The JCCNC has always been committed to preserving history, culture, heritage and community. But in 2007, the Center decided that its preservation efforts should include the planet that we all live on.

Last summer, Fidelity Roofing repaired the JCCNC’s roof andProSolar installed new solar panels. After panels and wiring were installed, numerous tests were run in preparation for the final inspection and the JCCNC’s transition to using solar power.

On February 13, JCCNC Executive Director Paul Osaki, along with San Francisco Supervisor Ross Minkin; City Assessor Phil Ting; Deputy Consul General of Japan in San Francisco Kazuyoshi Yamaguchi; Travis Kiyota, Bay Area Regional Director of Public Affairs at PG&E; Kimia Mizany, Director of Business Development at Solar Depot; Arnold Shaver of Pro Solar and supporters of JCCNC’s “Go Green” Annual Support Drive, celebrated the official kick-off and dedication. The brief ceremony included remarks from dignitaries and representatives, an official solar “switch over” and a visit to Hotel Tomo for a birds’ eye view of the solar panels.

“I always wear black suits, but to show my appreciation of this event I am wearing my green suit,” remarked Deputy Consul General Yamaguchi.

As part of the ceremony, Mr. Kiyota of PG&E presented a check to the JCCNC in the amount of $75,000 which represents the incentives and rebates made for taking the initiative to be one of the first organizations in the Japanese American community to look at their long term sustainable resources.

“Helping to save the environment and preserving the community go hand in hand.”
- Paul Osaki,
JCCNC Executive Director

“PG&E is proud to help the JCCNC be the first non-profit in San Francisco’s Japantown to reap the environmental benefits of photovoltaic installation,” said Mr. Kiyota. “The JCCNC has been exceptionally proactive in raising awareness about the importance of clean, renewable energy.”

The 29.7 kW-AC solar electric system was designed and supplied by Solar Depot, LLC of Petaluma, California. The solar system is expected to produce approximately 48,000 kilowatt-hours of clean, renewable energy each year, which will have zero greenhouse gas emissions.

PG&E is providing an educational solar kiosk for the Center’s lobby to help promote and encourage others to look at going green. The kiosk is an interactive data monitoring system which is connected to the solar panels to show in real time, how much electricity is being generated by the solar panels on the roof of the JCCNC and tracks avoided greenhouse gas emissions.

Of the $298,958 installation costs, the JCCNC has already raised $141,872 through support from generous donors.

Our Goal $298,958
$298,958
$269,058
$239,163
$209,268
$179,373
$149,478
$119,583
$89,688
$59,792
$29,895
$0

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I am very honored and proud to serve as the President of the Board of Directors of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California for the current year. I have been a denizen of Japantown for over thirty years, and I feel very much at home here. I follow a family tradition as my grandparents on both sides of my family were an active part of the Japantown scene from the early 1900’s. My husband, Mitsuaki, and I have had our own operations business on the Buchanan Mall for these many years. There is no other community that we would rather be a part of.

The immediate past President of the Board, Donna Kotake, has done a remarkable job for the past three years, enlivening the Board Members and continuing the tradition of an active board that works exceptionally well with the staff and our Executive Director. It would be my proud achievement if I am able to follow in Donna’s footsteps. It practically goes without saying that I find it a distinct privilege to work with Paul Osaki and his staff who daily demonstrate their dedication to the organization and its mission. I am proud to be associated with this vital organization that endeavors to preserve our heritage and culture in so many different ways.

The JCCNC today is challenged by the rapidly changing face of our own San Francisco Japantown and of the Japanese and Japanese American community itself. To continue as a viable organization, we must constantly evaluate ourselves and ensure that we are moving in the right direction, always mindful that we are reflecting the wishes and hopes of our constituency. We must all work together toward a strong membership base, an ever more solid financial footing and a larger presence and more visible image in the communities that surround us.

I trust that I and the Board of Directors will continue to have your all-important confidence and support.

