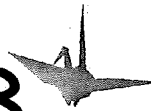




# RICE PAPER



A newsletter of the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League  
February 2005



## President's Message

Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu! It's 49.6 degrees outside so it feels strange to be saying, "Happy New Year!" Welcome to the first issue of "Rice Paper." in 2005. At this time, I am into the second month of being the chapter president. Like past president, John Nakasone, I am blessed with a "Can do" board. This was so obvious at our board retreat in January when we planned the year's activities. Board members readily stepped up to volunteer their time and efforts to chair events and help out at others. In addition, chapter members such as Chris Noonan continues to do our mailings, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas keeps our members informed of community events though e-mail, and Connie Tsuchiya compiles our "Rice Paper" editions.

Thank you to all of you who do so much for the betterment of JACL. Seeing all of the hard work that board members and others volunteer for to make our events a success makes me proud to be a member of JACL!

Our board remains intact from last year with one new board member. Joanne Kumagai has re-joined the board after taking a break due to work outside of the state. We welcome her expertise and enthusiasm.

We continue to struggle with membership. We are down members, so please continue to ask your family and friends to join us. Better yet, give them a gift membership. It's a great way to get people you know involved in our organization.

The board has begun planning our annual events, such as the summer picnic and Chrysanthemum Banquet. We are again participating in the Festival of Nations, our major fundraiser. Besides the bazaar and demonstration booth, this "Can do" board is also taking on the Japanese food booth. The Sister City Nagasaki group no longer wanted to do it and offered it to us. John Nakasone, Karl Nilsson, and Dale Wakasugi are chairing this booth.

Doing three booths at the Festival means we will need many, many volunteers. Please consider helping us out April 20 - 24, 2005. We will need a cast of thousands.

I received a call from Silvana Watanabe from the National JACL Credit Union. She has invited us to the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union annual meeting on Sunday, February 27, at 5:00 p.m. at Buffet King in St. Paul. The cost is \$5.00/person. Hopefully, you can join us and meet Silvana.

If you haven't done so, check our website at [twincitiesjacl.org](http://twincitiesjacl.org). It is still under construction; so if you have suggestions for material, please contact me.

Until next time - Gloria Kumagai  
763-377-5602



## 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.

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# RICE PAPER calendar



## Calendar of Events:



**February 27, 2005** - Youth Ice Skating Party, Chair:  
Natalie Nakasone

**February, 2005** - Spring MDC meeting  
Denver, CO

**March 3-4, 2005**  
Education Committee booth at MCSS Spring Conference,  
Chair: Sally Sudo

**April 21-25, 2005** - Festival of Nations, Contacts: Bazaar  
booth - Cary Yamanaka and Joyce Miyamoto;  
Demonstration booth - Gloria Kumagai; Food booth -  
John Nakasone, Linda VanDooijeweert, Karl Nilsson,  
Dale Wakasugi

**May 12, 2005** - Scholarship Banquet, Chair: Pam  
Dagoberg, (For more information see report inside.)

**May 15, 2005** - 2 p.m. "Behind Barbed Wire" Minnesota  
History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd West (between the  
State Capitol and the Cathedral), St. Paul, in the 3M  
Auditorium on Level I - Admission to the film: FREE (For  
more information see report inside.)

**June 11, 2005** (tentative date), 11:00- 2:00 - Sushi Class,  
to RSVP contact Rachel Matsumoto by June 4. (For more  
information see announcement inside.)

**July 10, 2005** - Summer Picnic, Chair: Lisa Shakerin

**July 21-24, 2005** - Bi-District Conference  
Chicago, Ill, Attending: Gloria Kumagai

**August** - Obon Festival, Como Park

**September 18, 2005** (tentative date)- Golf Tournament,  
Francis Gross Golf Course, Chair: Dale Wakasugi



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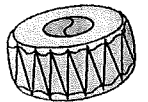
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## Kogen Gaiko Calendar:



**June 19, 2005** - 7:00 pm, City of St. Louis Park-  
tacular, free outdoor performance, Veterans  
Memorial Amphitheater

