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

JULY 2007



JACL Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 22, Noon - 4 pm

TC JACL Summer Picnic

Rosland Park - 4300 West 66th Street, Edina

See Upcoming Events (inside) for more details

Sunday, August 19

TC JACL Golf Tournament

Highland National Golf Course

Tee times begin at 11:00 am

See Upcoming Events (inside) for more details

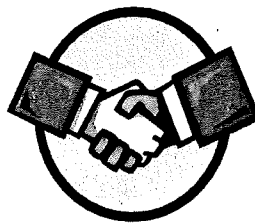
New Memberships

Please welcome the following new members:

Margaret Shoji
Mound MN

Paul Kiriara
Bloomington MN

Robert and Martha Sumada
Minneapolis MN



As membership renewal notifications go out this year you will note a slight increase in dues. It's been a several years since our last dues increase and it's our hope you will continue to show your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Joanne Kumagai—Membership Chair

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2007 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS



Once again, JACL had another highly successful year at the Festival of Nations! Consistent with the past several years, the bazaar booth sales again exceeded prior years. Total sales were over \$19,000, which includes sales from the demonstration booth. The crafts from the demonstration booth are always sought out and they consistently average approximately \$1,500 in sales each year. Our profit will total around \$11,000, also a record. We sold out on a number of items including the small Buddha statues, bobbleheads, hachimakis, pink parasols, tee shirts, tote bags, and our JACL cookbooks! Our dishware sold well with requests for more selection.

This was the second year we had a double booth and the feedback is unanimously positive. The extra room allowed us to have better displays, storage space for inventory, and more room for the volunteers. The entire bazaar area had a new "village" look. The booths were all arranged in groups of four to comprise a "village". The new layout had more room for the public to move through the displays.

Based upon our 2006 experience, we increased the number of volunteers for each shift. The extra staffing helped to move sales and made it more fun for the volunteers as well. Joanne Kumagai did an excellent job of recruiting and scheduling the volunteers.

Thanks to all the bazaar booth volunteers who made 2007 another record breaking year:

Chris Noonan	Emi Sako	Chris Iijima
Chuck Tatsuda	Carly Miyamoto	George Murakami
Jake Nakasone	Cary Yamanaka	Jim Faber
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Lynn Yamanaka	Sachi Williamson	Les Suzukamo
Mike Kimitch	Lucy Kiriara	Connie Fukuda
Nancy Kumagai	Judy Murakami	Kylie Noonan
Sam Hunt	Matt Farrells	Jan Kurata
Sharon Miyamoto	Kathy Hara	Cheryl Hirata-Dulas
Tim and Mari Thompson	Jamie Cork	Lisa Shakerin
Tom Scott	Sylvia Farrells	Peggy Yamanaka

Special thanks to Mintahoe and owners/JACL members Kelvin and Annette Lee for again providing the truck and staff to deliver our large inventory to the Festival of Nations. Mintahoe has done this for JACL for many years and we are so grateful for their assistance. Also special thanks to Painting by Nakasone and owners/JACL members John, Jacqueline and Jake Nakasone for generously allowing us to store our inventory at their business site.

Submitted by Joyce Miyamoto

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FESTIVAL OF NATIONS



Origami and Ribbon Fish Booth

As in past years, the Origami and Ribbon Fish Booth at the Festival of Nations was busy with volunteers demonstrating and selling what was being demonstrated. The paper Japanese star necklaces and bracelets made by Lil Honda were a big hit with the students as were the origami cards made by Rachel Matsumoto. Rachel couldn't keep up with demonstrating how to make the cards and selling them! Origami paper crane mobiles, new this year, were also popular.

The success of the booth was due to the many volunteers who made items for our inventory and spent time in the booth at the Festival of Nations. Many thanks to Jim and Yukiko Chladek, Sakaye Hinataya, Toyo Lang, Molly Matsumoto, Rachel Matsumoto, Ken Oyanagi, Carolyn Sandberg, Phyllis Takekawa, Jean Takeshita, Honda grandchildren, Alex and Maddie, and their friend. Additional thanks to Lil and Sam Honda for setting up and taking down the booth and to Rachel for co-chairing the booth with Gloria Kumagai.

