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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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(Our situation) is difficult.

We continue to see our civil liberties eroded. We continue to see the most vulnerable among us under constant attack. And, thankfully, we continue to see countless brave individuals standing up to injustices everywhere, however they can. The past three months, we have continued to watch the current administration reveal who they are and their complete disregard for the checks and balances that protect our most fundamental rights. There is much work to be done in the long struggle to resist and overcome.

Nationally, the JACL has continued its crucial advocacy work and, just this past month, released a scathing condemnation of the current administration's relentless and targeted persecution of immigrant communities. It was not too long ago that Japanese Americans were being targeted, hunted down, imprisoned, and denied their rights as Americans. It is our duty to continue speaking up for those now facing the injustices we understand all too well.

Locally, our chapter recently supported a [statement](#) representing a coalition of Asian Minnesotan organizations, spearheaded by [Minnesota 8](#), which tirelessly advocates for Southeast Asian immigrant communities. The statement condemns recent ICE raids and demands justice for immigrants.

And let us not forget that the fight for justice is a marathon and not a sprint. We will not achieve victory overnight, so it is important to rest and take care of yourselves so you can remain at our sides for years to come. If you are free on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we would love to see you at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual *Flower Power*, hosted by Oyate Hotanin at the Dakota Burial Mounds in St. Paul. Together, we will rest, create art, make music, and share food while celebrating the community we work so hard to defend.

花は咲く。

Flowers will bloom (again).

In solidarity,

Vinicius Taguchi  
Chapter President

P.S. In the spirit of transparency and humility, I want to thank the kind member who informed me that I used the wrong kanji in my April remarks. I had written “必ず乗り換えます” to mean “we shall overcome,” but what I had actually written was “we shall transfer(buses/trains).” The correct statement would have read “必ず乗り越えます.” You see, as a non-native Japanese speaker, the small notes I include in my statements are more of a rehearsal than a performance, and I appreciate the correction as a valuable learning opportunity and reminder to check over my work. I also thank you all for your continued support and careful attention to how your chapter is run. We are always striving to learn more and do better and welcome you to contact us anytime you feel there is a way we can better serve you. おかげさまで。It's only possible thanks to you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS — Save these Dates

Listed below are the events being planned by the TCJACL chapter for later this month and the fall.



### Save the Date

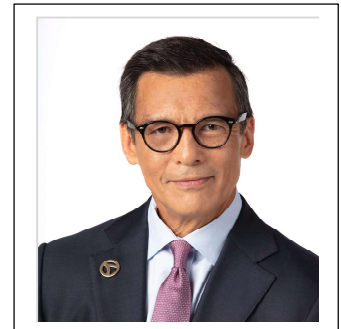
**TCJACL Chrysanthemum Banquet will be held Saturday, November 1, 2025,  
at the Minnesota Humanities Center in St. Paul**

#### *Tentative schedule*

**4:30 p.m. - Viewing of David Ono's Documentary**

**6:30 p.m. – Dinner**

Our chapter is very fortunate to have as our speaker, **David Ono**, anchor of ABC7 Eyewitness News, the top-rated newscast in all of Los Angeles, on any channel and time slot. David joined ABC7 in 1996 and has witnessed history worldwide. He has traveled across Europe and Asia chronicling brave acts of the Nisei soldiers from World War II.



He has produced multiple award-winning documentaries, two of which have made their way to the Smithsonian Institution. He is the creator of the multiple award-winning series FACEism, about promoting a better understanding of each other. **Defining Courage**, a stage show that David created about the legacy of the Nisei soldier in World II, is selling out theaters across the country. He will be showing us one of his documentaries and also sharing some stories about his life and work. David's documentaries impart information while touching hearts.

David has 12 Edward R. Murrow awards, 32 Emmys, and numerous other awards including the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government.

The TCJACL Board and the Banquet Committee hope you will join us for what promises to be a memorable and captivating evening.

**Registration and other pertinent details will become available in mid-late  
September.**

## Other Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, August 2 – Flower Power IX**

Patti Kameya will be tabling the event, promoting TCJACL, and doing origami instruction.

