

President's Message

Dear Twin Cities JACL members;

Thank you for electing me your president for the upcoming year. Although I have served on the board for at least fifteen years on and off, I never imagined that I would be elected president. Thank you for this great honor. During my term as a "professional" board member, I have had the pleasure of seeing great leadership evolve and above all else great commitment and effort from all of our former presidents and board members. Although I could name the contributions of many, I would be especially remiss not to mention our immediate past president Cheryl Hirata-Dulas. Cheryl served our chapter as president for three years and I can't remember any event that I ever attended that she didn't show up and take pictures of, and meet and greet and make people feel welcome at. But I can remember many events that I did not have time to attend that she did. If we were to measure her for just the sheer amount of time that she put into JACL, her contributions would be legendary. Couple that with her ability to recruit people who had not been active in JACL previously, her tireless dedication to JACL, her special talents at keeping long time members involved, and her networking abilities outside our little JA world, made Cheryl a perfect leader. Everyone on the board knows that her strengths and accomplishments made it difficult for the next person to step forward to fill her position because of the fear of trying to follow in her footsteps. On behalf of our entire organization, I want to thank you Cheryl for everything you did for us, and Dan for letting her share so much of her time and talent with us!

Other outgoing board members and event coordinators will be missed and deserve to be thanked for their contributions as well. Lisa Hintermeister- (who I hope we haven't seen the last of) served notably and competently as our treasurer and meeting host for a number of years and is giving up this tough and time intensive job to Cary and Peggy Yamanaka. Kathy Ohama Koch who along with her husband

David ran the Chrysanthemum Banquet and the Generations dinner and Nisei Vet events etc. etc. etc., like a Swiss clock, is also stepping down after years of faithful service. Jay Yamashiro will be stepping down as golf chair after a long and successful reign at an event we all looked forward to. We also will miss Allison Fenimore who moved out of state for a new job opportunity. She was always a great volunteer and helped set up our first web site. We also need to thank Ben Ezaki for his leadership at the MDC level, and to Jamie Ishio Cork for her commitment to battle hate crimes and her involvement in chaperoning and leading the youth JACL programs. Her efforts with supervising the youth group have helped to make TCJACL chapter especially strong in this area. And last but not least, I wish to thank Carolyn Masami Sandberg for her "big picture" ideas, for keeping us "legal" and for her special efforts on the By-Laws and Nominating Committees and Jan Kiriara Monson for co-chairing the Programs committee with Rachel Matsumoto, (a very big job!) which played a key role in ensuring the success of our many events. When you see any of these people, please thank them for all the work they did on your behalf.

With so much talent leaving our board, you might imagine that I was more than a little worried about how we were going to be able to staff and plan all of our upcoming events. But I am proud to report to you that after having attended our recent annual planning meeting in January, I am encouraged and confident that you have elected new board members who are up to the task. First of all, many of our events and committees will continue to be chaired by their current chairs. Secondly, those positions needing replacements have pretty much been filled. For the Chrysanthemum Banquet, Connie Fukuda volunteered to co-chair along with new board member and famous St. Paul Pioneer Press (is there any other paper in town?) writer, Les Suzukamo. New board member and 3M exec Dale Wakasugi, volunteered to take on the all important-maybe even most important (just ask Sam Honda) JACL golf

ourney. New board member and communications/public relations expert Karl Nilsson has volunteered to help set up a new website for us (we had a few problems with our old one-but let's not go there...) and also volunteered along with former pres. Cheryl to head an all important new committee which is the TCJACL Quick Action Response Team-to draft and implement a TCJACL response to local and national issues that concern us. And Joyce Miyamoto Faber volunteered to head our annual meeting. In fact, the only committee that is actively looking for a chairperson/s is our annual summer picnic. If anyone would be interested in helping on this, please give me a call at 651-646-6999. As far as a time commitment, this one isn't too overwhelming.

By building on the efforts of those that have put many of our systems and programs in place, along with the supervision and suggestions of "retiring" board members, and the talents of those that remain and the energy of the new members we have recruited, I believe that our current TCJACL team will do their very best to make you proud. Thank you for placing your trust in us, we will do our best to serve.

Submitted by John Nakasone

Message from the Past President

A BIG thank you to the board and chapter members for the generous kaeru money tree that was presented to me by Jan Kiriara Monson and Rachel Matsumoto at the Children's Holiday Party. I am honored to have served as president for three years and on the board for ten years, and will treasure the wonderful experience. Because of family and other reasons, I have decided that it is time to step down from the board, but will remain involved in the chapter's Education Committee and in other ways.

Please give a warm welcome to our new president, John Nakasone, and to our chapter's new officers, and new and returning board members. The new board held a very productive planning retreat in January, and have many activities and events planned for the upcoming year. Along with your continuing support, I encourage you to further assist the chapter by volunteering to fill the various position openings and by helping to recruit new members.

Happy new year! Hope to see you at the community forum on Feb. 28!

Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

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Rachel Matsumoto, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas and Jan Kiriara Monson.

Calendar of Events:



Tuesday, February 17 - Board meeting, John Nakasone's office

Thursday, February 19 - National Day of Remembrance

Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m. - 51st annual meeting of the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union, Old Country Buffet Restaurant, Maplewood. See Upcoming Events for more information.

