

JACL
Japanese American Citizens League
Mile High Chapter



Bunka No Hi
November 3rd
Culture Day

NOVEMBER 2013

A Message from the President

Thank you to all of you that attended our Fall Festival. We were able to exceed our fundraising goal and raised close to \$2,500 for our youth scholarship fund. This is three times more than what we made last year!!!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Simpson United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their facility for our festival. I also want to thank Taiko with Toni for their wonderful performance. Lastly, I want to thank Pacific Mercantile and Red Bird Chicken for donating food for the festival. We could not have done this without all of your help!

Our annual board election is coming up soon. This is a great opportunity for you to run for a Board of Director position. You can help determine the direction of Mile High JACL and become an advocate for our community. A core value of Mile High JACL is to have a board that represents Colorado's diverse racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, aging, and socioeconomic backgrounds. As such, in our strategic recruitment of new board members, we highly encourage individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, disabled, low income, veterans, and/or documented or undocumented immigrants to apply. If you are interested in applying or would like to learn more about Mile High JACL, please contact Suzuho Shimasaki at suzuho.shimasaki@gmail.com by Friday, December 13.

All of you are invited to our next board meeting on Thursday, December 5, 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). This will be a potluck meeting where we will start planning our activities for 2014.

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 Budisidarta

Mile High JACL Chapter President



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mile High JACL
Board Meeting
December 5th
6:30pm
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

Colorado Hmong
New Year Celebration
Nov 29th - Dec 1st
Adams County
Fairground

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

For more upcoming events
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Do you have an event
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our community informed
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articles to include in future
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Mile High JACL Seeks Diverse Board Members

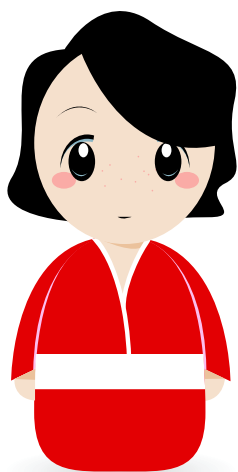
As the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, the Mile High JACL is continuing to advance justice for all people. While we have accomplished many successes in furthering social justice for the Japanese American, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities in general, moving forward, we recognize the need to focus our advocacy work on how the intersections of our identities impact our lives. A core value of the Mile High JACL is to have a board that represents Colorado's diverse racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, aging, and socioeconomic backgrounds. As such, in our strategic recruitment of new board members, we highly encourage individuals who are people of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, disabled, low income, veterans, and/or documented or undocumented immigrants to apply. If you are interested in applying or would like to learn more about the Mile High JACL, please contact Suzuho Shimasaki at suzuho.shimasaki@gmail.com by Friday, December 13.

JACL/OCA Leadership Summit: Standing Together for Justice

The JACL/OCA Leadership Summit is an intensive three day civil rights and advocacy seminar in Washington, DC, that introduces Asian Pacific American (APA) leaders, advocates, and students to foundational and advanced advocacy strategies. It also provides OCA and JACL members an opportunity to meet members of Congress, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Administration officials, Government Agencies, as well as APA social justice leaders in Washington, DC. The theme of 2014 is "Standing Together for Justice." The Leadership Summit will be held in Washington, D.C. on March 8-11, 2014. More information on the event will be released next week, including applications.

Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Shyojiki (*Shyo-ji-ki*)
Translation: Honest

Byoudou (*Byo-u-dou*)
Translation: Equality

Onaji (*O-na-ji*)
Translation: Same

Kachi (*Ka-chi*)
Translation: Worth

Kanshya (*Ka-n-shya*)
Translation: Gratitude

Omotenashi (*O-mo-te-na-shi*)
Translation: Hospitality

2013 JACL Fall Festival

By Suzuho Shimasaki

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the second annual Mile High JACL Fall Festival! We had a tremendous turnout and greatly appreciate everyone's contributions towards our fundraising efforts. With your help, we were able to reach our goal of raising \$2,000 for our youth scholarship! We were also able to create a special celebration to honor our beloved friend Ngoc Dinh, Board Member, Newsletter Chair, and Webmaster of the Mile High JACL, who will unfortunately, be moving to Seattle. Many members of the other organizations that Ngoc is involved with, including the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival and the Asian Education Advisory Council also joined us at the event to support her in her debut performance with Taiko with Toni.