With sincere gratitude,

Rumi K. Okabe
JCCCN C Reorganization to Ensure Long-Term Sustainability

In February, the JCCCN C set into motion a new plan for long-term sustainability of human resources by initiating a staff reorganization. The goal of the plan is to develop a leadership and staffing succession plan as well as creating new entry-level associate positions for young people who are interested in community non-profit careers.

Paul Osaki will remain as Executive Director with Marjorie Fletcher as his Executive Assistant. The new plan introduces a new position of Deputy Director which will be filled by Lori Matoba, previously Director of Programs, who will now be responsible for major program initiatives, operation management, human resources and oversee public relations for the Center. Another new position is Director of Finance and Membership Services which will be filled by current Accountant Ruby Hata who will now also oversee the management of our database. Ken Maeshiro will continue his work on Special Events but will add Facilities Manager to his title while Jennifer Hamamoto will now be the Programs and Public Relations Manager.

Three associate positions have been created to assist in the development, membership and programs departments. These are entry-level training positions designed for recent college graduates interested in working for a community based non-profit agency. The JCCCN C hopes that these Associate positions will provide an opportunity for young people interested in community and non-profit work to continue into more permanent positions. Part of their training will include monthly professional development courses which will allow them to cross-train in many different areas of our organization. Alicia Kagawa has been hired as the Program Associate and Bara Kawasaki will be the Development Associate. The JCCCN C hopes to fill the remaining Membership Associate position by the end of February.

The Center Welcomes Our New Staff Members

Joy Iwasa  
Director of Development

Joy Iwasa has joined the JCCCN C staff as the new Director of Development. Joy was first introduced to the JCCCN C by former Board of Directors President Donna Kotake, who asked Joy to be on the Executive Planning Committee for the Osaka Culinary Tour. She later volunteered at the “Asians American on Broadway” gala fundraising event.

Joy has an impressive background in non-profit fundraising and event planning; as the Director of Special Events she helped raise a record $558,000 at the Special Olympics Northern California’s annual event. Before that, she served for seven years as Director of Special Events for Project Open Hand and raised a record $710,000 in annual revenue.

“I feel very fortunate to be working in such a historically significant organization where I can not only contribute to the Nikkei community but also learn more about my own heritage,” she said.

Joy received her dual B.A. in International Relations and Rhetoric and Communications from U.C. Davis.

To contact Joy, call (415) 567-5505, ext. 235 or e-mail: jiwasa@jcccn c.org.

Alicia Kagawa  
Program Associate

Former JCCCN C intern Alicia Kagawa has returned to the team as Program Associate. Alicia grew up in Marin and has been frequenting Japantown and the Center since she was a child, attending meetings and events with parents Carole Hayashino and Kyle Tatsumoto.

While interning at the Center last summer, Alicia organized the Japanese American Online Directory which will be launched in April, and represented the JCCCN C at the Kobe YMCA, helping to develop the 2008 Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program.

“I believe that as a Yonsei it is my responsibility to engage other young Nikkei and help them understand the significance of our generation’s role in preserving our culture,” said Alicia.

Alicia graduated with her dual B.A. in English and Political Science from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, where she served as Advertising Manager of the university newspaper, and Chair of STAND: Hawai’i, a student anti-genocide coalition.

To contact Alicia, call (415) 567-5505, ext. 228 or e-mail: akagawa@jcccn c.org.
Farewell to Our Departing Staff Members

Teresa Ono

Teresa Ono, who began as a JCCNC volunteer over 12 years ago, has departed from her position as the Director of Development. After serving as Executive Director of the 100th Anniversary of Japantown, she joined the JCCNC staff in 2006. During her time here, Teresa raised over $370,000 in donations. Most recently, she pioneered the JCCNC "Go Green" campaign, organizing the installation of solar panels on our roof and mandating our recycling efforts. Teresa is an extremely involved community leader, associated with organizations including the Japanese American Citizens League, San Francisco School Volunteers, Cherry Blossom Festival and the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

"It has been great working at the Center which has so much to offer to the community and individuals of all ages," said Teresa. "I have made so many friends and will miss being a part of a great team."

