2008 marked the 35th Anniversary of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC). However, this event meant more than just another year that the Center has been open. The 35th Anniversary was a testament to the dream of the Nisei Generation. Their commitment, vision and determination gave birth to the JCCCNC. Even through a period of racism and discrimination towards Japanese Americans, they were not deterred from sharing their dream of a world filled with joy and hope, so that their children and their children’s children could have a place to learn about their cultural heritage. As Executive Director Paul Osaki said about the Nisei Generation,

"...survivors of the worst civil liberty violations in our nation's history. You came back to the community with your dreams...and in looking forward you rebuilt our community, you raised your families, created businesses, gave us values...gave us a place to call home and set the foundation for future generations to prosper...and you asked for NOTHING in return...You have been the pillars, the rock, the foundation for our community...it is you who first gave the Center its first breath.”

It is their legacy that has inspired future generations. In tribute to their legacy, the 2008 Fall Annual Support Drive theme was “Okage Sama De,” which translates to “we are who we are because of those who came before us.” Because of the community’s commitment and vision, the 2008 Fall Annual Support Drive was able to raise $101,565. To celebrate the Nisei Generation, the theme encouraged donors to make a gift in honor or in memory of someone that has made an impact on their life. A special donor recognition program was conceived to show appreciation for those important people. Although all donors whose gifts were $100 or more are listed in this issue, those donors who designated their gift in memory or in honor of someone special are featured in the special tribute section of our newsletter. Additionally, donors who made a tribute gift of $500 or more will also be recognized on a digital photo frame at the JCCCNC. The frame will be running at the end of March.

The Vision realized - groundbreaking ceremony for the JCCCNC

The Legacy Continues... "Legacies are built from generation to generation."

During the past two years, the JCCCNC made huge strides to help not only the community, but also the environment through the “Go Green” campaign, with the installation of solar panels on the Center’s roof.

This year, help the JCCCNC continue its global commitment to “Go Green” by choosing to receive newsletters, calendar of programs and events through e-mail. Your participation will save our trees and help decrease clutter in your home and work spaces.

To do your part and “Go Green” simply e-mail Courtney Okuhara at cokuhara@jcccnc.org with the subject: “Mottainai!” Include: your name, your physical address and your preferred e-mail address. Sign up today so we can begin to keep in touch electronically in the twenty-first century!
Reflecting on last year’s 35th Anniversary Celebration, I am truly honored and appreciative of the opportunity I have to work at the Japanese Cultural and Community of Northern California (JCCCNC), but I know there is much more we can do.

For three years I planned workshops and events as the Program Director and was able to see firsthand who we serve. I have witnessed the joy in the faces of people as they left the Center, having shared time with friends, learned something new or gained a better sense of pride in participating in our community.

As part of the JCCCNC’s staff reorganization in early 2008, I was appointed Deputy Director and have since been responsible for major program initiatives, operation management, human resources and overseeing public relations for the Center. Needless to say, last year was a whirlwind of action as we brought in four new staff members and realigned our duties.

Now that everyone has had a chance to adjust and settle in, the real work begins. Understanding the current state of the economy, we at the JCCCNC are very conscious of its effect on our constituency. As other companies and organizations are downsizing and cutting back, we are looking at ways to move ahead and, most importantly, to better serve you!

I am proud that we have an incredibly committed Board of Directors and Staff who I know will make things happen. We have been brainstorming ways to maximize your support — your time, your membership and your donations — by improving every aspect of what we do, from quality of programs to enhanced services and member benefits.

In the coming months, you will see changes being made, such as our campaign to “Go Paperless!” (See the front cover for more information.) By receiving communications from us electronically, not only will you help save the earth, but you’ll also help decrease print and paper costs, allowing us to offer more services to the community, such as hosting additional classes at our Children’s Day School Visits.

With your continued support, I know we will move in the right direction, strengthening the foundation that the Nisei built in creating the JCCCNC 35 years ago. Please join me as we take the next few steps…

Sincerely,

Lori Matoba
Deputy Director

Mission Statement

The JCCCNC 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 JCCCNC 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.
**Spring Brings New Faces to the JCCCNC Board and Staff**

The JCCCNC is honored to welcome back Bob Obana to the Board of Directors. Mr. Obana holds an M.B.A. degree from Golden Gate University and is Executive Director and CEO of the Northern California Institute for Research and Education, the nation’s leading biomedical research foundation associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs. He serves on the governing boards for the Japan Society of Northern California and KALI, an assisted living facility, and is a member of the National Association for Veterans Research and Education Foundation. Mr. Obana was a former President of the Board of Directors of the JCCCNC. He brings a rich background of experience in prior positions as CFO and Director of Finance for the Public Policy Institute of California; Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance at the UC San Francisco; Western Regional Manager with KPMG, LLP and Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO at Alliant International University.

