

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival

July 27th & 28th

Sloan's Lake



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Japanese American Citizens League
Mile High Chapter



JULY 2013

A Message from the President

I hope that all of you are going to attend the 2013 National JACL convention. The theme for this year is "Justice For All," and the convention will celebrate the 25 year anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (The Redress Bill). There will be lots of workshops dealing with civil rights and political advocacy. Furthermore, the convention attendees will get to tour the US Capitol and meet with their elected representatives. This is a wonderful opportunity for everybody to learn how to do effective political advocacy and make a difference in their local community.

I am proud to say that Mile High JACL is actively involved with the current debate regarding immigration reform. We have met with representatives from Senator Bennet and Senator Udall's office to talk about our concerns regarding the Senate bill. We also met directly with Congressman Coffman to talk about our concerns regarding various House immigration bills. In a few weeks, we will meet directly with Congressman Gardner as well. All of this is possible because we are working together with Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC), Colorado Immigrants Right Coalition (CIRC), and National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA). If you would like to join our coalition, then please contact me at President@MileHighJACL.org. We can use your support!

Lastly, if you're not going to the National JACL convention, then I hope that you're going to attend the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival. The festival will take place at Sloan's Lake Park from July 27th until July 28th. It is a FREE festival and you get to see so many different AAPI cultures in one place. If you volunteer, they will even give you free food and a free t-shirt!

We love to hear your suggestions and feedbacks. Please come to our next board meeting on Thursday, August 1, 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 feedbacks, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@MileHighJACL.org

Harry Budisidharta

Mile High JACL Chapter President



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mile High JACL
Board Meeting
August 1st
6:30pm
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

2013 Colorado Dragon
Boat Festival
July 27th & 28th
Sloan's Lake

JAAC Annual Picnic
August 4th
Berkeley Park
11:00am - 4:00pm
(More info on page 8)

JARCC Movie Night
Zatoichi
August 10th
10:00am
Sakura Square
Mezzanine
(More info on page 4)

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

Convention Spotlight: JACL Honors Civil Rights, Congressional, and Redress Leaders

The 2013 JACL National Convention commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 is just days away! The JACL is honored to present awards to Civil Rights and Congressional leaders who played a significant role in the signing of this historic bill and the passage of Redress.

At the Opening Gala, the JACL President's Award will be given to Wade Henderson of the LCCR, Secretary Norman Mineta, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the late Spark Matsunaga, and the late Congressman Bob Matsui. This prestigious award is presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding national leadership in promoting civil and human rights

Presentation of the Governor Ralph L. Carr Award for Courage will be made at the Closing Reception of the Convention. The Governor Ralph L. Carr Award is presented to an individual who embodies the principles and sacrifices of Governor Ralph L. Carr, who courageously defended the Constitutional rights of Japanese Americans who were unfairly incarcerated during World War II. Presentations will be made to President Reagan (accepting the award on behalf of the Reagan Family will be James Kuhn, formerly with the Reagan White House); Speaker Jim Wright, who co-authored HR 442; and Mr. Glenn Roberts, who drafted HR 442.



Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Keitai (Ke-i-ta-i)
Translation: Cell Phone

Kusuri (Ku-su-ri)
Translation: Medicine

Itamidome (I-ta-mi-do-me)
Translation: Pain Killer

Isha (I-sha)
Translation: Doctor

Kangofusan (Ka-n-go-fu-sa-n)
Translation: Nurse

Kanja (Ka-n-ja)
Translation: Patient

Local Officials and Advocates Unite for Justice

By Suzuho Shimasaki

On Sunday, July 14, several hundred people including members of the Mile High JACL rallied in front of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. monument in City Park, Denver to honor the life of Trayvon Martin and to protest the acquittal of George Zimmerman. Brother Jeff, a well-respected community leader who led the rally spoke out, "We will not erase the conversation of race. Don't be afraid to say, 'If Trayvon Martin was a white man, he would be alive today.'" Although many have tried to argue that this case was not about race, it is hard to ignore the racial inequities that have been clearly demonstrated through this case. As the National JACL stated, "Under any circumstance, the death of a 17-year-old high school student is tragic. The circumstances surrounding the killing of Trayvon Martin are horrific."