Though she will be missed tremendously at the Center, we are reassured in knowing she will still be around Japantown, reminding us to unplug our electronics and recycle our post-it notes.

We wish her good luck in her new career as the Advancement Services Manager at San Francisco State University.

Lindsey Yamasaki

Lindsey Yamasaki has left her position as Director of Membership to pursue her passion for basketball as the Head Coach of the Academy of Art College’s first Women’s Basketball Team.

"My time at the Center, although brief, was extremely rewarding," said Lindsey. "I was able to see first hand what it means to immerse myself in the community and see how impactful community outreach and cultural preservation can be."

The former Stanford basketball, volleyball and WNBA player first became involved with the Center in December 2005 when she hosted basketball and volleyball clinics for JCCNC members. She later coached the 2007 Shinzen Girl’s Basketball Team and traveled with them to Japan, her first visit to the country.

In her farewell letter Lindsey wrote, “Thank you to all the community members, especially my favorite people, my coworkers and the Board of the JCCNC for your continued support as I carve this new path.”

You can be sure, Lindsey, that we will all be cheering for you from the sidelines.

FROM FRONT COVER: Help the JCCNC ‘Go Green’!

After the $75,000 rebate from PG&E, the JCCNC still needs to raise an additional $82,286 to complete payment for the installation.

It is the Center’s hope to raise the remaining amount during its Spring Annual Support Drive beginning in March. A special “Go Green” recognition plan has been unveiled, through which any donations over $1,000 will be listed on the “Go Green” plaque. This will include all $1,000 and over donations for 2008, as well as previous 2007 donations made to the “Go Green” campaign.

Supporters on the roof of Hotel Tomo, viewing the JCCNC’s newly installed solar panels on February 13 during the official kick-off and dedication ceremony.

Anyone interested in adding to their 2007 “Go Green” donation to reach the $1,000 level will also be included. Please join the JCCNC in its global commitment to “Go Green.”

69,386 kilowatt hours
annual electricity usage in 2007

48,000 kilowatt hours
amount of electricity the new solar panels will produce this year

90%
amount electricity bill will be reduced this year

46,000 pounds
how much LESS CO2 will be emitted this year due to the solar panels

1.4 million pounds
how much LESS CO2 will be emitted over the life of the solar panel system

source: Kimia Mizany, Solar Depot, LLC

To calculate YOUR carbon footprint, and to learn how to reduce the amount of CO2 your actions produce, visit:
www.pge.com/about/environment/calculator/
NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE JCCNCB BOARD

The Board of Directors, comprised of community/business segment representatives, are responsible for the JCCNCB’s overall development and long-range plans. Various Board committees oversee tasks such as finance, development, membership, programs and publicity.

Ms. Marilyn Oshiro  
San Francisco, CA

Marilyn Oshiro is the Technical Project Manager of payment systems for wholesale customers at Wells Fargo Bank, where she received the 2007 Wells Fargo Service Excellence Award. Both her son, Alex Gong (a 2006 Nikkei Youth Sports Scholarship recipient) and daughter Katie Gong have participated in the Shinzen Program, during which time Marilyn served as the Program Chairperson. In addition, she is the Team Manager for the San Francisco Enchantees and the Basketball Commissioner for the San Francisco Associates. "I thought joining the JCCNCB Board would be an opportunity for me to continue my involvement and give back to the community," Marilyn said recently. "I would like to work more with programs, and grant development, and building relationships to provide outreach." She has been a generous donor, representing Wells Fargo Bank in awarding a $5,000 grant to the JCCNCB Kodomo No Hi program. Marilyn received her M.B.A. at UCLA, and her B.A. in Psychology at UCSC.

