

# RICE PAPER



A newsletter of the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League  
June 2004



## President's Message

I am not sure whether to get ready to welcome summer or build an ark. It just won't stop raining! The only good thing about the monsoon season is that it tends to limit the "honey do" list. Unfortunately, I have a leak in my house roof and my cabin roof and I have to keep emptying buckets every time it rains. My neighbor says this is just further evidence of global warming. I told him it's just further evidence of a leaky roof. My roofer says this is further evidence of stupidity because "only stupid people have leaky roofs." At this time, even though I might be all wet, I am halfway into my term and have a lot to be grateful for outside of the weather. First of all, I am blessed with a "Can do" board that is doing a great job of performing its duties for TCJACL. Secondly, I am lucky to have Past-president Cheryl Dulas to back me up and help me answer questions that are second nature for her. But most importantly, I have to thank all of you who do so much for the betterment of JACL. Seeing all of the hard work you volunteer for to make our events a success makes me proud to be a member of JACL!

In February, the Education committee led by Sally Sudo did a remarkable job in presenting our own "Day of Remembrance". It was well publicized and well attended and Kent Ninomiya did an awesome job of moderating.

The Education committee also put on an internment display for Asian American Day at Hennepin County Government Center on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

In March, JACL youth group coordinator Natalie Nakasone led a group of 10 adults and children to the very good "Heartbeat of the Drum" play at Stepping Stone Theater.

April 29-May 2<sup>nd</sup> was Festival of Nations time and our new co-chairs Cary Yamanaka, Joyce Miyamoto and Gloria Kumagai and a cast of thousands brought in a record \$15,000.00 gross sales. Heavy inventory purchases in 2004 should help to increase margins next year.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> the ever vital and important Scholarship committee held its annual banquet for 16 graduating seniors at the St. Anthony Events Center. Natalie Nakasone addressed the graduates and pled the case for joining the

youth group and Gloria Kumagai urged graduates to remain active in JACL.

Joyce Miyamoto, Rachel Matsumoto and Jan Monson set up a sales booth at the St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City annual meeting in Phalen Park and sold some Festival goods and donated a silent auction item to event coordinator Linda VanDooijeweert. Lots of good will was sown.

JACL and Japan America Society will be co-promoting author Rick Straus's talk about his book *The Anguish of Surrender: Japanese POWs of World War II*, on June 17 at the Fort Snelling History Center at 6pm.

New board member Karl Nilsson is hard at work on your new JACL website, and we are looking forward to its rebirth.

Rachel Matsumoto is going to be hosting an Origami class with help from Jan Monson and Lucy Kirihara at Lucy's house on a Saturday morning in the summer-date yet to be decided.

New board member Dale Wakasugi has forty spots for our golf outing on September 19 reserved and is ready to take over from long time chair Jay Yamashiro. He's going to have a tough act to follow. You better make sure you get the right type of rice and shoyu Dale!!

Our membership is a little off both locally and nationally and there is big pressure from National to renew members. If you know of somebody whose membership has lapsed, urge them to rejoin!

Big plans are underway to make this year's Summer Picnic a special one, and the event is being chaired by new board member Lisa Shakerin. Hold the date of July 11 open on your calendar. Same time and place. I hear the Chef is planning something special for the menu this year-(and Gloria Kumagai says she's going to kill me if it isn't ready on time!!!)

Tireless Sunshine Provider May Tanaka has been way too busy of late with a lot of illness and funerals. Thank you May for continuing to donate your free time to JACL.

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president's message cont...

May gets the award for providing yours truly with the best piece of advice that I have received from a JACL'er to date- "John- you've got to delegate!. Delegate, delegate, delegate!" I wish I could have delegated this letter.

Lots of behind the scenes planning is going on by new banquet co-chairs Connie Fukuda and new board member Les Suzukamo in order to make this year's Chrysanthemum Banquet a big success. I can tell you that the date of November 13<sup>th</sup> has been set, but I can't reveal the speaker's identity at this time because it's gonna be huge!!

Former board member and "lifer" Chris Noonan keeps tackling every tough job we send her way-what doesn't she do? She is the promotional "go to" person for JACL and we are lucky to have her.

Financially, our able treasurer Cary Yamanaka tells me that we're doing fine. He is streamlining some of the processes and trying to stay on top of everything-but it takes a lot of time.

Which reminds me-Lisa Hintermeister, thank you for all of the years you spent keeping perfect track of our purse strings. I don't think any of us realized the amount of time it takes to balance the books for JACL or thanked you enough.

And Connie Tsuchiya-what an incredible job she has done to make our little "Rice Paper" such a cover to cover read!!! Please thank her the next time you see her.

Thanks again all of you tireless JACL volunteers-those I mentioned and those I did not-thanks for all of your help and support. If there is anything that the board can do for you, please call.

And keep your powder dry!!

John G. Nakasone 612-363-5801.



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please call May Tanaka if a JACL member is ill or in the hospital, has passed away, or for other related news. Please contact May at (952) 934-9238.