We are particularly grateful to all of our generous sponsors and volunteers who help make this event possible:

- Aiko Kimura
- Andrew Yeh
- Anonymous donor who matched our donations
- Bill Nagaki
- Bonnie Clark
- Cameron Stutzman
- Carrie Miller
- Colorado Asian Pacific Youth Association
- Conor Mawhinney
- Deb Yamashita
- Donna Hansen
- Gary Yamashita
- Gil Asakawa
- Harry Budisidharta
- Jane Nakama
- Jeremy Haas
- Jessica Gebhard
- Jill Sawyer
- Justin Valas
- Lauren Yamashita
- Linda Mawhinney
- Mareo Torito (Red Bird Chicken)
- Mary Ann Amemiya
- Mike Shibata
- Ngoc Dinh
- Pacific Mercantile Company
- Paige Mawhinney
- Richard Hamai
- Simpson United Methodist Church (in particular, Ken Namba)
- Suzuho Shimasaki
- Zachary Starke

It is truly through the generosity of these individuals, organizations, and companies that our Fall Festival is able to serve as a fundraiser for our youth scholarship. We hope that many of you are able to join us again next year!

WWII Vets Help Unveil Medal of Honor Postage Stamp

By C.J. Lin

As a Japanese-American during World War II, George Sakato felt he had to prove his loyalty to the United States. So he enlisted in the Army in March 1944 and joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a unit made up mostly of Japanese-Americans. In October of that year, then-Pvt. Sakato made a one-man rush on an enemy strongpoint in northern France. He killed 12 enemy fighters, wounded two, captured four and successfully defended the spot along with his platoon — a feat that would earn him the Medal of Honor.

Now, he has another accolade to add to his list: He is among the last 12 living Medal of Honor recipients from WWII who have been honored with a U.S. postage stamp set, which was unveiled on Veterans Day.

"I couldn't believe it," said Sakato, 92, describing his reaction when he heard his portrait was going to be included on the sheet surrounding the actual stamps. "I thought someone was pulling my leg."

His medal and now the stamp set validates the pain that Japanese-Americans endured during the era, he said. Sakato worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 27 years after he left the Army.

"This shows what we had to go through, what we stand for," Sakato said. "We want to be looked up to rather than being looked down upon. ... That's why I joined the Army, to prove my loyalty to the United States of America."

The USPS had chosen to honor the last 12 living MOH recipients from WWII when the effort started in January 2012. However, Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Vernon McGarity, Nicholas Oresko and John Hawk died before the stamps were revealed to the public.

"They saw what they looked like, but couldn't be here today," said USPS spokesman Mark Saunders. "It's really a shame." The stamps show the Navy and Army versions of the medal — the Air Force version wasn't created until after the war, in 1965 — and the new format "prestige folio" set lists the names of all 464 recipients from WWII. Black-and-white portraits of the last 12 living recipients in their youth surround the actual stamps on the sheet.

"In my mind, it's the most prestigious stamp we've ever issued because it honors all the recipients," Saunders said. "These are humble Americans who did extraordinary things."

"We hope that the stamps are small reminders of the big sacrifices that the men and women have made to keep our country free," said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe.

Also on hand for the dedication ceremony at the WWII memorial was Medal of Honor recipient Wilburn Ross, an Army private who manned his machine gun in front of his decimated company to stave off a counterattack from a full-strength company of elite German troops in October 1944 in France.