Saturday, February 28, 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

Tuesday, March 16 - Board meeting

March 12-28 - Heartbeat of the Drum, See "Around Town" to the right.

Sunday, April 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Along Comes Spring, Free family day at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. See "Around Town" to the right.

Tuesday, April 20 - Board meeting

April 29, 30, May 1 and 2 - Festival of Nations, St. Paul. See Upcoming Events for more information.

Tuesday, May 18 - Board meeting

Tuesday, June 15 - Board meeting

Around Town



"Along Comes Spring" - Sunday, April 4, 2004 (11 am-5 pm)

Free family day at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 Third Ave S, Minneapolis, 55404, 612/870-3131; www.artsimia.org. Celebrate the arrival of spring worldwide, and paint an Ikebana floral arrangement in celebration of Hana Matsuri, the annual festival of Japan marked by the blooming of cherry blossoms. Create a Chinese scroll to commemorate the Chinese New Year, and enjoy music and dance inspired by spring celebrations all over the globe.



"Heartbeat of the Drum" - March 12-28, 2004

SteppingStones children's theater and Misora Taiko will be presenting a modern Japanese folktale. Two hearts beat as one when Kiriko meets Yoshi, the greatest Taiko drummer in the land. When the great shark Nobu threatens to eat Yoshi for dinner, Kiriko must listen to her heart and confront her fears by learning the rhythms of the Taiko. In doing so, she saves her village and emerges as a courageous heroine. A magical tale filled with drumming and dance. To be enjoyed by all ages. Written by Sara DeJoras.

Performance Times:

Friday (March 12, 19, 26) - 7 pm

Saturday (March 13, 20, 27) - 2 pm

Sunday (March 14, 21, 28) - 2 pm

Tuesday (March 16, 23), Wednesday (March 24),

Thursday (March 18, 25) - 9:30 am, 11 am, and 12:45 pm.

General admission tickets, \$8; group rates available, call 651/225-9265 for information and reservations, or visit www.steppingstonetheatre.org.

Location: F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium in the Landmark Center, St. Paul (75 West Fifth Street, St. Paul 55102)

Our youth group will be planning a group outing on March 21 at 2:00 pm. Tickets cost \$6/person. All members are welcome to attend. RSVP to youth rep, Natalie Nakasone at (651) 698-3647 or Nellie4217@aol.com by Friday, March 5.



NAK NAK NEWZ

By John Nakasone

GREETINGS FROM BEAUTIFUL DOWN ST. PAUL MINNESOTA-WE'VE GOT 50 PLUS INCHES OF SNOW SO FAR, AN ICE PALACE AND THE NHL ALL STAR GAME. STILL WISH I WAS IN HAWAII!!

CONGRATULATIONS LISA AND DAVE HINTERMEISTER ON YOUR NEW BABY GIRL MADALYN KEI! NEW ARRIVAL SINCE LAST RICE PAPER.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK AND CHERYL LUND ON YOUR NEW BABY BOY, KALE SERGIO ANTONIO MIYAZAKI LUND, BORN 1/8/03 IN GUATAMALA CITY. MARK AND CHERYL RETURNED TO MINNESOTA WITH THE ACTIVE ONE-YEAR OLD ON JAN 20.

JUDO SENSEI CARY YAMANAKA HAD A NICE INTERVIEW AND A NICE PIECE ON MIDWAY JUDO BY ERIC PERKINS ON THE WCCO 10PM NEWS ON 12/2/03. WHAT WAS HIS THING ABOUT YOUR GI???

SALLY SUDO WAS INTERVIEWED BY NELSON GARCIA ON WCCO-TV ON 10/28/03 FOR AN EDUCATION PIECE ON THE SOCIAL STUDIES ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND WAS ABLE TO BRING UP THE IMPORTANT FACT THAT ANY REFERENCE TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT WAS MISSING IN THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT. GREAT JOB SALLY!

SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR JODI TANAKA WAS FEATURED IN THE STAR TRIBUNE'S BUSINESS SECTION AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN PRESS. DID YOU KNOW SHE USED TO BE A SINGER IN A ROCK AND ROLL BAND?

KIMI HARA MIGHT NOT HAVE EVER SUNG IN A ROCK AND ROLL BAND BUT SHE DID GET RECOGNIZED IN THE STAR TRIB, ASIAN AMERICAN PRESS AND ASIAN PAGES FOR HER MONDALE AWARD IN NOVEMBER. WAY TO GO KIMI!!!

CONNIE TSUCHIYA IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOUSE REMODEL AND HAS TO ZIP HERSELF INTO AND OUT OF ROOMS THAT ARE ENCASED IN PLASTIC. IN FACT SHE IS HAVING SO MUCH FUN THAT SHE WISHES THE PROJECT MIGHT GO ON FOREVER. IT PROBABLY WILL.

I'VE HEARD THAT TIM DAGOBERG IS WRITING A SCREEN PLAY. GOOD LUCK WITH IT. CAN YOU GET MY DAUGHTER A JOB??? SHE HAS THREE MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE TO PAY FOR.