Oyate Hotanin presents

# Flower Power IX

## August 02, 2025

Sunrise to Sunset



### A Day of Artful Goodness Truth & Connection

6am - 3pm - Bring Flowers for the Flower Artists and fold paper cranes with the Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League

3pm - Circle: We invite all Descendants, Family and Friends of the Burial Mounds for a circle of introductions and thank yous

5pm - Community Dinner Potluck

6-7pm - Wintercount presents A Traditional Lakota Story Performance

7-8:30 pm - Open Mic

**Free and open to the public**

at Dakota Wicahnakapi (Dakota Burial Mounds)  
10 Mounds Blvd, St. Paul, MN





- **Sunday, August 17 – Obon Festival – OBON FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The festival is at the Como Park Conservatory. Hours are 3 PM to 9 PM. You will find booths, foods, taiko drum and martial arts demonstrations, Japanese dancing, and more!

**We are looking for volunteers to help at the TCJACL booth!**

**Set Up: Noon to 3 PM**

**Shift One: 3 PM to 6 PM**

**Shift Two: 6 PM to 9 PM**

**Breakdown: 9 PM to 10 PM**

In the past years we have received donations of Japanese items to sell at the festival. **We are still soliciting donations of used Japanese antiques or items that are in good condition to sell at this event, such as Japanese dishes, kimonos, getas, paintings or other art work, and decorative items.**

Please contact Amy Dickerson if you are interested in **VOLUNTEERING** for any of the volunteer opportunities available OR if you have any **DONATIONS** that can be sold in the sales booth.

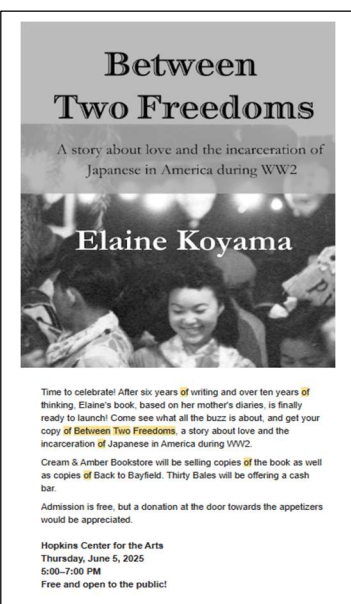
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Photos of the volunteers and merchandise that was for sale

- **Tuesday, August 26, TCJACL Book Club**



Our next book club event will be an in-person one with the author herself, Elaine Koyama! Elaine now lives in New Mexico, but had been a long time member of the TCJACL and served as our chapter treasurer of our local chapter several years ago.

The discussion will take place at Carolyn Nayematsu's building at 2265 Luther Place in St. Paul, a few blocks east of Highway 280 and Como Avenue. The plan is to start at 6:30 PM and for Carolyn to order Vietnamese sandwiches for a light dinner. However, dinner plans could change so watch for further notices.

The book, Between Two Freedoms is available on Amazon. You can also ask your local bookstore to order it for you.

Contact Ammanda Neitz at [amneitz@gmail.com](mailto:amneitz@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Recent Events

- **Saturday, July 19 – Green Card Voices**

The Minnesota Historical Society and Green Card Voices which is “a Minneapolis-based, nationally growing nonprofit that connects immigrants and their communities through multi-media story telling” hosted an opening reception at Mill City Museum called “My City Was a Sparkling Jewel: Voices of Newcomer Youth from Afghanistan.” The event featured thirty storytellers between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. They reflected on their journeys through short biographies, portraits and audio recordings. Steve and Karen Tanaka Lucas attended the opening. The exhibit continues.

- **Friday, June 20 – Meet and Eat at Okome House**

It was a perfect night to meet up and eat Japanese food with new and old friends. A group of 17 met at Okome House Restaurant in south Minneapolis, right in the middle of a residential area. The atmosphere was very casual with both indoor and outdoor seating (dogs are allowed out in the outdoor area). Diners selected their food at the register and in a few minutes, the meal is delivered to their table.

The organizers, Amy and Gloria, hope more of you can join the group at the next Meet and Eat event. Look for an email blast for the place and time of the next get together, hopefully this coming fall.



Photos from the Meet and Eat, June 20, at Okome House



Photos by Amy Dickerson

- **Sunday, June 15 – Daifuku Mochi Cooking Class: Honoring Tradition and Culture**

On a warm afternoon, June 15, 2025 (Father’s Day), a delightful and hands-on Daifuku Mochi Cooking Class took place at the welcoming home of Carolyn Nayematsu. Led by talented Sally Sudo, with assistance from Lucy Kiriara, the class brought together seven enthusiastic participants eager to learn the art of crafting Daifuku mochi — the soft, chewy Japanese rice cake filled with sweet bean paste.