Communities of color have experienced tremendous pain as we have watched this case unfold. Many of us are looking at the issue through the extensive history of racial and ethnic injustice and have long understood the racial and ethnic disparities in the application of our social systems, our criminal laws in particular. As one community leader at the rally explained:

It took 44 days for them to decide if they would even try the case ...It took less than 2 days for them to decide that there wasn't a guilty verdict[African Americans] don't even have to have a real gun. Just act like you're going to do something, look like you're going to do something, talk like you're going to do something, and you're already on your way to jail. It won't take 44 days, it won't take 44 minutes.

On Saturday night, after a jury found Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder or manslaughter, much of the media, including our own local news, covered how people in cities such as San Francisco and New York were reacting to the verdict, giving the impression that they do not expect people in Denver to rally when injustice is done. However, thanks to our local leaders and dedicated advocates for social justice, our community showed that Coloradans will unite and stand for justice. We will speak out, we will march, and we will fight to protect our young children of color who are frequently confronted with racial and ethnic injustices.

In addition to facilitating an important dialogue about race and inequities, the rally raised over \$1,600 for the Martin family to use for a civil lawsuit or anything else they needed.



Photo by Suzuho Shimasaki

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Zatoichi

Intriguing tales of good vs evil

A Japanese Robin Hood, Zatoichi.
In Zatoichi 3 he travels to his home
village only to find that his mentor, whom
he had long admired, has been dealing
with some unsavory people.

Please join JARCC for a movie, Musubi
and presentation of

Zatoichi III

Saturday, August 10, 2013

10:00 am

**Located at Sakura Square Mezzanie
(entrance on Larimer St.)**

Suggested donation: \$3.00

\$5.00 non-members

Musubi will be available for \$2.00

**RSVP – Dean at dtsutsui@msn.com
or call 303 457 1810**

**Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado
jarcc-denver.org**

*"Help us keep our heritage alive"
Thanks for your support*

Report on July 4-7, 2013 JANM National Conference in Seattle, WA

By Marge Taniwaki

From July 4th through July 7th in Seattle, Washington, the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) held its 3rd National Conference in a series addressing the state of Japanese in America. Held every five years, the first took place in Arkansas in 2003 followed by Colorado in 2008. The Denver Conference included a trip to Amache, the WWII US concentration camp located in southern Colorado.

The Seattle conference was entitled Speaking Up! Democracy, Justice, Dignity and commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. The passage of this 1988 act holds significance because those former prisoners in the US concentration camps during WWII who were still alive at its passage were eligible for nominal compensation through so-called reparations passed by the US Congress. Most people are unaware of the class action suit filed in the early 1980's by the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR) through the untiring efforts of journalist William Hohri from Chicago. That class action suit asked for real compensation of \$220,000 per internee as well as accruing to the estates of those who had already died since their release from prison in the fall of 1945. Fully one-half of all former prisoners were dead by 1988 and the Congressional approach made no provision for payment to the estates of the deceased, one of the many compromises agreed to by those steering that effort.

Denver resident Vicki Taniwaki, Chair of the Friends of Amache (FOA), was an invited speaker at the Seattle JANM conference and reported on the current restoration efforts at the WWII camp site in southern Colorado near Lamar. These include the construction of a replica guard tower, the restoration of the original water tank that serviced both Amache and the nearby town of Granada, as well as the authentication of barracks to be brought back to the site and serve as a visitors center. The guard tower and water tank will be in place in time for the annual Pilgrimage to Amache in May of 2014 when a dedication of the new and restored structures will be held. The Pilgrimage always takes place on the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend.

Currently, the residents of Granada, Colorado, are suffering through the 3rd year of a severe drought which has devastated agriculture in the area, causing a number of local families to move away due to lack of employment and thereby reducing the number of students enrolled in the district. Granada High School teacher, John Hopper, says that many of the remaining students suffer from "dry pneumonia" caused by inhaling dust from the constant sandstorms that plague the area located on the edge of the 1930's dustbowl. It is hoped that the restoration work at Amache, as well as the nearby Sand Creek Massacre site 30 miles to the north, will provide tourism revenue to the hard hit town of Granada and its residents. The Sand Creek Massacre site is currently staffed by Rangers from the National Park Service.