Submitted by Gloria Kumagai



Richard David Semba, M.D., M.P.H., was named the inaugural W. Richard Green Professor of Ophthalmology endowed chair by the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, on May 18, 2007.

Dr. Semba is the son of long-time JACL members, the late Thomas Semba, a pathologist, and Hannah Semba of Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Semba is Professor of Ophthalmology, and holds joint appointments in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology and the Department of International Health. His areas of research include nutritional blindness (vitamin A deficiency disorders) in developing countries, aging, and the history of nutrition, and he has authored or co-authored over 170 scientific publications. Dr. Semba received a B.A. from Yale University in 1978, M.D. from Stanford University in 1983, and M.P.H. from John Hopkins University in 1991. His clinical practice at the Wilmer Eye Institute at John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD involves serving the HIV population.

Other awards, honors and certifications include the William R. Belknap Prize for Excellence in Biology, Yale College (1978), Diplomate, American Board of Ophthalmology (1991), Physician Scientist Award, National Institutes of Health (1987-1992), Eli Lilly Clinician Scientist Award (1992-1994), and Lew R. Wasserman Merit Award, Research to Prevent Blindness (2006).

Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

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2007 High School Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 44th Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at Biaggi's in Eden Prairie, MN. The following 2007 high school graduates were honored at the banquet.

Kyle Dengerud (Bloomington Kennedy High School)
Akane Edwards (Lakeville High School)
Alex Ezaki
Mara Fink (St. Louis Park High School)
Jerry Judkins
Paul Kiriara (Bloomington Jefferson High School)
Reiko Koyama (St. Cloud Tech High School)
Michael Krivo (Bloomington Jefferson High School)
Benjamin Lubet (St. Paul Central High School)
Jonathan Morimoto (Bloomington Jefferson)
Alison Miyamoto Reiter (Stillwater High School)
Samantha Sencer-Mura (South High School)
Emily Takekawa (Eden Prairie High School)
Autumn Tani-Winegarden (Eden Prairie High School)
Ashlee Tsurusaki (Eastview High School)



2007 graduates: Mara Fink, Paul Kiriara, Samantha Sencer-Mura, Autumn Tani-Winegarden, Alison Reiter, Emily Takekawa

The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by JACL board representative, Gloria Kumagai. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Scholarship awards totaled \$9000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship (presented by Reiko Ohno) – Autumn Tani-Winegarden
Ethel Umeda Memorial Scholarship – Emily Takekawa
Earl Tanbara Memorial Scholarship (presented by Tom Kurihara) – Paul Kiriara
Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship (presented by Asa Oye and Audrey Oye) – Samantha Sencer-Mura
Kimi Hara Memorial Scholarship (presented by Tom Hara) – Akane Michelle Edwards
Phyllis Kimitch Memorial Scholarship (presented by Mike Kimitch) – Alison Reiter
Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship/Ted Matsuyama Memorial Scholarship (presented by Helen Tsuchiya) – Mara Fink

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2007 graduates!

If you know of any 2008 high school graduates, please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 or dagob001@tc.umn.edu. Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2008 high school graduates are: Torey Asao (Deephaven), Mari Kai Bennett (Henry Sibley High School), Jesse Judkins (Dresser, WI), Simeon Gerard Kawakami (Trinty School @ River Ridge), Bailey Kimitch (Eden Prairie High School), Bryant Miyazaki (Buffalo High School), Travis Mizuhata (Glencoe Silver Lake High School), Alex Noonan, Joe Prescott (St. Thomas Academy), Josh Savitt (Hopkins High School), Jeff Tanaka (Hopkins High School), Alison Tsuchiya (Minnetonka High School), Abbie Wesley (Eden Prairie High School)



History Day state champion Stephanie Noonan with Dr. Paul Shimizu and Tom Hara, whom she interviewed for her documentary

7th grader's documentary on all-Japanese American military unit wins first place at state history competition

Stephanie Noonan, a 7th grader at Sunrise Park Middle School in White Bear Lake, won first place at the Minnesota State History Day competition with her documentary "From Suspects to Heroes: The Tragedy and Triumph of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team."