Ms. Lois P. Hunter  
Foster City, CA

Lois P. Hunter, who works with United Airlines, was first introduced to the JCCNCB when she helped arrange the travel plans for the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City’s 50th Anniversary. Lois admitted that before she began helping in February 2007 she had “never even been to Japantown.” Before moving to the Bay Area four years ago, Lois lived in Hawaii where she had been on the Board of Directors for the Special Olympics, Hawaii State Library Foundation and Aloha Festivals. “I have been wanting to familiarize myself more with the Bay Area and join an organization that serves the community. When I started working with the JCCNCB, I was very impressed with the Board, Staff and their operations, and I knew this was an organization I wanted to contribute to,” Lois was born and raised in Hawaii and attended Chabot College in Hayward, California.

Mr. Robert Sakai  
San Francisco, CA

Robert Sakai is the President of Japantown’s popular grocery market, Uuki K. Sakai Company. He is extremely involved in the Nikkei community, and serves as an Executive Board member and Treasurer of the San Francisco Buddhist Church Youth Athletic Organization (YAO) and a Board Member of the Nihonmachi Parking Corporation. “I was invited to join the JCCNCB Board of Directors and I was honored; it was an honor.” Robert received his Masters of Industrial Administration from Carnegie-Mellon Graduate School of Industrial Administration and his B.A. in History at Grinnell College in Iowa.

Mr. Keith Tsuchiya  
San Ramon, CA

When asked why he had decided to join the JCCNCB Board of Directors, Keith Tsuchiya explained, “I grew up in Japantown in the 50s and 60s, and when I returned years later, I was surprised how small it had become.” His involvement at the Center began when he was asked to give a donation for the gymnasium. “It was something near and dear to my heart because I enjoy playing basketball.” Since recently retiring from his position as the Senior Vice President and Division Manager of Corporate Real Estate at the Union Bank of California, where he served for 35 years, he decided to get more involved in the Nikkei community in an effort to “help retain what is left of Japantown.” He lives in San Ramon with his wife Stacey and their two yellow-labs, Happy and Renee.

RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Terry Akiyama  
Diane Fukami  
David Fukuda  
Scott Hayashi  
Yo Hironaka

Daro Inouye  
Andy Ishibashi  
Robert Kawamoto  
Donna Kimura

Jeff Maruyama  
Allen Okamoto  
Kurt Osaki  
Charlene Shimada  
Jon Shindo
Apply for This Summer’s Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program in Japan

The JCCNC is now accepting applications for the inaugural 2008 Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program, a Japan summer study abroad program designed for college-aged students. In cooperation with the Kobe YMCA Language Program (Hyogo Prefecture, Japan), this program will allow six participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through Japanese language and writing classes all while having the opportunity to use and practice their Japanese language skills on a daily basis with their home-stay family. In addition, the students will be able to attend introductory classes in traditional Japanese art forms and explore different parts of the Kansai region.

“It was truly a memorable experience,” said Alicia Kagawa, a participant of the Kobe YMCA July 2007 program. “I had participated in study abroad programs previously, but my experience with the Kobe YMCA program was unique in that I was able to learn about my own culture and heritage. Living with my home-stay family was especially invaluable to me; they really made me feel like a member of the family.”

The standard tuition for the Kobe YMCA Summer Language Program is $3,795 but the JCCNC will subsidize $1,805 of the tuition for six participants. The remaining tuition will be $1,990. In addition to the JCCNC reduced program rate, up to four $500 scholarships will be offered for selected individuals based on financial need.

For more information please contact Lori Matoba at (415) 567-5505 x226 or e-mail lmatoba@jccnc.org.

National Japanese American Online Directory to Launch in April

The JCCNC, with AT&T, will be launching the first Japanese American Online Directory. This directory was originally printed in 1997 as a means to bring together the many organizational resources available to the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Today we are making the directory easily accessible online, and expanding it to include Japanese American organizations throughout the country, to document the wealth of talent and resources in the Japanese American community.

The directory will be available in April 2008 at www.jayellowpages.org. If you know of an organization that should be listed, or would like more information, please contact Alicia Kagawa at (415) 567-5505 x228 or e-mail akagawa@jccnc.org.

Apply!

Who: College-aged students

What: 2008 Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program, a summer study abroad in Japan.