I THINK THAT EMILY FABER IS OR WAS IN OXFORD PURSUING HER MASTERS. (SMART KID)

DAUGHTER NATALIE TELLS ME THAT WHEN SHE WAS RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON STATE AT A YOUTH JACL CONFERENCE SHE SAW SARAH (AND PAST TCJACL PRES. DAVID) HAYASHI. SARAH SAYS SHE MISSES TCJACL BECAUSE WE WERE ABOUT "THE FAMILY OF JACL" AND WASHINGTON IS ABOUT "THE POLITICS OF JACL". BY THE WAY, SARAH SAYS HI TO EVERYBODY!

SARAH ALSO SAYS THAT SHE IS STILL QUOTING MY WIFE JACQUELINE WHO WHENEVER SHE HEARS JA'S TALKING ABOUT BEING NISEI AND SANSEI AND YONSEI- CLAIMS TO BE A "DON'T SAY". UNFORTUNATELY, SHE CAN'T LIVE UP TO HER CLAIM.

DID YOU SEE THE GREAT ARTICLE ON LIZ HARA THAT APPEARED IN THE OSSEO MAPLE GROVE PRESS ON MAY 21 2003. IT WAS A NEAT FEATURE ON HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD FAMOUS JIM HENSON WORKSHOP IN NY OF MUPPET FAME. SHE HAS GOTTEN EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WORKING THERE AND AT THE BROADWAY HIT "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS". I THINK SHE LIKES WORKING WITH DUMMIES AND PULLING PEOPLES STRINGS.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO A TIMBERWOLVES GAME LATELY? KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR CAROL DEAN'S DAUGHTER, KRISTEN DEAN. SHE IS DROP DEAD GORGEOUS AND THE MOST TALENTED GIRL ON THE TIMBERWOLVES DANCE TEAM. BEAUTIFUL SMILE, SHARP DANCE MOVES, HIGHEST KICKS... AND YOU CAN TELL THAT THEY THINK SO TOO BECAUSE THEY PUT HER RIGHT UP FRONT AND CENTER. CONGRATS ON MAKING THE TEAM KRISTEN! KRISTEN IS STUDYING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AT MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY-MANKATO.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST-DON'T MISS THE UPCOMING "VOICES OF THE INTERNMENT", COMMUNITY FORUM TO BE HELD ON 2/28/04, 1PM-3PM AT BLOOMINGTON CIVIC PLAZA, EAST 98TH ST. AT JAMES AVE. S.. OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK ASSEMBLING COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND EXPERIENCES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME IN OUR HISTORY. CHANNEL 5 NEW ANCHOR KENT NINOMIYA WILL MODERATE. SEE YOU THERE!!!

Remembering: Voices of the Internment

Community Forum presented by the
Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League



**SATURDAY,
FEB. 28, 2004**

1 to 3 p.m.

**Bloomington Civic Plaza
Auditorium**

E. 98th St. at James Av. S.

(Large aqua tiled building
a few blocks west of 35W and
the 98th St. exit;
ample free parking)

Free & open to the public.

For info:

Lil Grothe: 612-727-3542

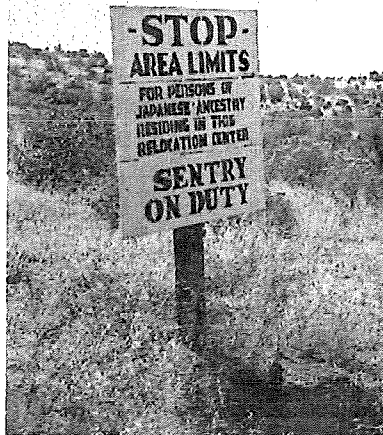
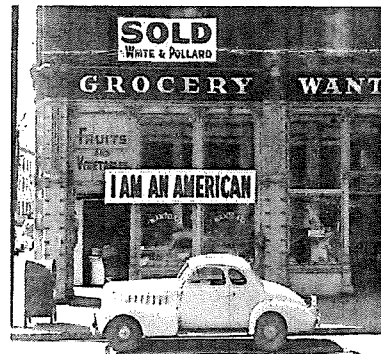
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How has the Japanese American internment
experience changed your life — and my life?
Still so many questions ...

- ♦ How did you feel when you found out you had to leave everything behind?
- ♦ Did you understand why you were being interned?
- ♦ What was the greatest challenge you faced in camp?
- ♦ While you were serving in the U.S. military during WWII and your family was interned, what were your thoughts?



Community members with firsthand experience related to the Japanese American internment share their stories. Moderated by Channel 5 Eyewitness News anchor Kent Ninomiya, the program includes a historical overview of the internment, a panel presentation, an open forum and a time for questions. Handouts of materials related to this topic will be available. Refreshments follow the program.



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Local and National Scholarship Information



2004 High School Graduate Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for 2004 high school graduates are now available. Please contact Pam Dagoberg at 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.

Applications have been 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. Scholarship recipients are required to be current JACL members.

Completed applications must be mailed by March 31, 2004



2004 National JACL Scholarship Program

March 1, 2004 will be the postmark deadline for submission of JACL freshman scholarship applications. Again, the submission of freshman applications will be to the applicant's local Chapter c/o Pam Dagoberg, 4365 Kingsview Lane, Plymouth, MN 55446. The applications for all other National JACL Scholarships (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative & performing arts, and financial aid) must be postmarked by April 1, 2004, and sent to the National JACL Scholarship Program, c/o San Diego JACL, 1031 25th Street, San Diego, CA 92102.