**July 28, 2005** - 7:00 pm, City of Coon Rapids,  
free outdoor performance

**August 13, 14, 2005** - Midwest Buddhist Temple  
Ginza Holiday, Chicago, IL. Performances  
throughout the weekend.

**September 24, 2005** - Owatonna Culture  
Festival, free outdoor performance

*For the most current information, or to contact Kogen  
Taiko, visit [www.kogentaiko.org](http://www.kogentaiko.org).*

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## NAK NAK NEWZ

By John Nakasone

I AM GOING TO EXERCISE EDITORIAL LICENSE AND DEPART FROM MY NORMAL FORMAT, PRIMARILY BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF NEW ITEMS TO REPORT ON.

TO BEGIN WITH, I WANT TO SHARE EXCITING NEWS WITH YOU. WE ARE GOING TO BE SELLING FOOD AT THE FESTIVAL OF NATIONS ONCE AGAIN. THAT MEANS WE COULD USE SOME HELP!!!... (SEE ARTICLE ON FOOD BOOTH) THIS YEARS FESTIVAL DATES ARE 4/21-24. CALL ME IF YOU CAN HELP-612-363-5801 OR EMAIL

[JOHN@PAINTINGBYNAKASONE.COM](mailto:JOHN@PAINTINGBYNAKASONE.COM)

DID YOU SEE THAT TODD TSUCHIYA WAS ONCE AGAIN SELECTED AS ONE OF THE TOP AREA DENTISTS BY MINNESOTA MONTHLY MAGAZINE? ALSO, TODD'S MOM HELEN TSUCHIYA CELEBRATED HER 80TH BIRTHDAY IN STYLE AT WILDFIRE RESTAURANT IN EDEN PRAIRIE IN DECEMBER.

CONGRATS TO ANNETTE AND KELVIN LEE WHO WERE LISTED AS ONE OF THE LARGEST CATERING FIRMS IN THE BUSINESS JOURNAL BOOK OF LISTS...(PAINTING BY NAKASONE MADE THE LIST UNDER TOP MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES ALSO).

A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK, JACQUELINE AND I RENEWED OUR VOWS OF MARRIAGE AFTER 25 YEARS, BY RUNNING AWAY TO VEGAS AND GETTING RE-MARRIED ELVIS STYLE, IN THE LITTLE WHITE CHAPEL. IN ADDITION TO BEING A LOT OF FUN, AND A LITTLE TACKY, IT REMINDED ME OF WHY WE HAD GOTTEN MARRIED IN THE FIRST PLACE-WE ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER. AFTER BEING INVOLVED IN JACL FOR NEARLY AS MANY YEARS, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVIEW WHY I JOINED AND CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I JOINED FOR MY CHILDREN. I WANTED THEM TO BE SURROUNDED WITH OTHER CHILDREN WHO WERE RAISED WITH SIMILAR VALUES AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND NOT

FEEL LIKE THEY WERE THE ONLY RICE EATING ASIANS IN MINNESOTA, AS I DID. I WANTED THEM TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE OLDER SANSEI'S LIKE THE MURAKAMIS AND THE YAMANAKAS, MIYAMOTO/FABERS AND OTHERS AND SEE HOW THEY EVOLVED AND USE THEM AS ROLE MODELS. I WANTED THEM TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT WERE UNIQUELY JAPANESE AMERICAN LIKE DANCING WITH LINDA VAN DOOIJEWERT AND SANSEI YONSEI KAI, MAKING SUKIYAKI IN ST. LOUIS PARK AND EATING JAPANESE FOOD AT THE PICNIC. I WANTED THEM TO SEE THE VALUE IN VOLUNTEERING AND HELPING OTHERS BECAUSE IT ENRICHES OUR OWN LIVES SO GREATLY.

