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JACL
Japanese American Citizens League
Mile High Chapter



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A Message from the President

A few weeks ago, we witnessed the devastating power of Mother Nature. Over the span of four days, Boulder received almost nine times their average September monthly rainfall. The resulting flood destroyed over 19,000 structures and caused over 11,000 people to be evacuated. If you were affected by the flooding, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can also call CO HELP at 303-389-1687. They will direct you to the appropriate relief agency.

As part of our advocacy work, we are working together with various community organizations to hold a pro-immigration rally on October 5th, at 11 am, at Burns Park (Alameda and Colorado). We want our elected representatives to pass an immigration reform bill that allows DREAMers and undocumented people to have a path to citizenship. We want a minimum of 500 people to attend this rally, so please invite all of your friends and families!

On October 25th, we will have another Mile High JACL social. We will see the "99 Histories" play that is being produced by Theatre Esprit Asia, Colorado's only Asian American Theatre company. The play is about Eunice, a mentally troubled Korean-American violin prodigy. She returns home to her widowed mother after being away for years. It is a powerful mother-daughter drama that tackles the issues of family secrets, romance, and violence. I hope that all of you can join us for this wonderful play! If you want to come along, please contact Suzuho Shimasaki at suzuho.shimasaki@gmail.com

Lastly, we will have our annual Fall Social (Aki Matsuri) on Saturday, November 2nd, at Simpson United Methodist Church (6001 Wolff Street, Arvada, CO 80003). This festival is a fundraiser to raise money for our annual student scholarships and continued advocacy efforts. We will have various carnival games for the families and we will be selling bento boxes as well. Please come to the festival and bring all of your friends and families!

We love to hear your suggestions and feedbacks. Please come to our next board meeting on Thursday, October 3, 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 info@MileHighJACL.org

Harry Budisidarta

Mile High JACL Chapter President



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mile High JACL
Board Meeting
October 3rd
6:30pm
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

A Taste of JA
October 12th
10:00am - 12:00 pm
Sakura Square
Mezzanine
(See page 4)

Arts & Crafts Showcase
October 20th
11:00am - 3:00 pm
Simpson United
Methodist Church

Mile High JACL
Fall Festival
November 2nd
11:00am
Simpson United
Methodist Church

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

Mile High JACL Fall Festival

By Donna Hansen

Come for the great food and stay to play some games and catch up with friends.

Mile High JACL is holding its second annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on November 2nd at Simpson United Methodist Church at 11 am.

We will be serving a couple of delicious homemade bento options. Once the menu has been finalized we will be taking pre-orders. Be sure to pre-order your bento to get the best price and help us manage food cost accordingly.

Various games for children and adults will be available again this year too. Hanafuda was a huge hit last year and we will have a hanafuda expert on hand again to explain the hands, what the cards mean and how to win. It is sure to be a lot of fun.

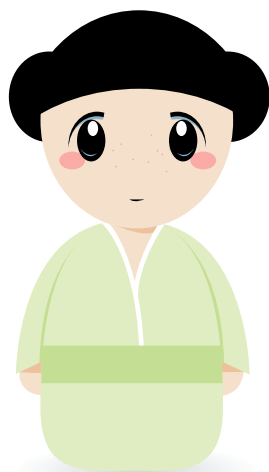
We are raising funds that go towards JACL scholarships and local advocacy efforts that need our support.

Please save the date of November 2nd in your calendar today and invite your friends and family!



Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Iro (I-ro)
Translation: Color

Aka (A-ka)
Translation: Red

Midori (Mi-do-ri)
Translation: Green

Ao (A-o)
Translation: Blue

Murasaki (Mu-ra-sa-ki)
Translation: Purple

Kiirō (Ki-i-ro)
Translation: Yellow

JACL Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington in 1963

August 28, 2013 marked the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington in 1963. The JACL participated in the "Let Freedom Ring" celebration of the 50th Anniversary at the Lincoln Memorial.

In President Obama's speech on the legacy of the March on Washington, the President included Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II, as individuals who fought on the "battlefield of justice":

Those are the victories they won, with iron wills and hope in their hearts. That is the transformation that they wrought, with each step of their well-worn shoes. That's the debt that I and millions of Americans owe those maids, those laborers, those porters, those secretaries; folks who could have run a company, maybe, if they had ever had a chance; those white students who put themselves in harm's way, even though they didn't have to ; those Japanese Americans who recalled their own internment; those Jewish Americans who had survived the Holocaust; people who could have given up and given in, but kept on keeping on, knowing that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Mee Moua, President and Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC, also delivered remarks at the Lincoln Memorial on Wednesday and included the JACL's participation in the 1963 March:

On August 28, 1963, 35 members of the Japanese American Citizens League marched alongside their brothers and sisters of the civil rights struggle. On Saturday, hundreds of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters representing 35 national AA & NHPI organizations and more than 18 million Asian Americans - marched with our civil and human rights community--marching to reassert our collective claim to the dream, marching to recommit ourselves to the everyday steps it will take to realize the dream, marching with hope and faith and the deep conviction that 'we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.'"

