



JACL
Japanese American Citizens League
Mile High Chapter



Taiiku No Hi
October 8th
Health and Sports Day

OCTOBER 2012

A Message from the President

What a busy month! Mile High JACL is gearing up for two very exciting events. First, we are preparing for our upcoming Fall Festival (Aki Matsuri) that will take place on Saturday, November 10th, 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 also be selling bento boxes, Japanese curry, inari zushi footballs, and yakisoba (stir fry noodles). Come to the festival and bring all of your friends and families!

In addition to the Fall Festival, I am also excited to announce that Mile High JACL is partnering up with Just Vote! Colorado Election Protection (JVCEP), a nonpartisan election protection program created in collaboration with Colorado Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, Mi Familia Vota, the Colorado Lawyers' Committee, and the Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People. JVCEP was created to assist voters with election activities, expand access to information about the voting process, and to monitor the electoral process across the state.

We are looking for volunteers who can serve as Poll Monitors and Election Judges.

- As a poll monitor, you will observe what is happening at the polls, be a resource for voters to answer basic questions regarding their rights, and report any deceptive activities that may occur to the legal team.
- As an election judge, you will check in voters on Election Day, check voter IDs, hand out ballots, and prepare voting location. You will be inside the polls and working with your local county officials to ensure a fair and smooth election process. Furthermore, you will also receive a stipend from the county for your work!

If you are interested, please send us an e-mail at MileHighJACL@gmail.com

I want to take this time to commend all of the board members. Mile High chapter is one of the fastest growing chapters in the country, and it is all because of their hard work! All of the board members are volunteers and have worked tirelessly for this chapter (in addition to putting up with my ridiculous demands and antics). Many thanks to all of the board members!

We love to hear your suggestions and feedbacks. Please come to our next board meeting on November 1st 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 MileHighJACL@gmail.com

Harry Budisudharta

Mile High JACL Chapter President



THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

1 A Message from the President

2 Upcoming Events

2 Place an Ad in the Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen

2 Nihongo-o Naraimashyou

3 Racism and Political Campaign

4 JACL Fall Festival

5 Annual Report - Political Advocacy

6 Be a Part of the Historic JOURNEY for the API Community in Denver

7 Membership Application

8 Advertisements & Job Postings

9 Place an Ad in Our Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mile High JAACL
Board Meeting**
November 1st
6:30pm
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

**Mile High JAACL
Fall Festival**
November 10th
11am - 2pm
Simpson United
Methodist Church
Arvada, CO

IDC Meeting
December 1st
Salt Lake City, Utah

OCA/JAACL
Lunar New Years Dinner
February 16, 2013

Day of Remembrance
February 17, 2013

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
ngoco.dee@gmail.com

Place an Ad in the Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen



It's that time of year again! The Mile High JAACL is collecting advertisements to be published in the holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen (PC). This is a great way to support the PC as well as our local chapter while sending out warm holiday wishes to all of your friends and family. Advertisement space can be purchased by individuals or companies and cost \$22 per column inch. A business card size is two inches x two column inches and runs \$88 per ad. If you would like to place an ad in the Holiday Issue of the PC, please contact Suzy Shimasaki at Suzy.Shimasaki@gmail.com or 858.361.6691 no later than October 31st.

Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Aki (A-ki)
Translation: Autumn/Fall

Matsuri (ma-tsu-ri)
Translation: Festival

Kabochya (ka-bo-chya)
Translation: Pumpkin

Senkyo (se-n-kyo)
Translation: Elections

Daitouryou (da-i-to-u-ryo-u)
Translation: President

Tohyou (to-hyo-u)
Translation: Vote

Racism and Political Campaign

A congressional race in New York reminds us we shouldn't become complacent about racism. Nate Shinagawa, the Democratic nominee in New York's 23rd congressional district was the recent target of a racist attack by WYSL radio hosts Bill Nojay and Bob Savage.

During the broadcast, Nojay told listeners they should be impressed that he could pronounce Shinagawa's name, whereupon a guest said that Shinagawa would lose because of his name. That was "not a nice thing to say," responded Nojay. Savage weighed in using a mock foreign accent saying, "xenophobic, xenophobic." As Nojay began explaining why he thought Shinagawa would lose the election, including saying Shinagawa was from the "People's Republic," "Sukiyaki," a song popularized during the 1960s was played in the background.



