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JANUARY 2013

A Message from the President

It's hard to believe that it is almost the end of January. It seems like yesterday that we were busy with Christmas decorations and New Year parties.

I am honored to serve as your President for another term. The board of Mile High JACL has been busy working over the holiday and I am excited to announce several exciting upcoming events.

First, we will have our annual OCA/JACL Lunar New Year banquet on February 16, 2013. You will find a flyer inside this newsletter with more information about the banquet. For only \$40, you will be treated to a 10-Course Meal, Lion Dance, Live Musical Performances, and Lucky Raffles. It's the best bargain in town!

Next, on February 17, 2013, we will host the Day of Remembrance program to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. This year, you will hear personal accounts from several Japanese Americans who were confined from 1942 to the end of the war. After the program, you are invited to stay for refreshments and meet the speakers. Tickets are free but reservations are required. See page 3 for more details.

We would love to hear your suggestions and feedback. Please come to our next board meeting on February 7, 2013, at 6:30 pm. We meet at the Japanese American Association of Colorado's Office, located on the second floor of Sakura Square (19th and Lawrence, Denver, CO).

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at MileHighJACL@gmail.com.

Harry Budisidarta

Mile High JACL Chapter President



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mile High JAQL
Board Meeting**
February 7th
6:30pm
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

**Japanese American
Wartime Experience**
February 9th
11:30am - 1:30pm
Sakura Square
Mezzanine Meeting
Room

OCA/JAQL
Lunar New Years Dinner
February 16, 2013

Day of Remembrance
February 17, 2013

**JAQL National
Convention**
July 24 - 26th
Renaissance Hotel
Washington, D.C.

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
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What is the Day of Remembrance?

Bonnie Clark, Mile High Board Member and Director of DU Amache Project

The Day of Remembrance was first held in Seattle in 1978 to acknowledge the February 19, 1942 signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This order set into motion the unwarranted incarceration of over 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry between 1942 and 1945.

A common misconception about Executive Order 9066 is that it targeted Japanese and Japanese-Americans. In actuality, the executive order authorized the U.S. military to designate areas "from which any or all persons may be excluded." Although in the wake of Pearl Harbor it was patently obvious who the targets of the order were, it made no specific mention of any population. That is why all who care about civil liberties should take part in the Day of Remembrance. Although Executive Order 9066 was rescinded by Gerald Ford on February 19, 1976, the injustices suffered by the Japanese American community could happen to any group under suspicion. The Day of Remembrance is a time to honor the experiences of those who endured internment and to promote education, encourage activism, and support the continued fight against civil rights violations.

The Mile High Chapter of JAQL is proud to partner with History Colorado to present a Day of Remembrance event on Sunday, February 17, beginning at 1 pm at the History Colorado Center. The program will feature a panel of former internees from several different camps, who will discuss their experiences. Guests are invited to stay for an open house with refreshments and a chance to talk to our panelists. After the program, attendees can visit the on-site Amache exhibit.

The program is free, but reservations are required. Please contact Dr. Mark Shimoda at dr.shimoda@comcast.net with your name, contact information, and the number of tickets you are requesting. Attendees will pick up their tickets at History Colorado the day of the event. The History Colorado Center is located at 12th and Broadway in downtown Denver. Parking is available in the nearby Civic Center Cultural Complex garage. Limited metered street parking is also available and free on Sundays.

Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Kachiku (*Ka-chi-ku*)
Translation: Livestock

Hitsuji (*Hi-tsu-ji*)
Translation: Sheep

Ushi (*U-shi*)
Translation: Cow

Sagi (*Sa-gi*)
Translation: Goat

Uma (*U-ma*)
Translation: Horse

Tsushyou (*Tsu-shyo-u*)
Translation: Trade



Mile High Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League
In partnership with History Colorado

Day of Remembrance

February 17, 2013 1pm - 2pm

History Colorado, First Floor Auditorium

1200 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

Dr.Shimoda@comcast.net for Tickets & Reservation

The Mile High Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and History Colorado (formerly Colorado History Museum) present a program which commemorates the 71st anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed this document which called for the relocation of all people of Japanese ancestry living on the west coast of the United States to be relocated to facilities located in the western states. The program includes hearing personal accounts from several Japanese Americans who were confined from 1942 to the end of the war. After the program, guests are invited to stay for refreshments and meet those who spoke in the program.

Tickets are free but reservations are required. To make reservations, please contact Dr. Mark Shimoda at Dr.Shimoda@comcast.net. Please leave your contact information with the number of tickets you are requesting. Attendees may pick up tickets at History Colorado on the day of the event.

Paid parking is available at the Civic Center Cultural Complex garage located at 12th and Broadway (entrance on Broadway) directly north of the History Colorado building. Metered parking (Free on Sundays) is available along Lincoln and 12th Avenue.

This event is open to the public. Seating is limited.