Applications: Download at jccnc.org/programs/nyshs.htm or call Lori Matoba at (415) 567-5505 x226 or e-mail lmatoba@jccnc.org

Deadline to apply: Friday, March 28, 2008

Bookmark!

www.JAYellowPages.org

Coming April 2008
JCCNC Leads SF Delegation on Culinary Tour of Osaka

On October 16, 2007, the 77 delegates of the San Francisco-Osaka Culinary Tour arrived in Osaka for a five-day whirlwind tour to discover all that the “Kitchen of Japan” has to offer. The tour was organized by the JCCNC as part of a year-long series of events in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between San Francisco and Osaka.

A culinary tour of Osaka by some of San Francisco’s food experts seemed a fitting exchange. Both cities are known as gastronomic meccas, with Osaka often associated with the term “kuidaore,” roughly translated as “eat ‘til you drop.”

The illustrious list of delegates included Honorary San Francisco Culinary Ambassador Patricia Unterman. Ms. Unterman is owner of Hayes Street Grill and a restaurant reviewer and food columnist for the San Francisco Examiner. She has also written for magazines such as Gourmet, Bon Appetit and Food & Wine and was restaurant critic for the San Francisco Chronicle for 15 years.

Two Honorary San Francisco Culinary Ambassadors were also present: chefs Bruce Hill of BIX Restaurant and Picco Restaurant and Pizzeria and Scott Howard of Scott Howard. All of these restaurants have appeared on the San Francisco Chronicle’s highly regarded list of Top 100 Bay Area Restaurants.

The diverse list of delegates represented organizations covering all aspects of food and the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Relationship, including City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association, the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, the JCCNC, Project Open Hand, Kintetsu International Travel Consultants, Chez Panisse, Corti Brothers, Modern Tea, Arne, A16, Preferred Meats, Pier 23 Café, Nomura & Company, Inc., Beetsnut, the Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA), Picco, Monterey Fish, Yamada Seika Confectionary, Pacific Fusion TV, Seto Restaurant and The Food Network, among others.

Where they went:

- Doguyasuji, restaurant supply area
- Chuo-ichiba, wholesale fish market and food market
- Kintetsu Department Store’s depachika, basement level food stands
- Kikkoman Shoyu Factory in Takasago
- Hakutsuru Sake Factory in Kobe
- Tako Rice Cracker Factory in Kobe
- Kirin Beer Factory in Kobe
- Fujiya Seika (Japanese confectionary) Factory in Osaka
- Kitano Koubou in Kobe
- Tsuji Culinary Institute, largest and most respected culinary training institute in Japan

Thank you to these sponsors:

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With support from:

- the Mayor’s Office of the City and County of San Francisco
- Osaka City Hall
- Osaka-San Francisco Sister City Association
- San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association
- Fisherman’s Wharf Merchants Association
- Golden Gate Restaurant Association
- Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
Live Aloha: Ukulele and Hula at JCCNC

Na Hula O Mai Kalani (Hula of the Heaven of Heavens)

Ron Puaamaikalani Patrocino may have served in the Army for 14 years, but his real passion has always been hula. “I started dancing hula at the age of eight years old and have been dancing ever since.”

Pua (as he is called by his hula friends) was born and raised in Honolulu and after graduating from high school joined the Army. While stationed in Kentucky, he shared his love for the ancient dance and helped to organize a Hawaiian Club in which he performed at various events. Eventually he moved to San Francisco and became involved in different hālua (hula groups), and has performed in many Bay Area hula competition and at halftime for the San Francisco 49ers. But his most memorable performing experience may have been performing in the Merrie Monarch Festival in Hilo, Hawai’i, what Pua calls, “the Olympics of hula.”

While working at the Veteran Affairs Administration Hospital in San Francisco Pua was approached by the Health and Wellness Department to teach hula to the hospital employees.

“The art of hula is an inspiration to me,” said Melissa Gee, a student of his from the VA Hospital. “It has changed my lifestyle.”