He singlehandedly held off six attacks despite automatic fire and grenades landing near him during a five-hour battle, wounding or killing at least 58 enemies and eventually forced the Germans to withdraw.

Ross' portrait also appears on the stamp sheet.

"I think it's wonderful that, hopefully, they won't be forgotten," said Michelle Shaw, Ross' daughter.

Click [here](#) to purchase stamps!



George Sakato, a Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, gestures at his portrait after helping unveil a new postage stamp dedicated to MOH recipients from WWII on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2013 in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Postal Service issued the stamp in honor of the last 12 living medal recipients from the war, although only eight were living at the time of the ceremony.

Advancing Justice, Building Community

By Justin Valas

From November 14-16, Asian Americans from across the country gathered in Los Angeles for Asian Americans Advancing Justice's 5th Annual Advancing Justice Conference. Mile High JACL was represented at the conference by Suzuho Shimasaki and Justin Valas (who was also representing Asian Pacific Americans for Progress - Colorado). The Colorado delegation seems to grow with each year! This year, members of Mile High JACL, Asian Pacific Americans for Progress - Colorado, Asian Pacific Development Center, NAAPIMHA, Project AVA, and Vision Sprout were in attendance with our colleagues from other states.

This was my second time attending the Advancing Justice Conference and it was a very different experience being an attendee this year, instead of a presenter. It was nice to be able to fully participate in different workshops, though there were so many interesting workshops from which to choose!

It was impressive to see the overlap of the conference's priorities and the priorities of the Mile High JACL. Our board has been putting in work through three committees around healthcare equity, LGBTQ issues, and the fight for immigration reform. The conference presented panels and multiple workshops around all three issues (among others). The conference also included multiple opportunities to engage in conversations around art and social change, Native Hawai'ian & Pacific Islander issues, civil rights, civic engagement, funding, and building stronger organizations and boards of directors. It was amazing to see all the different areas that API organizations around the country are working in and building collaboration between groups.

Many of the panels presented information that was readily accessible to many attendees and met folks at where a lot of us already are on some of the issues. The youth in attendance pushed attendees into deeper discussions, particularly around LGBTQ and immigration issues, and challenged the conversations in important ways. One of the most interesting panels for me was Saturday's discussion of immigration reform. While the panel presenters were having one conversation from the stage, undocumented API youth took to twitter to unfold an alternative narrative - which was projected on screens behind the presenters. The level of interaction between directly-impacted folks and other community allies was on display throughout the entire conference and is a crucial component of advancing justice in ways that reflect the needs of our community.

On a personal note, it was a thoroughly enjoyable conference and I definitely recommend looking into attending next year's conference in Washington, DC! We were able to meet with Anthony Bowman, a staff member of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, who has worked closely with Mile High JACL around federal efforts to reform our immigration system. Suzuho and I also got a chance to meet up with another Mile High JACL board member, Richard Hamai, for dinner in Little Tokyo while we were there. I think it's safe to say that the conference provided both Suzuho and I with many ideas and best practices to bring back to Denver to help make Mile High JACL an even stronger organization.

If you'd like to follow the conversations that occurred during the conference, you can find them on social media through the hashtag #AdvancingJustice.

Colorado's Delegation to the Advancing Justice Conference, photo courtesy of Suzuho Shimasaki (from left to right: Anthony Bowman AAAJ, Chris Wanifuchi APDC, Vanessa Teck APA for Progress-CO/Project AVA, Justin Valas Mile High JACL/APA for Progress-CO, Travis Kiatoukaysi Project AVA, JR Kuo NAAPIMHA, Suzuho Shimasaki Mile High JACL, & Junko Kim Vision Sprout)



SAKLOLO!

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December 15, 2013

5-9pm

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A joint fund raising effort by NaFFAA Region V, PASCO, FACC, PNACO, FACSC and many caring people in Colorado.