The Chapters are asked to screen the applicants and forward the "outstanding" applications to National JACL Scholarship Program, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. The deadline for forwarding of the applications by the Chapters is April 1, 2004. No exceptions will be made for late submissions.

One of the changes to this year's process is the inclusion of a "JACL Involvement" section to the application. This separate section will provide more specific information on the applicant's JACL role and activities. This information was often not available in the previous applications. The scholarship selection committee will need the "JACL Involvement" information in the application verified by the Chapters during their screening of the application. With the submission of the applications, the Chapter may include a cover letter to note the order of their selections and the justification for those selections.

Applications are available on the JACL website (<http://www.jacl.org> > www.jacl.org). Any applicant unable to obtain an application in this manner may contact National JACL at (415) 921-5225.

National JACL truly appreciates the assistance of the Chapters with the scholarship program. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please feel free to contact JACL National Vice President (General Operations) David Kawamoto (dhkawamoto@aol.com).

Submitted by Pam Dagoberg

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Masami Suga has completed her term as a board member for the Governor's Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans (Council) as of December 2003. A board seat, which can be occupied by a person of Japanese ancestry, at the Council is now vacant. Interested persons should contact Jovita Bjoraker at the Council at 651-296-0538 for more information. Downloadable application form is also available on the Council's web page: <http://www.state.mn.us/ebranch/capm/index.htm>.

Council was created by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1985 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 3.9226, subdivision 1, to fulfill three primary objectives: to advise the Governor and members of the legislature on issues pertaining to Asian Pacific Minnesotans; to advocate on issues of importance to the Asian Pacific community; and to act as a broker between the Asian Pacific community and mainstream society.

The **Festival of Nations** is coming up on April 29, 30, May 1 and 2. PLEASE VOLUNTEER to work at the JACL Bazaar Booth! It is great fun, the booth is usually busy so time flies, and you get to see all the merchandise up close plus enjoy the rest of the Festival.

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and we want to continue our success. The day shifts on Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, are student days and are particularly busy but also excellent fund raising days.

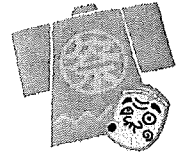
Shifts are 4-5 hours long and we need about 3 people per shift. Here are the approximate schedules:

Thursday, April 29 9:00-12:15 and 12:15-3:30 p.m.

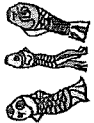
Friday, April 30 9:00-1:00, 1:00-5:30 and 5:30-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1 9:30-2:00, 2:00-6:00 and 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 10:30-3:00 and 3:00-7:00 p.m.



Please call Joyce Miyamoto at 651-636-3222 to reserve your shift!



Demonstrators are also needed at the **Origami and Ribbon Fish Booth at the Festival of Nations**. Interested persons please call Gloria Kumagai at 763-377-5602.



Concordia Language Villages, a program of Concordia Colleges in Moorhead, has Japanese summer language camps for children (one to four-week sessions), as well as other summer language camps. Visit www.concordialanguagevillages.org, or call 800/222-4750 for more information.

The 51st annual meeting of the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union will be held on Sunday, February 22, beginning at 2 p.m. at Old Country Buffet Restaurant, 3000 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, phone 651/779-1957 (across from the Maplewood Mall). The charge is \$5 for TC JACL CU members, \$2 for children (4-12), and \$9 for other guests. For dinner reservations, contact Sam Honda at 651/429-3410 or George Nishida at 763/588-1442 by Thursday, Feb. 19.



The Minnesota Asian/American Health Coalition (MAAHC) needs help from the Japanese American community to get our perspectives on "what is a healthy community." The purpose of the study is to create a need for further research into what Minnesota's Asian communities are looking for to be healthy and what is currently preventing optimal health. If you would be willing to answer questions over the phone, in person, or in writing, please contact Mona Bormet, Research Assistant at MAAHCresearch@yahoo.com or 612/596-7489.



The Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and Social Studies Academic Standards Update

In the last issue of the Rice Paper (Oct. 2003), an article was published that included the statement I gave at the public hearings on the proposed Minnesota Social Studies Academic standards for grades K-12. As a representative of the Twin Cities JACL, I expressed concern to the social studies standards committee that there were no requirements specifically on the Japanese experience during World War II. In my statement, I had inadvertently failed to mention the role of the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS). I apologize for this oversight, and to all those in our community who served so valiantly in this branch of the military.

The Military Intelligence Service Language School, first known as the Japanese Language School at the Presidio of San Francisco, began operation in November 1941 (about six weeks before Pearl Harbor). It was moved to Camp Savage in May 1942, and later to Ft. Snelling. Before the Camp Savage site was chosen, a survey was sent to about a dozen metropolitan areas throughout the country to determine what the atmosphere would be like to situate such a school in their area. Minnesota was selected for its welcoming and friendly environment.

The military had foreseen that qualified Japanese language personnel would be essential in winning the war against Japan. There were few American Caucasians fluent in the language. The War Department made the decision to use second-generation Japanese Americans (Nisei) to solve the linguistic problem. After a survey, it was determined that only 3% of Nisei were accomplished linguists, about 4% were proficient, and another 3% could be made useful if they were given language training. The "Americanization" of the Japanese in America had advanced more rapidly than the public was aware. Nisei volunteered by the hundreds to serve in the MIS, and this group of Japanese Americans proved their loyalty in every theater of the war. They became the eyes and ears of not only the American fighting forces, but also that of the other allied armies fighting Japan. They saved countless American lives and speeded victory. It is estimated that the MIS shortened the war in the Pacific by two years. Five to six thousand Nisei served in the MIS during and following World War II.

