The JCCCNC presents *Salute to a Vision*, the 2008 Annual Event celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, in recognition of Paul Osaki for his 20 years at the JCCCNC and serving the community for 30 years.

A “Tribute and Roast” from celebrities, political officials and members of the community will highlight *Salute to a Vision* – an evening of fun and friendship acknowledging the great leadership and dedication Paul Osaki has made to the JCCCNC and the Japanese American community.

Celebrating the occasion as Honorary Co-Chairs of the event are Paul’s long-time friends whom he has worked with for many years: Former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, His Excellency Ambassador of Japan Ryozo Kato, Former Ambassador of Japan Shunji Yanai, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, United States Representative Mike Honda and Consul General Yasumasa Nagamine.

Paul’s influence reaches far beyond the Bay Area, covering California, reaching Seattle, Washington D.C., Hawaii and crossing the ocean to Japan. As an exceptional visionary, he has brought the JCCCNC to the forefront of cultural and historical preservation, helping to build bridges across the Pacific, and creating a welcoming place that many people call their second home — the home that the Nisei envisioned over 35 years ago.

Using the dream of those Nisei pioneers to guide him to this momentous occasion, we hope that you will help us honor Mr. Osaki for all that he has accomplished so far. *Salute to a Vision* will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008, at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. For more information, please contact Joy Iwasa at (415) 567-5505 x235 or e-mail jiwasa@jcccnc.org.

The Nikkei Family Legacy Project

One of the JCCCNC goals for this year is to initiate new and innovative programs that will engage youth to take an active role in preserving our history and culture. In response, the Nikkei Family Legacy Project was created and thanks to a generous $30,000 grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), and support from the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, this project will now be realized.

The Nikkei Family Legacy Project (NFLP) will empower young Nikkei with the confidence, the training and the tools to interview, video document and share the untold stories of their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, before their family histories are lost forever. By learning about the Japanese American experience in a very personal way and documenting it, history will become real and relevant, youth will become more aware of their identity and they will have produced a lasting video to share with and educate generations to come. While many documentaries, books and oral histories have been produced, thousands of Japanese American stories still remain untold and undocumented. Author Maureen Taylor once said, “Discovering family history is a great way to teach people history locally, nationally and internationally, it provides a sense that history is real, it’s my history!”

NFLP will include a comprehensive interview guide, technical training guide, a series of hands-on workshops and a website with downloadable training materials. The JCCCNC will be working with a team of professionals to develop and produce the training program, including Dianne Fukami, President of Bridge Media; Jan Yanehiro, President of Jan Yanehiro, Inc.; Wendy Tokuda, Bay Area KRON 4 anchor and reporter; and Boku Kodama of Urban VOICE, with video equipment and materials available for loan to participants. Upon completion of the documentary projects, the JCCCNC will host a community film-screening to showcase the untold stories.

If you are interested in documenting your family history please contact Ali Kagawa at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail akagawa@jcccnc.org for more information.
The National Japanese American Yellowpages
JAYellowPages.com

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) is proud to announce the upcoming launch of the National Japanese American Yellowpages website sponsored by AT&T in August 2008.

The Japanese American (JA) Yellowpages website is an updated on-line version of the original Japanese American Community Directory first published in 1997 by the JCCNC with support from AT&T.

Although 1997 was not that long ago, back then very few knew of the Internet, had very little access to e-mail and had no idea how big the World Wide Web would become. It is amazing how in just a decade, our world and our community has evolved.

I remember how facsimile machines were all the rage, an incredible invention that changed the world and how we communicated. I remember cell phones weighed about five pounds and looked like bricks.

Technology has and will continue to change the way we communicate. Our hope is that the JA Yellowpages will help people better understand the vastness and wealth of our community organizations throughout the United States.

In the first phase, we will launch the directory with about 400 organizations and the ability to continue to add many more. In our second phase, we plan to feature various organizations as well as highlight community programs and events. Our third phase will include a National Japanese/Japanese American business directory which will further enhance our ability to share with the world what our community has to offer.

Communicating who we are, what we do and why we do it is an important part of helping to preserve and promote our Japanese American community. The JA Yellowpages is another important way for the JCCNC to meet the pressing needs of our changing community and the way that we communicate with others interested in our culture and community.

We are extremely grateful to AT&T for their support of the original Japanese American Community Directory in 1997 and also for their continued support of the National Japanese American Community Directory JAYELLOWPAGES.COM.