Stephanie, daughter of Terry and Chris Noonan and granddaughter of George and Judy Murakami, was inspired to choose the 100th/442nd as her project topic after attending the Twin Cities JACL's screening of Lane Nishikawa's feature film "Only the Brave" last November at the Minnesota History Center. Stephanie thought the experience of the 100th/442nd was a perfect fit for this year's History Day competition theme of "Tragedy and Triumph in History."

Competing in the Individual Documentary - Junior Division (grades 6-8) category, Stephanie produced a 10-minute documentary focusing on how the 100th/442nd triumphed over the tragedy of the United States' prejudice and discrimination to become the most decorated military unit in American history. Their sacrifices and experiences were not only crucial during World War II, but also paved the way for the future successes of Asian Americans in the U.S.

Among Stephanie's most valuable sources were two videos she borrowed from the collection of the TC JACL's Education Committee - "Beyond Barbed Wire" and "Honor Bound" - and two books authored by Bud Nakasone - "Nisei Soldier" and "Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota." She interviewed 442nd veterans Dr. Paul Shimizu and Butch Kumagai, as well as Vietnam veteran Tom Hara. She met Dr. Shimizu and Mr. Hara at the Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota (JAVM) memorial service in May at Fort Snelling. Stephanie also consulted the JACL curriculum guide, various Web sites and additional books borrowed from Mr. Kumagai for historical photos and other background info.

The History Day competition starts in middle and senior high schools in the fall/winter. From school competitions, students are chosen to move on to regional competitions. In Stephanie's case, she was one of six finalists in her category to move on from the East Metro region to the state competition, which was held April 21 at the University of Minnesota.

The top two winners in each category at the State History Day competition were eligible to represent Minnesota at the National History Day competition, held June 9-14 at the University of Maryland. At the national competition, Stephanie earned fifth place in her room, and only the top two are chosen to move on to the final round. Although she wasn't a finalist, she was extremely excited to be among the 51 Minnesota students selected to travel to Washington, D.C., and to share the story of the 100th/442nd with people at her school, throughout Minnesota and eventually in the nation's capital.

Stephanie is especially grateful for the resources made available through the TC JACL and for all the people in the JACL and JAVM organizations who helped her with her documentary.

For more information on the History Day competition in Minnesota, visit the Web site www.mnhs.org/school/historyday/index.htm. History Day is a highly regarded national academic challenge - more than 700,000 students participated nationwide. It is also the fastest growing social studies enrichment program in Minnesota with over 25,000 students participating statewide last year.

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Nisei Scholarship Fund Awards \$49,000 to Minnesota Southeast Asian High School Seniors

A total of \$49,000 in scholarships was awarded to 39 Minnesota Southeast Asian high school seniors through a fund created by Nisei who had their college educations abruptly interrupted during World War II. The Minnesota Chapter of the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative (NSRC) Fund presented the scholarships on May 5 at Concordia University in Saint Paul, Minn.

"We are the only scholarship fund in the United States led by Japanese Americans who award scholarships solely to students of Southeast Asian ancestry," stated Jean Hibino, executive secretary of the NSRC Fund Board of Directors. "Part of our mission statement says we will help others pursue higher education and foster inter-ethnic relations."

In 1980, Hibino's mother and father were among a group of Nisei living in New England who came up with the idea of commemorating the generosity and compassion of those who helped them 40 years earlier when they were forced to leave colleges on the West Coast to be confined in U.S. concentration camps.

Through the NSRC Fund, the founders give tribute and repay a kindness to those who reached out to them during a time of widespread war hysteria and racial discrimination. The Quakers, the YMCA, YWCA, representatives of colleges and universities, and churches and community groups that formed the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, were instrumental in working on their behalf.