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THE DATE

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Barnes & Noble Bookfair

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A Look at ENDA – The Employment Non-Discrimination Act

By Bonnie J. Clark, Mile High Board Member

On November 7, 2013, the United States Senate passed ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. ENDA would put into place protections for workers who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered (LGBT). It would prohibit employers from using an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as the basis for employment decisions such as hiring, firing, or promotion. This touches directly on the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community in the U.S. Recent research on 2010 census data indicates that an estimated 325,000, or 2.8 percent, of all API adults identify as LGBT. However API LGBT adults have lower rates of employment than their non-LGBT counterparts.

Not being excluded or fired from a job for reasons having nothing to do with your employment would seem a basic protection; indeed many in the U.S. believe such a law already exists. In fact the roots of ENDA date to the 1970s and broad coalitions for equality. The earliest proposed legislation of this type was introduced by Bella Abzug and would have protected gays, lesbians, unmarried persons, and women, not just in employment, but also housing. So ENDA's passage in the Senate is historic in that it dates back to 1974. But it's also historic in another way. ENDA would be the first national law to protect the rights of transgendered individuals.

The legislation faces an uphill battle in the House, where Speaker John Boehner has so far refused to bring the bill (H.R. 1755) to the floor for a vote. This position has been maintained despite indications that the American public wants this bill to pass. Indeed, a recent poll by Williams Institute at UCLA suggests it has majority support in every congressional district. It has been endorsed by a wide variety of both faith-based and civil rights organizations, from the largest U.S.-based Muslim group – the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) – to JACL National.

On the same day that the Senate passed ENDA, the Board of Mile High JACL unanimously voted to support the legislation by working towards its passage in the House. We hope to harness JACL's longstanding commitment to justice for this effort. We have already been in touch with the office of Colorado's Jared Polis who is one of the bill's co-sponsors. His staff encourages Mile High members to educate themselves and their neighbors about ENDA, especially because many believe its protections are already in place; we can help spread the word about the need for such legislation. Answers to frequently asked questions about ENDA, including its exemptions for religious organizations, can be accessed online at: http://www.hrc.org/files/assets/resources/HRC-ENDA_QA_2013.pdf.

The LGBT committee of Mile High JACL, which I chair, will be meeting soon with One Colorado, the state's largest LGBT advocacy organization, to discuss coalition building. We will continue to report back to the general membership as our agenda moves forward. If you are interested in participating in these meetings, or have concerns about our direction, please contact me at: bclark@du.edu

<http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/research/census-lgbt-demographics-studies/lgbt-api-report-sept-2013/>

<http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/press/press-releases/u-s-house-and-enda/>

Amendment 66 Forum

By Harry Budisidharta

On October 30th, Mile High JACL organized a non-partisan forum regarding Amendment 66. This forum was co-sponsored by Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC) and Asian Chamber of Commerce (ACC).

Amendment 66 asked for a \$950 million tax increase to implement school reform and change the way Colorado distributes money to all of its school districts. The new law would also change the way the state calculates student enrollment, and it would channel more money toward early-childhood education, at-risk students, English-language learners, and charter schools. Opponents of the Amendment argued that the tax increase would be detrimental to the local economy and that there is no guarantee that the extra money will actually improve student performance.

Senator Michael Johnston, the drafter of Amendment 66, attended the forum and spoke in support of the Amendment. Helen Raleigh, a local financial analyst, spoke against the Amendment. The forum was moderated by Harry Budisidharta, President of Mile High JACL, and Gil Asakawa, Board Member of Mile High JACL. It was attended by approximately 20 people representing leaders of various AAPI communities in Colorado.

Ultimately, Amendment 66 was defeated at the polls. 65% of voters voted against the Amendment.



When We Were Neighbors

By Marge Taniwaki

We were proud Thunderbolts, most of us. Nearly all of Denver's post-World War II Japanese American student population attended Manual High School. We were not outsiders, even though we had only recently arrived in the stable working-class community. We were accepted as the newest stream in the strong current of ethnic, cultural, national, and racial diversity that allowed us to proudly call ourselves the "Little United Nations."