A second draft of the Minnesota Academic Standards for Social Studies is available for review at <http://education.state.mn.us/content/059712.pdf>. In this near-final draft, the Japanese American World War II experience is now included in three places:

Page 17: Grade 6, Minnesota History. 1F. Suggested topics include "Fort Snelling language school."

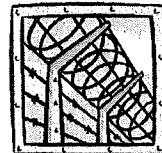
Page 23: Grade 7, History/Social Studies-1. Benchmark 4: "Students will evaluate the impact of World War II on the home front and on American culture, including Japanese internment, Tuskegee Airmen, and Rosie the Riveter."

Page 37: Grades 9-12, U.S. History-1930's-1945. Benchmark 2: "The student will examine Japanese internment during WWII, including the Roosevelt Administration's rationale and the impact on Americans of Japanese descent."

A final draft will be presented for approval to the Minnesota state legislature sometime in February. The Twin Cities JACL Education Committee submitted a letter to Minnesota Education Commissioner Yecke and the social studies standards committee thanking them for incorporating the Japanese American experience in the second draft, and to suggest minor wording changes.

It's encouraging to know that speaking up sometimes makes a difference!

Submitted by Sally Sudo



HAIKU IN BISMARCK

Wild chrysanthemums bloom
But I'm still in
The snow country prison

-- Itaru Ina

The war had ended --
in the Dakota fields
for prisoners

-- Itaru Ina

"Snow Country Prison, interned in North Dakota" was a deeply rewarding and moving experience for many internees who attended the exhibition opening in Bismarck on October 5 at the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC), located on the ground of the former U.S. Army Fort Lincoln.

Dr David Gipp, UTTC President, opened the program, sharing the history of Fort Lincoln, home of General Custer's 7th Cavalry, a World War II internment camp, a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, and now home of the UTTC, a two-year accredited college.

John Christgau, author of *Enemies: World War II Alien Internment*, revealed the then secret Enemy Alien Internment Program. Former German merchant seaman, Max Ebel, spoke about his experience at Fort Lincoln. His daughter told of her effort to obtain support for the Wartime Treatment and Study Act, a Congressional bill introduced to create a commission to study injustices done to European immigrants and Jewish refugees in the U.S. during WWII.

The program included presentations by Dr. Satsuki Ina, retired professor at California State University, Sacramento, and producer of *Children of the Camps*, a PBS documentary about six children interned during WWII. Her father, Itaru, was interned at Fort Lincoln and wrote Japanese poetry to record his feelings and events. Itaru's haiku, written in Japanese calligraphy for the exhibit, accompanied the photographs taken by the German internees and served as the core of the exhibit.

The exhibit will be displayed from February 28-April 11 at the North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND; April 18-June 20 at the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center, Moorhead, MN; August 10 - October 1 at the Taube Art Center, Minot, ND; and will return to the North Dakota Museum of Art in Bismarck.

I gained a greater understanding of the deprivation and hardships of the government-categorized "enemy alien" internees. I am more fully aware of the situation cited by John Christgau, "That the same wartime hysteria, driven again by ethnic prejudices, is tragically affecting Muslim and Arab American communities today."

I encourage Twin Cities JACL members to visit and support the exhibition. For information about the exhibit contact the North Dakota Museum of Art, 701/777-4195 or the exhibit organizer Laurel Reuter, ljreuter@mdmoa.com.

Submitted by Thomas M. Kurihara

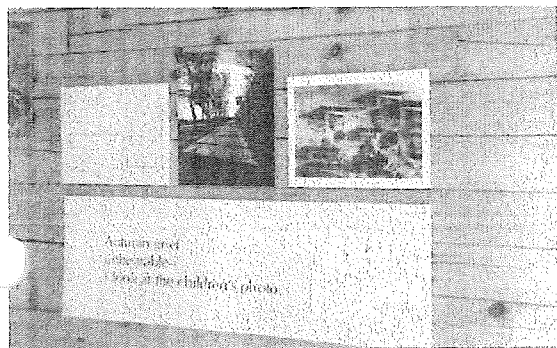
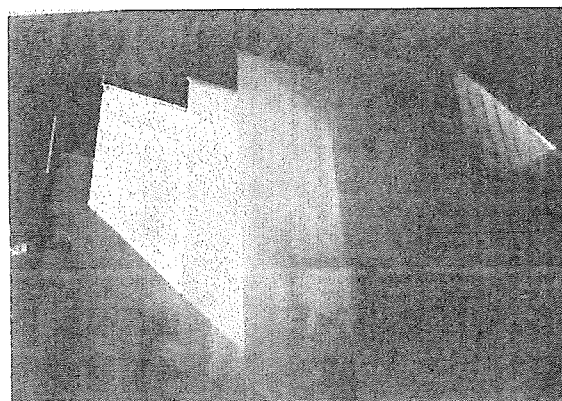


Exhibit photos and haiku

*Exhibit banners with front
panel showing photo of
Itaru Ina taken when
imprisoned at Tule Lake.*





Kimi Hara, Japan-America Society of Minnesota's 2003 Mondale Award recipient, with Mitsuo Sakata, Council General of Japan (left), and Honorary Chairman Walter F. Mondale (right). The Mondale Award was presented on November 6 at the Medtronic World Headquarters, with the Hara and Sumada families and many JACL friends in attendance.