SECONDLY, I WANTED MY FAMILY TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW THE OTHER FINE ISSEIS AND NISEIS BESIDES MY PARENTS AND UNDERSTAND THEIR GAMBARE SPIRIT WHICH CARRIED THEM THROUGH THE SUFFERING OF THE WAR YEARS AND SHARE IN THE SUCCESSES OF THE NISEI SOLDIERS IN WWII AND IN OVERCOMING PREJUDICE AT HOME WHEN THEY RETURNED.

AND FINALLY, I WANTED TO HELP MAKE SURE THAT NOTHING LIKE THE INTERNMENT EVER HAPPENS TO MY FAMILY OR OTHER AMERICANS AND WANT TO HELP SUPPORT A GROUP LIKE JACL WHICH WORKS TO PREVENT HATE CRIMES AND BATTLES PREJUDICE ON OUR BEHALF.

SO WE MIGHT NOT HAVE A J-TOWN, AND WE MIGHT NOT ALL LIVE IN THE SAME AREA, BUT WE ARE CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER THROUGH A STRONG AND ACTIVE JACL, WHICH CONTINUES TO GIVE US MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR JAPANESE HERITAGE AND REMAINS A VIGILANT WATCHDOG FOR OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THAT'S WHY I CONTINUE TO BELONG TO JACL, NOT TO MENTION THE GREAT FRIENDSHIPS I'VE MADE AND THE FUN I'VE HAD.

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# RICE PAPER scholarships

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## 2005 High School Graduate Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for 2005 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 local chapter scholarship application or would like to recommend someone for a scholarship.

Applications have been sent to the following students:

Jamie Judkins

Benjamin Kimitch, Eden Prairie High School

Amy Kiriara, Bloomington Jefferson High School

Tom Kiriara, Bloomington Jefferson High School

Matthew Farrells, Bloomington Jefferson High School

Selena Moon, Edina High School

Anthony Morimoto, Bloomington Jefferson High School

Keiko Osada, Champlin Park High School

Christopher Rank, Moundsview High School

Nick Reiter, Stillwater Area High School

Grant Tsuchiya, Minnetonka High School

Nathan Tsuchiya, Bloomington Jefferson High School

Jessica Wakasugi, Woodbury High School

Eric Yasukawa, Bloomington Jefferson 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." Local scholarship 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 for local scholarships must be mailed by March 31, 2005.

In addition to the local scholarships, National JACL scholarships for entering freshmen are also available. Decisions for awards will be made this summer. Applicants are judged on the basis of their scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, personal statement and letter of recommendation. Information regarding National JACL scholarships can be found at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org). Applications must be mailed by March 1, 2005.

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## Membership Update

Welcome to the new year 2005. I hope that everyone is up and ready for action this year. As you see the National JACL is starting a membership drive requesting that every member try and recruit one new member this year. Some discussion has occurred at the board meeting about trying to get members together throughout the year not just at certain times. I am currently working on a few ideas but would welcome any ideas that you have. You may e-mail me at [rachel.matsumoto@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:rachel.matsumoto@mpls.k12.mn.us) with your thoughts and brainstorm. I do know that the Minnesota Historical Society will show the video Beyond Barbed Wire on May 15 so put that on your calendar.

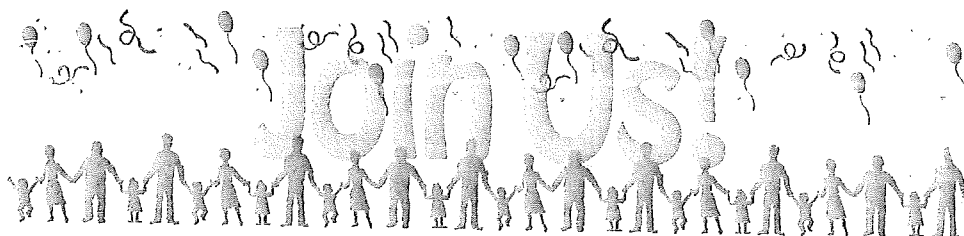
## Welcome New Members

JoAnne Kumagai

Sara Tobin

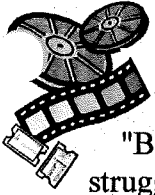
Joyce Yoshimura Rank and Brian Rank

Joan Wagner



# RICE PAPER announcements

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## "Beyond Barbed Wire"

The Minnesota Historical Society (MHS), co-sponsored by TC JACL, will present a screening of "Beyond Barbed Wire," an award-winning film narrated by Noriyuki (Pat) Morita. The stories recount the struggles of Nisei soldiers who fought for America during World War II. The film was originally screened at the History Center in Dec. 1999, and a video was donated to the MHS collection by the TC JACL.