The JCCCNC also welcomes new board member Keith Onishi. Born and raised in San Francisco, Mr. Onishi attended the College of San Mateo and is a firefighter for the San Francisco Fire Department. He is Vice President of the Asian Firefighters Association and is actively involved with the San Francisco Firefighter Cancer Prevention Program, San Francisco Firefighter Toy Program, Kristi Yamaguchi’s Always Dream Foundation and is currently helping to plan the Japanese Community Youth Council’s (JCYC) upcoming reunion. As a Japantown local whose very first job was at May’s Coffee Shop in Kintetsu Mall, Keith appreciates the opportunity to join the 23 member JCCCNC Board of Directors in giving back to the community he was raised in and helping to shape its future.

A familiar face at the JCCCNC, as a player and volunteer for the Shinzen Program and through his participation in the 2007 Nikkei Community Internship Program, native San Franciscan Jeffrey Chu has joined the staff as the Development Associate. Jeff graduated in 2008 from U.C. Berkeley with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also achieved Eagle Scout status with Boy Scout Troop 58 at Konko Church. The JCCCNC is glad to have Jeff aboard and hopes you will stop by to welcome him.

**JCCCNC Bids Farewell to Exchange Student Intern from Kobe**

“My first impression of America is that everything is very big!” Chihiro Yamauchi, an exchange student intern from the Kobe YMCA College in Kobe, Japan said recently about her experience living in San Francisco. “I can find new wonderful things everyday here and they are like cool presents for me.”

Chihiro is a first-year student at the Kobe YMCA College in International Studies and came to the JCCCNC through a one-month work and study abroad program.

In addition to working at the JCCCNC in the Programs Department, Chihiro also volunteered at Nihonmachi Little Friends pre-school, traveled the San Francisco Bay Area with one of her five host families and enjoyed Japantown. “I have learned a lot about Japantown history here and Japanese American Internment. It made me feel very sad and I was surprised that it was not so long ago. I have been able to meet many Nisei here at the JCCCNC that lived through that difficult time. It makes me happy to see Japantown today and how peaceful it is.”

The JCCCNC has enjoyed hosting Chihiro and will miss her greatly as she returned to the Kobe YMCA at the end of February. “But, someday I will move here,” Chihiro assured them, “I will move here and become a Shin-Issei!”

Read more about Chihiro’s experience at the JCCCNC and learn about Kobe, Japan at www.jcccnc.org.
Make your commitment to create a family legacy project that can be passed on for generations to come! REEL NIKKEI STORIES is designed by the JCCNC to engage youth and all generations to take an active role and empower them with the confidence, training and tools to interview, video document and share the untold stories of living relatives before their family histories are lost forever. Although many documentaries, books and oral histories have been produced to preserve and teach the Japanese American experience during World War II and in internment camps, your family's personal story may still remain untold and undocumented. By interviewing and video documenting your elders' stories, you will be able to start a dialogue in your family and learn first-hand accounts of the Japanese American experience.

“If history becomes real to a person, it empowers them and lives through them and then can be passed on from generation to generation,” JCCNC Executive Director Paul Osaki says about the importance of REEL NIKKEI STORIES. “The fact is the Nisei generation is passing on at an alarming rate; we do not have tomorrow, we must act today before these stories all but slip away.”

This project is made possible through a generous $30,000 grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), support from the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation and a $2,500 grant from the Best Buy Foundation. REEL NIKKEI STORIES has teamed with Japanese American professionals in the media industry, including Dianne Fukami, Jan Yanehiro and Wendy Tokuda, and film professionals from Urban Voice, a nonprofit video production company, including its Executive Director Boku Kodama, to develop the training program.

In addition to hands-on workshops, REEL NIKKEI STORIES will develop a user-friendly toolkit with interview questions, video techniques and an instructional DVD, which will be available online as well as distributed to schools, universities, libraries and community organizations throughout California. Cameras and equipment are available for loan to responsible participants. Participants are encouraged to share chapters of their documentaries in the REEL NIKKEI STORIES Mini-Film Festival and contest scheduled for June 2009.

Give a gift that matters to your family and take this opportunity to capture your family history from your living relatives. For more information on how to create your family legacy project or to sign up to attend a REEL NIKKEI STORIES Workshop, please contact Alicia Kagawa at (415) 567-5505 x228 or e-mail akagawa@jccnc.org.
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JCCCNC Special Events

JCCCN C Says “Okage Sama De” to Valued Volunteers at Luncheon

Volunteer participation is vital to the success of the JCCCN C. It would be impossible for the JCCCN C to host the numerous programs, classes and events each year without the hard work and dedication of its volunteers.

