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A Message from the President

It's almost here! Our annual Fall Festival is only a few weeks away and it is going to be bigger and better than last year! Make sure that you bring your ukulele for the community ukulele jam and stop by the wishing tree to get a head start on your new years' resolution. Don't forget to place your food order by November 1st so that you get our early bird pricing. I hope to see all of you at the festival!

Thank you to all of you that attended our social event with NAPAWF*CO. We had a great time watching the Grace Lee Boggs documentary and discussing activism within the AAPI community. We will hold more workshops like this in the future and I hope to see all of you again!

Inside this newsletter, you will find an article about the history of Denver's Chinatown. I had a lot of fun doing research for this article and I hope you enjoy it! Make sure that you check out the plaque the next time you are near the intersection of Blake and 20th Street.

It is almost the end of the year, which means that we will soon be holding elections for position on the board of directors with Mile High JACL. This is your chance to get involved with Mile High JACL and steer the direction of our chapter. If you have any questions, please send me an email at President@MileHighJACL.org

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 6th, at 6:30 pm. We meet at the office of Japanese American Association of Colorado, located on the second floor of Sakura Square (19th and Lawrence). Our meeting is open to all members, so please feel free to come! We love seeing new faces!



Harry Budisidharta
Mile High JACL Chapter President

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Mile High JACL
Fall Festival
November 8th
11:00am - 2:00pm
Simpson United
Methodist Church

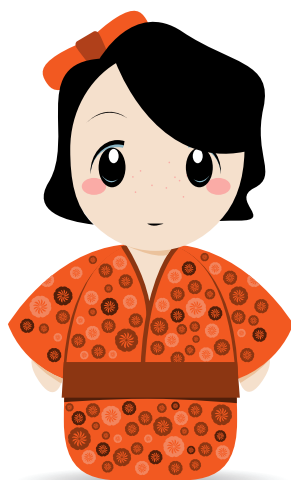
Save the Date! 2015 JACL National Convention in Las Vegas, NV

On October 10th, 2014, the JACL National board approved the 2015 JACL National Convention for July 12th-14th, 2015 at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Monte Carlo Resort and Casino is located in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip and features over a dozen gourmet restaurants, a spa and salon, pool, and a number of shopping and entertainment choices. The four star deluxe hotel rooms (1 King or 2 Queen beds) will start at \$80 a night, and attendees will also have the option to reserve rooms with a view of the Las Vegas Strip or multi-room suites for an additional cost. Members and delegates of all ages are welcome to attend. Registration information will be forthcoming, but please remember to save the date!



Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Kekonshiki (*Ke-kon-shi-ki*)
Translation: Wedding

Kaidan (*Ka-i-da-n*)
Translation: Stairs

Kasa (*Ka-sa*)
Translation: Umbrella

Kusuri (*Ku-su-ri*)
Translation: Medication

Undou (*Oo-n-do-u*)
Translation: Exercise

Kenkou (*Ke-n-ko-u*)
Translation: Health

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

Legal Column: Denver's Chinatown

By Harry Budisidharta

In this month's legal column, I want to talk about the history of Denver's Chinatown.

The first major wave of Chinese immigrants arrived in the United States in early 19th century as a result of the California Gold Rush. They worked as laborers in the mining and railroad industry, and were often paid poorly and exploited by their employers. Furthermore, they were also subjected to racial hostility and many newspapers would publish articles denouncing them as "Yellow Peril."

In 1870, Colorado was experiencing an economic boom brought about by the discovery of gold in the Rocky Mountains and many Chinese immigrants moved to Denver to seek a better life for themselves. They established a small settlement along Wazee Street in Denver, with Chinese-owned stores and businesses to provide work for the hundreds of Chinese residents living there. The area was called Chinatown, but white residents would refer to it as "Hop Alley," a derogatory term that referred to the opium dens in the area.

Sadly, Colorado was not immune to anti-Chinese hostility and hysteria. During the presidential election of 1880, Denver's Rocky Mountain News launched an anti-Chinese campaign and falsely claimed that Chinese residents would steal jobs from white men and forced white women to go into prostitution.

