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## TC JACL UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday and Friday, **June 17-18**: 3rd JACL Oral History/Densho Project Garage Sale. See details inside.

### **June 26-28:**

National JACL Youth Conference, Macalester College

**July 3**, 7:00 pm: Kogen Taiko - Free Taiko Show:  
Chaska City Square Park, Hwy 41 and 4th Street,  
Chaska

**July 11**: Flower Drum Song- Performance by Mu  
Performing Arts at the McKnight Theater, Ordway  
Center for the Performing Arts

Sunday, **August 2**, 8 am - 5 pm:  
Annual Picnic! Edina Rosland Park Pavilion

**August 30** - JACL Golf Tournament

**November 14** - Chrysanthemum Banquet

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Scholarship Committee holds one seat



## TWIN CITIES JACL GARAGE SALE #3

Mark your calendars for Thursday and Friday, June 18-19, at 16165 Hillcrest Lane, Eden Prairie (Cheral Tsuchiya's house) for another garage sale to raise funds for the Oral History Project.

More information inside!

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## TC JACL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT/DENSHO GARAGE SALES

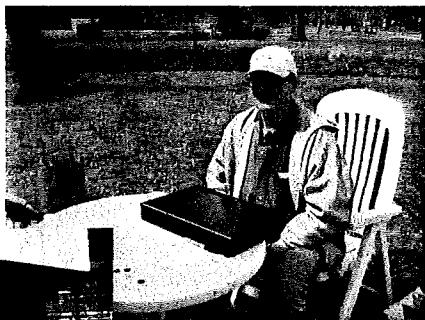
Garage Sale

Update from the TC JACL Oral History Committee

For the past several months, the Oral History Committee has been working to raise funds to videorecord oral histories of our community's Nisei. The Twin Cities JACL received \$5,000 from The Saint Paul Foundation and more than \$4,000 from generous donors. In addition, another \$3,600 was raised from garage sales held at Carolyn Nayematsu/Vincent Platt's house in St. Paul on April 23 and 24, and at Steve Ozone's house in Minneapolis on May 28 and 29.

Thank you to the following volunteers who assisted with the garage sale(s) and set up/take down:

Janet Carlson  
Sylvia Farrells  
Lil Grothe  
Lisa, Hannah and Madalyn Hintermeister  
Bill Hirabayashi  
Mikio Kiriara  
Jan Monson  
John Nakasone  
Reiko Ohno  
Vincent Platt  
Les Suzukamo



*Carolyn Nayematsu and Vincent Platt (left) and Steve Ozone (above), held garage sales at their homes.*

We are also grateful for the generous donations from the following donors:

Janet Carlson  
Bill Clements  
Diane Connor  
Cheryl Hirata-Dulas and Daniel Dulas  
Bruce Erickson  
JoAnne Farley  
Michele Grosser  
Lillian Grothe  
Lindsay Herbert  
Lisa Hintermeister  
Sam and Lil Honda  
Jay and Lea Kiriara  
Mikio and Lucy Kiriara  
Peter Kiriara  
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## TC JACL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT/DENSHO GARAGE SALES

Cheral Tsuchiya and Connie Tsuchiya have generously offered to organize another garage sale as a service project for the Dharma School of the Twin Cities Buddhist Church (see below for more info).

In mid-June, Tom Ikeda and members of the Densho staff will be coming to the Twin Cities to conduct interviews of our members. Next, we hope to raise funds to schedule Bill Kubota, Steve Ozone's cousin and writer/director/producer, for a visit in late summer/early fall to videorecord oral histories of more of our community's Nisei.

We appreciate the chapter's support, which enables this important and timely project to be carried out. The Twin Cities JACL Oral History Committee: Steve Ozone, Lucy Kiriara, Carolyn Nayematsu, Penelope Haru Snipper, Sally Sudo, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas.

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#### ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Gently used clothing (especially baby and kids clothes; also teen and adult clothes)
- Toys
- Books
- Asian/ethnic clothes, art, items
- Decorative items, collectibles
- Small household and kitchen items
- Sheets, towels, tablecloths
- Dishes
- Tools
- Jewelry
- Craft items
- Sports items
- Plants



#### NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS

- NO LARGE ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE OR EQUIPMENT

We will give you a receipt for your donation.