To show its appreciation, the JCCCN C Board of Directors and Staff hosts an annual luncheon to give thanks to all of its volunteers who have donated their time over the course of the year. This year’s volunteer luncheon saw over 100 attendees join in the festivities, with each volunteer receiving a JCCCN C t-shirt emblazoned with the phrase “Okage Sama De” – “we are who we are because of those who came before us.”

The JCCCN C also paid a special tribute to its long time volunteer instructors: Mrs. Naoko Ito (Nisei Quilters), Ms. Mary Yoshitomi (Ballroom Dancing), Ms. Sunny Mitchell (Mah Jong), Mrs. Alice Moriguchi (Bridge), Mr. Bobby Hirano (Hanafuda), and Mr. Craig Hamakawa (Karate).

WINTER BULLDOG BASKETBALL CAMP

During the holiday season, Pat Mulligan, Head Coach of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team at Raoul Wallenberg High School since 1991, directed the Winter Bulldog Basketball Camp. This year’s camp had 20 boys and girls ranging in age from 9 to 11.

Entering its seventeenth year, the Bulldog Basketball Camp emphasizes basketball fundamentals, including dribbling, shooting, and defense. During the camp, participants of various experience levels learn drills and exercises that Mulligan uses with his team.

Mochi-makers Welcome 2009

On December 29th and 30th, the JCCCN C celebrated the New Year by holding its annual Mochitsuki Workshops. Mochi is an important part of Japanese New Year traditions because it is believed that eating it will bring about longevity and prosperity in the New Year.

Participants witnessed Mr. George Yamada, retired owner of Yamada Seika, turn hot, cooked rice into a smooth white mass using a mochi pounding machine that he donated. Attendees were then taught how to take a piece of the mass, turn it into their own mochi cakes, then add red bean paste to the inside of their mochi.
The JCCCNC would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all of our 2008 Fall Annual Support Drive Donors. We are truly indebted to you for your kindness and generosity.

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The following is a list of donors who gave gifts in memory or in honor of someone special.

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Celebrate Japanese Traditions: Kodomo No Hi (Children’s Day)

Kodomo no Hi (Children’s Day) on May 5th is one of the most celebrated national holidays in Japan. Originally called Tango no Sekku (Boy’s Day), the name was changed to celebrate the health and well-being of all children. Many of the Kodomo no Hi traditions and decorations were adapted from Tango no Sekku and symbolize strength and prosperity.

Symbols of Kodomo no Hi

**Koinobori**: In Japan, koinobori (colorful carp streamers) are flown outside of houses to bring good fortune to young children. Koinobori are believed to be strong, spirited fish known for their determination in fighting up streams and through powerful waterfalls.

**Kabuto and Gogatsu-ningyo**: Families also display kabuto (samurai helmets) and gogatsu-ningyo (samurai dolls) on tiered platforms in their homes. These dolls symbolize courage for young children.

**Kashiwa-mochi and Chimaki**: Another tradition is the offering of kashiwa-mochi, a rice cake stuffed with bean paste and wrapped in an oak leaf and Chimaki, a dumpling wrapped in bamboo leaves. Both oak and bamboo are symbols of strength for their resilience.

**Iris Flowers**: Iris flowers bloom during this time and are placed in the home to ward off evil. Some families in Japan also practice an old tradition called syobuyu, in which children bathe with floating iris leaves.

Celebrate Kodomo no Hi with the JCCNC!

**Children’s Day School Visits**

9:30am-2:00pm, April 20-May 1

In celebration of Kodomo no Hi, the JCCNC has invited over sixty kindergarten through second grade classes to visit the JCCNC and learn about Children’s Day through hands-on activities and songs. For more information or to sign up your child’s class please contact Alicia Kagawa at (415) 567-5505 x228.

**Children’s Day Kimono Dressing**

4:30pm-7:15pm, April 28-30

The JCCNC, in conjunction with the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, is proud to present Kodomo no Hi Kimono Dressing. This is a rare opportunity to have your child dressed in traditional Japanese Kimono! Cost is $12 for JCCNC members; $20 for non-members. For more information or to make your appointment, please call Ken Maeshiro at (415) 567-5505 x230.