Sincerely,
Paul Osaki
Executive Director

Mission Statement
The JCCNC is a non-profit organization which strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community by offering programs, affordable services and administrative support and facilities for other local service organizations. The JCCNC also provides educational, cultural and recreational programs that meet and address the interests and concerns of the community. Our goals remain rooted in preserving the Japanese American cultural and historical heritage as well as fostering the foundation for future generations of Japanese Americans.
JCCCNC Welcomes New Staff Members

Courtney Okuhara
Membership Associate

Courtney Okuhara is the newest member of the JCCCNC team. Courtney, originally from San Diego, was introduced to the JCCCNC in 2006 while visiting San Francisco’s Japantown with the Nikkei Community Internship Program (NCI). “Touring Japantown and learning about the community’s history helped me to understand even more the importance of cultural preservation, especially since we do not have a Japantown back home.” This understanding motivated Courtney to apply for the Membership Associate position at the JCCCNC and soon after graduating from U.C. Riverside with a B.S. in Business she moved to the Bay Area.

As a member of the Intercollegiate Nikkei Council, Courtney has made a commitment to increase youth involvement saying, “Nikkei youth have a unique responsibility to preserve our culture and I want to help make sure they have the opportunities to get involved.” She is currently managing the JCCCNC Spring Membership Drive and is working with the Programs Associate to plan new and innovative programs that are of interest to young people.

Bara Kawasaki
Development Associate

As a San Francisco native, Bara Kawasaki would occasionally stop in at the Center during her visits to Japantown, but she did not become involved in the Japanese American community until recently. When the new Development Associate position was created at the JCCCNC, she saw it as more than just a way for her to gain experience working in a nonprofit organization, but “as an opportunity to utilize my Japanese language skills and learn more about my heritage.”

Since she began in February, Bara has been helping to organize the Annual Support Drive and the 2008 JCCCNC Annual Event. She also represented the JCCCNC at events, including the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival and the Asian Heritage Street Celebration. “My work in the Development office is meaningful to me because I am able to contribute to a cause that I believe in while giving others the opportunity to get involved with the Center and the community.”

Bara graduated from U.C. Davis with a degree in Japanese language and a minor in women and gender studies.

Mika Shimizu
Office Manager / Receptionist

Meet Mika, the JCCCNC Office Manager and Receptionist. Born and raised in Hiroshima, Japan, Mika Shimizu moved to the United States to study English and women and gender studies at the University of Oregon. In 2003, Mika moved back home to become a junior high school teacher but in 2006 decided to return to the States, this time to San Francisco.

“I didn’t realize the importance of learning about my Japanese culture until I moved away from Japan,” Mika shares. “It was here in California that I learned the Japanese tea ceremony and Japanese calligraphy, and I am happy to maintain my connection to Japan.” As a bilingual Shin-Issei, Mika has become an integral part of our Japantown community and she hopes to help other Shin-Issei adjust to living in America. “Living abroad can be a challenge; I especially miss my grandmother in Hiroshima. But I am so fortunate to have met so many new friends; the JCCCNC has become like a new family to me.”

35 Years of the JCCCNC: Create a Video Tribute, Send in Your Photos

In recognition of Paul Osaki’s 20 years at the JCCCNC and the 35th Anniversary of the Center, a video tribute will be produced for the Annual Event Dinner and Program on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. A short video tribute will be created that will include photos and personal tributes. We are confirming dates to take video tributes from community members, so if you would like to participate in the video* or have related photos that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please contact Lori Matoba at the JCCCNC by calling (415) 567-5505 x226 or e-mail lmatoba@jcccnc.org.

* We may not be able to accommodate all video greetings but we definitely forward a video footage to Mr. Osaki.
Support the Spring Annual Support Drive - Go Green!

We have almost reached our goal! Support the Spring Annual Support Drive - Go Green! Last year the JCCCNC made huge strides to help not only the community, but also the environment with our Go Green Campaign, allowing us to install solar panels on our roof. You can help the Center complete this important initiative by making a donation to our Spring Annual Support Drive. Give a Tribute Gift — giving on behalf of someone special or someone who has passed on is a heartfelt way to recognize 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 JCCCNC.

We’ve made it easy for you to give to the JCCCNC. Give safely and securely online at www.jcccnc.org. Or if you prefer, send a check, or call us if you’d like to set up recurring payments with your credit card.

Our Goal: $298,958

Spring Membership Drive
JOIN NOW! BECOME A MEMBER!

JCCCNC membership is one of the most significant ways to support the Center. By becoming a member, you become a part of a family whose mission is to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community. Your membership dues not only allow us to keep our classes and programs alive and thriving at affordable rates, but enable us to continue to support our efforts by keeping our Japantown alive.