In attendance was Priscilla Ouchida, Executive Director; Todd Endo, who participated at the original March on Washington in 1963; Paula Endo, wife of Todd Endo; Elissa Ouchida; and Amy Watanabe, Daniel K. Inouye Fellow. For any questions regarding the fellowship, contact the Washington, D.C. office at 202-223-1240.



Wednesday, August 28, 2013 - 50th Anniversary of March on Washington (Retrieved from: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/28/us/gallery/march-on-washington-50th-anniversary/index.html>)

A Taste of JA

October 12, 2013

10 a.m. to noon

Sakura Square Mezzanine

(Street level entrance between 19th & 20th Streets on Larimer Street between parking lot entrance & optometrist.)

How have Japanese Americans transformed what was traditional Japanese food by improvising and creatively using non-traditional ingredients? Join us in a discussion about sushi and why it's cool now to eat rice with raw fish. Sample our JA version of “deconstructed” sushi.

Bring your favorite JA recipe to share.

Please RSVP to Gail Ida at
gailann.ida@gmail.com

Members - Free

Non-members - \$5



Japanese American
Resource Center of Colorado
JARCC@ Sakura Square

JACL's Fight Against Racism Never Ends

By Gil Asakawa

You would think that in 2013, overt racism would have disappeared and we would be living in a more accepting, open-minded society. Sadly, that's not the case.

The fact is, some of the things that have revolutionized communications for us all have helped people who still live with the racial biases of the 1940s to spread their ignorance and hate speech that much faster with each other and the rest of the world.

So it didn't take long for the haters to come crawling under their digital rocks and sending out social media messages dripping with disdain when Nina Davuluri was crowned Miss America on September 15.

"9/11 was 4 days ago and she gets Miss America?" was one of the milder notes that shot out into the digital void.

"Miss America" You mean Miss 7-11" was another.

"How the f--- does a foreigner win miss America? She is an Arab!" is at the nastier end of the scale.

Nina Davuluri is Indian-American. She is not Arabic. Like many of us in JACL, she was born in the U.S. -- New Jersey to be exact. Like us, she loves America. She is not a Muslim (and even if she was, so what? Being Muslim doesn't make her a terrorist or responsible for 9/11).

She is a strong and beautiful woman who can take the juvenile and stupid attacks from people who don't know better. But her experience is a reminder for all of us that no matter how we assimilate into American society, there will be people who will see us as foreigners, as outsiders.

And being on the outside makes it easier for the ignorant to paint us all with a broad brushstroke, to react on primitive ignorant instincts; to put an entire population behind prison walls, for instance, in the name of "national security."

Twitter and Facebook have made it easier for the people who think on such a low level to blast out their idiotic ideas.

It's now up to us to counter them with truth and common sense, and to keep educating everyone... in 2013, and 2014, and as long as the haters continue to spew their stupidity.

Holiday Ads in the Pacific Citizen

By Donna Hansen

Thank you to everyone who share their Holiday cheer by placing an ad in the Pacific Citizen! Please be sure to renew your ad before October 25 to make sure you are included in this year's holiday edition. If you are interested in placing a NEW ad in the Holiday edition of the Pacific Citizen, please contact Donna Hansen at donnasmajo@gmail.com or 303-949-3393.

Colorado Flooding Victims Fundraiser

By Donna Hansen

Mile High JACL members lent its support to Colorado Flooding Victims Fundraiser by attending the Japanese American Taiko event in Boulder on September 22 at 1 pm on Pearl Street.

Taiko Master Seiichi Tananka, Denver Taiko, Boulder Taiko Hibiki and Taiko with Toni performed.



Photo by Alan Yamamoto.

NJAMF to Honor Secretary Norman Y. Mineta with Lifetime Achievement Award

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) will host its 2013 Gala on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, to honor four distinguished individuals who have served to preserve the constitutional rights of all Americans during their careers.

NJAMF will present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. Admiral Mike Mullen (USN, Ret) will receive the Award for Constitutional Rights. Mr. Terry Shima will be honored with the Special Recognition Legacy Award. Craig Uchida, Ph.D., also a member of the JACL DC Chapter, will be awarded NJAMF's Chairman's Award.

Tables for 10 are \$2500 and can be purchased by calling (202) 643-8204 or visiting www.njamf.com.

