts most--in the pocketbook.

I have a picture of Esther on my filing cabinet, and it reminds me every day to remain vigilant and to keep up the fight against racism, injustice, prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination. Esther is one of the Nisei (2nd generation Americans of Japanese ancestry) who inspired me to get involved in community activism. Just when I want to give up the fight, I think about what our Japanese American community endured during and following World War II. It is unimaginable. I am proud of our Nisei for speaking out and for willingly offering their time to educate youth and the broader community. I believe that they feel compelled to tell their stories because they do not want our country ever to repeat what happened to them. May I honor our Issei (1st generation) and Nisei by being true to myself in serving the JACL and Asian Pacific American community.

I get it now.

Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

\*Esther Torii Suzuki was a community activist who was unjustly incarcerated by the US government, along with her family and 120,000 other Japanese Americans, at assembly centers and internment camps throughout the US during World War II. She passed away in December 1999 at age 73.

St. Paul Pioneer Press - July 15, 2003

#### ADS INSULTING

Fuji Ya Japanese Restaurant's ads portraying women of Asian descent coupled with intentionally explicit messages derived from poor translations to English ("Eating us will bring smile" and "From this position you will receive fun"), and Chino Latino's ethnic-humor ads ("Happy hour: cheaper than a Bangkok brothel" and "As exotic as food gets without using dog") have our organization concerned. The ads are harmful because they perpetuate negative stereotypes of Asians and Asian-Americans.

Of more concern is that neither the restaurants nor ad agencies (Idein LLC and Kruskopf Olson Advertising, respectively) see anything wrong with their ad campaigns.

We would like an end to advertising that depicts ethnic and/or cultural groups in a demeaning, derogatory or distasteful manner. It is insensitive and offensive, and a low blow to community groups that work hard to build greater understanding and educate the broader Minnesota community on diversity issues.

CHERYL HIRATA-DULAS

# Reservations for Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League 57th Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet with Jwao Tahamoto on November 1, 2003

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(Seating is limited for this event, so early reservations are recommended. No refunds after Oct. 30.) Make checks payable to Twin Cities JACL.

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