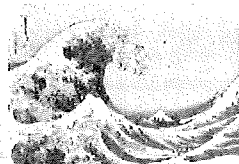


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A newsletter of the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League

JANUARY 2008



The 2008 **Festival of Nations** is Thursday, May 1 through Sunday, May 4. The Festival is Minnesota's largest multi-ethnic celebration and draws visitors from all over the state. JACL will again have its bazaar booth and demonstration booth. Many volunteers are needed! This is our biggest fundraiser and the proceeds support all the events of our organization. It is fun, you get a pass into the Festival and a view of all the things we have for sale!

Here are the shift hours for the bazaar booth:

Thursday, May 1 hours: 9:00 a.m -3:00 p.m. (student day) Shifts are 9:00-12:30 and 12:30-3:00.

Friday, May 2 hours: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (student day, open to public at 4:00) Shifts are 9:30-2:00, 2:00-6:00, 6:00-10:00.

Saturday, May 3 hours 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (open to public) Shifts are 10:00-2:00, 2:00-6:00, 6:00-10:00.

Sunday, May 4 hours 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (open to public) Shifts are 10:00-2:00, 2:00-6:00.

Please call Joanne Kumagai at 763-420-6639 to volunteer for a specific day or shift. We also need help setting up and taking down. The final schedule will be set in April - but get your request in now to get the shift you want!!

The bazaar booth is co-chaired by Cary Yamanaka and Joyce Miyamoto, with Joanne Kumagai coordinating volunteers, and the bazaar booth is co-chaired by Gloria Kumagai and Rachel Matsumoto.

We look forward to another successful year at the Festival!

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Rice Paper membership

Another busy and successful year has gone by and our members continue to be a viable part of this success. Despite the loss of dear friends and family members, our chapter continues to maintain its membership of 229 and grows with each month. We rank second in our District (MDC) with Chicago as number one.

Remember the many advantages one has for joining. As a member you may sign up for the JAACL Credit Union, receive Hertz Rental car discounts, Long-term care and Medicare supplemental insurance, discounts on community programs and special events... and more.

Check out our website at www.twincitiesjaacl.org or read about what's happening in our newsletter, or if you would like to be on our email list contact Connie Fukuda at cfukuda@earthlink.net. If you have questions or suggestions your Board would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Also, the National Headquarters has new Membership Coordinator and her name is Lotchana Sourivong. If you should have questions she can be reached at mbr@jaacl.org or 415-921-5225 ext. 25. It would be appreciated if any changes, example change of address, be reported to National Headquarters and to your local chapter.

Please welcome our newest members:



Dave and Haruko Miyamoto
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Dan Motoyoshi
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See you at our next event!

Submitted by Joanne Kumagai
Membership Chair

Rice Paper help wanted

STATE COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

Appointing: Governor

Compensation: \$55 per diem for each board meeting; plus mileage, Vacancies: 11

Considerations will be given to those applicants with proven dedication and commitment to the Asian Pacific American community and any special skills possessed that might be beneficial to the Council. As required by the Minnesota laws, only one person from each Asian Pacific ethnic group can sit on the Council's board. Our current board members are from the following groups: Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Korean, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, and Thai. Anyone else from other ethnic groups can and should apply.

The mission of the Council is to ensure that the Asian Pacific people in Minnesota are more fully incorporated into the governmental services; that the talents and resources of the Asian Pacific community be used and promoted where appropriate, and to assist others in their contact with the Asian Pacific population. Meetings are held once every two months with special meetings as needed.

Application forms can be obtained by calling Secretary of State/Open Appointments at (651) 297-5845 or by visiting their website at www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp (click on Open Appointments) and completed application forms should be mailed directly to them.

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WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP

The application deadline for the Summer 2008 White House internship is February 26, 2008. They are looking for a well-qualified, diverse group of applicants.

A White House Internship is an opportunity for current students and recent graduates to experience everyday life at the White House while working with high-level officials on a variety of tasks and projects.

Strong applicants should exhibit:

- *Sound academic credentials*
- *A demonstrated interest in public service*
- *Solid written and verbal communication skills*
- *A history of community involvement*
- *Strong character and leadership skills*

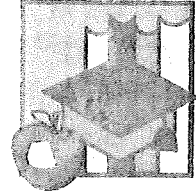


Beyond experiencing the day-to-day operations of the White House, interns participate in a speaker series, tours, community service projects, and various White House events.

For more information please visit the web site: www.whitehouse.gov/intern.

Applications should be submitted to intern_application@whitehouse.gov on or before February 26, 2008 for the Summer 2008 internship. If you have any questions, please contact White House Personnel at 202-456-5979.

Rice Paper JACL local scholarships



2008 High School Graduate Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for 2008 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:

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 (White Bear Lake Area High School)
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)

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, 2008.