## "Only the Brave"

The principal filming has been completed for a feature-length film about the 100th/442nd RCT, told from a Japanese American perspective and geared to a broad audience. Titled, "Only the Brave," the film follows the Nisei soldiers' exploits throughout Europe, centering on the rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion in the Vosges Forest, France, in 1944.

Eric Hayashi, the film's co-Executive Producer, is cousin of TC JACL member Penelope Haru Snipper (see photo). He came to the Twin Cities from Northern California to attend our "Remembrances: Voices of the Internment" community forum, and shared a few words about the film and fundraising efforts. Major funding was provided by private donations, the National Japanese American Historical Society, and California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. DreamWorks provided free use of a backlot. "Only the Brave" is directed by Lane Nishikawa for Mission from Buddha Productions. We will be watching for the release date of this powerful film.



*Eric Hayashi, "Only the Brave" co-Executive Director and his cousin Penelope Haru Snipper at the internment community forum in February.*

## 2004 Twin Cities JACL Board of Directors

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## Newsletter Staff:

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## Calendar of Events:



**Tuesday, June 15** - Board meeting

**Thursday, June 17** - Book reading by Rick Strauss, Ft. Snelling (see upcoming events)

**June 18-20** - Passing the Beat: Mu Daiko Student performances. Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m. The Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis. Tickets \$10. Reservations (612) 340-1725.

**June 25-27** - "New Eyes Festival," by Mu Performing Arts (formerly Theater Mu), Fri. at 7 p.m., Sat. and Sun. at 12, 3, and 7 p.m. The Playwrights' Center, 2301 Franklin Ave E, Minneapolis. Tickets \$6. Reservations (612) 824-4804.

**Sunday, June 27** - Super Senior Luncheon, 1:00 p.m., New Century Buffet, Bloomington (see upcoming events)

**Sunday, July 11, noon** - Summer picnic: Rosland Park in Edina. Contact Lisa Shakerin for more info - (763) 537-6829. Flyer to follow under separate mailing.

**July 17-18** - Dragon Festival, Lake Phalen, St. Paul. See [www.dragonfestival.org](http://www.dragonfestival.org)

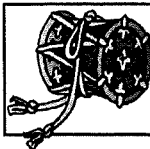
**Tuesday, July 20** - Board meeting

**Saturday, July 24** - Origami Class, Lucy Kiriara's home (see upcoming events), 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**August 10-14** - 75th Anniversary JACL National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua will be the keynote speaker for the Hawaiian luau.

**Tuesday, August 17** - Board meeting

**Sunday, Sept 19** - golf tournament



## Kogen Taiko Calendar of Events:

July 18, 2004

Dragon Boat Festival

Asian American Renaissance

Lake Phalen, St. Paul

Time tba (see [www.dragonfestival.org](http://www.dragonfestival.org) for current details)

August 21-22, 2004

Ginza Festival

Midwest Buddhist Temple of Chicago

September 12, 2004

Normandale Community College

Bloomington, MN

Japanese Garden Sukiyaki Dinner Fundraising Event  
1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

August 8, 2004

St. Louis Park Summer Spectacular Celebration

City of St. Louis Park Ampitheater

7:00 p.m., 45 minute show



## New Member Information

Greetings and happy summer JACL members.

Welcome new members:

Mike Tanaka

Derek DuSold

Jenna Kresa

Martin Lang

Alicia Monson

Kari Tanaka

David and Linda Umeda with daughter Angela

Christopher Goodermont

Catherine Ishino

Joan Wagner

I would also like to thank the members who have renewed through National. We are still looking for a few good members so keep your friends and family in mind when discussing all the fun activities that you have attended in the past few months.

Any questions you can contact the membership chairperson, Rachel Matsumoto 612-827-5280

Hope to see you at the upcoming picnic and origami class.



# NAK NAK NEWZ

By John Nakasone

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I NOTE THE PASSING IN APRIL OF TWO GREAT WARRIORS OF JACL-TOM OYE AND TOSH ABE. FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, THESE TWO MEN HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ALL OF THE JACL EVENTS AND ENCOURAGED THE REST OF US TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN JACL. AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE MOURN THEIR PASSING AND SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THEIR FAMILIES. WE WILL ALL MISS THEM GREATLY.

THE JAVM HELD ITS ANNUAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM IN MAY AT FORT SNELLING NATIONAL CEMETARY. I HEARD IT WAS A GOOD PROGRAM, BUT THE RANKS ARE SLIMMING DOWN.

TRAVIS YAMANAKA PLACED FIFTH IN THE NATIONAL JUDO TOURNAMENT IN LOS ANGELES THIS SPRING, AND IS NOW NUMBER 10 ON THE SENIOR NATIONAL LIST. HE CAME VERY CLOSE TO WINNING AN INVITATION TO TRAIN WITH THE OLYMPIC TEAM IN COLORADO. CARY WENT TO WATCH AND HAD TO DO A WHITE KNUCKLE DRIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT IN ORDER TO CATCH A PLANE BACK TO GO WORK AT THE JACL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS BOOTH. NOW THAT IS DEDICATION.