The JCCCNC offers many member benefits including special travel packages to Japan on Japan Airlines (JAL) through Kintetsu International Travel, our preferred travel partners to Japan. They have teamed together to offer fantastic travel packages to Tokyo and Osaka and can even customize packages so you can visit any city in Japan.

For those that need to stay connected while traveling to Japan, the JCCCNC has partnered with MyJapanPhone to provide exceptional cell phone programs for members of the JCCCNC. The current promotion includes one week free rental, free incoming calls and free voicemail — all you pay is a minimal delivery and per call charge.

Escape to Hawaii! JCCCNC Members are eligible to receive discounted airfare on Hawaiian Airlines and exclusive reduced rates for accommodations at Prince Hotels in Hawaii. With hotels on Oahu (Waikiki), Maui and the Big Island and additional discounted golf rates, staying at a Prince Hotel will make the perfect family vacation.

For more information, see page 10 of this issue, contact Ruby Hata at (415) 567-5505 x225 or e-mail membership@jcccnc.org.

Japan Airlines (JAL) is JCCCNC’s preferred airline carrier to Japan.
Over 1,700 Attend Kristi Yamaguchi's Children's Day Festival

On Saturday, May 3, 2008, over 1,000 people crowded the Japantown Peace Plaza in San Francisco to celebrate Kristi Yamaguchi's Children's Day Festival in Japantown. Co-sponsored by the JCCNC, the San Francisco Japantown Foundation and Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation, the event featured Japanese crafts, games and food booths for children, as well as dance and music performances by youth. Children enjoyed catching goldfish with paper nets at the Koi Katch station, learning to dance Soran Bushi with the UC Berkeley Nihon Student Union and taking pictures with Totoro and Sailor Moon. A free raffle was conducted hourly, with prizes from Sanrio Inc., Japan Video and Media and Okasan and Me.

The theme of this year’s art and essay contest was friendship, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Relationship. The 2008 Northern California Cherry Blossom Court selected entries to be added to our sister city time capsule robot, scheduled to be reopened for the 100th Anniversary in 2057.

The festival was the culmination of a two week Children’s Day celebration in which the JCCNC offered kimonos dressing for kids and hosted free school visits for over 725 children and teachers from San Francisco public school classes, kindergarten through 2nd grade. Children recognized their favorite Disney characters alongside the traditional Hinamatsuri (Girls Day) and Tango no Sekku (Boys Day) doll displays and were able to create their own origami dolls and paper koi to share what they learned with others.

The JCCNC is proud to present these annual events in honor of children, where they are able to discover and celebrate Japanese culture in a way that is meaningful to them.

Children’s Day School Visits and Kimono Dressing were provided in cooperation with the San Francisco Japantown Foundation, the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco and many volunteers.


Children’s Day Festival Activity booths were sponsored and hosted by the 2008 Cherry Blossom Court, Balloon Angels-Pine United Methodist Church, California Highway Patrol, Christ United Presbyterian Church, Clarendon Elementary School, Japanese American Citizen League, JCYC, Nichi Bei Times, Nihonmachi Little Friends, Rosa Parks Elementary School-JBBP, S.A.F.E. Safety Awareness For Everyone, SCORE! Learning Center, Shinzen Nikkei Youth Program, St. Ignatius Japanese Language Program and Xperience.

For more information or to participate in next year’s Kristi Yamaguchi’s Children’s Day Festival in Japantown, please contact the JCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail programsevents@jcccnc.org.
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Kara was a participant on the first Shinzen Nikkei Youth Goodwill Basketball Team and currently volunteers as a basketball coach for JCCNC youth camps.

Kara is the third generation in the Okamoto family to enter the real estate profession and is excited to begin a new chapter in her life.

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The 2008 JCCCNC Track Meet
Sunday, June 29, 2008

Menlo-Atherton High School Track
555 Middlefield Road, Atherton

Start Time: 9:00 a.m., registration: 8:30 a.m.

Still accepting applicants! $10 entry includes a t-shirt

Events for all ages: * Masters (30 yrs +) * Division 1 (17 yrs +) *
Division 2 (15-16 yrs) * Division 3 (13-14 yrs) * Division 4 (11-12 yrs)
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14th Annual Nikkei Open Golf Tournament
Monday, July 28, 2008

Lake Merced Golf Club, Daly City, California

12:30 p.m. shotgun start.
Cocktails, Dinner, Awards and Raffle at 5:00pm.

Players will be placed in flights based on June 2008 NCGA index:
Championship Flight, A Flight, Senior Flight,
Women’s Flight, Calloway Flight (non-index).

Limited to the first 144 entries. Fees to be determined.

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June 8-29, 2008

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