Hara Family



2004 Twin Cities JACL Board members are sworn in by Ben Ezaki at the annual meeting and installation program. The event was held November 18, 2003 at Kikugawa Restaurant in Minneapolis.



New Member Information

Welcome, welcome - lots of new and exciting things are happening in the membership committee. Our goal is to get a new and updated membership directory to you. This directory is full of really cool and up to date people. Be the first one of your family or friends to own one. How do I get one you ask? It is easy, just make sure that you have a current membership. But my membership expired and I want to be with the cool and up to date people...well just contact Rachel Matsumoto for more information.

New and renewed members:

Ayako Chladek	Student
Karl Nilsson	Individual
Geoffrey Maruyama	Family
Don and Ayumi Prosser	Family
Mark and Andrea Honda	Family
Stephanie Lee	Individual
Ryusuke and Merri Lynn Jono	Family
Les and Karen Suzukamo	Family

Hope to see you in the directory

Rachel Matsumoto
612-827-5280



Chrysanthemum Banquet and Silent Auction

The 57th annual Chrysanthemum Banquet and Silent Auction was held on Saturday, November 1, 2003, at the Holiday Inn West in St. Louis Park. A separate children's program "Animator Up Close" was also held.

The silent auction was held during the Happy Hour and after dinner, and was a big success. Co-coordinators, Gloria Kumagai and John Nakasone had 77 items up for auction and it took in \$3100. The largest winning bid, \$550 was for two coach round-trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S. on Northwest Airlines. Four tickets to a Minnesota Wild game brought in \$365. This event is always a very fun, lively, and profitable part of our banquet. Thank you to all members, non-members and businesses who donated items for our auction.

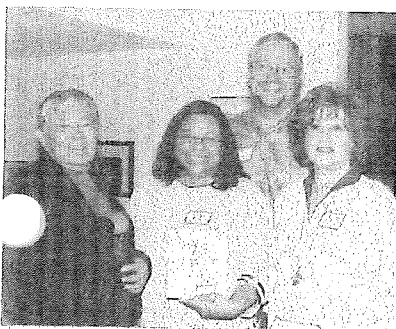
The keynote speaker was Iwao Takamoto, animator, and creator of some of the most famous animated characters in history; his most famous is Scooby Doo. Maya Nishikawa, a WCCO TV reporter, repeated as our emcee.

A short video produced by the Japanese American National Museum, and created by the Hanna-Barbera Studio, introduced our speaker, Iwao Takamoto. Iwao spoke for about 30 minutes sharing stories from his past at Manzanar concentration camp, his first job as an animator at Walt Disney Studios and his current position at Warner Brothers Studio, (formerly Hanna-Barbera) where he created the character "Scooby Doo". After his speech he answered questions from the audience. His talk was well received and most interesting.

Earlier in the day, Iwao spoke to children and parents at our "Animator Up Close" program. 75 people attended and watched as Iwao drew characters such as Yogi Bear, Quick Draw McGraw and Scooby Doo. Afterward he answered questions from the children and parents. Following that, he autographed anything that the children brought to him. The program was a big hit to all ages.

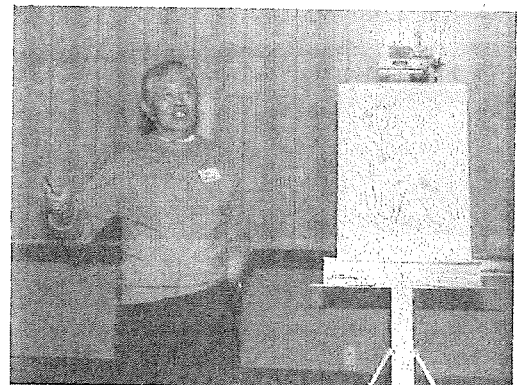
There are so many people to thank: our corporate sponsors, Bloomington Electric, Boston Scientific, Ecolab, Medtronic, and Wells Fargo; guest speaker Iwao Takamoto and emcee Maya Nishikawa; The Holiday Inn West; the JAVM color guard Min Tsuchimochi and Sam Honda; programs co-chairs Jan Kirihaara Monson and Rachel Matsumoto; president Cheryl Hirata-Dulas; afternoon program Lindsay Lumsden; auction co-chairs Gloria Kumagai and John Nakasone; corporate sponsorship Jamie Ishio Cork; public relations Chris Murakami Noonan; printed program Connie Tsuchiya; printed script Connie Fukuda; transportation for our members May Tanaka; LCD projector Judy Murakamii and Medtronic; origami table decorations Jan Kirihaara Monson, Lucy Kirihaara, Debbie Kirihaara and Mitch Monson; transportation for the Takamoto's Carolyn Masami Sandberg and Chris Sandberg and Mikio Kirihaara; Frequent Flyer miles for two upgrades Jan and Mitch Monson and Fred Tsuchiya; all of the members who assisted at the banquet; and special thanks to Mitch Monson for filling in at the last minute as emcee of the afternoon program and as troubleshooter for both programs; and my husband, Dave Koch for his many years of love, support, and help in every aspect of the banquet and special programs for the past 11 years. I would also like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as chairman of the banquet. It has been an honor and pleasure and I know you will be as supportive for the next chairman.