Please contact Cheral to arrange drop off of items at her home, phone 952-974-8354, email [bctsuchiya@comcast.net](mailto:bctsuchiya@comcast.net). Thank you!



left to right: Carolyn Nayematsu, Mikio Kiriara, Steve Ozone, Janet Carlson, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas and Lucy Kiriara.



Sally Sudo



Penelope Snipper

Submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

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## JAVM MEMORIAL SERVICE

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### Minnesota Nikkei Veterans Honored

On May 28, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. the Japanese American Veterans Minnesota (JAVM) held their annual memorial service at Fort Snelling honoring deceased Minnesota Nikkei veterans. Chairman Sam Honda was ably assisted in the preparations by Isamu Saito, Bud Nakasone, and Kathy Ohama Koch. During the service, Army Chaplain Major (Ret) Robert Burmeister gave the invocation and benediction honoring our deceased veterans.

Principal speaker Bud Nakasone's talk concentrated on the brave men of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. Members of the World War II 100<sup>th</sup> and 442<sup>nd</sup>, by Congressional mandate were recently honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor medal awarded by the House of Representatives. The medal denotes the highest expression of appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions to our country. Congress came to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> as the most decorated unit in the United States Army for the size of unit and its length of combat service. Bud recited their following outstanding war record: 21 Congressional Medals of Honor, 29 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, 9,486 Purple Hearts, 4,000 Bronze Stars, 22 Legions of Merit, 18 Soldiers Medal, and 7 Presidential Unit Citations.

JAVM is particularly honored by this Congressional mandate, Nakasone noted, as he read aloud the combat experiences of Tom Oye, Paul Shimizu, Isamu (Sam) Sugimoto, and Hisashi (Butch) Kumagai from the book, *Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota*, edited by the speaker and published in 2002. Other Minnesota 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> veterans recognized were Nobuo Kimura, Sam Hara, Sam Nakanishi, Ted Inouye, Yuki Akaki, and Ed Yoshikawa.

In closing, Bud reminded the audience that current JAVM members are all in the 70s, 80s, or 90s. Because JAVM hopes that memorial services will continue in the future, he called for the younger sansei and yonsei descendants to help, and hopefully, the TC JACL will carry on this honored tradition.

Following Bud's remarks, John Takekawa and George Murakami read the honor roll of the 54 deceased Minnesota Nikkei veterans, and flowers were placed by the graves of the 41 veterans interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. After the service many of the attendees gathered for a luncheon at the New Century Buffet.

Submitted by Bud Nakasone and Judy Murakami

*Principal speaker  
Bud Nakasone*



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## MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**"Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War, The Boom" exhibit** opened at the Minnesota History Center on May 23. Featuring hands-on and multimedia experiences, the exhibit gives visitors a chance to experience American history from the 1920's to the present day as told by members of the generation themselves.

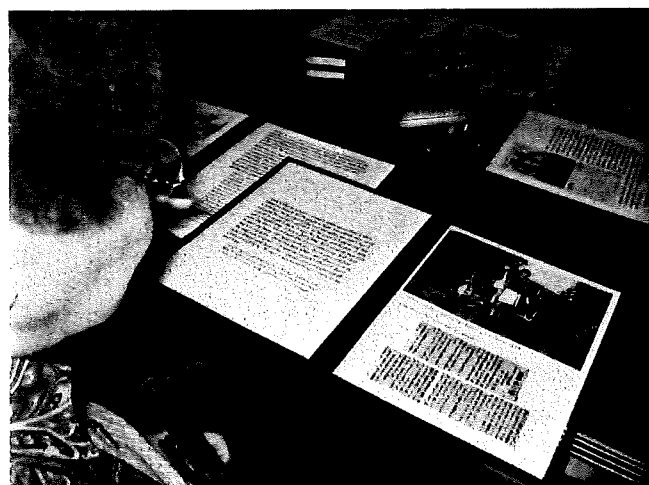


A display on the Military Intelligence Service contains stories and materials from Bud Nakasone, and Toshio and Mary Abe. Other Twin Cities JACL members who provided materials for the exhibit, noted on the donor wall at the exhibit's entry, are Helen Tsuchiya and Anna Tanaka Murakami.

Interesting artifacts in the 6,000 square foot exhibit include: a re-created 1930s movie theater, a classic soda fountain from the 1930s, an interactive "bullet-packing" station, an M8 armored vehicle, the fuselage of an actual war-era C-47 troop transport aircraft, Combat Stories audio feature, a 1955 Ford, and a 1960s airport setting.