Throughout the 40s, 50s and 60s, the families surrounding Manual provided a steady flow of students that occasionally spanned generations. It felt like a rite of passage when the teacher would say to us during our first class on a crisp September morning, "I taught your sister/brother a couple of years ago... Welcome to Manual!"

In those days, a single paycheck was enough to provide for a family. But now, both parents need to work outside the home, leaving precious little time at home to spend reading to children or helping them with homework. Often, the only jobs available pay just minimum wage or are part time or both.

Teachers are under the same pressures as every other worker. Lower-paid and inexperienced personnel from the Teach For America program (TFA) have been hired to replace long-time committed teachers, who are pushed out of the system while the unions that represent them are attacked for trying to support their members.

The Five Points community was promised economic development, but we saw our expressed concerns ignored, as the city permitted urban blight to make it a target for today's gentrification. Public sector cost-cutting has also permitted profit-making corporations to intervene in our public school system. In the same way that prisons have been privatized for corporate profits, public schools have been targeted as industries suited to private gain.

Recent Denver School Board elections reveal the depths to which corporate money controls what were once family, neighborhood, and community decisions. Huge amounts of money poured in from out-of-state, skewing the results and making it virtually impossible for progressive, independent, civic minded individuals to mount a winning grassroots campaign. A close look at the corporations that are investing in the campaign to privatize schools indicates that their ultimate goal is to push away as many students as possible from brick-and-mortar establishments and put "schooling" online. This is very different from home schooling: online teaching means no real socialization. Instead, it's school-as-Facebook.

Teachers with seniority and inter-generational experience are being forced to find second jobs, often barely at minimum wage. If a TFA instructor stays for two years in a teaching position at an "inner-city" school, all of their student education debts are forgiven. Most then leave and go on to other jobs that are less taxing. Because it usually takes 4 or 5 years to become proficient at teaching, students at schools like Manual rarely have the benefit of being taught by experienced teachers as we were decades ago. I recently asked the Manual High principal what the median age of the current teaching staff is at Manual. He said "28."

We had fun at Manual because there was so much more going on than just rote teaching of the answers on tests-to-come. We enjoyed being Thunderbolts, part of a tradition of excellence in art, music, and sports. We socialized, we got to know each other, some of us married and many of us forged lifelong friendships.

We became part of a soon-to-be 120-year-long history. The original structure was built in 1894. The current building in Colorado's historic Five Points neighborhood at 28th and Williams Street was built in 1953. We will commemorate that anniversary, we the Thunderbolts who remain. We haven't given up the fight to make Manual High more than a just symbol of what has been lost. Go Thunderbolts!

International Leadership Foundation Applications

The International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is accepting applications for its 2014 Summer Civic Fellowship Program in Washington D.C.

Every year, ILF's selection committee identifies approximately 30 outstanding Asian Pacific American college students who spend eight to ten weeks during the summer interning at one of over a dozen federal agencies, with limited placements in Congressional offices and the White House. The Civic Fellows also attend weekly leadership seminars on Capitol Hill.

"The ILF works hard to foster bright young AAPI youth who wish to experience the inner workings behind this great country's national government, and provides effective training classes to enhance leadership skills," said Norman Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Mineta is also the honorary chairman of ILF, while the Honorable Elaine Chao serves as honorary chairwoman.



ILF promotes the civic awareness, public service and economic effectiveness of the APA community. Its mission is to develop young leaders in the United States, Asia and other Pacific Rim countries in the field of public service, entrepreneurship and the international arena through a network of business and community leaders.

Undergraduate students of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage who are United States citizens and possess a GPA of 3.0 and above are eligible for this fellowship. Civic Fellows are given a stipend of \$2,000. Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2014. To learn more or submit an application, visit www.ileader.org.