NOT TO BE DENIED, BROTHER BRAD JUST FINISHED IN FIRST PLACE AT 73 KILOS OF THE BROWN BELT DIVISION AT THE AM-CAN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT- 960 PARTICIPANTS, JARROD PLACED FOURTH IN THE BROWN BELT DIVISION AT 78 KILOS AND TRAVIS PLACED FOURTH IN THE 73 KILO BLACK BELT DIVISION. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIGHTING YAMANAKA BROTHERS!!

SPEAKING OF FESTIVAL- A SPECIAL THANKS TO THIS YEARS FESTIVAL OF NATIONS TEAM WHICH SET A RECORD SALES ACHIEVEMENT BY SELLING \$14,960.00. OUTGOING CHAIRMAN CHUCK TATSUDA DID A WONDERFUL JOB OF HELPING AND PASSING ON THE TORCH TO NEW CO-CHAIRS CARY YAMANAKA AND JOYCE MIYAMOTO SO THAT THERE WAS A SEAMLESS TRANSITION FOR OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUND RAISER. THANK YOU ALSO GLORIA KUMAGAI AND SAM AND LIL HONDA FOR MASTERMINDING THE RIBBON FISH BOOTH ONCE AGAIN, WHICH IS THE PRE-REQUISITE FOR BEING ABLE TO HAVE A SALES BOOTH. AND THANKS JAN MONSON AND RACHEL MATSUMOTO AND LISA SHAKERIN FOR HELPING TO SORT AND PRICE GOODS. AND KELVIN AND ANNETTE LEE FOR MOVING THE PRODUCT FROM MY OFFICE TO THE FESTIVAL, AND JIM FABER FOR SCHLEPPING IT DOWN TO THE BASEMENT STORAGE AREA, AND SANSEI YONSEI KAI DANCE GROUP, WHICH IS ANOTHER PRE-REQUISITE FOR

OUR PARTICIPATION. THANKS ALSO TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED THE BOOTH. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN FESTIVAL KNOW HOW MUCH FUN, AND HOW MUCH WORK IT IS. YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB AND CAN BE PROUD OF THE FIRST CLASS JOB WE DID.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ROY SAIGO, PRESIDENT OF ST. CLOUD UNIVERSITY, WHO RECEIVED A COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE CELEBRATION OF ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

DID YOU KNOW THAT EMILY MIYAMOTO FABER IS MARRYING A BLOND BRIT -JAMES DENSLEY ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2004 !! WHEN JOYCE WAS ASKED IF SHE WAS GOING TO MISS EMILY, SHE SAID THAT SHE TALKS AND SEES HER MORE SINCE SHE MOVED OUT THAN WHEN SHE LIVED AT HOME...CONGRATS EMILY!! BOY DOES THAT MAKE ME FEEL OLD...

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYA NISHIKAWA AND SHAWN JOHNSON ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY GIRL MIEKO JESSICA, BORN ON MARCH 9. THERE IS A WEBSITE AT [WWW.CARINGBRIDGE.ORG/MN/MIEKO](http://WWW.CARINGBRIDGE.ORG/MN/MIEKO) TO GET PHOTOS AND GET INFO ABOUT HER BIRTH AND A GENETIC CONDITION THAT SHE HAS. MIEKO AND MOM ARE DOING WELL AND HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL.

MARIKO NAKASONE WILL BE FILMING HER FOURTH AND FINAL SEASON OF DRAGON FLY TV THIS SUMMER. I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO TRADE HER IN FOR A YOUNGER VERSION. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN AND A GREAT HELP WITH HER BOSTON U SCHOOL TUITION...DAD THINKS THAT THE FINAL EPISODE WILL PROBABLY OUTDRAW DONALD TRUMPS "THE APPRENTICE" AND "AMERICAN IDOL".

AT THE MINNESOTA TWINS THIRD ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT ON MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, JODIE TANAKA ACTED AS EMCEE AND INTRODUCED THE PRE-GAME ENTERTAINMENT. KENT NINOMIYA THREW OUT THE FIRST PITCH- LUCKILY, HE DIDN'T HIT ANYONE...

I HEAR THAT KATHY OHAMA KOCH AND CHERYL MNIYAZAKI LUND HAVE STARTED "PAIL PINK", A CONSIGNMENT STORE FOR WOMEN. THEIR FIRST ANNUAL SALE IS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 11-13 AT CHERYL'S. LOT OF LUCK!!

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## NAK NAK NEWZ cont...

HEY DID YOU SEE SAM HONDA'S "PLUGGER" CARTOON IN THE MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> PIONEER PRESS...HIS NARRATIVE WAS "PLUGGERS KNOW ALL ABOUT BRINGING POWER TO THE PEOPLE" AND SHOWED A DOG IN A HARD HAT IN AN AERIAL LIFT, JUST ABOUT TO GO TO WORK ON A POWER LINE ON A TELEPHONE POLE.