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. Applications must be mailed by March 1, 2008.

Rice Paper national JACL scholarships



The National JACL annually awards about thirty (30) scholarships totaling over \$50,000. The information brochure and applications for the 2008 National JACL Scholarship Program have been posted on the JACL's website (jacl.org). The documents are in Word and PDF formats for easy access.

The Freshman applications must be submitted to the applicant's Chapter by March 1, 2008. Each JACL Chapter is asked to screen the applications and forward the "outstanding" applications to: JACL Freshman Scholarship Program, 265 E. Moody Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720. There is no limit to the number of applications a Chapter can forward for consideration. The forwarded applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2008, to be considered for the awards.

The applications for the other scholarship categories (Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative & Performing Arts, and Financial Aid) are to be sent by the applicant to: JACL Scholarship Program, 5415 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640. The applications for these other categories must be postmarked by April 1, 2008, to be considered for the awards.

It is a requirement of the National JACL Scholarship Program that the applicant be a Student or Individual member of the JACL. The membership of their parent will NOT fulfill this requirement. Applicants may submit their membership registration with their application.

It is requested that the Chapters inform their communities of these valuable scholarship opportunities. It is an excellent opportunity to boost membership and stimulate interest in the JACL.

Any questions may be directed to National JACL Scholarship Committee Chair David Kawamoto at (619) 557-5796, or dhkawamoto@aol.com.

JACLers IN THE NEWS: Dr. Dan Dulas

Mercy Hospital among first to use new artery cleaning device



Video

You could call it a tiny orbital sander for the arteries. Doctors at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids are among the first in the world to use it commercially.

It's called the Diamondback 360 and it's made by Cardiovascular Systems, Incorporated which is based in Saint Paul. It was approved by the FDA for treatment for peripheral arterial disease on Friday.

Charles Trucker is the first to have the procedure at Mercy after FDA approval. But the 72-year-old is actually the fourteenth patient if you count the thirteen others who participated in the clinical trial at Mercy.

Dr. Dan Dulas, an interventional cardiologist, described the Diamondback 360 as a catheter with "a bunch of diamond chips" on the side. That small cluster of diamond chips are going to save Trucker's foot. Trucker has plaque in his arteries from diabetes and peripheral arterial disease. It's led to a sore on his foot that won't heal.

**The following link(s) are intended as an information source and do not imply an endorsement of any particular product or point of view by KARE 11 News.

- [Diamondback 360 - Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.](#)
- [Mercy Hospital](#)

So Dulas will clean the plaque out of trucker's artery with the Diamondback 360. As Dulas feeds the catheter up and down the artery, the device uses an orbiting motion so that the diamond chip cluster sands away the hardened plaque.

Dulas says, "This will sand off the plaque, in small little dust particles that are smaller than a red blood cell so that they'll clear through the capillary system and be taken up by the liver and the spleen and be gotten rid of."

This procedure replaces bypass surgery for Trucker, which he already had in his leg once. It also means he avoids possible amputation. After the procedure, Dulas uses a Doppler to listen for Trucker's pulse at the bottom of his leg. He can hear the pulse loud and clear. Trucker says he couldn't hear his pulse before the procedure but now, "It's amazing what you can hear."

Dulas says, "Now he's got blood flow in both the main arteries down to his foot so that should heal his ulcer." For Trucker, the Diamondback 360 procedure came along just in time. He says, "I'm thinking that I've got a shot at keeping this foot for a while longer."

For more information, click on the links above.

By Renee Tessman, KARE 11 News

Rice Paper announcements



HAWAII WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT CAMP

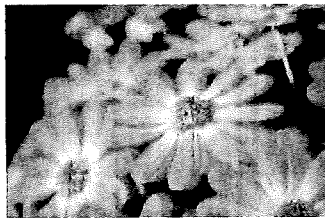
The Japanese Cultural Center in Hawaii and the Honolulu Chapter of the JACL would like to interview people who were interned in a secret internment camp in Maui, Hawaii, during World War II. If you know of anyone or any of their descendants, please send an e-mail to Jim or Yoshie Tanabe in Hawaii -- yojimbo8@juno.com They are looking for more information about this camp.

Thank you to these additional Chrysanthemum Banquet Silent Auction Donors:

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obituary



Isamu "Sam" Shimada

Shimada, Isamu "Sam" age 88, passed away December 17, 2007 at his home. Preceded in death by four brothers; four sisters; and daughter, Shirley. Survived by his wife of 46 years, Tsuyako (Sue); son, Roger; daughter, Pauline (Shawn) Hayward, one grandson, many nieces and nephews. A private memorial service is being arranged. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Arrangements by Henry W. Anderson Funeral Home 612-729-2331.