One concrete strategy proposed at the conference by Taniwaki is for a collaborative approach to organizing, fundraising, design and outreach around prison restoration and commemoration work. Some of the smaller sites were not occupied as long as others and often lack the local support seemingly necessary for long term restoration planning and implementation.

JANM announced that the Seattle conference would be the last of this series. This mirrors the often heard refrain that a particular WWII camp reunion will be the final one due to the advancing age of former internees, inhibiting their ability to attend.

President Obama Delivers Remarks on Affordable Care Act

Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida reported that on July 18, President Barack Obama briefed a small group in the East Wing of the White House on the success of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Starting on October 1, a new online marketplace will be launched which will allow consumers to compare and shop for healthcare plans, much like buying a flat-screen television. The ACA has already resulted in healthcare savings.

Obama said that the ACA has resulted in "better protections, better value, and better bang for your buck".

ACA mandated that insurance companies spend at least 80% of premiums on health care costs. The provision has resulted in rebates to consumers from companies that have not met the federal requirement. The President predicted that healthcare costs will continue to decline, and with the advent of federal credits, middle-class families may see further reductions.

As a result of the ACA, many have already seen benefits. The ACA extended coverage for children covered under a parent's health plan to age 26, and lifted the life-time cap on services enabling those with serious illnesses to obtain needed care. Under the ACA, there are no longer exclusions due to previous conditions, and mandated services include prescription drug coverage, maternity care, and other necessary medical coverage.

A complete video of the President's presentation can be found at <http://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewherper/2013/07/18/live-blog-obama-speaks-on-affordable-care-act/>

Information on the Affordable Care Act will be available at the JAACL National Convention at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, in Meeting Room 7 at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. For further information, visit <http://jaacl.org/2013/schedule>



President Obama briefs an audience on the Affordable Care Act

Get involved with APDC Youth Leadership Academy



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Effective July 1, 2013, all of the APDC youth programs will be under one name, one entity: **APDC Youth Leadership Academy**. In the Academy, there will be three different components/focus areas - **tutoring, mentoring and leadership development**. By having multiple locations focusing on different components, but all with the core value of leadership in mind, the APDC Youth Leadership Academy will be able to provide a more comprehensive service to nurture young leaders.

The members in the Academy's Intense Leadership Track are putting their leadership skills to use this summer by spearheading the **YLA Summer Tutoring Program** for the refugee peers at the new APDC facility. This program is to help refugee youth spend their summer productively through academic tutoring, social and life skills development and various activities (martial arts, music, sports, etc.) all led by our student leaders. The program will start on Monday, July 8th through the end of August on Monday-Friday @ 1-5pm. **If you would like to get involved by volunteering at our Summer Tutoring Program, please let us know!**

Are you more interested in leadership development?

The YLA is also looking for Counselors for the Intense Leadership Track to work with our youth leaders. We ask the Counselors for:

- A one-year commitment to the program
- At least one leadership workshop for the members during the year
- Participation at Leadership Camp and Retreat (if available)
- Attendance at meetings twice/month (when available)
- Support for our members!

If you are interested in being a part of fostering young leaders, you will enjoy being a Counselor - it's very rewarding to witness our youth grow!

For any question or interest to get involved, please contact: apdcyla@apdc.org or 303-923-2920

Rep. Hanabusa Hosts Congressional Briefing on COFA Migrant Health

On July 18, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), and Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa hosted a briefing on Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrant health.

The Compact allows Citizens of the Freely Associated States (FAS) to travel within the United States and its territories in exchange for the U.S.' exclusive use and military strategic positioning in the Pacific within the FAS. COFA migrants may work and establish residency in the U.S., however, they are not eligible for many benefits granted to U.S. citizens, such as Medicaid.

Representative Colleen Hanabusa, of Hawaii, opened the briefing by discussing H.R. 912, which would restore Medicaid coverage to COFA migrants. Rep. Hanabusa sponsored the resolution.