BIG THANKS TO THE OYE FAMILY FOR DONATING OVER \$1000.00 TO THE JACL EDUCATIONAL FUND IN MEMORIALS.

NICE WORK CHERYL DULAS AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR SECURING A \$1000.00 GRANT IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNMENT FORUM.

COULD MARIKO KUMAGAI SAVITT HAVE RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WITH A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS? WATCH OUT MOM, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A CARD CARRYING CONSERVATIVE IN THE FAMILY. I CAN SEE IT COMING...

NOW I KNOW WHY THEY CALL "YOU PEOPLE" THE QUIET AMERICANS---NOBODY TELLS ME NOTHING FOR NAKNAK NEWZ.... UNTIL NEXT TIME...



### Mark your calendars: JACL annual golf tournament

Where: Francis Gross Golf Course  
2201 St. Anthony Blvd  
Minneapolis, MN. 55404  
612.789.2542

Date: Sunday, Sept. 19th

Time: Tee times begin at 12:00pm (noon) Last tee time 1:22pm

Green Fees/merchandise fee: \$28.00 + \$7.00 = \$35.00 ea without cart, \$50.00 ea with cart.  
Merchandise: \$7:00 ea. mandatory fee per golfer

Carts: \$25.00 per cart, \$5.00 key deposit

Registration Deadline: August 30, 2004

Questions: Dale Wakasugi, 3239 Meadow Brook Place, Woodbury, MN. 55125.

651.578.3723 [Dwakasugi@mmm.com](mailto:Dwakasugi@mmm.com)

Registration info to follow.

### Scholarship Program Donations:

Each year, TC JACL awards scholarships to graduating seniors who are members of our local chapter (see awards banquet report inside). This year, entertainment was provided by award recipients Angela Umeda and Hayley Tsukayama.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship program please send memorials to the JACL Scholarship Committee, c/o Connie Tsuchiya, 6431 Mere Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

Telephone (952) 975-0047 or e-mail [ctschiya@mn.rr.com](mailto:ctschiya@mn.rr.com) with questions or to set up a memorial fund for a loved one.

Thank you!



*Angela Umeda plays the oboe*



*Hayley Tsukayama sings "Hana"*

# RICE PAPER festival of nations

We had another busy and successful bazaar booth at the 2004 Festival of Nations. Our special thanks to all the volunteers who helped, some worked multiple days:

Chuck Tatsuda	Chris Noonan	Lisa Shakerin	Natalie Nakasone
Jan Monson	Lynn Yamanaka	Jamie Cork	Dale Wakasugi
Cheryl Hirata-Dulas	Tim Thompson	Sudie Hoffman	Katie Wakasugi
Lucy Kiriara	Gail Wong	Reiko Koyama	Jessica Wakasugi
Jan Kurata	Ben Wong	Jackie Pasanan	Sam Shimada
Sharon Miyamoto	Connie Fukuda	Sam Braegelmann	Jim Faber
	Sachi Williamson	John Nakasone	Peggy Yamanaka



A special thanks to John Nakasone for generously allowing us to store the inventory at his place of business.

*Submitted by Joyce Miyamoto and Cary Yamanaka, Bazaar Booth Co-Chairs*



*Festival of Nations bazaar booth set up crew: Jan Kiriara Monson, Joyce Miyamoto, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Chuck Tatsuda (not pictured, Cary Yamanaka).*



## Festival Financials:

Total Sales \$14,960 (a new sales record)  
Net Profit \$ 6,560 (profit was down about \$2000 this year because of higher prices and the need to replenish existing inventory. Last year was very profitable because not as much inventory had to be purchased).

*Submitted by Cary Yamanaka*



The volunteers at the **Origami and Ribbon Fish Booth** at the Festival of Nations were kept busy demonstrating paper folding and ribbon fish to children and adults. The booth provides an opportunity to share one's artistic and marketing skills. In addition, all of us have a fun time getting to know one another better!

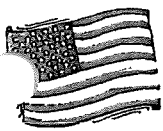
A big THANK YOU to Sakaye Hinataya, Jean Takeshita, Ken Oyanagi, Sam Shimada, the Chladek family - Jim, Yukiko, and daughter, Ayako, the Wakasugi family - Dale, Katie, and son, Tyler, and the Honda family - Sam and grandsons, Ben, Nick, and Alex. A really big THANK YOU to Lil Honda, who co-chaired the booth with me - both of us turn our homes into ribbon fish factories and spend hours creating an inventory for the festival.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped us. We hope to see more demonstration booth volunteers next year!

