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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR MEMBERS!

The 2009 Board of Directors was installed at the annual meeting on December 2, 2008 and we are planning events for this year. As in previous years, the chairperson will rotate each month. This year we have one additional board member for a total of 13. Dan Motoyoshi is our newest board member and his ideas and energy are needed and welcome.

Our board is a good mix of students, young professionals, and those of us who have been around for a while. We look forward to more young people joining the board in the coming years. I remember years back when the Nisei started prodding the Sansei to take more active roles in JACL because "the Nisei can't keep doing this forever" (a quote from Sam Honda). Now it is we Sansei who are prodding the Yonsei to start taking over the leadership.

To start the year, our chapter gave 2009 calendars to the Nikkei Project participants. The calendars feature the artwork of longtime cartoon artist Pete Hironaka, whose work appears in the Pacific Citizen. The calendars are a fundraiser of the Midwest District Council and the proceeds will be used for compiling an oral history of the development of Midwest JACL chapters.

Our 2009 events continue with our main staples: the Festival of Nations in the spring, Scholarship Banquet in May, summer picnic in July, golf tournament late summer, and Chrysanthemum Banquet in the fall. We anticipate that the youth will have an event or two. Other events will be added as the need and interest arise. A special occurrence this year is the Densho Project, which will be filming interviews of local Nisei for permanent archiving.

The Festival of Nations takes place on April 30, May 1, 2, and 3. Volunteers are needed! The shift schedules are in this newsletter and volunteers will be coordinated by Joanne Kumagai (763-420-6639). The final schedule will be set in early April, but get your request to Joanne early if you want a particular shift!

This summer our chapter will be hosting the national JACL Youth Conference. This will take place at Macalester College on June 26-28, 2009. This is a big undertaking and we will seek participation from many of you, especially our youth members.

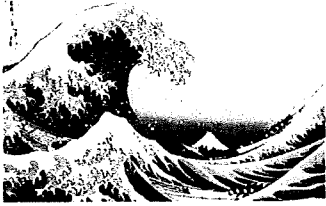
If you are interested in volunteering to assist with any of our regular events or have ideas for something new, please contact one of the board members listed in the newsletter. We are a volunteer driven organization and depend upon all of you to keep our chapter active!

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming JACL functions!

Joyce Miyamoto  
January chairperson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### MEMBERSHIPS:

Happy New Year! Please join me in welcoming the Bocek Family to our chapter.

David Bocek and Renee Shakerin  
Maddie and Gigi Bocek

If you know of individuals wishing to join JACL or participating in future events please contact Joanne Kumagai at 763-420-6639 or [joannekumagai@comcast.net](mailto:joannekumagai@comcast.net).

### ENTERTAINMENT:

One of the best jazz pianists, Keiko Matsui, will perform at the Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant on February 11 and 12. It will be a rare piano duo with Bob James.

[www.dakotacooks.com](http://www.dakotacooks.com)

Tickets are available for Kodo, the most popular Japanese Taiko Drum Troupe, at Orchestra Hall on February 15, The group hasn't had a tour for a while, so this is a very good opportunity to see them again. [www.minnesotaorchestra.org](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org)

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Scholarship Committee holds one seat

### Twin Cities JACL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 11, 12**

Keiko Matsui at the Dakota Jazz Club

**February 15**

Kodo at Orchestra Hall

**March 31**

TC JACL Scholarship Application Deadline

**April 31, May 1-3**

Festival of Nations at the St. Paul RiverCentre

**June 26-28**

JACL Youth Conference at Macalester College

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## FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

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### 2009 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

The Festival of Nations is April 30, May 1, 2 and 3, 2009, at the St. Paul RiverCentre. We again have a double booth, which gives us more room for displays, inventory, and – most important -- room for the volunteers!

Here are the shifts and number of volunteers that we need – please call to sign up for your shift choice! We also need help for setup on Wednesday, April 29, and takedown on Sunday, May 3.

<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 (5 volunteers)	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 (5 volunteers)	
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 (5 volunteers)	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 (4 volunteers)	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 (4 volunteers)
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 (4 volunteers)	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 (4 volunteers)	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 (4 volunteers)
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 (4 volunteers)	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 (4 volunteers)	

Student Days are all day Thursday and Friday until 4:00 p.m. The Festival is open to the public from Friday at 4:00 through Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Children perform on Saturday.