Tensions between white and Chinese residents exploded on October 31, 1880, when several drunk white men entered a saloon and began fighting with Chinese people inside the saloon. Soon after, a crowd gathered near the saloon and quickly swelled into a mob of 3,000. The mob proceeded to destroy businesses, assault Chinese residents, and beat a Chinese man to death. The Denver police force was not able to control the mob and they had to protect the Chinese residents by locking them inside the county jail.

The next morning, Denver's Chinatown was completely destroyed and it was estimated that there were over \$50,000 in property damage. Nobody was ever prosecuted for the riot and the court system acquitted the people that murdered the Chinese man.

After the riot, Chinese residents decided to stay and rebuild Chinatown. The Chinese population grew and at its 19th century peak, Colorado was home to roughly 1,400 Chinese people, most of whom lived in Chinatown. However, United States Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882 and outlawed Chinese immigration to the United States. Denver's Chinatown slowly declined in population and its buildings were razed after World War II in the name of urban renewal. The only visible sign of Denver's Chinatown is a commemorative plaque near Blake and 20th street.

Harry received his law degree from the University of Colorado Law School. He has his own law firm and is the current President of the Mile High chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. You can contact him at harry@denverfirm.com



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Aki Matsuri 2014

Mile High JACL Proudly Presents Denver's Japanese Autumn Festival

Saturday, November 8

11:00am - 2:00pm

Simpson United Methodist Church

6001 Wolff St, Arvada, CO 80003



Come eat delicious homemade Japanese Food!

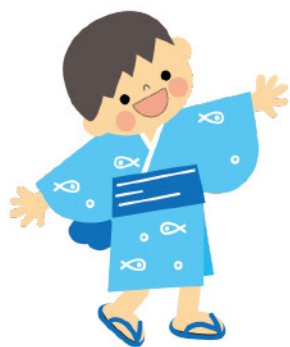
*(\$1 off items if order placed with Suzuho Shimasaki at
Suzuho.Shimasaki@gmail.com by Saturday, November 1)*

Inari Zushi - \$6 | Vegetarian Curry - \$10

Teriyaki Chicken Bento - \$12 | Vegetable Tempura Plate - \$12

Jello Yokan - \$2 (no discount for preorders)

Plates come with a side of veggie rolls & simmered vegetables



Questions? Want to volunteer?

**Donna Hansen - donnasmojo@gmail.com or
Suzuho Shimasaki - Suzuho.Shimasaki@gmail.com**

JACL National Gala 2014: “A Salute to Champions”



*JACL National Board Members and Executive Director
Photo Credit: Joe Shymanski*

On October 9th, 2014, JACL hosted its annual National Gala at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. This year's theme was “A Salute to Champions,” and recognized Mr. Bill Imada of IW Group, Mr. Peter Lenkov and Mr. Ken Solarz of the CBS television show Hawaii Five-O, United States Congressman Adam Smith, and corporate partner UPS for their commitment to promoting diversity in their respective fields and industries.

Attendees were welcomed by the night's Master of Ceremonies, Mr. David Louie, a forty-two year veteran reporter of ABC 7 News in the San Francisco Bay Area. Opening remarks were also given by JACL National President Mr. David Lin, JACL Executive Director Ms. Priscilla Ouchida, Minister Tamaki Tsukuda from the

Embassy of Japan, and former Congressman and Presidential cabinet member, the Honorable Norman Mineta.



*JACL National President David Lin (L)
presenting the JACL Champion of Diversity
Award to Mr. Bill Imada (R)
Photo Credit: Joe Shymanski*



*Ms. Tiffany Smith-Aloa'i (R) of CBS accepts an
award from JACL Executive Director Priscilla
Ouchida (L) on behalf of Mr. Lenkov and
Mr. Solarz.
Photo Credit: Joe Shymanski*

