

Hana Matsuri
April 8th
Flower Festival

JACL
Japanese American Citizens League
Mile Hi Chapter



APRIL 2012

A Message from the President

I am excited to announce that Mile Hi JACL is the fastest growing chapter in our district! We have the highest number of new members in 2011, and our membership number has consistently grown since January 2012. A big thank you to everybody that helped with the membership drive! In particular, I would like to recognize Mary Ann Amemiya for her spectacular work. Out of all of the board members, she brought in the most new members!

I also want to say thank you to everybody that came to our April 22nd fundraiser. Over twenty people attended the fundraiser and we raised close to \$500 for the Mile Hi JACL scholarship program. This would not have been possible without all of your help! If you were not able to attend the fundraiser, please feel free to send to send your donation for the scholarship program.

And lastly, please don't forget about our upcoming national convention! The annual convention is going to take place in Seattle, Washington, from July 5th until July 9th. It's a great opportunity to see how JACL operates on a national level, learn valuable community advocacy skills, and make new friends. You can find more information by going to www.jacl.org/2012. Register soon before the early bird rates expire!

We would love to hear your suggestions and feedbacks. Please come to our next board meeting on May 3rd at 6:30 pm, and let us know how we can serve you better. We meet at the Japanese Association of Colorado's Office, located on the second floor of Sakura Square (19th and Lawrence, Denver, CO). If you have any questions or feedbacks, please do not hesitate to contact us at milehijacl@gmail.com

Harry Budisudharta

Mile Hi JACL Chapter President



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Asian Education
Advisory Council Award
Breakfast
April 29th at 9 am
Doubletree Hotel
3203 Quebec Street,
Denver, CO

Amache Pilgrimage
May 19th

Asian American Heroes
of Colorado Award
Ceremony
May 26th at 10 am
Kings Land Seafood
Restaurant
2200 W. Alameda Ave.
Denver, CO

66th Annual Memorial
Service at Fairmount
Cemetery
May 28th at 11 am

Japanese American
Community Graduation
Program Banquet
May 19th at 5:30 pm
Arvada Center for the
Performing Arts and
Humanities.

Do you have an event
or project that you
would like to share
with our community?
Please help us keep our
community informed by
submitting events, notices,
recognitions and articles
to include in future
newsletters. information
can be submitted to
Suzy.Shimasaki@
gmail.com

Mile Hi JACL Congratulates Mr. Seiji Tanaka, Mr. Haruhisa Yamamoto, and Ikebana International Chapter 66

The Mile Hi JACL would like to join the Consulate-General of Japan at Denver in thanking Mr. Tanaka and Mr. Yamamoto for all of their contributions to our community.

On April 3, the Consulate-General of Japan at Denver announced that Mr. Seiji Tanaka, Mr. Haruhisa Yamamoto, and Ikebana International Chapter 66 have been named as the Colorado recipients of The Commendation of the Consul General of Japan.

This award is a citation by the Consul General of Japan and is presented to honor the respected citizens and organizations who have made exceptional contributions in areas such as the development of mutual understanding and friendly ties between nations, the promotion of international cooperation in economic relations, the encouragement of cultural exchange, and other various activities which enhance the relationship of our two countries.

Mr. Seiji Tanaka, a longtime leader of Japanese American Association of Colorado and served its president from 2001-2003 and 2008-2010, has been instrumental in the development of the Japanese American community. He has contributed greatly to conserve and pass down the history and legacy of the Japanese American community. Also, in July 2008, when the annual National Conference of Japanese American National Museum was held in Denver, Mr. Tanaka, as then President of Japanese American Association of Colorado, contributed greatly to the success of the Conference. Besides these contributions, he has been serving organize many cultural activities for the Japanese American community.

Mr. Haruhisa Yamamoto, former owner of Denver Tofu Company, has contributed greatly in promoting Japanese foods and its food culture in Colorado. For the 40 years since he became owner of Denver Tofu Company in 1973, he has made great efforts to popularize healthy Japanese food and brought Japanese foods to the kitchens and homes of the people of Colorado.

Ikebana International Chapter 66, one of 69 branches of Ikebana International in the United States, has contributed greatly in enhancing mutual understanding, friendship, and goodwill between Japan and Denver and Northern Colorado for 50 years since its establishment through introduction of ikebana and other Japanese culture. Under the motto of "Friendship through Flowers", major ikebana schools and individuals participate in Ikebana International Chapter 66 and have been striving to promote Japanese culture.

A conferment ceremony, at which Consul General Ikuhiko Ono will present the awards, will be held in due course. As the date and venue is to be announced soon, the media is welcome to attend to cover the event.