(Published in the Star Tribune on 12/23/2007.)

Rice Paper Ruth Tanbara



Ruth Tanbara, who played a prominent role in the resettlement of Japanese Americans in Minnesota following World War II and then in the foundation of several organizations serving Japanese Americans, passed away Jan. 4, 2008, at age 100.

Ruth was born in Portland, Ore. In 1926, as a winner of an essay contest for Nisei students, she traveled by steamship to Japan. She wrote that this trip “enriched my life and gave me a deep appreciation of Japan, its people, arts and civilization. It encouraged me to study the language, flower arrangement, holiday festivals, the tea ceremony, daily customs, Japanese cooking and serving, music, arts and crafts, particularly pottery, painting and calligraphy.”

She was the first Nisei woman from Portland to enroll in what is now Oregon State University, earning a B.S. in home economics. In 1940, she authored “Japanese Food Recipes,” containing complete menus, vocabulary and sketches to illustrate cutting, serving and arranging of foods. This is one of the early books on Japanese cooking in English, which helped introduce Japanese recipes and methods to the Nisei.

When World War II began, Ruth was living in Berkeley, Calif., with her husband Earl Tanbara. During the registration process for moving to a relocation center, the Provost Marshall of the U.S. Army gave Earl and Ruth the option to go as volunteers to the eastern or midwestern United States to help build community acceptance and resettle Japanese American internees from the relocation centers. They chose to come to St. Paul, partly because Ruth’s brother Paul Nomura was enrolled in the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage.

Ruth wrote, “Our main assignment was to build community acceptance. So each week, Earl and I were invited to different church groups, youth groups, schools, colleges and farming communities to give talks on Japanese Americans. ... As there were only 10 Japanese families living in St. Paul before the war, many Minnesotans were not acquainted with Americans citizens of Japanese extraction.”

Many people wrote to the Tanbaras from the internment camps wanting to resettle in Minnesota. “In the beginning, we helped by opening our small home to families and students, but the numbers increased beyond our expectations. It became necessary to form a resettlement committee, and the Council of Human Relations was organized. Serving on the committee were social workers, board members of the YWCA, the YMCA, the International Institute and Family Service Agency, church leaders, college faculty members, and interested community people. Warren Burger, a St. Paul attorney who would become Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was the first Council chairman. The Tanbaras also helped establish the St. Paul Resettlement Committee, which managed a hotel for evacuees from camp, and provided temporary housing, meals and assistance adjusting to Minnesota winters. They also helped evacuees obtain employment, continue their college education, and find retailers and services who would accept Japanese American customers.

Rice Paper Ruth Tanbara cont...

At the end of the war, Earl and Ruth decided to stay in Minnesota. In 1953, Ruth received her master's degree in home economics from the University of Minnesota.

She worked from 1942 to 1972 as adult education director and international YWCA program director for the St. Paul YWCA. The Japanese Garden at the YWCA on Kellogg Blvd. is named in her honor.

Ruth directed the participation of Japanese Americans in the first Festival of Nations in 1947, working with many volunteers. She was a charter member in 1972 when Japan America Society was formed and served on its board of directors. She was one of the founding members of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, which began in 1955, and served as president of the board 1966-1972.

Ruth was a longtime member of Unity Unitarian Church in St. Paul, where she arranged flowers for Sunday morning services for more than 35 years. Her other pastimes included travel, teaching flower arrangement and gourmet cooking, and various arts and crafts.

Ruth's husband, Earl, was described by journalist Harry Honda as "one of the foundation stones of the Japanese American Citizens League." Earl was editor of the San Francisco JACL Newsletter, which he later named Pacific Citizen, now the national newspaper of the JACL. Earl helped organize the JACL in Minnesota and the Twin Cities JACL Credit Union. When he passed away in 1974, the Twin Cities JACL established the Earl Tanbara Memorial Scholarship Fund in his memory to help Japanese American students continue their college educations.

In addition to husband Earl, Ruth is preceded in death by brothers Paul and Howard Nomura. She is survived by sister Elsie Shiozaki and brother-in-law Jack; nieces Judith Murakami, Joyce Brodt, June Wilke, and Marilyn Olmstad; nephews Philip Nomura, Tom Kurihara, and Erik J. Shiozaki; sister-in-law Emi Nomura, and many grand nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery. Memorial service is planned at Unity Unitarian Church, Portland and Grotto, St. Paul, on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. No flowers. Memorials preferred to Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League (Earl K. Tanbara Scholarship Fund), Unity Unitarian Church, YWCA of Saint Paul, Japan America Society of Minnesota, and St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee.



(This article contains excerpts from "Reflections: Memoirs of Japanese American Women in Minnesota.")

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