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JANUARY 2014

A Message from the President

It is the beginning of a new year and Mile High JACL is already busy preparing for two exciting events.

First, I want to invite you to our annual Day of Remembrance ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 16th, from 1 - 3 pm. Our program this year will feature Professor Patty Limerick, head of the Center for the American West at the University of Colorado, and author of "Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West." Professor Limerick will talk about the Japanese American experience and moderate a conversation with a panel of former internees. We will also have a taiko drum performance and sushi for the attendees. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Second, I want to invite you to our very first Lobby Day at the Capitol! The Lobby Day will take place on February 24th and we will meet with several legislators from both parties to educate them about issues impacting our communities. To prepare for this Lobby Day, we will hold a legislative training on February 22nd at the Asian Pacific Development Center's office, located at 1537 Alton Street, Aurora. Participants at the legislative training will learn valuable advocacy skills, such as how to write a strong testimony, how to conduct an effective legislative visit, and how to write to your elected representatives.

I hope to see all of you at both events. Our next general meeting is on Thursday, February 6th, 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).

We love to hear your suggestions and feedback! Please e-mail us at President@MileHighJACL.org and let us know what you like (or dislike) about Mile High JACL.

Harry Budisidharta
Mile High JACL Chapter President



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Day of Remembrance
February 16th
1:00pm - 2:00pm
History Colorado

Lobby Day
at the Capitol
February 24th

APDC New Year
Banquet
February 8th
5:00pm
Arvada Center
for the
Arts & Humanities

For more upcoming events
please visit our website:
milehighjACL.org/events/

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
media@MileHighJACL.org

Colorado's 2014 Legislative Session Has Begun!

By Justin Valas

On January 8th, the Second Regular Session of Colorado's 69th General Assembly officially began. That means that legislators from across Colorado have returned to the Golden Dome to begin crafting legislation that will impact people across our state. The Mile High JACL has been actively engaged in raising the voices of our community with elected officials at the Capitol (as well as in Washington, DC) and we look to continue to expand those efforts going forward.

Mile High JACL's Board of Directors has created small committees within the board to look at three issues impacting our communities: health equity, immigration reform, and LGBTQ rights. We have been active in engaging other groups doing similar work while lending our voice to efforts at the Capitol. There are numerous pieces of legislation that we will be watching and advocating around during the coming months of the legislative session.

We want to ensure that members of Mile High JACL and other Asian American communities have their voices heard this year while building more power for our communities within policy circles. To accomplish that, we have begun work on organizing a two-day event in February to share effective advocacy skills with interested community members and gather a large group of engaged Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to lobby our elected officials on issues important to our communities. On Saturday, February 22nd interested members will be gathering at Asian Pacific Development Center for an afternoon of training on how government works, how communities can influence policy making, what issues are at stake, how to lobby effectively, and other trainings. This training will be put into practice on Monday, February 24th, when we gather at the Capitol to engage elected officials around the issues important to our communities.

To be part of this important new event, please register to attend at <http://bit.ly/COAPIAdvocacyDay>. We look forward to seeing and hearing from many of you there!

Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Kodomo (Ko-do-mo)
Translation: Child


Akachyan (A-ka-chya-n)
Translation: Baby

Oya (O-ya)
Translation: Parent

Itoko (I-to-ko)
Translation: Cousin

Kyoudai (Kyo-u-dai)
Translation: Siblings

Kazoku (Ka-zo-ku)
Translation: Family



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

Day of Remembrance

February 16, 2014 1pm - 2pm

History Colorado, First Floor Auditorium

1200 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

Dr.Shimoda@comcast.net for Tickets & Reservation

The program will feature Professor Patty Limerick, noted historian and head of the Center for the American West located on the campus of the University of Colorado. She will be talking about the impact the forced relocation of 120,000 Japanese Americans had on the American West and several former internees will give their personal stories of their incarceration in these relocation facilities.

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.

Christopher Lu Nominated as Deputy Secretary of Labor

Christopher P. Lu has been nominated to the position of Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Lu previously served as the Cabinet Secretary for President Barack Obama between 2009 and 2013, and acted as Legislative Director and Acting Chief of Staff for then-Senator Obama starting in 2005. During this time, he acted as Co-Chair of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) from 2011 to 2013.

If confirmed, Mr. Lu would be the first Asian American to serve in the No. 2 spot at a Cabinet-level agency during the Obama Administration and the second Asian American to hold the rank of Deputy Secretary.



Photo by: The White House

The Year of the Broncos

By Donna H. Hansen

It's the Bronco's year according to the Lunar New Year Calendar because it is now time to celebrate the Year of the Horse! On Friday, January 24, 2014 members Mile High JACL joined the Asian American community at Kings Land Chinese Seafood for a wonderful Lunar New Year Dinner hosted by Asian Avenue Magazine, CACEN and the Rocky Mountain Chinese Weekly.

The evening kicked off with the explosive energy of the [Colorado Asian Cultural Heritage Center's](#) Dragon and Lion Dancers. Dinner attendees fed the lions dollar bills for good luck.

[Machinez Remainz](#) wowed the audience with an interpretive hip hop medley where they creatively integrated a scene from the Titanic into their unique performance.

The brilliant and lovely [Miss Asian American Colorado](#), Thuy Trang was a fantastic emcee.

The children of the Denver Buddhist Cultural Society showed off their fists and kicks of fury while attendees feasted on a 10-course Chinese Dinner.

Lunar trivia was a highlight of the event where folks were challenged with questions of when was the last time the Broncos were in the Super Bowl and what year did Colorado become a state. No single table held the collective brain power to answer all of the questions correctly. However, we did learn that Lunar New Year is celebrated for 15 days!

If the Broncos win the Super Bowl, Colorado will have another reason to celebrate for 15 days!



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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 info@milehighjacl.org 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!