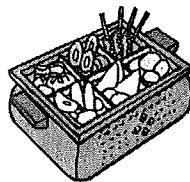
Submitted by Kathy Ohama Koch



Reception for the Takamotos at the home of Chris and Carolyn Sandberg. Pictured l to r: Iwao Takamoto, Carolyn Sandberg, Chris Sandberg, Barbara Takamoto.

*"Meet the Animator"
Children's program*





JACL Generation's Dinner

The JACL Generation's Dinner was held on Sunday, October 12, 2003, at the Bloomington Eagles Club. Approximately 60 people attended the potluck dinner and craft show despite holding it on a new day and in a new location.

Dinner included a wonderful array of Asian dishes and the food was delicious as always. Attendees were asked to bring either an entrée or a salad as dessert would be provided. This year Cheryl Hirata-Dulas and Dan Dulas donated two cakes for the dessert.

A craft show was held before and after the dinner. Lucy Kiriara, Lil Honda, Rei Sumada, Jan Kiriara Monson and Cheryl Miyazaki Lund were all participants, selling homemade items such as origami boxes, kokeshi dolls, handbags made from Japanese material, coasters, and many types of cards. Both buyers and sellers seemed happy!

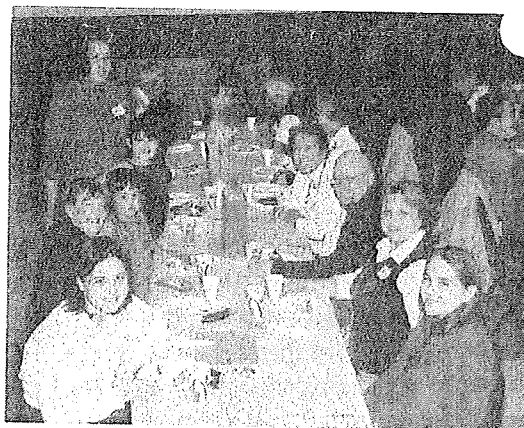
A lively game of Take-Away Bingo was played after dinner by all ages. Each person who attended brought "white elephants" in a plain brown bag to be used as prizes. The children's prize bags were marked with a sticker so that they could play too. Everyone went away with a prize or two.

Cheryl Miyazaki Lund and I would like to thank Cheryl and Dan for their donation of the cakes, Toshi Yoneji and May Tanaka for registration at the door, the Bloomington Eagles Club for the donation of the room, Mark Lund and Dave Koch for helping anywhere they were needed, and all who attended for making it a successful party.

Submitted by Kathy Ohama Koch



Co-Chairs Kathy Ohama Koch and Cheryl Lund



Diners



TC JACL member, Ayumi Prosser, demonstrating origami at "Awe in the Family" youth workshop at Intermedia Arts in Minneapolis on October 11.

Event photos courtesy of Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

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Children's Holiday Party

Santa was surrounded by 22 children and 24 adults at the Children's Holiday Party held in December. Thank you to Co-Chairs, Darryl and Susan Hamamoto, Mark and Andrea Honda for hosting a wonderful party.

Almost all of the children (& some adults whose names will be withheld) had their face or hand painted. Thanks to artists, Joan Grzywinski (Andrea's mother), & Rachel Matsumoto, the room was filled with wash & wear butterflies, bats, holiday trees, candy canes & Snoopys.

Delicious cake & all kinds of holiday goodies filled the table . . . & tummies. The kids enjoyed their fun gift bags, candy boxes, kirigami foil trees, and especially the stories and magic of "Jingles the Elf". Santa was a big hit with the kids (& adults) as usual. Special thanks to Ben Honda for helping Santa with the gift bags.

Thank you to the many elves who helped with the event: Connie Fukuda, Sachi Williamson, Lil Honda, Bob Grzywinski (Andrea's father), Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, & Jan Kiriara Monson. Sorry if we missed anyone. We appreciate the support that brought in a total of 24 toys, which were donated to VEAP.

Cheers to the Hamamotos & Hondas who have already volunteered to co-chair the 2004 event!



Santa with the Hamamoto and Honda families.

One of Santa's elves and children provided the entertainment. Pictured l to r: Madeline Honda, Serra Hodgeman, Theo Honda, Macy and Hana Yonekawa, Derek and Evan Hamamoto.



Good Fortune

At the Children's Holiday Party, 2003 Program Co-Chairs, Rachel Matsumoto & Jan Kiriara Monson recognized the merits of a very special person within our chapter— Cheryl Hirata-Dulas! The presentation included the following speech by Jan.

Cheryl, on behalf of the chapter, thank you for your leadership, positive attitude, & countless hours of volunteer service. A token of our appreciation is reflected in this gold tree. The ten origami boxes that form the tree represent the number of years you have served. Your dedication of ten years on the board, three of those as president, is unmatched. Each box contains a \$10 bill folded into a frog. In Japanese, the word for frog, kaeru, & the word for return, kaeru, are the same. In Japan, a lucky charm in the form of a frog is a popular symbol for parting gifts bearing the message, "come back soon".