2013 Citizen of the West: Dr. John Matsushima

(from The National Western Stock Show website: www.nationalwestern.com)

The National Western Stock Show has named Dr. John Matsushima the 2013 Citizen of the West. He will accept the prestigious award at a dinner on January 14, 2013 at the National Western Events Center. Net proceeds from this event go to support 74th annual scholarships awarded by the National Western Scholarship Trust. The Citizen of the West, selected by a committee of community leaders, is an annual award given to individuals who embody the spirit and determination of the western pioneer, and who are committed to perpetuating the West's agricultural heritage and ideals.

Born to immigrant parents from Japan who began farming in Lafayette, Colorado, and eventually Platteville, John's love of cattle began at an early age. His involvement with 4-H, Stock Show, and county fairs, where his steer beat another young rancher named Kenny Monfort (1991 Citizen of the West), only encouraged his interest. After graduating as Valedictorian of Platteville High School, he earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at Colorado State University (then Colorado A & M College) in Animal Husbandry. He went on to receive his Ph.D. in Animal Science at the University of Minnesota. John then began his long career of teaching and research in beef nutrition. Although he began teaching at the University of Nebraska, Warren Monfort and CSU's President William E. Morgan soon lured him back to Colorado State. He has mentored thousands of students and worked with hundreds of them on his many research projects.



Dr. John Matsushima

Dr. William Wailes, former Department Chair of Animal Sciences at CSU, says "Dr. Matsushima is a highly regarded pioneer in the cattle feeding industry. His development of steam-processed corn grain into 'corn flakes' in the 60's is still used worldwide today to increase efficiency in cattle feeding technology in producing nutritious concentrated protein for the human diet." Pat Grant, former President of the National Western Stock Show, talks about how huge Dr. Matsushima is in the world of cattle and beef production. "Johnny has overseen world renowned research into cattle feeding; this has led to his being a big influence on the quality, taste and tenderness of our best beef. He has helped to open doors to export of our beef to many foreign nations. I do not know of anybody world-wide who has done more to improve beef than Johnny."

Dr. Matsushima has written several books including an autobiography and authored numerous publications. He has given speeches and shared his research with people all over the US and in 25 other countries. He has received countless awards and accolades and even had awards named after him. The most notable award he received was "Tenno Hosho", the Emperor's Citation, given by the Emperor of Japan. This prestigious award is primarily reserved for Presidents, Prime Ministers and CEO's of major corporations. Despite all this, he remains a modest man and gives credit to his wife and his many students, colleagues and friends.

As Pat Grant says, "John Matsushima is an eternal optimist and problem solver; he views challenges as opportunities and his achievements know no boundaries. Although influential around the world, he will always be a man of the American West."

John and his late wife Dorothy, have 2 children, Bob (wife Beth) and Nancy (husband Gene), and 4 grandchildren, Cristina (husband James), Catie (husband Preston), Ryan and Jason.

Save the Date!

2013 JAACL National Convention to be Held in Washington, D.C.

The 2013 JAACL National Convention will be held from July 24-26, 2013 in Washington, D.C. at the Renaissance Hotel. The convention will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and JAACL strongly encourages ALL members to attend this historic event. The convention will follow a different format than past conventions and will provide time for delegates, families, and friends to plan a vacation trip to the Nation's Capitol. Plan now to attend the 2013 National JAACL Convention in Washington, D.C.



Lunar New Year Dinner

Two Thousand and Thirteen The Year of the Snake

- When** Saturday, February 16, 2013
6:00 pm Cash Bar
7:00 pm Dinner
- Where** Palace Chinese Restaurant
6265 East Evans Avenue
Denver, CO 80222
- Price** \$45 per person for the general public
\$40 OCA / JACL Member
(Please inquire about corporate sponsor rates)
- Program** Lion Dance, Live Performances,
Lucky Drawing and Raffles.

The 10-Course Meal Includes

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| Cold Cut Appetizer | Seafood Tofu Soup |
| Spicy Shrimp Hong Kong Style | Seafood Bird's Nest |
| Steamed Whole Bass in Ginger Sauce | Shiitake Mushroom with Greens |
| Shanghai Braised Pork Steak | Black Pepper Steak |
| Treasures Fried Rice | Curry Beef Puff |

Please RSVP to Richard Hamai at 303-839-9637 or rhamai@yahoo.com
Please mail checks made payable to "Mile High JACL" to:
Mile High JACL, c/o Richard Hamai, 333 E. 16th Ave., #613, Denver, CO 80203

To secure your seat, payment must be received by Saturday, February 9, 2013.

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Chiune Sugihara, Japan Diplomat Who Saved 6,000 Jews During Holocaust, Remembered

Most Americans know of Oskar Schindler, the German businessman who saved more than 1,200 lives during the Holocaust by hiring Jews to work in his factories and fought Nazi efforts to remove them.