The session was more than just a cooking class — it was a joyful cultural experience - filled with laughter, the mixing of glutinous rice flour, and the aroma of red bean paste. Sally, a skilled and patient instructor along with Lucy Kiriara, guided us step by step through the process, offering invaluable insights she’s gathered through her years of experience making this Japanese pastry.



Among her many helpful tips, she emphasized the importance of proper storage: mochi should never be refrigerated, as it hardens — instead, she recommended freezing leftover pieces for best results. Another pro tip? Add just a drop of food coloring, such as red, to the water used for making the mochi wrapper — a small touch that makes the sweets more visually inviting. Sally generously brought along a batch of her own Daifuku mochi to share, each perfectly shaped and filled with the red bean paste and a fresh raspberry nestled in the center — a delicious burst of flavor.

Making Daifuku mochi is messy and takes practice to wrap the mochi wrapping around the bean paste. Sally noted that even if they do not look well-wrapped, they will be delicious. And, they were in spite of our Daifuku mochi not being perfectly shaped!

To preserve the experience and share it with a wider audience, the class was filmed by Steve Ozone and will be available to view in the near future. This thoughtful gesture ensures that those who are unable to attend a Daifuku mochi class will still have the opportunity to learn how to make it.

The recipe for Daifuku Mochi is featured on page 142 of our 75th Anniversary Cookbook, *Bridging the Generations*. The title couldn't be more fitting — this event was not just about food, but about preserving heritage and building community.

For me, the class held special meaning. My father enjoyed eating Daifuku mochi throughout his life. What better way to honor him than to participate in this class on Father's Day, learning how to make something he cherished. *Submitted by Gloria Kumagai. Top two photos by Kimmy Tanaka.*



Lani, Gloria, Karen, and Kassian listening to directions



Sally and Lucy demonstrating



The Mochi Makers with their freshly made mochi – Lani Bennett, Gloria Kumagai, Sally Sudo, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Lucy Kiriara, Kimmy Tanaka, Karen Tanaka Lucas, Kaissan Vaubel, and Carolyn Nayematsu.

*Photo by Steve Ozone*

- **May 8 – TCJACL Scholarship Banquet**

## **2025 High School Graduates Honored by Twin Cities JACL**

The Twin Cities JACL's Scholarship Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church in Bloomington. The following 2025 high school graduates were honored during the program.

**Alexander Sasha Bly (Irondale High School)**  
**Molly Hanson Hilton (Minnetonka High School)**  
**Chaise Olson (Blaine High School)**  
**Romare Onishi (The Blake School)**  
**Sumiko Webb (Minneapolis Southwest High School)**

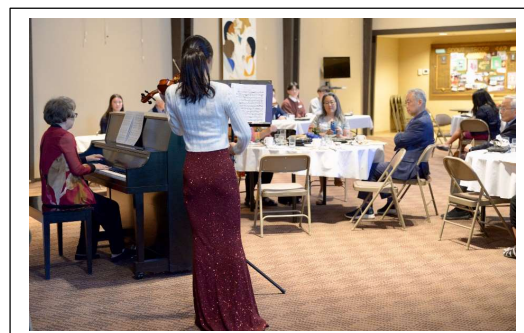


Pictured above: Molly Hanson Hilton, Sumiko Webb, Alexander Bly, Chaise Olson (Not pictured: Romare Onishi)



Graduates and guests were greeted by Twin Cities JACL Chapter board member, Ben Hartmann. Fred Tsuchiya was the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Molly Hanson Hilton performed a violin solo, accompanied by her grandmother, Sally Sudo.



### **The following scholarships (\$12,500 in total) were awarded:**

Annie Sakai Girard and Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship – **Alexander Bly**  
Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship – **Molly Hanson Hilton**  
Tom and Reiko Ohno Memorial Scholarship – **Chaise Olson**  
Earl K. & Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship – **Romare Onishi**  
Takekawa Family Memorial Scholarship – **Sumiko Webb**

Twin Cities JACL Service Scholarship – **Romare Onishi**



**Congratulations and best wishes to the 2025 graduates!**

## **The Relevance of JACL Today**

*(As part of their 2025 scholarship applications, graduating high school seniors submitted an essay on the topic "The Relevance of JACL Today." With the consent of the students, we are publishing the essays in this edition of Rice Paper.)*

### **The Relevance of JACL Today - Essay by Chaise Olson**

As a kid, I always felt like I wasn't "Asian Enough." Even though, as a kid, I followed family traditions and our culture, I was always have other kids saying, "You don't look Asian," or, "I didn't even know you were Asian." When you're a kid, you are easily impressionable. So, after a long line of comments such as those, I began to doubt my heritage as a Japanese American. But recently, my family introduced me to a community called the JACL. Through them, I could reconnect with my heritage and my people and learn about our history and what makes us Japanese Americans. That is why I personally think that the JACL is relevant. It allows people to reconnect with their heritage and educate themselves on Japanese American history.