Asian Supermarket H Mart Opens in Westminster

By Andrew Yeh

This new Asian supermarket hopes to bring more diversity to the community, hoping it will increase business. The H Mart bought the former Albertsons location for \$2 million.

On November 22nd, the New Jersey based supermarket chain that specializes in Asian food opened its newest 43,146-square-foot store in Westminster, located on 92nd Avenue and Sheridan. The grand opening was open to community members to tour and shop the store, sample products, and enter an on-site sweepstakes.

H Mart is short for "Han Ah Reum," meaning "one arm full" in Korean. With the full selection of signature grocery items, shoppers can expect to leave with full arms. The store will have a pharmacy, deli, Korean bakery, meat department, fish department and expansive produce offerings.

Approximately 40 percent of the items are Korean with the remaining percentage categorized as American or other international foods. For example, H Mart carries eight types of cucumbers ranging from British, Chinese to Korean varieties. This choice of international items accommodates all H Mart customers, 70 percent of which are Asian. This new Asian supermarket hopes to bring more diversity to the community.

WWII Documentary, "Honorable Journey," to Air on December 19th



Photo credit: www.asiancinevision.org

Maryland Public Television (MPT) will premiere "Honorable Journey: The Untold Story of Japanese Americans During WWII" on Thursday, December 19 at 8 pm. The documentary, which covers the experiences of Japanese Americans incarcerated during the Second World War, as well as Nisei fighting in the 100th/442nd Battalion, runs just under half an hour and is narrated by actor George Takei, who was himself incarcerated as a child. Commissioned on the occasion of the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony for Japanese American veterans in November 2011, "Honorable Journey" supports the JACL's goal of educating the American public about the Japanese American experience during WWII, in the hopes that such mistakes will not be repeated.

Casting Company Seeks Actors and Extras for Japanese Roles

The Arvold Casting Company is seeking Japanese men of all ages for minor speaking roles and background roles. Background roles include Admirals, Generals, soldiers, government officials, and diplomats. No acting experience required. Actors will be paid \$250 per day for minor speaking roles and \$200 per day for background roles. Shooting dates are Monday, October 28th through Friday, November 16th in the Harpers Ferry, WV area.

Minor Speaking Roles Include:

- JAPANESE OFFICER - 20 years old, a Japanese soldier in World War II.
- JAPANESE DELEGATE - Japanese delegate in the negotiations at Versailles Palace.
- MAJOR GENERAL NAGATA - Early 50s, a General in the Imperial Army.
- JAPANESE ASSASSIN - Assassinates General Nagata.
- ADMIRAL NAGUMO - Mid-50s, Admiral in the Imperial Japanese Navy during World War II.
- KURUSU - Mid to late 50s, a Diplomat and Ambassador to Germany.
- ADMIRAL NOMURA - Late 60s, Admiral in the Imperial Japanese Navy and Ambassador to the United States.
- JAPANESE NAVAL OFFICER - 20s to 30s.
- JAPANESE CABINET MINISTER - 40s to 50s, Cabinet Minister during World War II.

To apply, send a recent photo (and only if you have one, an acting resume in PDF format) to arvoldcasting@gmail.com. Please include all of the following information at the top of your email submission in this order:

Name:

City and State:

Height:

Weight:

Age:

Cell phone number:

Availability for shoot dates Monday through Friday of October 28th to November 16th:

If not selected for a speaking role, are you interested in being a paid extra (\$200 per day)? (Yes or No):

If cast, what is the maximum number of days you could work on this project (answer all or list number of days):

Finally, please put the following subject heading for your submission: Your First and Last Name, Japanese

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)

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- Pacific Citizen, The JACL Newspaper
- Scholarship Program
- JACL Credit Union Services
- VISA Affinity Card
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* 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"/> 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): _____

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- \$100 - Full page advertisement
- \$50 - Half page advertisement
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