But fewer know about Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat who disobeyed his government's orders and issued visas that allowed 6,000 Jews to escape from Nazi-occupied territories via Japan.

On Sunday January 27, as Holocaust survivors and descendants of survivors observe International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a growing and widespread community of Jews -- linked by their gratitude toward Sugihara for saving them or family members -- remembers a man once forgotten.

"Without him, many of the most accomplished minds of our world would not exist today. His legacy produced doctors, bankers, lawyers, authors, politicians, even the first Orthodox Jewish Rhodes Scholar," said Richard Salomon, a board member of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. The museum holds artifacts from Sugihara as part of its permanent collection, and will honor him on Sunday along with others who saved Jews during the Holocaust.

Salomon's father, Bernard, received the 299th visa issued by Sugihara, who in 1940 became the Japanese consul general to Lithuania, an area where Polish Jewish refugees had relocated during World War II. As Nazis threatened to invade Lithuania, thousands of Jews surrounded the Japanese consulate and asked for visas to escape. Disobeying his bosses in Japan, Sugihara issued thousands. From July 31 to Aug. 28, 1940, Sugihara and his wife stayed up all night, writing visas.

The Japanese government closed the consulate, located in Kovno. But even as Sugihara's train was about to leave the city, he kept writing visas from his open window. When the train began moving, he gave the visa stamp to a refugee to continue the job. The refugees typically followed a route that took them via train to Moscow, then via the trans-Siberian railroad to Vladivostok and on to Kobe, Japan. Most stayed in Kobe for a few months, then went to Shanghai, China, and elsewhere. Salomon's father went from Shanghai to India and eventually settled in the U.S, where he met his wife Marian in Chicago.

Meanwhile, Sugihara was transferred to Prague, where he worked in 1941 and 1942, and then to Bucharest, where he worked from 1942 to 1944. When the Soviets invaded Romania, he and his family were taken to a prison camp for 18 months. They returned to Japan in 1946, and a year later, the foreign office told him to resign. Years later, his wife, Yukiko Sugihara, who died in 2008, speculated the forced resignation was because of the unauthorized visas.

Chiune Sugihara, who worked odd jobs after returning to Japan and later was employed by a trading company in Russia, worked in obscurity and never spoke of the visas. He never knew if anything came of them and survivors had no luck finding him. But in 1968, a survivor who had become an Israeli diplomat, Joshua Nishri, finally made contact. In 1985, a year before his death in Tokyo, Israel named Sugihara "Righteous Among the Nations," a title given to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

"There are so many people living today because he took the time and made the effort. It was not easy and it was not a matter of sitting down and saying, 'Here, I'll write you this,'" said Anne Akabori, an author who translated "Visas for Life," Yukiko Sugihara's memoir, and wrote "The Gift of Life," an account of Chiune Sugihara's life.

"And it's been so important for the Japanese people to know there was a person who did whatever he could to lessen the Japanese involvement in the war. He was always for peace," said Akabori, who was friends with the Sugiharas' son, Hiroki Sugihara, who died in 2001, and chairs the Visas for Life Foundation. The organization's mission is to "perpetuate the legacy" of Chiune Sugihara and connect "Sugihara survivors" and their descendents.

The group has documented 2,139 Sugihara visas (many were for entire families). It's unknown exactly how many people can trace their ancestry to a Sugihara survivor, though Akabori's organization estimated it to be more than 100,000. More conservatively, the Simon Wiesenthal Center has estimated that 40,000 people are alive today because of the Sugiharas. Salomon's son, Mark Salomon, a 23-year-old law student at New York University, said knowing that his family would not have existed without Sugihara has ingrained a lifelong lesson in him about the "power of an individual."

"Most people have this idea that you can't really help the whole world, so what's the point?" said Mark Salomon. But Sugihara showed that "whatever you are doing with yourself, you are having a much broader impact. Sometimes it's hard to see the forest through the trees, but it's important in every aspect of your life to remember you are having an effect and to make it a positive effect."



Japanese American Wartime Experience

A brief introduction & film

A Time Remembered – The Terminal Island Story

During the spring and summer of 1942 over 120,000 Japanese American citizens were forcibly removed from their homes by the United States government and moved to various locations throughout the nation. Some had a few weeks notice, others had only hours to pack for places unknown. Executive Order 9066 forever changed the legacy of Japanese Americans.

Saturday, February 9, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sakura Square Mezzanine Meeting Room

(Larimer Street entrance– around the corner from the optical store)

R.S.V.P to Jan Ogawa

Janogawa@aol.com or

303-973-5315

Admission

There is no charge for this workshop.

Donations are gratefully accepted.



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 High 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 High Chapter JACL and includes:

- Mile High 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)

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| <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: _____

Please send applications to: Mile High JACL, P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201



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Would you like to place an ad in our newsletter?

Individuals and organizations are invited to place advertisement in the Mile High 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 High 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 High 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 High JACL and its monthly newsletter!