Through my family's involvement with the JACL and other organizations like it, I've had opportunities to learn and educate myself like I couldn't imagine. An experience I had was at the Japanese American National Museum in California. There, they informed and taught about things like Japanese internment camps, Japanese art and literature, and more. The learnings were very impactful because of the Ireicho. The Ireicho is a giant book that lists over 125,000 names of persons of Japanese Ancestry who were in Internment Camps or incarcerated in WWII. People can stamp their relative's names in the book so that their memory isn't erased. I was lucky enough to do this for my family. I am so grateful that the opportunity presented itself to me. It helped me connect more with my people and showed me my heritage and where my family came from.

My family has helped me a lot by giving back to me my heritage and culture. By educating me and telling me stories of my family, I've been able to learn so that I can tell their stories and inform others about Japanese American history. My family and I plan on participating in a dedication to a memorial site where my great-great-grandpa was imprisoned during the war. We will have the chance to tell others about the lives of Japanese Americans in internment camps and educate them about our history so that we won't forget it.

Thanks to the JACL and similar organizations, I can educate myself and learn about my history and heritage. This is what I believe makes the JACL relevant and important in today's society. It allows people from now and in the future to learn about the history of Japanese Americans and educate them to keep the safety of our heritage and prevent past transgressions from reoccurring.

### **The Relevance of JACL Today - Essay by Romare Onishi**

Throughout my life, I have been lucky enough for the presence of the JACL to be a constant in my life. Ever since I was a child, I would tag along with my father to the events, presentations, and dinners that he was a part of and find a way to amuse myself. Admittedly, there wasn't much at these events early on that resonated with me about my identity or the state of the world, and beyond the annual silent auction here I could bid on sports memorabilia and 3M gift packages, there wasn't much else that I looked forward to when I got in the car to go to these events. They were mundane, yet constant aspects of my life as a child.

As I've grown and matured, surrounded by the Twin Cities JACL community, however, I've come to understand the importance of those early experiences in my life and how they have shaped the person I am today; I've come to understand how the little things that I would pick up on at screenings or discussions percolated into the way I understand the world.



Something that I've struggled with as an adolescent is how I can give back to my community. I attend a private school where, unlike its peer institutions, community service is not a requirement to graduate. I always interpreted this lack of such a seemingly important part of an education as a way to encourage students to stand out and to be independent; yet through and through, the act of being charitable often devolves into something more performative. This dilemma has often caused a sense of unease within myself whenever I was packing food or making blankets for the homeless for a school sponsored event.

Within the JACL, however, I never find myself questioning the authenticity of my good will. As I grew up, I started to involve myself more in the community, whether it was helping out at festivals or serving on regional youth boards. And yet despite my increasing presence within the community and the new experiences I was throwing myself into, I still felt a sense of familiar community that brought me back to the times of me following my dad to the same kind of events I was driving to myself.

It is this sense of community that I believe the JACL shines. At its core, the JACL has historically existed as a civil rights organization, advocating for justice everywhere. Yet, fighting this injustice and spreading awareness do not appear out of nowhere. These essential actions derive their importance from the local level and the bonds forged within these tight knit communities. From this connection sprouts a strong unity that enables this organization to operate and thrive on so many different levels. This, I believe, is where the essence of the JACL exists today; in inspiring these relationships and imparting critical knowledge in all who stumble upon it.

### **The Relevance of JACL Today - Essay by Sumiko Webb**

Growing up, all my experiences with the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) were part of fun activities: the summer picnic, other events organized for kids, and the Festival of Nations and Obon, where I was part of the Sansei Yonsei Kai dance group. But as I have gotten older and more aware of my world, I see the significance of JACL in a new way. For almost 100 years, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has fought for the civil and human rights of the Asian community and all Americans. In our current uncertain political and social climate, JACL's work is more important than ever.