Date/Time: Sunday, May 15, 2 p.m.

Location: Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd West (between the State Capitol and the Cathedral), St. Paul, in the 3M Auditorium on Level I

Admission to the film: FREE

Accompanying program: Local musician, Leo Hansen will play honkyoku or Buddhist meditation music on his shakuhachi at 1:15 & 3:15 p.m. in the History Center Museum on Level III. Entrance to the musical performances is included in the cost of museum admission.

Museum admission: Adults, \$8; Seniors (65+) and College Students (ID required), \$6; Children (ages 6-17); \$4; no charge for Children (5 years and under) and MHS Members.

For more information, call 651/296-6126 or visit [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org).

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## JACL Credit Union Annual Banquet

TC JACL members are invited to attend a celebration of the first gathering with the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union and the National JACL Credit Union as one.

Date/Time: Sunday, February 27, 5 pm

Location: Buffet King Restaurant, 2433 W. 7th St., St. Paul, MN (in the Sibley Plaza Shopping Mall); phone (651) 695-9605.

Cost: \$5 per person (including non-members); \$2 for children (4-12 yrs old).

Reservations: Call Sam Honda @ 651-429-3410, George Nishida @ 763-588-1742, or Silvana Watanabe @ 800-544-8828 by Thursday, February 24th.

- 1) There will be the usual cash door prizes, and
- 2) A "Refer a friend to join the Credit Union" that night. You and your friends' names will be entered into a drawing for a Golden Getaway Weekend (valued @ \$500-\$700).
- 3) Sign your children up and your name will be entered to win a prize TBD (something like a 7" portable DVD player).

Past Twin Cities Board of Directors, Credit Committee, and Supervisory Committee will be honored for all their decades of dedicated service and commitment to the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union.

The National JACL Credit Union thanks the Twin Cities Board of Directors for making this joint venture possible, and is excited and committed to the TC JACL membership to help carry on the Twin Cities annual dinner tradition. Silvana Watanabe, Business Developer for the JACL CU in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be attending, and looks forward to meeting TC JACL CU and TC JACL members.

# RICE PAPER events and education



We had a great turn out for the **2004 Children's Holiday Party** held at the Edina Community Lutheran Church. There were 29 children and 32 adults. Huge thanks are sent out to Connie Fukuda, Joan Grzywinski, Lil Honda and Alex Honda for helping with the set up and running of the various children activities. Thank you to Susan Hamamoto for taking pictures of the kids with Santa.

Peppermint the story teller told the children stories and there was also the visit from Santa that is always the highlight of the party.

I would like to personally thank Mark and Andrea Honda along with Darryl and Susan Hamamoto for co-chairing this years party. They have done a fantastic job for the past two years. I would also like to thank Laura Kitaoka McLean for donating some of the gifts and craft items that were used.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Matsumoto  
Programs Chairperson



*Santa chats with Marissa Dulas (above) and Judy Murakami (below)*



## Education: Elder Wisdom Children's Music Program

In January, JACL member Helen Tsuchiya took part in an "Elder Wisdom Children's Song Program" run by singer/songwriter Larry Long. As one of four "elders" honored by Prairie View Elementary School in Eden Prairie, Helen shared her story of the WWII internment with students in Mrs. Dronen's fourth grade class. The students, lead by Mr. Long, then composed a song about Helen's story, which was performed for children and their parents in an assembly held at the school.

The program, which included Helen's personal account of the internment, was featured in articles in the Eden Prairie News, Sun Current and West Suburban section of the Star Tribune.