Pua has now been teaching at the JCCNC for one year, during which time his class size has grown to a devoted group of over thirty students of all ages and skill levels. JCCNC member Mildred Choy has been in his Thursday evening adult class from the beginning, “We all like the method which Pua instructs: keeping the old ways and traditional Hawaiian culture, spreading the spirit of Aloha.”

Pua is pleased to be able to offer this class and continue to practice not only the kahiko (ancient hula) but also the auwana (modern hula) as well as Hawaiian language. Pua says, “The teachings of hula never ends.”

E Hele Mai ma ka papa mele o Hawai’i!
Come join us in the Hawaiian music class!

It may be winter in San Francisco, but in Kumua (teacher) Ka’ala Carmack’s Ukulele and Hawaiian Expressive Singing classes, the Aloha Spirit that resonates through his music makes us feel like we are back in the islands.

“There was always music at home. When our family came together, everyone played and everyone sang,” Ka’ala recalls of his growing up in Hawai’i.

“It was very unifying and these classes are really an extension of what I do at home.”

Ka’ala’s Ukulele and Expressive Singing classes have been a favorite at the JCCNC since he began teaching in September 2001. Between the Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced levels there are sixty students, a number which is expected to rise with the addition of the new Beginner Ukulele class, scheduled Tuesday nights at 6:00-7:30. While the classes focus mainly on Hawaiian music, Ka’ala is planning a seasonal workshop entitled “The Joy of Singing,” which will incorporate different genres of music (think oldies but goodies).

“The ukulele class is great; we all play together, so it is not intimidating at all,” one Intermediate student said. “We bring food, socialize and play good music. It’s just a lot of fun.” The Advanced students perform at JCCNC events including Oshogatsu, Kodomo no Hi and the Golf Tournament.

Ka’ala has been playing ukulele and singing since his grandmother began teaching him over 51 years ago. When he moved to Japan as a teenager, he brought his love of Hawaiian music with him and helped to organize Hawaiian music groups and performances. Later he received his B.A. in Vocal Pedagogy and has since taught Hawaiian music classes at SF State University and a “Songs of Sovereignty for the Hawaiian Nation” course at Stanford University.

HULA
Thurs. 6:00-7:30pm  Adults
Sat. 9:30am-12:30pm  Keiki and Adults
Member Fees: $25/month adults, $35/month Keiki
Non-Member Fees: $30/month adults, $40/month Keiki

UKULELE
Thurs. 6:00-7:30pm  Beginners
Wed. 6:00-7:00pm  Intermediate
Sat. 9:30-10:30am  Advanced Beginners
Sat. 11:00am-12:00pm  Beginners
Member Fees: $60/month
Non-Member Fees: $80/month

EXPRESSIVE SINGING
Wed.: 7:30-9:30pm
Member Fees: $75/month
Non-Member Fees: $100/month

For more information, please contact the JCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail programsevents@jccnc.org
Support the Center: Become a Member

Membership is one of the most significant ways of showing your support for the JCCNC. By joining, you are not only becoming a member of the Center but a member of a family whose mission is to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through quality art, social and educational programs, affordable services and facility usage. Your membership dues allow us to keep our programs alive and thriving to support the community’s needs. Join the JCCNC today!

All JCCNC members receive the following standard benefits: Discounts to JCCNC programs/events and priority registration; local and nationwide merchant discounts such as AMC movie tickets, See’s Candies certificates, group travel and entertainment discounts. See page 10 for a list of discounts.

Membership at the sustaining level brings these additional benefits: recognition in JCCNC publication, participation in special members-only events and a special gift.

For more information on membership and benefits, please call Ruby Hata at (415) 567-5505 x225 or e-mail membership@jccnc.org.

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JCCCNC Members are eligible to receive discounts at participating merchants. You must show current and valid JCCCNC Membership card and photo ID. If you have questions about merchant discounts, please contact JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or membership@jcccnc.org.

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Movie Vouchers - $6/ticket
Pick up vouchers at JCCCNC.