JACL's social justice work and advocacy is essential in protecting civil rights and making marginalized voices heard, which is especially relevant given certain new policies from the current governmental administration. Many of these policies target immigrants and minority groups. JACL has strongly opposed the attempts to invoke the Alien Enemies Act for mass deportation of immigrants, which draws parallels to the injustices experienced by Japanese Americans during World War II. President Roosevelt used the same act to intern Japanese, Germans, and Italians in the United States, even if they were U.S. citizens, which is widely considered a shameful part of U.S. history and we appear to be entering another dark period in our country. Giving voice to marginalized communities is not just important for social justice but to democracy itself, making sure that historical injustices are not repeated and that all Americans, regardless of their heritage, are protected under the Constitution's promise of equal rights and due process. JACL's impact was also apparent in a recent issue in which a page from the official Army website honoring the accomplishments of a World War II unit composed of mainly Japanese Americans was taken down. JACL released a statement calling for reinstatement of the page, and a day after the request, the Army is putting it back up. This was just one example how an organized, collective voice like JACL can make an impact.

Furthermore, JACL is committed to combating hate, prejudice, and bigotry. Sadly, this is needed as much as ever in today's world with the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. JACL continuously monitors hate crimes and incidents giving responses, direct intervention, and providing comprehensive resources to raise awareness. For instance, in 2022, JACL submitted written testimony to the Senate Committee on "Combating the Rise in Hate Crimes," directing advocating to our governmental leaders on these issues and offering community based solutions. Additionally, JACL actively works to eradicate negative stereotypes and misconceptions about Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. This is all especially relevant and important to me as an Asian person because negative stereotypes have long contributed to discrimination, exclusion, and even violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. It takes committed groups like JACL to dismantle these misconceptions through education, advocacy and public awareness.

Education is also a foundation in JACL's values. My Twin Cities chapter provides multiple resources in classroom materials on the Japanese American experience, especially with World War II. These resources are important for the understanding and appreciating of Asian American history and experiences. My grandmother and her family were interned at Tule Lake during World War II and the stories of those interned are being preserved and educating future generations through organizations like JACL.

I hope that organizations such as the JACL continue to thrive to remind us of our past and shape our future for the better. I would be honored to be a JACL scholarship recipient as I continue my education and make my own contributions to society.

## A Letter of Gratitude to the Japanese American Citizens League Twin Cities Chapter

To the Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League,

I would like to start by giving my regards to the Twin Cities JACL Scholarship committee and expressing my regret for not being at the 2025 JACL Scholarship Awards Program in person; unfortunately, I had a baseball game that very evening and was unable to make it out.

The JACL has been a constant presence throughout my life. From accompanying my father to events, picnics, and silent auctions, to later taking on larger responsibilities in the community, I have always found value in the work that this organization does and a desire to contribute. My passion for service within the JACL community derives from the community of people that have surrounded me ever since I was a child. Growing up around integral members of the Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League and their families provided me with a community of people that I could see myself in. Seeing the passion with which my father's colleagues on the education committee went about their work inspired me to seek out opportunities and ways to get involved as I came into high school as a teenager.

While the two awards I have won are prestigious and honorable by themselves, I am especially proud to bear the legacy of service and dedication both in the Tanbara Scholarship as well as the JACL Service award. The legacies Earl and Ruth Tanbara, in particular, represent to me the acceptance of a responsibility to the community of those around them. Shining a spotlight on stories like the Tanbara's has always been one of my passions within this community, and I hope as I continue to grow within it, I will be able to expand my efforts.

Once again, I would like to extend a strong message of gratitude to everyone in the JACL community who has guided me, influenced me, and supported me along the way. I look forward to the future and what I can contribute to our community as I continue to grow as an individual.

Thank you.

Romare Onishi



### Who Do You Know?

Help us identify young people between high school and pre-school for our scholarship program!

Send the following:

Name, address, expected graduation year

to: [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org)

Names will be added to our database and applications sent to individuals to apply their senior year!

If you know of any 2026 high school graduates, please contact [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org). Local scholarship applications will be sent in January. JACL membership is required of scholarship applicants. Some of the known 2026 high school graduates are:

Cooper Daikawa (Centennial High School)  
Raegan Dean (Prior Lake High School)  
Cale Marella (Woodbury)  
Maxwell Murakami (Byron High School)  
Addison Neitz (Wayzata High School)  
Kiyoshi Pellinen (Golden Valley)  
Ryan Shiroma (St. Paul)  
Marco Takekawa Litgen (Woodbury High School).