Joanne Kumagai is coordinating the bazaar booth shift schedules – call or e-mail her to sign up!  
Home: 763-420-6639 OR [joannekumagai@comcast.net](mailto:joannekumagai@comcast.net)

This is our major fundraising event of the year, please help us to have another successful Festival!

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## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

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### Twin Cities JACL/Densho Oral History Project

Members of the Twin Cities JACL Oral History Committee met with Tom Ikeda, Executive Director of Densho, during his visit here in November as keynote speaker for our annual banquet.



Because our community has many unique World War II experiences to share, we are grateful to have this opportunity to work with Densho to add our community's perspectives to the Densho on-line oral history collection.

This project is an important step to preserving first-hand accounts of the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II, as well as educating future generations about Minnesota history, civil liberties and Constitutional rights.

There are several ways to become involved:

1. Our chapter's goal is to raise at least \$12,000 through grants and donations. Densho will generously provide matching funds. If you would like to make a donation to support the project, please send a check payable to "Twin Cities JACL Oral History Project" to: Cary Yamanaka, Treasurer, 13612 Harwell Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124. Donations are fully tax-deductible.
2. If you, or a relative, are interested in being placed on the interview list, please contact Sally Sudo (952/835-7374; [ssudo@comcast.net](mailto:ssudo@comcast.net)); or Lucy Kiriara (952/881-2866; [mikio29@comcast.net](mailto:mikio29@comcast.net)). Interviews will likely take place during summer 2009.
3. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or assisting in other ways, please let us know.
4. We are also planning a community fundraiser, such as a garage sale in the spring, to raise funds for the project. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

We look forward to partnering with Densho and moving ahead with this project. For information about Densho, visit [www.densho.org](http://www.densho.org). For more information about our chapter's project or to volunteer, contact Cheryl Hirata-Dulas (952/925-2429; [dulas001@msn.com](mailto:dulas001@msn.com)), or Steve Ozone (612/789-0660; [steveozonejcl@gmail.com](mailto:steveozonejcl@gmail.com)).

# 62nd Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet

Held Saturday, November 15, 2008

at the Chateau in Medicine Lake



Keynote Speaker Tom Ikeda of Densho Project



Tom Ikeda with TC JACL Board Members

Colors were presented by Sam Honda and George Murakami



Leilani Savitt



Carly Gutzmann, Sally Sudo and Michelle Reed.

Carly and Michelle are students from Eagan who are creating a memorial to the Japanese Americans interned during WWII. They are collecting 120,313 origami cranes, one for each person interned to create awareness for peace and tolerance.



Enjoying dinner: Kiyo Kumagai, Lucy Kirihara and Rei Sumada (right) and Audrey Oye, Judy and Tayeko Moriguchi (below).



Lisa and Renee Shakerin at check-in.



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## TC JACL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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### 2009 High School Graduate Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for 2009 high school graduates will be available at the end of January. Please contact Pam Dagoberg at 763-557-2946 ([dagob001@tc.umn.edu](mailto: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 will be sent to the following students no later than January 31, 2009:

Kaia Fink (St. Louis Park High School)  
Sarah Hobein (Wayzata High School)  
Ben Honda (Mounds Park Academy)  
Andrew Matsumoto (Rochester Mayo High School)  
Miki Rank (Moundsview High School)  
Chelsea Reiter (Stillwater High School)  
Ellie Satoh (Edina High School)  
Emmaline Soken (Liberty Classical Academy)  
Evan Soken (Liberty Classical Academy)  
Jessica Sudo (Forest Lake High School)  
Allison Suzukamo (Mounds Park Academy)  
Emily Ujifusa (Wayzata High School)  
Sachi Williamson (Minnehaha Academy)



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 (individual student membership or family membership is required). Membership information can be found at [HYPERLINK "http://www.twincitiesjacl.org"](http://www.twincitiesjacl.org) [www.twincitiesjacl.org](http://www.twincitiesjacl.org).

Completed applications for local scholarships must be mailed by March 31, 2009.

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).

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