The NSRC Fund founders selected Southeast Asians to assist because of their shared experience of war, displacement into camps, and disruption of education. In 1982, the first grant was awarded to the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers). Since then, the NSRC Fund has provided scholarships to Southeast Asian refugee students and their descendants of the Vietnam War era.

The awards program, co-emceed by Lee Pao Xiong, director of the Center for Hmong Studies at Concordia University, and Naomi Chu, executive director of the Asian Pacific Cultural Center, opened with welcome and congratulatory remarks by Concordia University President Robert Holst.



Left Photo caption: NSRC Scholarship Awardees: 1st row (l-r): Nang Xiong, Kalia Her, Nou Xiong, Pa Ku Lee, Mai Kou Lor, Susun Xiong, Voua Yang
2nd row (l-r): Kosaizee Yang, Pa Vang, Madana Y, SueLyne Huynh, Pech Seng, Wang Thao, Pang Seng Khang, Amanda Kum, Pa Houa Lor, Kaozouapa Elizabeth Lee, Hang Thuy Tran, Hlitawei Xiong, Houaka Yang, Bounpone Lucky Phouthavong, Chia Thao, Sing Phady 3rd row (l-r): Bao Dinh Dao, Leurseng Chang, Yee Xiong, MaiXy Xiong, Mai See Yang, Mai Kha Vang, Dylan Nguyen, John Pa Xiong, Benjamin Edward Ackerman, Van Hong

Right Photo caption: NSRC Fund steering committee

Photo credit: Steve Ozone

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Nisei Scholarship Fund Awards Cont...

Cultural entertainment was provided by local Japanese taiko drum group Mu Daiko performers Rick Shiomi and Iris Shiraishi, and playing of the qeej, a Hmong instrument, by 2007 scholarship awardee, Voua Yang.

In closing, Hibino asked the scholarship awardees to, "think of this award not just as a way to pay for books or tuition, but as a gift that is given to you in the spirit of building Asian American unity, and with the hope that one day you will also 'pay it forward.'"

The Twin Cities JACL chapter was a local organizational sponsor. The NSRC Fund, Inc. (www.nsrfund.org), a national non-profit organization with a permanent endowment, is headquartered in Portland, Conn.

Named scholarship awardees:

- . Van Hong, St. Louis Park High School (Tama Yoshimura Ishihara Scholarship)
- . SueLyne Huynh, Shakopee High School (Kaizo and Shizue Naka Scholarship)
- . Pa Ku Lee, Edison High School, Minneapolis (Kay Yamashita Scholarship)
- . Pa Houa Lor, Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis (Gladys Ishida Stone Scholarship)
- . Dylan Nguyen, Blaine High School (Koh, Mitsu, and Dr. Kotaro Murai Scholarship)
- . Mai Kha Vang, Como Park High School, St. Paul (Nobu Kumekawa Hibino Scholarship)
- . Pa Vang, Washburn High School, Minneapolis (Michiko and Bernice Hayashida Scholarship)
- . Susan Vue, Harding High School, St. Paul (Alice Abe Matsumoto Scholarship)
- . Susun Xiong, Edison High School, Minneapolis (Michi Nishiura Weglyn Scholarship)
- . MaiSee Yang, Harding High School, St. Paul (Lafayette and Mayme Noda Scholarship)

General scholarship awardees:

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| . Hang Thuy Tran, Burnsville High School | . Amanda Kum, Apollo High School, St. Cloud |
| . John Pa Xiong, Park High School, Cottage Grove | . Houaka Yang, Arlington High School, St. Paul |
| . Bao Dinh Dao, Eagan High School | . Kosaizee Yang, Arlington High School, St. Paul |
| . Khoi Nguyen Le Nguyen, Faribault High School | . Kaozouapa Elizabeth Lee, Central High School, St. Paul |
| . Benjamin Ackerman, Lakeville North High School | . Pang Khang, Community of Peace Charter High School, St. Paul |
| . Hlitawci Xiong, Edison High School, Minneapolis | . Mai Kou Lor, Harding High School, St. Paul |
| . Leurseng Chang, Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis | . Mai Neng Vang, Highland Park High School, St. Paul |
| . Za Chang, Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis | . Nou Xiong, Humboldt High School, St. Paul |
| . Yee Xiong, Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis | . Kalia Her, Johnson High School, St. Paul |
| . Mai See Yang, Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis | . Wang Thao, Johnson High School, St. Paul |
| . Ker Lee, Plymouth Youth Center Alternative HS, Mpls | . MaiXy Xiong, Johnson High School, St. Paul |
| . Chia Thao, Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis | . Nang Xiong, Johnson High School, St. Paul |
| . Pech Seng, Minnetonka High School | . Voua Yang, Johnson High School, St. Paul |
| | . Madana Y, Shakopee High School |
| | . Bounpone Lucky Phouthavong, Warroad High School |
| | . Sing Phady, Worthington Area Learning Center |

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Twin Cities JACL Curriculum Guide on the Military Intelligence Service Available On-Line

A curriculum and resource guide on the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) that was developed by the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee is now available on-line. A hardcopy of the guide was unveiled in March at the Great Lakes Conference '07, a seven-state regional meeting of social studies teachers, hosted by the Minnesota Council on the Social Studies in Prior Lake, Minn.

Included in the materials are biographies of local Japanese American World War II MIS veterans. Harry Umeda was in the first MIS class at Camp Savage in May 1942, and recalled the sparse quarters. After training, he was assigned to the Central Japanese Prisoner of War (POW) Compound in New Guinea, where he interrogated Japanese POWs for combat and strategic intelligence.

Toshio William Abe was also in the first graduating class at Camp Savage. He was sent as a replacement for Merrill's Marauders to the China-Burma-India theater, where he served in continuous combat for eight months. On the front lines fighting as an infantryman, Abe translating captured documents and interrogated Japanese POWs.

The other local MIS veterans highlighted are George Suzuki, Edwin (Bud) Nakasone and Bill Doi.

The project was prompted because the Minnesota Department of Education's Academic Standards in History and Social Studies, approved in 2004 and implemented this school year, includes "Fort Snelling language school" as one of the examples to be taught under Minnesota and World War II History in grades 4-8.

The U.S. Army's MIS program was established in November 1941, a few weeks before Pearl Harbor, at the Presidio of San Francisco. In 1942, Executive Order 9066 necessitated a move inland. While most governors were against having the MIS program moved to their states, Gov. Harold Stassen felt that Minnesotans would provide a friendly and accepting atmosphere to the Nisei soldiers. The MIS program was moved to Camp Savage in May 1942, and later to larger facilities at Fort Snelling from August 1944 to June 1946.

The highly classified MIS program has been called "America's secret weapon in the war against Japan." Six thousand soldiers, mostly Nisei, from the west coast and Hawaii, were given intense and accelerated training in the Japanese language.

Shipped overseas in small teams, the MIS soldiers accompanied American and Allied combat troops in every major landing in the Pacific. Their Japanese language skills enabled them to provide the American and Allied forces with critical information about the Japanese military tactical and strategic plans. After the war, MIS soldiers acted as interpreters at the war crimes trials, and served under General Douglas MacArthur's occupation force in Japan.

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MIS curriculum guide



MIS Curriculum Guide Cont...

A historical marker placed in 1995 by the Savage Chamber of Commerce at Highway 13 near Xenwood Avenue in Savage, identifies the site of Camp Savage and describes the role of the MIS during World War II.

According to General Charles Willoughby, Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence for General MacArthur, "the Nisei shortened the Pacific war by two years, and saved probably a million American lives and saved probably billions of dollars."

The MIS soldiers played an instrumental role during World War II; however, it is only recent that their efforts have come to public attention.

"We are happy to have this opportunity to teach students about the experiences of the Nisei MIS soldiers," stated Sally Sudo, chair of the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee. "They contributed significantly to the war effort and post-war rebuilding of Japan, and we are finding out more about their sacrifices and heroic acts through declassified government documents and personal stories."