On behalf of the TC JACL board & its members, thank you Cheryl. And "come back soon" to the board - you have certainly brought good fortune to our chapter!

Submitted by Jan Kiriara Monson



An editorial submitted by Sam Honda was published in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in response to an Oct. 31 article on the Social Studies standards. Thanks to Sam for bringing this article to our attention and for speaking out! Thanks also to Janet Carlson for giving testimony at the public hearings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, November 3, 2003
Not about 'hate America'

On social studies standards, [Minnesota Education] Commissioner Yecke stated, "The majority of parents and the public want to see history standards that reflect the greatness of the country and I don't believe in the hate America agenda." Someone mentioned that any man can make a mistake, but it takes a good man to admit it. Our nation is great because we admitted we made a mistake in the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during WWII. Furthermore, if we don't learn of our mistakes, we are bound to repeat them. This is not about "hate America."

O. Sam Honda

Statement Given by Janet Carlson at the Social Studies Academic Standards Hearing at Forest Lake High School on October 20, 2003

Good evening. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. I'm Janet Carlson. I was born in Minneapolis, attended school in Roseville and except for the four years I was in graduate school in Palo Alto, California, I have lived in Minnesota all of my life. My family and I now live in the Stillwater school district where my son has attended school for the past nine years.

I am here tonight to share some of my observations about education in Minnesota and to express my disappointment in and concern about the proposed graduation standards in social studies. As a chemistry professor, I could have chosen to speak about the science standards but I believe I am in a unique position to comment on the standards for social studies because I also teach Asian American studies.

I'm a third generation Japanese American. When I was growing up, I had a sense that my family and I were out of the ordinary. For one thing, there were bullies in school who taunted me with gibberish they pretended was Chinese and said things like "ah so" when I walked by.

On the weekends, my grandma talked about going to camp with my grandpa, my dad and his siblings. I thought this was odd because my friends and I went to camp with each other but as far as we knew, families didn't "go to camp" together.

It wasn't until I was 16 and a junior in high school studying American history that I discovered my family was truly out of the ordinary. There was a single paragraph in my history book that described my family's wartime experience. My teachers were unable to answer the many questions I had.

At home I learned that during WWII my dad was one of 80,000 American citizens who had been incarcerated by the government of the United States and that as a high schooler he had spent the war years with his family in a concentration camp under armed guard. The official government explanation for this action was that Japanese Americans needed to be protected from hostile neighbors.

I share this story with you for two reasons.

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First, I think it shows what terrible things can happen when a group of people and their experiences are cut off from mainstream society. My dad's family was incarcerated in part because of many the discriminatory laws and presidential executive orders that were put into place before the internment.

Since reading that first surprise paragraph in my high school history book, I learned that until 1952 Japanese immigrants like my grandparents were forbidden from becoming US citizens because they came from Asia.

I learned that my Aunt Jane owned her parents' house because it was illegal for immigrants from Asia like my grandparents to own land in Minnesota. I learned that I grew up in Roseville because other communities had covenants barring Asian Americans from buying homes there but one home builder in Roseville was willing to sell to my parents.

Information like this helped me understand why Asian immigrants held on to the traditions and the language from their home countries. It helped me understand how they had become isolated from the larger community, why people who don't know me automatically assume I am foreign and complement me on my excellent English.

The second reason I shared my experience with you is that it is a story that it is particularly relevant today. One of my Iraqi American students whose family has been in the US for over 30 years and whose father became a naturalized citizen many years ago told me that after 9/11 his family was questioned by the FBI. The agent told my student's dad that it seemed likely that all Iraqi Americans would be rounded up for their own safety!

Many commentators have asserted that cooler heads have prevailed this time because Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, who grew up in an internment camp because he is Japanese American, was there to remind us of our government's earlier mistake.

Fortunately, before taking my Asian American Studies class, many of my current students—most of whom went to high school here in Minnesota--were not aware that the WWII events I described happened.

I hoped that my son's schooling would different from my own. To some extent, it has been. Instead of only celebrating traditions of "unusual" cultures he has experienced Japanese culture along side of Swedish, Irish, German and other cultures. At school, he's experienced Cinco de Mayo and learned about Kwanzaa. However, if I hadn't volunteered to give presentations about Japanese American internment, he wouldn't know about it.

The new proposed standards represent a step backwards. These proposed standards are too Eurocentric. Our students live in an increasingly diverse world. My Roseville junior high and high school had fewer than a dozen students of color or less than 0.5%. My son's junior high school has 10 times as many Asian American students and, in nearby St. Paul, 30% of the students are Asian American and additional 37% are Black or Latina/o. In Minneapolis, 69% are students of color. Nationwide, Asian Americans and Latina/os represent the fastest growing ethnic groups with growth rates over 100% in the past two decades. Diversity training has become a very profitable business because employers know that a workplace that values diversity improves business. Institutions of higher learning value diverse points of view because learning improves for all students.

Columbia University History Professor Gary Okihiro has shown how groups at the margins of American society have strengthened the fabric of mainstream society by challenging its assumptions. Our students must be exposed to those crucial ideas.

I strongly urge you to reject these proposed standards, appoint a committee of educators who are knowledgeable about the diverse communities in Minnesota and the US and give that new committee sufficient time (at least a year) to design a curriculum that is more fitting for 21st century Minnesota.

Thank you.

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