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to education and public awareness about the Japanese American experience during World War II. NJAMF raised the private funds to build the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. The Memorial is not only a monument to the Japanese American experience, but also a reminder that we must not allow anything like this to happen to any minority community again. www.njamf.com



Secretary Norman Y. Mineta to receive Lifetime Achievement Award at the NJAMF Gala.



DBT KARATE



CLASSES BEGINNING SOON!

ORIENTATION CLASS - SUN. OCT. 13, 2013 - 11:30-12:30 - GYM

CHILDREN (FROM AGE 6) - TEENS - ADULTS



\$10/CLASS FOR TS/DBT MEMBERS - \$15/CLASS FOR NON-MEMBERS

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2013 March on Washington Still about Same Issues 50 Years Ago

On Saturday, August 24, the JACL joined marchers for the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the continued fight for justice, jobs, peace and freedom. Speakers of the Saturday program on the National Mall included Attorney General Eric Holder Jr., Representative John Lewis (who was the youngest speaker in 1963), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Martin Luther King III. Mee Moua, President of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, addressed the over 200,000 crowd, and recognized JACL's participation and Todd Endo's presence.

The 2013 JACL contingent of 37 people joined the National Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) to form a block of well over a hundred. JACL marchers included Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida, VP of Membership Toshi Abe, EDC Governor Michelle Amano, Amy Watanabe, Kelly Honda, Todd Endo, Paula Endo, Erik Endo, Aidan Endo, Nancy Hall, Jen Hanold, Austin Hanold, Janice Faden, Michael Faden, Paul Igasaki, Louann Igasaki, Paul Uyehara, Mary Yee, Brigham Walker, Mackenzie Walker, Rosie Abriam, Patrick Lee, Jim McCallum, Noriko Sanefuji, Marsha Johnson, Greg Johnson, and Lauren Yamagata.

Todd Endo was a 21-year-old college student when he carried the JACL banner and led 35 JACLers in the historic 1963 March on Washington. With three generations of his family, Todd Endo again marched on August 24 as part of the 50th Anniversary March on Washington.

Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida said, "The March on Washington was a reminder of the critical role JACL played in advancing social justice. As a child, I watched the March on television. Today, I followed a new generation of young JACLers who carried the banner for what still needs to be done."

Endo concluded the day with his thoughts. "Fifty years later, there's still that dream that's not realized. You never get there. But that sense of unity and working together and peacefulness has carried on and remains influential."



JACL stands with NCAPA and Delegate Mark Keam (VA) at the Lincoln Memorial for the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington.



Todd Endo, Hilary Shelton of NAACP and Ernest Green of the Little Rock 9.

Mile High JACL Social

By Donna Hansen

Mile High JACL is organizing a group to see the play *99 Histories* on October 25 opening weekend.

Directed by Terry Dodd and produced by Theatre Esprit Asia, this play tells the story of 29-year-old Korean American violin prodigy Eunice, who comes home pregnant and unmarried, and tries to mend her estranged relationship with her very Korean mother. Haunted by memories of a violent past, Eunice must confront her ghosts before she can move forward. This powerful story is about memory, legacy, and the bond between mothers and daughters across three generations. A local 13-year-old Korean American actress is making her professional debut in this play.

The show is at the Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton St., Aurora, 80010. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$23 advance reservations, \$20 for students, seniors 60+ and per person for groups of 6 or more. It runs October 24 through November 16. Curtain is at 7 pm. For more information, <http://www.theatre-esprit-asia.org> or 303.856.7830.

To get the group ticket rate on October 25, please contact Donna Hansen at donnasmajo@gmail.com or 303-949-3393. (You can use a screen shot from: <http://www.theatre-esprit-asia.org/#!season/clh6a>)

California State Assembly Passes Resolution Apologizing to Japanese Americans Fired During World War II



*Assemblymember
Richard Pan*

On August 19, the California State Assembly approved a resolution that provides a formal apology to Japanese Americans fired by the State of California in 1942. Assembly Concurrent Resolution 19, authored by Assemblyman Richard Pan and sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, will now be considered in the California State Senate.

Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the government of Japan, the California Legislature adopted a measure that led to the firing of Japanese American civil service employees. Over 300 employees were charged with "fifth column" activities and dismissed from their jobs by the California State Personnel Board. In 1946, California ruled that charges against the employees, the most investigated group of people in the nation, were unfounded.

Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida said, "The Japanese American Citizens League applauds the passage of ACR 19 (Pan). In 1982, dozens of Japanese Americans gathered in the Governor's conference room to witness Governor Jerry Brown sign the first bill to recognize the World War II injustice that singled out loyal Japanese American employees of the State of California. Many of the employees clutched pink slips they had kept in hopes of vindication. Assemblyman Pan has taken the final step in a long struggle to right a wrong."

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!