For inquiries, please contact Consul Katsuya Yanagida.



シンプソン教会バザー

62nd Annual
**ASIAN FOOD
BAZAAR**

Saturday, May 5, 2012
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

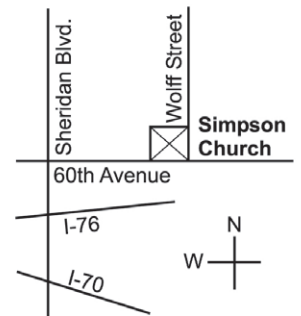
Simpson United Methodist Church
- 105th Year Celebration -
Japanese American Church

6001 Wolff Street • Arvada, CO • (303) 428-7963

<http://simpsonumc.com>

Beef Teriyaki/Chow Mein Dinner Plate
Donation: Adult \$10.00 • Children \$6.00
Take Out Service

Also available: Sushi • Omanju
Home Baked Goods





Japan American Citizens League

**Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser at *Volcano Asian Cuisine* for
Mile Hi JACL Scholarship for the
Japanese American Community Graduation Program**

"EAT for Education"

Sunday, April 22, 2012

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Silent Auction will end at 2:00 p.m.

Cost is \$20 and includes the following menu:

- Sushi sampler
- Hibachi fried rice
- Chicken, shrimp, and steak hibachi
- Tea

**Checks made payable to: Mile Hi JACL,
and will be collected at the door.**

Payment can also be mailed in advance to:

**Suzy at 755 S. Dexter St., #533
Denver, CO 80246**

Please **RSVP by Thursday, April 19 to Suzy at
suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com**



Volcano Asian Cuisine:

**10440 East Arapahoe Road
Centennial, CO 80112
(303) 662-8113**

Eat for Education

By Suzy Shimasaki

On Saturday, April 22, the Mile Hi JACL hosted its quarterly social that also served as a fundraiser for the Mile Hi JACL Scholarship given at the annual Japanese American Community Graduation Program. The event was a huge success and we greatly appreciate everyone who came out to support us. Through your generous contributions, we were able to raise \$465 for our scholarship! In addition to ticket sales, funds were also raised through a silent auction. The lucky bidders walked away with a variety of wonderful items including a crystal vase, a decorative set of chirashi-zushi bowls, and autographed books and artwork. We would also like to convey our heartfelt thanks to an anonymous donor who offered to match the money we raised through our silent auction.

If you wanted to make a donation towards our scholarship but haven't had a chance to do so yet, you can still send a check made payable to "Mile Hi JACL" to: P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201.

Thank you again to all of the new members, existing members, and future members who came out to our event!



Photographed above are a few of the individuals who attended the event:

Back row (left to right): Donna, Frank, Kathryn, Toe, Bret, Gil, Chance, Debbie, Harry, Gary, Donna

Front row (left to right): Jeanette White, Mary Ann, Kimiko

2012 Invitation Program for Japanese American Students

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan will conduct its "Invitation program for Japanese American students" from June 29 to July 10, 2012. This program invites five Japanese American high-school students from the U.S. to Japan and provides them with an opportunity to learn various aspects of Japan, promote mutual understanding and an exchange of views between Japanese and Japanese American younger generations.

For further details, please refer to the following link: <http://www.denver.us.emb-japan.go.jp/EN/2012InvitationProgram.html>

To apply for this program, please fill in the application form available at the link above and submit it to the Consulate-General of Japan at Denver by e-mail (katsuya.yanagida@mofa.go.jp) by April 28, 2012.

New Governor for the Intermountain District Council

Jeanette Misaka, currently co-president of the Salt Lake City JACL chapter, is the new governor for the Intermountain District Council (IDC), replacing Brian Morishita. Jeanette has a B.S., an M.S., and a PhD. She is an emeritus clinical associate professor of special education and an education specialist with the Utah State Office of Education. She has held many leadership positions in numerous professional organizations including the American Association of University Women. In 1998, she received the first Jeanette Misaka Outstanding Service Award established in her honor and name at the University of Utah, Department of Special Education. She was interned at Heart Mountain and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. She is married to Tats Misaka, and they have three children.

Sakura Square Parking

After careful consideration, we have determined that Thursday evenings are very busy nights for Temple and community activities at Sakura Square. We have decided that there will be no charge for Temple and community activities Sunday through Thursday evenings from 5:00 PM - 6:00 AM (except Rockies home baseball games). The general public will pay the regular parking fee of \$5.00 per vehicle during this time period. During Rockies evening home baseball games, there will be no free parking available. On Friday and Saturday evenings, there will be a \$5.00 charge for all vehicles parking in the Sakura Square parking facility.