If you are interested in learning more about these scholarships, please contact [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org). Donations may be sent to TC JACL Scholarship c/o Fred Tsuchiya, 5311 Scenic Heights Drive, Minnetonka, MN, 55345.

*Submitted by Pam Ohno Dagoberg, Scholarship Chair*

## Japanese Americans at the Capitol

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, community elder Sally Sudo shared her personal experiences in America's concentration camps during World War II at a press conference at the Minnesota State Capitol. Sally was invited by Representative Samantha Sencer-Mura, who organized the press conference with the Minnesota People of Color and Indigenous Caucus.

The stories shared by Sally and others provide an important frame of reference to help understand the government persecution facing our immigrant communities today. We must always remember that this has happened before and it can happen again.

*Photo from press conference referenced above.*



## Other Items of Interest

- **More Substantial Memorial to Camp Savage and the MIS**

Karen Tanaka Lucas, long time TCJACL board member, and her husband, Steve Lucas, have been working with Apple Valley resident Roger Tadsen in creating a more substantial memorial to Camp Savage and the MIS than what is currently on site. Roger spearheaded a meeting with government officials in Savage, including the City Council and the past and present mayors. He has included people from the Scott County Historical Society. The first step has been to **apply for National Park Service designation as a WWII Heritage City for Savage**. There is only one such designation per state, and we are in competition with another city for that honor. Christopher Swanson, the assistant city administrator for Savage, has taken the lead in writing up the application. We also have received letters of support from U.S. Representative Angie Craig and U.S. Senator Tina Smith. We hope to hear soon about the final selection.

- **JACL National Convention – July 17-20, 2025**

President Vini Taguchi and Education Chair Kimmy Tanaka have spent the last few days at the annual JACL National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, expanding our connections and resources for future opportunities.

- **Sister Cities St. Paul and Nagasaki**

The group from Nagasaki (including junior high students) will be visiting the Twin Cities for a few weeks. The cities are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their sister city relationship. TCJACL has been asked to help promote some of their activities, including the Nagasaki mayor's talk at the History Center.

- **April 2026 – International Festival of Minnesota**

Plans are being made for a one day (Friday) festival next spring. TCJACL has not yet made any decisions about our participation.

- **Article in MN StarTribune – June 15 (online version)/16 (print version), 2025**

In case you missed it, there was an online and a print version of the story about Camp Savage/Fort Snelling and the history of the MISLS in Minnesota. Here is the address of the online version <https://www.startribune.com/at-94-this-vet-preserves-the-history-of-world-war-ii-linguists-secretly-trained-in-minnesota/600181950>

- **Elections for the 2026 JACL Board**

Something to think about...elections occur in November. There is no age requirement! For more information, ask one of the current board members or contact Ammanda at [amneitz@gmail.com](mailto:amneitz@gmail.com)



- **Community as a Co-Creator**

On June 16, 2025, University of Minnesota Associate Professor Yuichiro Onishi was announced as the newly appointed Director of the Liberal Arts Engagement Hub. He studies history as a living creation and reimagines how we can engage with it.

This perspective, coupled with his commitment to community and solidarity, will guide his work as he begins his tenure in January 2026.

Trained as a historian, a longer article about his perspectives and background can be found in the University of Minnesota's Alumni Association Email, dated July 24, 2025. Congratulations!



## **In Memoriam**

**Sumiko (Sumi) Kosobayashi, St. Louis Park, MN**

**Sumiko "Sumi" Kosobayashi, age 92, July 19, 1932-March 19, 2025.**

Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Tomoyoshi "Tomo"; parents, Takashi and Tamaru Harada; sisters, Toshiko Okita and husband, George; Masako Iwai and husband, James; Mitsuko Sadamori and husband, George; and Akiko Harada; and brothers, Hideo Harada; and Shizuo Harada and wife, Bessie.

She is survived by her son, Kevan and his wife, Megumi; granddaughter, Aino; sisters, Yukiko Hayashi and Teruko Nakano; sister-in-law, Dorothy Harada; and many adored nieces and nephews.

Private interment at Lakewood Cemetery. A memorial service was held on Monday, June 9 at Westwood Hills Nature Center, followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League Scholarship Committee ([www.tcjacl.org](http://www.tcjacl.org)).

In addition, a tree of life was planted in her memory.

Comment: Sumi was a regular attendee of the Nikkei Project. At her memorial service, I was honored to represent JACL by offering O-shoko. Sumi is very much missed by attendees and volunteers of the Nikkei Project.

*Submitted by Gloria Kumagai*