*Helen Tsuchiya with Larry Long (left).*



*Helen with Mrs. Dronen's fourth graders (right).*

*Event photos submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas*

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## Chrysanthemum Banquet



*Colors presented by Yo Matsumoto and Sam Honda.*

*2005 TC JACL Board of Directors with Keynote Speaker Rick Shiomi (second from right).*



*Rick Shiomi teaches taiko to the children during the afternoon youth program.*

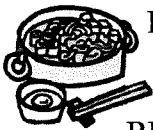
*Event photos submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas*



**Sushi Making Class:** Have you ever gone to the sushi bar and thought to yourself, "Wow, I wish I could do this at home." Well now you can. A sushi class will be offered this spring teaching you how to make the fillings, practice rolling, and of course eating your final product.

Set aside the date, June 11, 2005 - 11:00 to 2:00, to expand your cooking horizons.

To save a space contact Rachel Matsumoto at 612-827-5280 or [rachel.matsumoto@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:rachel.matsumoto@mpls.k12.mn.us) before June 4th. The cost is \$15.00 for members or \$20.00 for non members

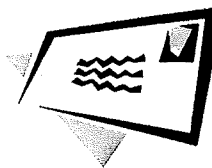


### EXCITING NEWS!! - JACL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS FOOD BOOTH

DUE TO THE ST PAUL/NAGASAKI SISTER CITY COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO RELINQUISH THEIR FOOD BOOTH AT THE FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, AND DUE TO LINDA VAN DOOIJEWERT'S EFFORTS TO SECURE THE BOOTH FOR JACL, WE ARE ONCE AGAIN GOING TO BE SERVING FOOD AT THE FESTIVAL OF NATIONS. THE TCJACL BOARD NOMINATED LINDA AND JOHN NAKASONE, DALE WAKASUGI AND KARL NILLSON TO CO-CHAIR THE FOOD BOOTH- UNDER THE CONDITION THAT WE TRY NOT TO TAKE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BAZAAR AND RIBBON FISH BOOTHS. THEREFORE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US MAKE AND SELL FOOD AT THE FESTIVAL. ALL PROFITS WILL GO TOWARDS THE JACL OPERATING BUDGET. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING SOME TIME TO HELP SERVE AND/OR PREPARE FOOD AT THE FESTIVAL APRIL 21-24, AND ARE NOT ALREADY HELPING IN THE BAZAAR/RIBBON FISH BOOTHS-PLEASE CALL JOHN NAKASONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT 612-363-5801.

# RICE PAPER letter from National JACL

January 2005



Dear Fellow JACL'er,

The National Japanese American Citizens League greatly appreciates your continued support as a member of this nation's oldest and largest Asian American human and civil rights organization. As you are aware, 2004 was a milestone for the JACL as we celebrated 75 years of fighting for social justice and enriching lives in America. At our national convention in Honolulu, it was truly gratifying to hear speaker after distinguished speaker praise the accomplishments and the rich history of our organization.

Our greatest strength comes from the dedicated support and involvement of each of our JACL members. Each member continues to make a difference as the JACL evolves through thick and thin, ups and downs. One can take pride in the JACL's great historical legacy.

We ask for your personal involvement to pass on this legacy to younger generations, and to family and friends during this membership drive for the New Year. To continue to build our grassroots membership base, we are asking our dedicated members to become JACL Mentors by recruiting one new member.

The work at the JACL is not done and JACL remains relevant today. During this past year, we have continued to promote tolerance and understanding through education.