Kathy Ko Chin, President and CEO of APIAHF, provided background information on the status of COFA migrants in the U.S. Dr. Neal Palafox, Professor of Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, presented health statistics of COFA migrants. Kathy Grisham, Executive Director of the Community Clinic at St. Francis House in Springdale, AR, addressed health concerns for the growing Marshallese population in Arkansas.

At the 2012 JACL National Convention in Seattle, Washington, the National Council adopted a resolution in support of COFA migrants.



The Japanese American Association of CO

Sakura Square - Lower Downtown Denver established 1907



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The Japanese American Association of Colorado is Pleased to Invite Friends and Members to Our Annual Picnic.

When: 4 August 2013 Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Berkely Park, Denver, CO Northeast Entrance

What to Bring: Blankets, Camp Chairs, Games, Your Appetite

Menu Provided by the JAAC and Friends

Beef Teriyaki * Hot Dogs * Salads * Nigiri * Chips * Buns
Bottled Water * Juice * Soda Pop * BYOB * Takuan * Salad
Watermelon By the JACL * Imoni By Yamagata * Ice Cream by JFA
Rice Balls & Sun Tents by Namiko's Restaurant * Gifts Koshin Trading

For Questions, Please Contact:

Kent Kuroda (303) 514-5353

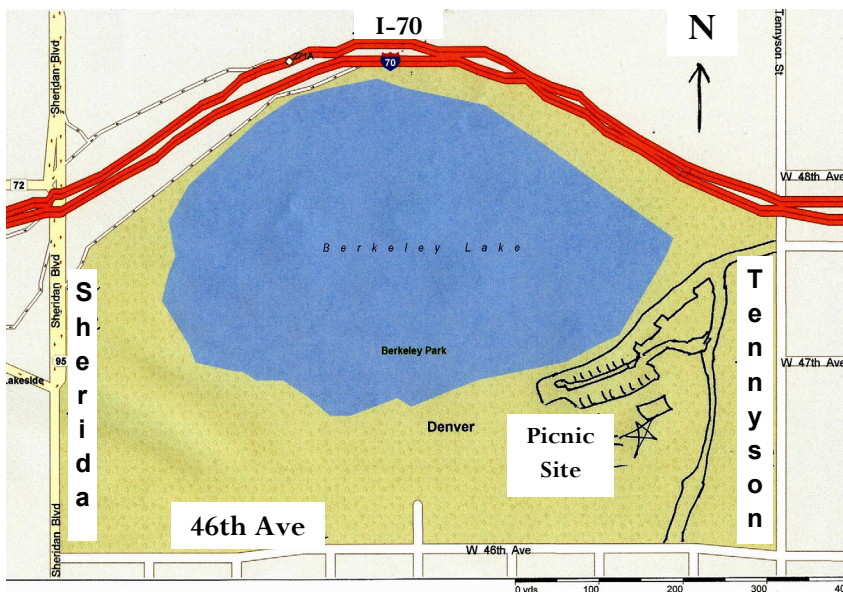
Calvin Hada (303) 550-7852

Mary Nishiyama (303) 433-1638

Frank Miyazawa (303) 237-8641

Directions to Picnic

**From I-70 Take the Federal Blvd Exit-South on Federal
Turn Right (West) on to 46th Ave
Turn Right (North) on to Tennyson St**



*We're Happy to Celebrate
the 27th Anniversary of
the Yamagata - Colorado
Sister State Association!
We're Honored by the
Performance of the
Yamagata Dancers!*

Activities
*Children's Games by the
Japanese School of
Colorado
Raffles * Door Prizes
Good Fun for All*




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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

Mile High JACL | P.O. Box 13061 | Denver, CO 80201 | info@MileHighJACL.org | www.MileHighJACL.org



Get Winning!

BLACK HAWK

Date: July 9, 2013

Immediate Opening - Part-time position - Housekeeping/Maintenance

Location: Tri State Buddhist Church Apartments Inc. / Sakura Square

Hours: Four (4) hour shift - Monday - Friday

Address: 1255 19th St. Denver, CO 80202

***All inquiries, please call Gary Matsuda, TSBCAI Facility Supervisor | Phone: 303-295-0305.**

JOB POSTING

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!