Gift Certificates - $12.00 for one pound box of candy.
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10% discount on food only.
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Hukilau
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642 Ramona Street, (650) 329-9533

Hukilau San Francisco
5 Masonic Avenue, (415) 921-6242

Hukilau San Jose
230 Jackson Street, (408) 279-4888

10% discount on services only.
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Café Muna
Hotel Toranomon
1800 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 931-6968

Sain Saine
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San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 292-3542

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Five minute extension on 30 minute massage OR a 10 minute extension on a 60 minute massage.
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10% off merchandise. Sale items not included.
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Here is the latest special: 5% off roundtrip web fares — travel between Mainland U.S. and Hawai’i. Booking period is now through December 31, 2008 for travel now through December 31, 2008.

Preferred room rates starting at $179 per room per night at the Hawaii Prince Hotel Wailikiki. Special $65 golf rate at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club. Please call the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 to receive the special booking code for the JCCCNC Member discount.

Krispy Kreme Discount Card - $10/ card, buy 1 dozen, get 1 dozen free. Pick up discount cards at JCCCNC.

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Burlingame
1204 Broadway, (650) 347-2300

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Ten Ways To Support JCCNC!

Any amount and type of giving makes a difference – it’s what keeps JCCNC energized and active. Here are ten ways to support our efforts.

1. Become a Member. Your membership provides support to the JCCNC to carry out its educational, cultural, recreational and social programs. Be a part of the Center where future generations will learn about our community, culture and traditions. Join us today.

2. Gifts in memory or in honor of. Giving on behalf of someone special or someone who has passed on is a heartfelt way to pay tribute to unique people in our lives. If you would like to donate a gift on behalf of someone you know, please send us your donation and contact information and we will send out a personal thank you to the family or individual letting them know of your gift to the JCCNC.

3. Planned Giving. You can bequest cash, property and estate gifts to the JCCNC and preserve your estate, your family’s valuable assets, as well as provide yourself with significant income and tax benefits. This is a significant way for you to help maintain the legacy of the Nikkei community.

4. Gifts of Stock. Your stock contributions can provide the JCCNC with long term benefits and can help you by providing significant breaks on capital gains taxes.

5. Sponsorships. Corporations or individuals can sponsor a JCCNC special event or program. Donated products, subsidized venue rates or services are all needed in order to produce our annual events. Sponsors receive extensive visibility at our events.

6. Corporate Fund Matching Programs. Did you know that most corporations offer to match their employees’ donations to non-profit organizations? Consult your human resources department to find out how to increase your individual donation (often 100% match) through your employer’s fund matching programs.

7. Volunteering. Give us your valuable time and assist us with special events, programs and administrative duties. Examples of volunteer work are teaching a class or assisting with organizing our annual community events. University students may also be eligible for course credit for completing community service at the JCCNC.

8. Individual Donations. We’ve made it easy for you to give to the JCCNC. Give safely and securely online at www.jccnc.org. Or if you prefer, drop a check to us, or call us if you would like to set up recurring payments with your credit card.

9. Join eScrip. eScrip is an organization that benefits us by crediting you for shopping at your favorite stores and donating percentages of your spending to the JCCNC. Log on to www.escrip.com and register to give today.

10. Gifts In Kind. Donate items which you would otherwise give or throw away. The JCCNC will either utilize the item or will sell/give to other parties.

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March 2008

UnFinished Objects Quilting Workshop
Saturday, March 22, 2008
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
JCCNC - Conference Room 1
Instructor: Ellen Nakai

Do you have an unfinished quilt project that you need help or guidance with?

Ellen Nakai, who has over 20 years of experience and currently teaches a weekly class at the JCCNC, will be conducting an informal workshop to help you get your project finished.

$35 JCCNC Members / $45 General

April 2008

Reno Over Night
Sunday, April 27 and
Monday, April 28
$64 JCCNC Members /
+$84 non-members

May 2008

Kodomo no Hi
(Children’s Day) Festival
Saturday, May 3, 2008
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Peace Plaza, S.F. Japantown
Buchanan and Post streets
Children’s crafts, entertainment, kimono dressing, food
FREE and open to the public