There is no doubt that great strides have been made in combating anti-Asian sentiment where many Asian Americans will tell you they don't experience racism in their daily lives. Yet, we must recognize this form of racism continues to manifest itself in cycles. The racism displayed during the WYSL broadcast can be anticipated during times of crisis when Asian nations are seen as the culprits in relations with America. Unfortunately, racism can also be anticipated during political campaigns when it is used as a tool to create fear among a pliable segment of the electorate. We know this because racism is caused by ignorance, by the fear of people who appear to be different, by the need for certain groups to reaffirm their dominance over another, by the lack of diversity in certain areas and by the fear of sharing power.

Fortunately, a great deal of outrage was directed at WYSL as a result of this incident. Organizations called on political campaigns to stick to the issues rather than resorting to racist tactics. Others said that Shinagawa's opponent should disclaim the racist tactic used by WYSL. The JACL shares these approaches.

The denials of racism were fast and furious from WYSL Radio. The station, through its President and CEO, Bob Savage, attributed the outraged reaction as a tactic of the political left and quickly sought safe harbor in the First Amendment.

As an organization that has combated racism for over 80 years, the JACL believes it is important to label racism when we see it. Our tools for combating racism are education and the reliance on good people to stand up and reject it. None of us can afford to be bystanders when haters seek to spread fear and oppression. As we enter the final months of political campaigns throughout the nation where the partisan divides are deep and where certain issues are ripe for racist demagoguery, it is important to be vigilant in responding whenever and wherever these acts occur. It is incumbent on all of us to do so.



Mile High Japanese American Citizens League
FALL FESTIVAL

PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE MILE HIGH JACL FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER!
Help us raise \$2,000 towards our annual student scholarships and continued advocacy efforts.

Saturday, November 10, 2012
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Simpson United Methodist Church
(6001 Wolff St., Arvada, CO, 80003)

GAME & ACTIVITIES

Hanafuda - *Japanese Card Game!*

Carnival games - *Bottle Bowling, Bobbing for Apples, Coin Toss, Fishing for Ducks, Balloon Pop!*

Photo booth - *Get Dressed up in Kimonos and have your Picture Taken!*

(Pictures Can Be Ordered as Prints or on Merchandise)

FOOD

Bento (Teriyaki Chicken or Vegetable Tempura + Tamago Yaki + Rice) - \$10

Japanese Curry with Rice (Vegetarian) - \$8

Inari Zushi Footballs (6 pieces) - \$6

Yakisoba (Stir Fry Noodles) - Beef or Vegetarian - \$10

\$2 off all items for orders placed by Saturday, November 3rd

(Place Orders With Suzy Shimasaki at suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com)

For Questions or to Volunteer, Please Contact

Donna Hansen at donna@donnahansen.net or Suzy Shimasaki at suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com

Annual Report - Political Advocacy

By Harry Budisidharta

As the oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization, it is our responsibility to monitor and respond to issues that threaten civil and human rights of all Americans. Below is a list of the political advocacy work that our chapter has done from 2011 to October 2012.

- In February 2011, Mile High JACL organized a Teacher's Education Workshop. The workshop talked about the experience of Japanese Americans who lived in a concentration camp and the impact that it has upon future generations. The workshop also taught teachers about how to educate their students regarding this topic.
- In April 2011, Mile High JACL endorsed Senate Bill 11-126 (also known as "Colorado ASSETT"). This is the bill that would allow all Colorado high school graduates, who attended high school for at least three years and who were accepted to a college in Colorado, to pay in-state tuition rates regardless of their immigration status. Unfortunately, this bill was ultimately killed in committee.
- In July 2011, Mile High JACL organized two historical exhibits for the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival. The first exhibit was about the history of the Amache concentration camp, and the second exhibit was about the history of the Japanese American soldiers during World War II (442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service).
- In November 2011, Mile High JACL, working together with OCA Colorado and Colorado Asian Pacific Youth Association, hosted a screening of "Vincent Who" documentary. This is a documentary about the murder of Vincent Chin and the birth of the AAPI civil rights movement. The screening was attended by Curtis Chin, the writer and director of the documentary, and he stayed after the screening for Q & A with the audience.
- In April 2012, Mile High JACL endorsed Senate Bill 12-002 (also known as "Civil Union Bill"). This bill authorizes any 2 unmarried adults, regardless of gender, to enter into a civil union. Mile High JACL proudly took an active role with this bill and helped locate speakers who would be willing to testify in favor of the bill. In addition, our members called their elected representatives and urged them to vote in favor of the bill. Unfortunately, the bill died on the House floor, was revived during the special session, and was ultimately killed in a House Committee.
- In June 2012, Mile High JACL worked together with OCA Colorado, APA for Progress, and NAAPIMHA to organize a panel discussion regarding the Vincent Chin murder and the continuing discrimination facing the AAPI community.