Mr. Bill Imada of IW Group and Mr. Peter Lenkov and Mr. Ken Solarz of Hawaii Five-O were recognized with JACL Champion of Diversity Awards. Mr. Imada is the founder, chairman, and Chief Collaboration Officer of the IW Group, a minority-owned and operated advertising agency focusing on the growing AAPI and multicultural markets. Mr. Lenkov and Mr. Solarz were recognized for their work in writing the Hawaii Five-O episode “Ho‘onani Makuakane” (“Honor Thy Father”) that revolved around the incarceration of Japanese Americans at the Honouliuli Camp in Hawaii during World War II. Mr. Lenkov and Mr. Solarz could not attend the event, but accepted the award via a video message that also featured Hawaii Five-O actors Daniel Dae Kim and Alex

O'Laughlin. Ms. Tiffany Smith-Anoa'i, Vice President of Diversity and Communications at CBS, attended the Gala and accepted the award on their behalf.

Congressman Adam Smith of Washington State's 9th Congressional district received the JACL Congressional Award for his support and involvement with the Asian American community in his district, as well as for his efforts to end laws that permit the indefinite detention without trial of American citizens and foreign nationals since 9/11. "I was truly honored to receive the Japanese American Citizens League Congressional Award," he said after being recognized. "I have great respect for JACL's mission and their work to ensure the civil rights of Japanese Americans, the AAPI community, and all Americans are protected. I look forward to continuing to work with JACL nationally and in the 9th District of Washington to end indefinite detention, close Guantanamo Bay prison, reform our immigration system, and advocate for policies that end discrimination and ensure equal rights." Congressman Smith is currently in his 9th term in the US House of Representatives and represents parts of Seattle, Tacoma, and the Puget Sound area.



Congressman Adam Smith (R) accepts his award from JACL National President David Lin (L).

Photo Credit: Joe Shymanski



JACL Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida (L) presents Mr. Ron Chang (R) of UPS with the Corporate Partner Award.

Photo Credit: Joe Shymanski

Mr. Ron Chang, President of UPS Capital Corporation, received the JACL Corporate Partner Award on behalf of UPS in recognition for their strong support of JACL. The UPS Foundation, the corporate giving arm of UPS, has supported organizations committed to inclusion and diversity for over 60 years.

JACL would like to congratulate Mr. Bill Imada, Mr. Peter Lenkov and Mr. Ken Solarz, Congressman Adam Smith, and UPS for their achievements. JACL would also like to thank its members, partner organizations, corporate sponsors, and donors for their continued support.

Hiroshi Sato at Hespe Gallery Nov. 4 - Dec.6, 2014

From November 4th to December 6, 2014 Hespe Gallery will be showing new work by Japanese artist Hiroshi Sato.

Hiroshi Sato's work focuses on contemporary realist oil paintings that act as snapshots of intimate moments. According to his artist biography, his goal is portray and understand through his art the various states of human consciousness.

Sato has been featured in Southwest Art Magazine, American Art Collector, Art Business, the Artist's Magazine and Fine Art Connoisseur. He is currently enrolled in the MFA program at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. This will be Sato's third solo exhibition at Hespe Gallery.

To learn more or see more of his work go to www.hiroshisatoart.com



Action Alert: Raise Your Voice in this Election! Pledge to Vote Now!



Stand up and pledge to vote! Join the campaign for a 100% JACL voter turnout on November 4th! Together, our voices can make a difference.

2014 is another critical midterm election and our voices can make a big impact in races across the country. Voter statistics conclude that Asian Americans have a very low voter turnout compared to other populations. Only 31% of eligible Asian American voters cast a vote during the last midterm election, and analysts have predicted a low voter turnout among Asian Americans in this 2014 midterm election too.

Asian Americans voices matter in our elections and in our communities. That is why the Japanese American Citizens League is organizing the 'JACL 100% Vote!' campaign.

Visit the JACL 100% Vote website by clicking the banner above or at this link.

Please pledge to vote on our website to stand up and be heard! You can also find online resources such as:

- Your State's voting requirements.
- Online form to register to vote (depending on each state).
- List of the candidates running in your congressional district.
- Ballot drop-off /polling locations near you for November 4

Please pledge to vote in the election and share your pledge with your family and friends. Together we can achieve a 100% Vote!

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"/> 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) | | |

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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!