*Submitted by Gloria Kumagai*

# RICE PAPER event reports

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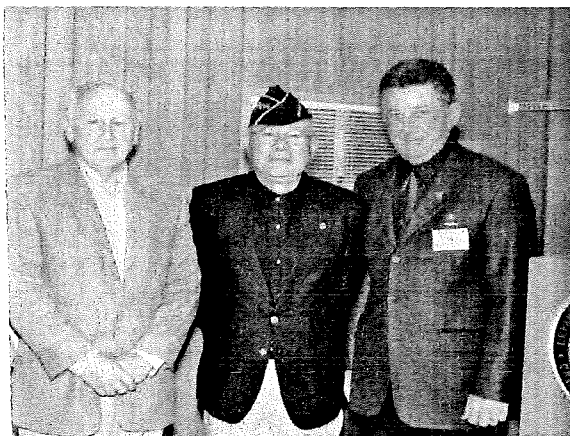


## JAVM annual memorial service program at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on May 21. Forty-four

Japanese American veterans were honored, and flowers were placed at their gravesites. A luncheon was held at the New Century Buffet in Bloomington, and an annual meeting of JAVM was held. Officers were re-elected for another term: Bud Nakasone, President; Sam Honda, Vice President; and Kathy Ohama Koch, Secretary.



*David Yahanda, Jim Kiriara and Sam Honda, JAVM Vice President*



Sherman Stromen, Ordained Deacon, Church of St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake; JAVM President Bud Nakasone; and Robert F. McCollum, Director of Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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## Asian Pacific Heritage Month Banquet

The Twin Cities JACL was a community sponsor for the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans annual Asian Pacific Heritage Month Banquet held on May 15 at the Millennium Hotel in Minneapolis. Twin Cities JACL member, Dr. Roy Saigo, President of St. Cloud State University, was recognized for Professional Leadership and was awarded with a Leadership Award, presented by CAPM chair, John Doan.

Other awardees were: Hoa Nyugen, student at the College of St. Benedict, for Youth Leadership; Pangea World Theater for Excellence in the Arts; and Yvonne Cheung Ho, President and CEO of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association, for Service to the Community. The Student Brass Band from Izumi (Japan) Middle School provided the entertainment. Dr. Richard Lee was the keynote speaker, sharing his research and experiences teaching Asian American studies at the University of Minnesota.



*Photo caption: 2004 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Leadership Awardees (L-R): Yvonne Cheung Ho, Hoa Nyugen, Dipankar Mukherjee and Meena Natarajan (founders of Pangea World Theater) and Dr. Roy Saigo.*

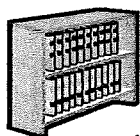
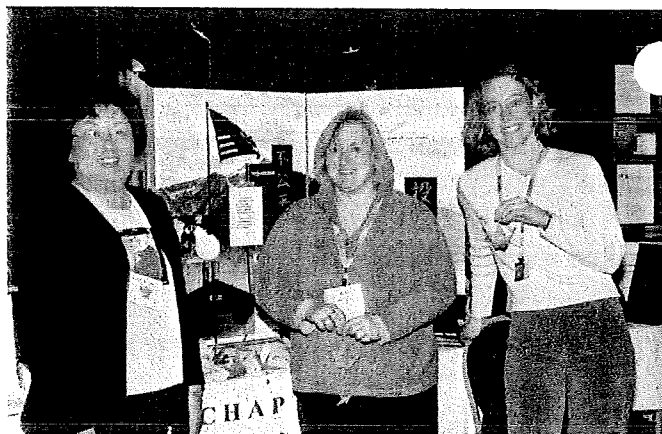




The Education Committee manned a table at the **Minnesota Council for the Social Studies Spring Conference** at the Thunderbird Hotel in

March. Sylvia Farrells, Lucy Kiriara and Lil Grothe answered questions, and distributed informational handouts and resources lists. Sally Sudo and Jan Kiriara Monson helped with setup.

*Sylvia Farrells manning the Twin Cities JACL display with two interested attendees holding up souvenir cranes given out at the table.*



The Minnesota State legislature approved a revised version of the State Education Commission's social studies academic standards at the end of the last session. The standards are slated to go into effect statewide in the 2005/6 school year. See [www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/ssstand.pdf](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/ssstand.pdf) to review the history and social studies standards. Our education committee had been tracking the standards to ensure that aspects of the Japanese American experience were included. Recall that the original version did not include "internment", and Sally Sudo and others testified at public hearings, wrote letters to the Commission, and letters to the editor.

In the approved version, the Japanese American experience is included in the following:

- US History, Grades 4-8 - Benchmark: "Students will evaluate the impact of WWII on the home front and on American culture, including the Japanese internment...." (p. 7).
- US History, Grades 9-12 - Benchmark: "Students will describe the impact of the war (WWII) on women, African Americans and Japanese Americans." "Japanese internment" is cited as an example (p. 18).
- Minnesota History, Grades 4-8 - Benchmark: "Students will describe Minnesota's contribution to WWII and analyze the impact of the war on Minnesota." "Fort Snelling language school" is cited as an example (p. 23).
- Government and Citizenship, Grades 9-12 - Benchmark: "Students will compare the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens with the rights and responsibilities of non-citizens in the U.S., and describe changes in citizenship since 1870." "Executive Order 9066" is cited as an example (p. 70).