The full parking procedures are available from the Sakura Square Management office upon request.



Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!

Otera (*O-te-ra*)

Translation: Temple

Fuku (*Fu-ku*)

Translation: Clothes

Jinja (*Ji-n-ja*)

Translation: Shrine

Shyashin (*Shya-shi-n*)

Translation: Picture

Shinbun (*Shi-n-bu-n*)

Translation: Newspaper

Ike (*I-ke*)

Translation: Lake



Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation



66th Annual Memorial Service at the Nisei Veterans Memorial

- When:** Memorial Day May 28, 2012 11:00am - 12:30pm
- Where:** Fairmount Cemetery (2 blocks South of Alameda Ave.)
430 S Quebec St, Denver, CO 80247
- Admission:** Free
- Purpose:** To show respect to the Nisei Veterans of Colorado for their contribution to the Freedom of all Americans and the acceptance of Japanese Americans at home.
- Special Honor:** To the Recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal Unit Citation
* 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service
* A Floral Tribute at the Memorial
* The Congressional Gold Medal replica can be purchased by the Veteran or their families from the U.S. Mint. It can be purchased online at <http://www.usmint.gov/>. The NVHF will reimburse the families for the cost of the replica.
- Speaker:** Ms. Adele Arakawa, 9News Team Leader, will recount her experiences at the Washington, DC ceremonies last November.
- Outreach:** Please distribute this flyer or contact any Veterans eligible for the Gold Medal Unit Citation or their surviving families so those who choose may take part in this local tribute.
- RSVP:** Eligible Veterans and surviving families by May 1, 2012 to:
* Gayle Goto 303-594-5839 ggoto@comcast.net
* Jamie Chikuma 303-525-0429 jchikuma@msn.com
- Presented by:** Simpson United Methodist Church
Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple

Signs and volunteers will be present at the West and North
Gates to guide you to the Memorial

Annual Pilgrimage to Amache

By Marge Taniwaki

In 1976, the first formal Pilgrimage to Amache was organized by the activist group Asian American CARP (Community Action Research Program). CARP members reconnoitered the concentration camp site for rattlesnakes and other hazards prior to the arrival of the first bus which was filled mainly with Issei, first generation Japanese. For most of the Issei, it was the first trip back to the site of their nearly four-year long imprisonment during World War II. Third generation Sansei and a second generation Nisei, who translated for the groups, made up the rest of the contingent.

The cemetery was still surrounded by barbed wire with a cattle-guard at the gate to protect the headstones from grazing livestock. A small brick building at the cemetery housed the enscribed memorial stone left by Amache inmates shortly before the camp closed. Vandals had shot at the memorial stone, leaving it pocked marked by bullets. After cleaning up the cemetery and laying flowers at the headstones, the group drove a mile east to the town of Granada where a Japanese American resident let the former prisoners eat a potluck lunch in her front yard. The round-trip bus ride provided time for discussion at a point in Japanese American history when we were still finding our voice and looking into the ramifications of our forced removal and imprisonment.

In 1983, the Denver Central Optimists Club took over responsibility for organizing the annual Pilgrimage. The Optimists, now called the Amache Club, continue to organize the annual Pilgrimage along with the Friends of Amache, the Japanese American Association of Colorado, and the Amache Preservation Society under the guidance of Granada High School teacher, John Hopper.

The annual Pilgrimage always takes place on the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. In 2012, the Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, May 19th. A chartered bus will pick up passengers from either the Simpson United Methodist Church at 6:00 a.m. or the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple at 6:30 a.m. The bus arrives at the Amache cemetery around 11:00 a.m. where floral offerings are made at a religious service.. A potluck lunch is held in the cafeteria of Granada High School. Afterward, entertainment will be provided by Junior Denver Taiko and project architect Barbara Darden will report on the progress of restoration work at Amache. Artifacts from the Amache Museum will be on display at Granada High School. The bus leaves for Denver about 2:30 p.m. with arrival back in Denver about 6:30 p.m.

The non-refundable cost for the round-trip lavatory equipped bus ride is \$25.00. To make bus reservations and for further information, please contact one of the following:

Frank Miyazawa (303) 237-8641

Hiroko Hung (303) 979-4127

Bob Fuchigami (303) 679-2921

New Memebers

The Mile Hi JACL would like to welcome the following new members:

- Jun and Francis Hamai
- Sue Hobza
- Elie Kimura
- Mark J. Medrud
- Kimi Oye
- Kathryn White
- Kenny Yeh
- Barbara Harr
- Harue Louise Kelly
- Daryl Joji Maeda
- Yumi Nakajima
- Robin Oye
- Debbie Yamashita
- Stephanie H. Yukawa
- Craig Hirokawa
- Melissa Khat
- David E. Medrud
- Dick Okimoto
- Donald Vinson
- Lauren Yamashita
- Ngoc Dinh

We look forward to seeing you at future events!