Currently, Mile High JACL is partnering up with Just Vote! Colorado Election Protection (JVCEP), a nonpartisan election protection program created to assist voters with election activities, expand access to information about the voting process, and to monitor the electoral process across the state. We are looking for volunteers who can serve as Poll Monitors and Election Judges.

- As a poll monitor, you will observe what is happening at the polls, be a resource for voters to answer basic questions regarding their rights, and report any deceptive activities that may occur to the legal team.
- As an election judge, you will check in voters on Election Day, check voter IDs, hand out ballots, and prepare voting location. You will be inside the polls and working with your local county officials to ensure a fair and smooth election process. Furthermore, you will also receive a stipend from the county for your work!

If you are interested, please send us an e-mail at MileHighJACL@gmail.com.

Be a Part of this Historic JOURNEY for the API Community in Denver!

By Jinni Kim

In September 2010, at its 30th anniversary banquet, the Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC) launched its capital campaign, Journey, to raise \$1.5 million to cover the cost of the new building that had just been purchased as well as its renovation and other costs to finally merge all of APDC services under one roof. Two years later, the building's demolition has just been completed for renovation to be reborn as APDC's new home and the first and only API community center in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region!



For over 30 years, APDC has been providing services to the API refugee and immigrant communities in Colorado. From mental/behavioral health services, victims services to ESL, interpretation/translation and youth services, the array of culturally apt services APDC provides have changed many people's lives over three decades.

With the new home that is going to merge all of the services under one roof, plus the medical services, APDC will now really be the "hub" for the API communities in Denver, a one-stop-shop for the community members to come to receive various services. A family arriving at the center hand-in-hand, children running upstairs to the youth programs classroom, the father going to his medical appointment and the mother sitting out in the community garden and exchanging conversations with other community members, this is how APDC envisions its future home to be.

The new building is almost 14,000 sq/ft and only a few blocks away from 13th Avenue and Yosemite Street, where many of the newly arrived refugee communities reside. APDC continues to stay close to the communities that are in most dire needs to provide services that are absolutely necessary to the people and to also maximize the reasons for its existence.

As APDC embarks on this exciting adventure that has been long waited for and overdue, the hope is that it will also help the API community to grow together, to be strengthened and to be empowered. Anticipating the official "opening" of the new home to be sometime in January/February 2013, APDC, together with the community awaits the moment that will mark the beginning of a new history in the Denver API community.

For more information on the capital campaign and for ways to contribute to the campaign to leave a lasting legacy for yourself and your family (ALL donors will be acknowledged on our donor wall in the new building), please visit the APDC website at www.apdc.org or email journey@apdc.org.

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)

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| <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



Get Winning!

BLACK HAWK

Downtown commercial space for lease
at Sakura Square. 518 square feet
of office or retail space located on
second level available for
immediate occupancy.



Please contact:
Gary Yamashita, General Manager
Sakura Square Management
Cell: 303-204-8039
Email: gary.yamashita@comcast.net



SAKURA SQUARE

Tri-State Buddhist Church Apts., Inc.

Aka: Tamai Tower

1255 19th Street

Denver, CO 80202



Low Income Housing Now Available

Qualifications:

- 62 years, minimum age, or disabled;
- Good rental references;
- Credit history & Criminal background will be checked.
- HUD subsidized Section 8 (wait list) for studio units;
- Market Rate for 1 bedroom units @ \$578.00/month now available.

Call Mabel Googins at 303-295-0305
for information or to make an appointment.

Mile High JACL | P.O. Box 13061 | Denver, CO 80201 | milehiJACL@gmail.com | www.milehiJACL.org

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 Suzy Shimasaki at suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com 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!