Add the Minnesota History Center to your list for summertime fun. The Minnesota History Center is located at: 345 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, near the St. Paul Cathedral, at the junction of I-35E and I-94 at the corner of Kellogg and John Ireland boulevards. Phone: 651-259-3000, 651-282-6073 (TTY). Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6-17, and no charge for children age 5 and under and MHS members.

Hours are Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (free admission 5 to 8 p.m.); Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays, but open on Monday holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



*Helen Tsuchiya at the Minnesota History Center Exhibit*

For more information, visit [www.mnhs.org/people/mnngg/index.htm](http://www.mnhs.org/people/mnngg/index.htm)



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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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### 2009 High School Graduates Honored by JACL

The Twin Cities JACL's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at The Chateau in Medicine Lake. The evening began with dinner followed by greetings and introductions by JACL board representative, Steve Ozone. Fred Tsuchiya acted as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Sachi Williamson performed musical interludes on both the viola and the oboe.

Scholarship awards totaled \$15000.00. The following scholarships were awarded:

**Terry Anderson** – George Yamane Memorial Scholarship

**Kaia Fink** – Kimi Hara Memorial Scholarship

**Sarah Hohbein** – Twin Cities JACL Scholarship

**Ben Honda** – Kimi Yanari Memorial Scholarship

**Andrew Matsumoto** – Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship

**Chelsea Reiter** – Twin Cities JACL Scholarship

**Ellie Satoh** – Twin Cities JACL Scholarship

**Emmaline Soken** - Twin Cities JACL Scholarship

**Evan Soken** – Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship

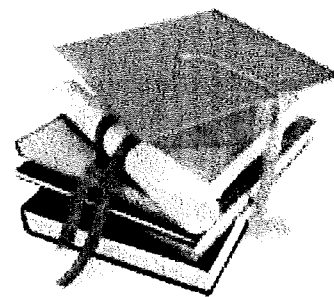
**Jessica Sudo** – Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship

**Alison Suzukamo** - Twin Cities JACL Scholarship

**Emily Ujifusa** - Twin Cities JACL Scholarship

**Sachi Williamson** – Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship

**Miki Yoshimura-Rank** – Norm Kushino Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations and best wishes to the 2009 graduates!



If you know of any 2010 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 2010 high school graduates are: Tom Edwards (Lakeville North High School), Michelle Mizuhata (Glencoe Silver Lake High School), Torey Asao (Chaska High School).

*2009 graduates:*

*Front Row: Emmaline Soken, Jessica Sudo, Kaia Fink, Sachi Williamson, Chelsea Reiter*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Evan Soken, Benjamin Honda, Sarah Hohbein, Ellie Satoh*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Andrew Matsumoto, Emily Ujifusa, Miki Yoshimura-Rank*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sansei Yonsei Kai Wants YOU!

Are you and/or your child interested in learning Japanese dancing?

Sansei Yonsei Kai is recruiting dancers of all ages, both male and female. No prior experience needed. Being a part of this group is a wonderful way to learn about the Japanese culture through dance and to meet new people.

The group has a long tradition of dancing, and performs every year at Festival of Nations and at other community and business venues.

For more information, contact Linda Hashimoto van Dooijeweert at: 651-631-9157 (work), 651-503-7995 (cell), or [Linda@urbantraveler.com](mailto:Linda@urbantraveler.com)



### SUPER SENIOR LUNCHEON

Saturday, July 11th, 12 noon

Grand City Buffet, 8912 Highway 7, St. Louis Park, MN

(northeast corner of Hwy 7 and Hwy 169. Go into Knollwood Mall from Hwy 7 on Aquila ave. and turn left, the buffet is next to the Target Store)

This event is sponsored by TC JACL, TC Buddhist Association and the Nikkei Project. If you are 75 plus years old (75 in year 2009) 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 \$11.00, includes tax, tip and drinks (hot tea, ice tea or pop).

For reservations call Sam Honda (651) 429-3410 e-mail:  
[samlilyhonda@aol.com](mailto:samlilyhonda@aol.com)

Note: Individual invitation will not be sent out this year. This event will be handled like other events..... thru newsletters, flyers, and friends.

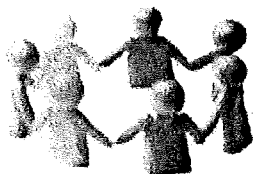
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### Chapter to Host National JACL Youth Conference: Volunteers Needed!