- Met with Rep. Howard Coble, North Carolina and head of the House Subcommittee on Homeland Security regarding his comment supporting FDR's decision to intern the Japanese Americans, implying that similar action might be warranted relative to Arab Americans. Following this meeting, a letter of regret was issued by Rep. Coble.
- Jap Road, Jap Lane, Jap Rock - eliminating derogatory terminology. National JACL testified at the Jefferson County hearing to urge Commissioners to rename "Jap Road" after decades of challenges. Continuing work to change the names of Jap Lane in Orangefield-Vidor, Texas area and Jap Rock, in Palm Beach Co, Florida.
- Strongly criticized Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcell for his reference to trick plays as 'Jap plays.' To compound this offensive remark, Parcells prefaced the term with an insensitive disclaimer of "*no disrespect to the Orientals, ...*" JACL offices placed on alert after serious threats received at Headquarters.
- JACL's objection and public challenges to Michelle Malkin for her book "*In Defense of Internment: The Case for 'Racial Profiling' in World War II and the War on Terror*" which purports to present the "truth" about the historical facts of the internment. It attempts to impugn the loyalty of Japanese Americans during WWII to justify harsher governmental policies today in the treatment of Arab and Muslim Americans.
- JACL signs on to an amicus brief with the NAACP and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) on the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor vs. John Ashcroft case. JACL specifically challenges Section 215 as a threat to membership-based organizations, which could allow government access to its members' information.

The JACL continues to advocate on behalf of Japanese Americans and Asian Americans through such programs as our anti-hate crimes initiative, which seeks to educate the public about Asian Americans, through our teacher-training workshops with our highly recognized curriculum guide, through our efforts to change public school standards to include Asian American history in all states, and so many other efforts. We also continue to provide over 30 freshmen, undergraduate, and graduate studies scholarships; our Masaoka Congressional Fellowships to help train future Japanese American leaders; and our highly touted JACL Washington DC Leadership Conference.

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With the good work that JACL provides today, *it is time for each of us, each individual member, to be a mentor and ask a person to join.*

There are 2 ways you can help:

1. The direct method is to ask someone to join. It can be a very pleasant surprise how many people would be glad to join, if they are asked. Others may not be aware of the JACL and is a great opportunity to tell them the JACL legacy and the good work it is doing today in American society.
2. Provide a JACL gift membership to introduce someone to our organization.

This membership drive for the New Year can only be - successful if everyone takes a few moments from his or her busy schedule to participate. With the collective force of over 20,000 JACL members across the country and beyond, our organization can continue to meet the needs of the future generations.

As mentioned before, the work of the JACL is not over. There is still a need to uphold our civil liberties that so many courageous people have fought for in order to provide younger generations with the opportunities they now have and to build a better society for the future. Your support allows us to live out the JACL's motto, "*For Better Americans in a Greater America.*" Please fill out the attached membership form if you can gift a membership. All we ask is that you help us get **ONE NEW MEMBER.**

Thank you in advance for your participation and your commitment to our great organization.

Sincerely,



Edwin T. Endow  
V.P. 1000 Club, Membership and Services



John Tateishi  
National Executive Director



**TC JACL Website:** For the most current TC JACL news and information, or to contact us, visit the JACL Twin Cities chapter website, which can be accessed at [www.twincitiesjacl.org](http://www.twincitiesjacl.org).



**HELP WANTED - E-mailing List:** TC JACL is looking for someone to disseminate news and event information to the membership via e-mail. The list is confidential, and is used only to disseminate relevant JACL, community news and event announcements.

Cheryl Hirata-Dulas will assist in setting up the mailing list. Anyone interested in volunteering for this important post, please contact Gloria Kumagai at 763-377-5602.

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## **FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**

The Festival of Nations is April 21-24, 2005! This year, JACL has taken on the Japanese Food Booth in addition to the Bazaar Booth and Demonstration Booth. We are seeking volunteers to staff all three. If you are an experienced volunteer with the Bazaar Booth or Demonstration Booth, we ask that you continue your assistance with those booths. We will seek new volunteers for the Food Booth and draw upon other organizations who have offered assistance.

The Festival hours are as follows:

Thursday, April 21 9:30-3:00 school kids

Friday, April 22 9:00-3:00 school kids, 4:00-10:00 public

Saturday, April 23 10:00-10:00 public

Sunday, April 24 11:00-7:00 public

Joyce Miyamoto is coordinating the volunteers for the Bazaar Booth. Each day will be split into morning, afternoon and evening shifts. Please contact her at [fabmoto@aol.com](mailto:fabmoto@aol.com) or 651-636-3222 to sign up for your shift!