The MIS curriculum guide also includes lesson plans and learning activities to teach about training at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, interrogating Japanese POWs, and translating the Japanese language.

Funding for the MIS curriculum guide was provided by generous donations from the family of the late Toshio William Abe and from George Suzuki. The guide can be downloaded at no charge from the Education link on the Twin Cities JACL website at www.twincitiesjacl.org.

Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

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upcoming events

TC JACL Summer Picnic

This annual festivity includes great food, children's games, bingo and prizes. This is a free event. See you there!

Sunday, July 22, 2007

12 noon to about 4 pm

Rosland Park (same place as last year; watch for posted signs)

4300 West 66th Street, Edina



RVSP by July 20 to Lisa Shakerin with the number of attendees and ages of the children coming:

Phone 763-537-6829 or Email mincks01@aol.com

Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Main dish, beverages and paper products provided.



TC JACL Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 19

First tee time: 11 a.m.

Highland National Golf Course (on Snelling Ave.
in Highland Park, St. Paul)

Entry fees: \$55 JACL members; \$60 others
(includes green fees, cart, course reservation fee
and prizes)

Registration deadline: July 28

For info: Jake Nakasone (651-248-1896 or
jake@paintingbynakasone.com)

Tee off with fellow JACLers in our chapter's
annual golf tournament. Make sure to get your
entries in early. Lots of prizes!

Kogen Taiko Calendar



Thursday, July 5 - 5:45 pm

Music in Plymouth

Hilde Center - Plymouth

30 minute performances part of the Plymouth 4th of
July Celebration

Thursday, August 16 - 6:00 pm

City of Plymouth

Hilde Center - Plymouth

One hour free show

Sunday, September 23

Time to be determined

Normandale Japanese Garden Fundraiser

Normandale Community College

Bloomington

See www.kogentaiko.org for current information

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JAPANESE AMERICAN FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THREE SENATORS; KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Japanese American Veterans Association - Washington, D.C. The ninth annual National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) 2007 Awards Dinner Gala was celebrated by approximately 330 persons on April 20, 2007 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington D.C. The Chairman's Award was presented posthumously to the late US Senator Spark Matsunaga, the Patriotism Award to US Senator Daniel K. Akaka, and the the Preservation of Constitutional Rights Award to US Senator Lindsey O. Graham.

NJAMF was responsible for the construction of the Memorial to Patriotism, located one block from the US Capitol Building, in November 2000. The Memorial represents three important events: the abrogation of the denial of civil rights to a segment of the American population, the heroic and patriotic response of those same Americans, and a precedent setting government apology. As the Presidential Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians concluded, the internment was not caused by military necessity but by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and the failure of the political leadership to guarantee the civil rights of its citizens. Twenty thousand supporters donated funds to the NJAMF to build the Memorial administered by the National Park Service.

The Chairman's Award was presented posthumously to Senator Matsunaga for raising the nation's awareness of Japanese American community's contributions to the nation. Matt Matsunaga, the late Senator's son, accepted the award. Senator Graham, an attorney, was recognized for his lead role in the US Congress that this is a nation of laws and justice. The effects of his influence can be seen in the immigration bill, the interrogation and prosecution of terrorist suspects, and the incarceration of terrorists.

Senator Akaka's award epitomizes his life of giving to his government and his people. Veterans, reservists, National Guardsmen, and active duty personnel have benefited from his role in the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. His leadership in other committees has benefited other segments of the population. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii said the Award "recognizes Senator Akaka for his unwavering patriotic spirit and loyal devotion to our country's security and welfare."

NJAMF paid special tribute to Japanese Americans who served in the Korean War, during which 246 made the supreme sacrifice. Gene Takahashi of Westport, CT received the recognition on behalf of Korean War veterans. Takahashi was a platoon leader whose Love Company was overrun by Chinese forces when they entered the war at the Yalu River. He was captured along with his M/Sgt, escaping by jumping the guards at a planned signal. At one point he donned a discarded Korean straw hat and coat and shuffled along with Korean refugees in their trek south. The 2nd Division regrouped in Seoul. Love Co. suffered over 95% casualties and Takahashi was the only line officer left.