Our chapter will host the National JACL Youth Conference, to be held June 26-28, 2009 at Macalester College. Over 100 youth from across the country, ages 14 – 25, are expected to attend. We need at least 40 volunteers to drive youth to and from the airport, and help with check-in and check-out as well as during the conference. If you can give any time, please contact Gloria Kumagai, 763-377-5602 or at [Gloriak377@aol.com](mailto:Gloriak377@aol.com).



Please encourage our local youth to attend the conference. The chapter will fund up to 10 youth registrations. Information and registration can be found on <http://www.jacl.org/youth/conference-youth.htm>. For registration funding, contact Gloria Kumagai, 763-377-5602, [Gloriak377@aol.com](mailto:Gloriak377@aol.com).

Please support this wonderful opportunity for Japanese American youth locally and nationally.

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### Origami and Ribbon Fish Booth - THANK YOU!



The Origami and Ribbon Fish Booth did constant demonstrating of the art of paper folding and ribbon weaving during the annual Festival of Nations in May. Many thanks to Lil Honda, Gloria Kumagai, and Rachel Matsumoto for chairing the booth. Special thanks to Lil and Sam Honda for setting up the booth – an annual rite for them.

We would like to acknowledge the following individuals who assisted in the booth: Sakaye Hinataya, Lil Honda, Trish and Wendell Kawakami, Gloria Kumagai, Toyo Lang, Martha Matsumoto, Rachel Matsumoto, Tatsuko Ogata, Carolyn Sandberg, Lisa Shakerin, Phyllis Takekawa, Jean Takeshita, Sachi Williamson and Scott Erickson.

Submitted by Gloria Kumagai

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### MEMBERSHIPS:

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Harley Ogata, White Bear TWP  
Terry Anderson, Bloomington  
Emily Ujifusa, Minnetonka  
Jeff and Patrice Erickson  
Ashley, Joe and Emily



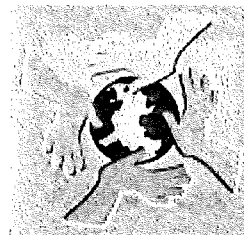
For more information about our chapter, membership and upcoming events go to our website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.twincitiesjacl.org>" [www.twincitiesjacl.org](http://www.twincitiesjacl.org). Submitted by Joanne Kumagai.



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## THANK YOU

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### 2009 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

We had an outstanding year at the Festival of Nations! Although attendance was down approximately 10%, our bazaar booth sales were only down about 5%. The bazaar booth and demonstration booth produced a net income of \$10,700. Once again, this serves as our fundraiser for our general operating needs for the year. The booths also provide our chapter with great volunteer opportunities for our members. Most volunteers continue from year to year because we are hooked on the Festival . . . but we look forward to new volunteers each year!

This was the fourth year we had a double booth. Due to some quick thinking by Cary Yamanaka during set up, our booth was almost a triple. We had a great location in a corner that attracted traffic and had room for shoppers. Our higher priced goods are the tee-shirts and tote bags that Jan Monson selects and our dishware. Both sold well. The staples of our booth are the hatchimakis, which sell by the dozens, and the bobbleheads, parasols, fans, lanterns and wall hangings. Sales on student days are our highest.

Critical to sales is having enough volunteers for each shift. Joanne Kumagai did an excellent job of recruiting and scheduling the volunteers. Thanks to all the bazaar booth volunteers who made 2009 another highly successful year:

Jan Monson  
Lucy Kiriara  
Sally Sudo  
Tim & Mari Thompson  
Rei Ohno  
Sharon Miyamoto  
Kathy Hara  
Geoff Brown  
Joanne Kumagai  
Lisa Shakerin  
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Jim Faber  
Peggy Yamanaka  
Chris Iijima  
Jake Nakasone

A special note of appreciation to the following generous members who make the Festival possible for JACL:

- ★ Mintahoe and owners/JACL members Kelvin and Annette Lee for providing the truck and staff to deliver our large inventory to the Festival of Nations.
- ★ Painting by Nakasone and owners/JACL members John, Jacqueline and Jake Nakasone for allowing us to store our inventory at their business site.

*Joyce Miyamoto and Cary Yamanaka, Bazaar Booth Co-Chairs*  
*Joanne Kumagai, Volunteer Coordinator*

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