Japan America Society of Colorado



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Colorado Rapids v. Chivas USA

Saturday, August 18 at 7:00pm

at Dick's Sporting Goods Park



Discounted Ticket Price

Includes 1 ticket, 1 meal, and 1 drink

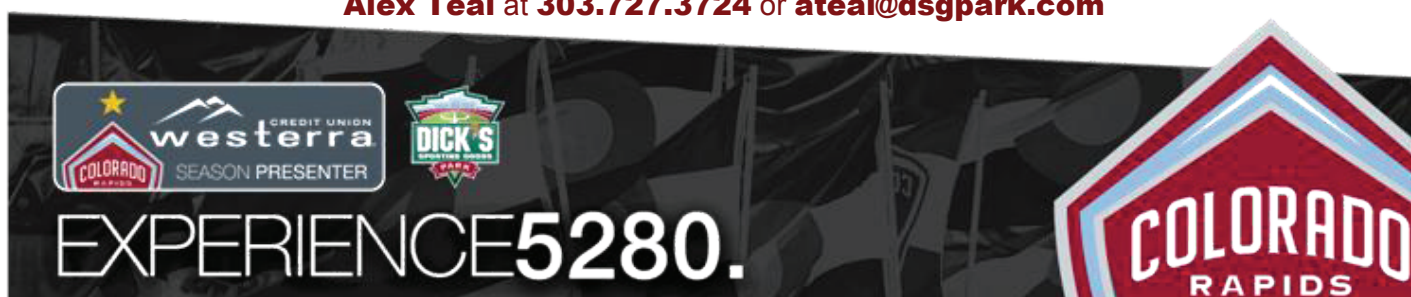
East Sideline - \$19.75

South Endline - \$12.25

Stay after the match for a special meet and greet with Rapids player Kosuke Kimura!

Order online at <http://www.pepsicenter.com/groups/rapids/jasc/>

For more information please contact
Alex Teal at **303.727.3724** or **ateal@dsgpark.com**



JACL Mission Statement

"What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another."

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

Become a Member of JACL Today!

Joining the Mile Hi Chapter JACL is a great way to get involved with the community and to help support our programs that educate our youth, develop leaders and pass on our legacy from generation to generation.

Membership benefits include (subject to change):

Associate Memberships are available for two years to individuals who are new to the Mile Hi Chapter JACL and includes:

- Mile Hi Chapter JACL Newsletter
- Discounts to local chapter events (when applicable)

All other memberships include the above in addition to:

- Pacific Citizen, The JACL Newspaper
- Scholarship Program
- JACL Credit Union Services
- VISA Affinity Card
- Hertz Rental Car Discounts
- Long Distance Calling Discounts
- Major Medical Insurance Program *
- Long Term Care Insurance *
- Catastrophic Major Medical Insurance*
- Medicare Supplement Insurance*

* Membership does not guarantee acceptance. The insurers have their own acceptance criteria.

If you would like to join, please complete the information below:

Membership Application

(12 months membership from the date of application)

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$65) | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (\$110) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Youth (\$30) - PC Excluded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club (\$175) | <input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Club (\$1000) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club Life (\$3,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Life (\$5,000) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Thousand or Century Club member (\$37) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Millennium Club Member (\$30) | | |

Name: _____ Spouse (if applying): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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Get Winning!

BLACK HAWK

Would you like to place an ad in our newsletter?

Individuals and organizations are invited to place an advertisement in the Mile Hi JACL Newsletter to help us sustain this important publication that informs our community about various activities and issues. Advertisements may include marketing for your company, job postings and/or messages to friends and family. However, the Mile Hi JACL Board of Directors will use its discretion about printing advertisements that may go against the mission of the organization. The sponsorship categories are as follows for each issue of the newsletter (printing on 8.5" x 11"):

- \$100 - Full page advertisement
- \$50 - Half page advertisement
- \$25 - Quarter page advertisement
- \$10 - Business card size advertisement

Discounts are available for bulk purchases: 5% off for three issues or 10% off for six issues. Members are also eligible for an additional 10% off.

If you are interested in submitting an advertisement, please email your graphic and/or text to Suzy Shimasaki at suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com and mail payments to: Mile Hi JACL, P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201

Payment and advertisements both need to be received by the 15th of each month in order for your information to be included in that month's issue.

Thank you for your support of the Mile Hi JACL and its monthly newsletter!