Of 75 Asian American generals and admirals, 14 of them attended the dinner. Four were from Hawaii. The Master of Ceremonies was Frank Buckley, anchor of KTLA Prime News.

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BECOME A RACIAL JUSTICE FACILITATOR:

Invitation: Please consider becoming a volunteer racial justice facilitator for the YWCA of Minneapolis! We need more than 50 new people to step forward and facilitate at our annual *It's Time to Talk Forums on Race* event on Wednesday, October 31st, 2007. This is the largest YWCA event in the Twin Cities community that brings racially diverse people together over lunch to listen to an inspiring keynote speaker and talk about race and racism in our community. Ongoing dialogues about race and racism occur throughout the year as a result of this event. Trained facilitators are notified of these opportunities and encouraged to facilitate when they are able to.

Process: To become a facilitator, we provide an 8 hour training process that enables you to become familiar with the mission of our programs and the method we utilize to do this work on eliminating racism. The training consists of one 4-hour Unlearning Racism Workshop and one 4-hour Circle Facilitator Training. The available dates to choose from are:

Circle Facilitator Training/Interview: (Choose one)

Thursday, Jun. 07 from 05:00pm - 9:00pm Downtown
Tuesday, Aug. 28 from 05:00pm - 9:00pm Midtown
Thursday, Sep. 27 from 05:00pm - 9:00pm Downtown
Saturday, Oct. 06 from 10:00am - 2:00pm Downtown

**it's time to talk
forums on race**

Unlearning Racism Workshop: (Choose one)

Wednesday, Jun. 13 from 09:00am - 1:00pm Midtown
Thursday, Jul. 19 from 09:00am - 1:00pm Downtown
Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 05:00pm - 9:00pm Midtown
Saturday, Sep. 08 from 12:30pm - 4:30pm Midtown
Saturday, Sep. 29 from 10:00am - 2:00pm Midtown

By becoming a facilitator, you become a part of the movement which believes that TALK IS ACTION. ACTION LEADS TO UNDERSTANDING. UNDERSTANDING BUILDS COMMUNITY.

Event Details: The 2007 5th annual event is on Wednesday, October 31st, 2007 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in downtown Minneapolis. Facilitators are expected to be there by 10:00 am and would likely be done by 2:00pm. Contact Kimberly Soon-Young Therres at 612-215-4124 or ktherres@ywcamppls.org and she will provide you with the required application.

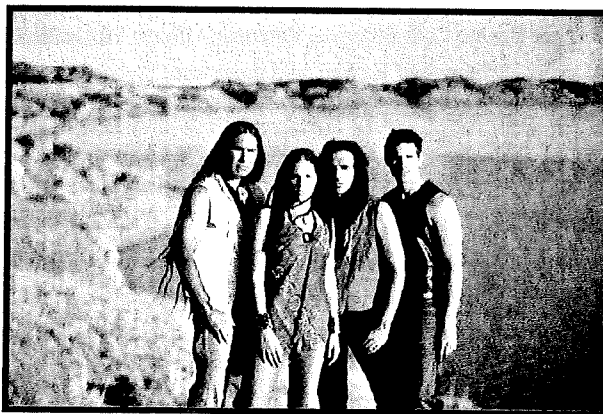


Photo is of this year's keynote speaker Paul LaRoche, best known as Brulé' and his band AIRO (American Indian Rock Opera.) Paul was adopted at birth off the Lower Brule Sioux Indian Reservation but didn't discover his Lakota heritage until after the death of his adoptive parents. It is Paul's mission to be a role model and to use his music to bridge the gap between cultures.

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See inside for info on other upcoming events.

Watch for details to come!

Twin Cities JACL Chrysanthemum Banquet
Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007

Save the Date