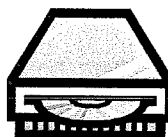


## New Resource/Website:

A "Go for Broke" Resources Center opened recently in the Los Angeles area. It is the only center dedicated to educating the public, especially students and teachers, about the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, MIS, and other JA units during WWII. Website:

[www.GoForBroke.org](http://www.GoForBroke.org), e-mail:

[ResourceCenter@goforbroke.org](mailto:ResourceCenter@goforbroke.org), address: 370 Amapola Ave, Suite 110, Torrance, CA 90501, and phone number: 310/328-0907.



A recent addition to the TC JACL resources collection is a DVD titled, "WW2: Voices of Re-Remembrances, 12 Family Stories," a project by Catherine Jo Ishino of UM-Duluth. The DVD is 1 hour long, edited from 12 hours of interviews from 12 of Ishino's family members.



## 2004 High School Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 6, 2004 at The St. Anthony Event Centre in Minneapolis, MN. The banquet was exquisitely catered by member, Kelvin Lee's, Mintahoe. The following 2004 high school graduates were honored at the banquet.

Justin Aoki, Eden Prairie High School, Drew Bennett, Henry Sibley High School, Sarah Bissonnette, Minnesota Business Academy,  
Grace Ayako Chladek, Avalon Charter School, Derek DuSold, Lakeville High School, Anna Halberg, Jennifer Judkins, Ellison Kawakami, Trinity School @ River Ridge, Jenna Kresa, Maple Grove High School, Martin Lang, South High School, Adeel Lari, Jr., Apple Valley High School, Jacqueline Lehman, Simley High School, Alicia Emi Monson, Blaine High School, Kari Tanaka, Bloomington Jefferson High School, Michael Tanaka, Hopkins High School, Bryanna Trygg, Jennings Experimental High School, Hayley Tsukayama, Bloomington Jefferson High School, Angela Umeda, Apple Valley High School

The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by board member, Gloria Kumagai. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Angela Umeda and Hayley Tsukayama entertained the group with musical interludes.

Scholarship awards exceeded \$10000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Kimi Hara Scholarship (presented by Kimi Hara) - Jacqueline Lehman  
Twin Cities JACL Scholarship - Grace Ayako Chladek  
Ethel Umeda Memorial Scholarship (presented by Harry Umeda) - Angela Umeda  
Earl Tanbara Memorial Scholarship (presented by Tom Kurihara) - Ellison Kawakami  
George Rokutani Memorial Scholarship - Derek DuSold  
George Yamane Memorial Scholarship - Hayley Tsukayama  
Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship (presented by Asa Oye) - Kari Tanaka  
Min Yoshida Memorial Scholarship (presented by Mary Yoshida) - Jenna Kresa  
Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship (presented by Reiko Ohno) - Drew Bennett  
Phyllis Kimitch Memorial Scholarship (presented by Mike Kimitch) - Martin Lang  
Frank Yanari Memorial Scholarship (presented by Kimi Yanari) - Michael Tanaka  
Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship (presented by Helen Tsuchiya) - Alicia Emi Monson

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2004 graduates!



*TC JACL Scholarship Recipients*

If you know of any 2005 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or [dagob001@tc.umn.edu](mailto:dagob001@tc.umn.edu). Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants.

Some of the known 2005 high school graduates are: Alexandra Ezaki, Matthew Farrells (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Jamie Judkins, Benjamin Kimitch (Eden Prairie High School), Tom Kiriara (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Amy Kiriara (Bloomington Jefferson High School), Keiko Osada (Champlin Park High School), Grant Tsuchiya (Minnetonka High School), Nathan Tsuchiya (Bloomington Jefferson High School).

*Submitted by Pam Dagoberg*

# RICE PAPER community forum

Panel moderator Kent Ninomiya, and panelists Yo Matsumoto, Yoshi Tani, Seiki Oshiro, Lucy Kiri-hara, and Sally Sudo.

Remembering: Voices of the Internment" Community Forum KSTP-TV's Kent Ninomiya, the first Asian American male prime time news anchor in a major metropolitan market, moderated our chapter's community forum on February 28 at the Bloomington Civic Plaza auditorium. Titled "Remembering: Voices of the Internment," the program coincided with Day of Remembrance observances throughout the country. Over 160 attended the program, including area residents, students, teachers, and reporters. Education committee chair, Sally Sudo, gave a historical overview of events leading to Executive Order 9066, Ninomiya talked about his family's internment experiences, then four local Nisei shared their personal stories. Lucy Kiri-hara spoke about her experiences as a 6-8th grader at Minidoka, Seiki Oshiro shared his perspective as a Japanese American living in Hawaii, Yoshi Tani discussed her thoughts as a college student whose education was interrupted by the internment, and Yo Matsumoto described his internment and WWII military experiences.



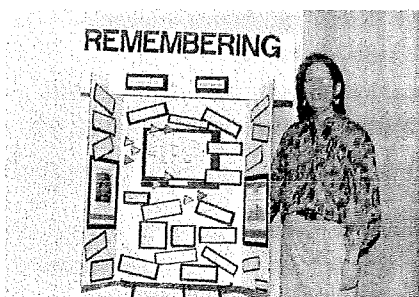
An audience Q/A session brought out several inquiries about current events, including the aftermath of Sept. 11, the film "Pearl Harbor," and the role of the chapter in revising the Minnesota social studies academic standards. The results of a Nov. 2003 survey about internment experiences in the Minnesota Japanese American community were compiled in a booklet and display. A 1-hr edited version of the forum will be aired on St. Paul cable access on "East Meets West," a weekly program of Asian Media Access.

The forum was dedicated to the memory of Tom Ohno, past chapter president and an active participant in the TC JACL speakers bureau and scholarship committee. Funding was provided by the Twin Cities JACL, along with grants from the American Express Foundation (\$400) and the Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation (\$1,000).

Planning committee members were Sally Sudo, Lucy Kiri-hara, Sylvia Yasuda Farrells, Lillian Grothe, Gloria Kumagai, Rachel Matsumoto, Jan Kiri-hara Monson, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas. Special acknowledgments to Rei Ohno for making the manju, Chris Murakami Noonan for doing the publicity, Connie Fukuda for submitting the American Express Foundation grant, the City of Bloomington, KSTP-TV, Asian Media Access, and the many volunteers who made this program possible.

Note: for information about obtaining a copy of the edited version of the program, contact Cheryl Hirata-Dulas at [dulas001@msn.com](mailto:dulas001@msn.com) or 952/925-2429. The cost has not yet been determined. Thank you to all of the internment survey respondents.

*Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas*



*Internment survey results were compiled and presented in a display prepared by Rachel Matsumoto and Jan and Mitch Monson (not pictured).*



*Refreshments of senbei being prepared by Sharon Shimomura, Lil Grothe, and Margaret Nakamura.*



*Kathy Hara helping to collect evaluation forms and displaying educational materials.*

*Youth volunteers, Matt Farrells and Natalie Nakasone.*



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## Upcoming Events



### The Anguish of Surrender: Japanese POWs of World War II

The Japan America Society of Minnesota and the Japanese American Citizens League will present an author talk with Rick Straus, hosted by Historic Fort Snelling. Mr. Straus is a retired Foreign Service officer who has written a book entitled "The Anguish of Surrender: Japanese POWs of World War II," published by the University of Washington Press. His book details the experiences of Japanese soldiers and sailors who became prisoners of war in spite of their orders to choose death before surrender, and is based on historical documents and extensive interviews with former Japanese POWs and the American soldiers who dealt with them.

Mr. Straus grew up in Japan, and after studying at the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) at Fort Snelling, served as a Japanese Language Officer at General Headquarters in Japan. Over half of his foreign service career was devoted to the U.S.-Japan relationship. Currently he is retired and lives with his wife in Michigan.

Date: Thursday, June 17

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Fort Snelling History Center, 200 Tower Ave, Saint Paul  
(near the junction of Highway 5 & Highway 55)

Cost: Free and open to the public

Info: 612-6279357 or [jasmin@us-japan.org](mailto:jasmin@us-japan.org)



### Origami - A "Don't Cut" Class!

Origami possibilities: Kimono, Crane, Simple Box, 3-D Holiday Foil Tree

Hosts: Jan Kiriara Monson, Lucy Kiriara & Rachel Matsumoto

When: Saturday, July 24

Time: 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Where: Lucy Kiriara's home  
9943 Columbus Ave. S.

Bloomington (952-881-2866)

Class limited to 12 participants (age 10 & up, please)

Fee: Member/Nonmember \$5.00/\$10.00 (supplies provided)

RSVP to Rachel Matsumoto @ 612-827-5280 by July 1



### SUPER SENIOR LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 27, 1:00 pm.

New Century Buffet

78th and Portland Ave., Bloomington

Chinese buffet is located south of I-494

Parking in Valley Square Strip Mall

East side of Portland Ave. between 78th and 79th

This event is sponsored by TC JACL, TC Buddhist Association and the Nikkei Project. If you are 75 plus years old (75 in year 2004) you will be our guest. Spouses, Nikkei Project, TCBA and JACL members under 75 years old, you are welcome to join our Super Seniors. Buffet lunch is \$11.60 for 59 years old and under, \$10.50 for seniors 60 to 74. (Sunday price) Includes Tax, Tip and drinks (hot tea, ice tea or pop).

Please call to R.S.V.P. - Todd and Connie Tsuchiya (952) 975-0047. Please leave the names of those attending the luncheon and indicate if they are super seniors.

### E-mail Listing

Members wishing to be added to the JACL mass e-mail list, please e-mail [dulas001@msn.com](mailto:dulas001@msn.com). This list is confidential, and is used only to disseminate relevant JACL, community news and event announcements/information.

# RICE PAPER manzanar pilgrimage report

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## KEEP IT GOING...PASS IT ON 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage April 24, 2004

Gambatte! Shikata ga nai! Words heard during the opening ceremony for the grand opening of the Manzanar Interpretive Center, Manzanar National Historic Site, Owens Valley, CA.

A beautiful day -- light wind, sunny, snow covered mountain backdrop, and over 1000 people in attendance. Welcoming and Interfaith Memorial Service was held in the morning followed by the Grand Opening Ceremony of the interpretive center located in the restored camp auditorium in the afternoon.

There several camp internees who were very willing to speak about their experiences to journalists, TV camera crews, and anyone listening. The 813 acres are still intact and some concrete platforms where the ironing room, latrines, and utility rooms were located are visible and marked. Also, visible are the remains of two Japanese gardens and several grave markers in the cemetery. A mess hall building, recently moved to the site, is in need for restoration as are the gardens. The National Park Service and the Manzanar Committee are searching for original buildings that can be acquired and move to the campsite.

Distinguished speakers included Frank Hays, Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site; Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Chair, Manzanar Committee; Rose Ochi, Former Assistant Deputy Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice; Tom LaBonge, LA City Council Member; and Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service. Also attending were representatives of Senator D. Feinstein (D-CA) and the Consul General of Japan, Los Angeles, CA.

"There are stories to be told and to tell the world that the United States is gracious to amend its wrongs." – Sue K. Embrey

"The National Park Service has a special role as the steward of historic places – to teach, to preserve our past, and to present the truth in balance." – Fran Mainella

High energy, high emotions, and high spirits – to be vigilant, lend voices to work together, and establish the tools to interpret history. It was a beautiful day and a part of a wonderful adventure driving through Death Valley National Monument to Lone Pine, CA and Manzanar. Next stop? Tule Lake Pilgrimage in July.

For more details, see <http://www.nps.gov/manz/> and <http://www.tulelake.org/>



*submitted by Thomas Kurihara*

# **RICE PAPER** credit union

## **TC JACL Credit Union to merge with National**

After 51 years of serving the local Japanese American community, the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union (TC JACL CU) is proceeding with plans to merge with the National JACL Credit Union, based in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Acting on a recommendation by the TC JACL CU board of directors, members present at the organization's 51<sup>st</sup> annual membership dinner in February voted unanimously in favor of the merger, tentatively planned for completion by June 30, 2004.

At the dinner, president Roy Kyono and treasurer Edward Yoshikawa explained how the TC JACL CU has evolved. In the late 1940s and early '50s, many Japanese Americans relocated to the Twin Cities area, but had no credit references, which created difficulties in obtaining financing from established banks. A credit union was an ideal organization to help with funding. Over the next 50 years of operation, the Nisei and Sansei have assimilated into their communities – churches, jobs, neighborhoods – and now have access to any and all financing organizations. With this, the TC JACL CU's usefulness to the community has diminished. In addition, the TC JACL CU has been faced with the challenge of converting its books to computer and with finding additional board members (many of the current board members have served for more than 25 years!).

Interestingly, the U.S. Patriot Act has meant that the treasurer must now review dozens of pages of faxes received regularly from the federal government containing names of persons with questionable character; this is a large task for a small organization.

Terrell Nagata, president/manager of the National JACL Credit Union (National), attended the annual dinner to outline the services provided by National and how a merger might affect TC JACL CU members. National is celebrating its 61<sup>st</sup> year with assets of \$28 million. In addition to regular savings and loans, National's services include VISA Platinum cards, debit cards, IRAs (traditional, Roth and education), money market savings, traveler's checks, car loans processed within 24 hours, and a Web site ([www.jaclcu.com](http://www.jaclcu.com)). Members have Internet access to their account, as well as access to a 24-hour phone teller, a toll-free 800 number, and in the near future, a network of outlets housed in other credit unions locally for convenient in-person transactions. JACL members in any chapter are eligible for services provided by the National credit union. Within in the last few years, JACL credit unions in Chicago and San Francisco have also merged with National.

Current TC JACL CU members will experience slight changes as a result of the merger, including quarterly payment of dividends rather than yearly and new minimum share requirements for life insurance coverage. Under consideration is the continuation of the popular annual TC JACL CU membership dinners!

Many Twin Cities JACL members have served on the local credit union board of directors and many, many have used the services of the TC JACL CU. We are grateful that this organization was established years ago when it was so crucial to the community and that the outstanding service and personal connections within the community have been maintained for the past 51 years.

Our thanks to the current Twin Cities JACL Credit Union board of directors:

President: Roy Kyono

Vice President: Jim Mizuhata

Treasurer: Edward Yoshikawa

Secretary: George Murakami

Credit Committee: Sam Honda, George Yoshino

Supervisory Committee: Ron Hirabayashi, Mikio Kiriara, Warren Kyono

Director At-Large: George Nishida

### *TC JACL Credit Union Board:*

*Front row (l to r): George Nishida, George Murakami, Sam Honda,  
Ron Hirabayashi*

*Back (l to r): George Yoshino, Ed Yoshikawa, Mikio Kiriara, Roy  
Kyono, Jim Mizuhata, Warren Kyono*



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