**Children’s Day Festival in Japantown**

11:00am-3:00pm, Saturday, May 2

Bring your family to the Children’s Day Festival in the Japantown Peace Plaza! The festival will feature games, crafts, food and performances by many local children’s groups. This event is free and open to the public.
Support the JCCCNC! Ways to Give:

• Become a member

Join us today! Your membership provides support to the JCCCNC to carry out its educational, cultural, recreational and social programs. Be a part of our family where future generations will learn about our community, culture and traditions. To sign up or to get more information check our website at www.jcccnc.org or fill out our membership form, which can be obtained at the JCCCNC.

• Sign up for our e-newsletter

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter! Get up-to-date information about the latest JCCCNC programs, events and members only deals. It’s easy to sign up – just click on the “sign up for our e-mail newsletter” button on our website at www.jcccnc.org and enter your e-mail address.

• Volunteer

Give us your valuable time and assist us with special events, programs and administrative duties. We are currently recruiting volunteers for our upcoming Children’s Day School Visits. For more information on Children’s Day School Visits or any other volunteer opportunities, please contact Alicia Kagawa at (415) 567-5505 x228.

• Give at work

Did you know that many corporations offer to match employee non-profit donations or have a work place giving program? Corporate fund matching programs are a great way to increase your donation and in most cases double your donation. Work place giving programs make it fast and easy to give a gift because you can have your donation automatically deducted from your paycheck. Consult your human resources department to find out more on how you can support the JCCCNC through work place giving.

For questions on giving to the JCCCNC, email us at info@jcccnc.org or call (415) 567-5505. All information and inquiries are kept confidential.
Membership Benefits

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

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Japan Airlines is the JCCNC’s corporate partner and preferred airline carrier to Japan.

Escape to Japan and take advantage of the great deals! JCCNC members are eligible to receive our exclusive group and individual rates on Japan Airlines. Travel packages can be arranged with our Preferred Agent—Kintetsu International in San Jose. For more information, please contact Ruby Hata at (415) 567-5505 x225. Terms & Conditions: Restrictions on travel dates and airport departures may apply, depending on seasons and blackout dates determined by JAL.

Book online with Hawaiian Airlines, receive the lowest available web fare and at the same time earn bonus miles for JCCNC at a rate of one mile for every dollar spent. Visit www.hawaiianair.com/affiliate and enter the Affiliate Program Code: AMWEBJCC. Here is the latest special: 5% off roundtrip web fares - travel between Mainland U.S. and Hawaii. Also, the 1st and 2nd bag fees are waived when checking online through the web check-in process or at a kiosk. Booking period is now through December 31, 2009 for travel now through December 31, 2009.

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

FREE Japan cell phone rental for ONE WEEK! 30% off on additional days of rental fee. Call (800) 553-9057 or visit www.myjapanphone.com by using promotion code “JCCNC”.

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Must show valid JCCNC Membership card and photo ID.

10% discount on food only.

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Explore the Beauty of Japan this Spring!

Prices start at $870

(Prices include roundtrip air and hotel accommodations, based on double occupancy, two-night minimum, meals not included. Fuel surcharge, security charge and taxes not included.)

JCCCNCF Members are able to take advantage of these and other exclusive discounted Japan Travel Packages offered by Japan Airlines, JCCCNCF’s corporate partner and preferred airline for travel to Japan, and Kintetsu, JCCCNCF’s preferred travel partner for travel to Japan. Here are two suggestions that Kintetsu can help to build your travel itinerary around:

OSAKA
“The Kitchen of Japan”

The City of Osaka has long been known as the “Kitchen of Japan,” boasting some of the best culinary delights in all of Japan. While in Osaka you can visit Kuramon, the lively and traditional wholesale food market, or Doguyasujii, the wholesale restaurant supply district in Namba, or Japan’s most bustling shopping district: the Tenjinbashii-Suji Shopping Street, which is famed for being the longest shopping arcade in all of Japan. Osaka is also a great central destination while visiting Japan with Kyoto, Nara and Kobe all within an easy 45 minute train ride.

TOKYO
Bargain Shop at Antique Markets

Tokyo is renowned for its shopping and fashion in Ginza and innovative electronics in Akihabara. But if you want to find some real Japanese treasures, look no further than the Tokyo flea markets. Here you may find traditional kimonos or antique samurai swords at affordable prices. Bargain for the best deal!

(Be sure to check calendar for exact market dates)

Please call Kintetsu at (408) 544-2440 for more information.

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For more information on Japan travel and other member benefits, please call (415) 567-5505 or e-mail membership@jccnc.org.
Wagashi Workshop
May 30, Saturday, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Through both demonstration and hands-on practice, participants in this workshop will learn how to prepare two Japanese sweets (wagashi). Mitarashidango are small rice flour balls on a skewer that are steamed, grilled, then served with a sweet sauce. They are traditionally served at festivals and during jizobon, the summer Buddhist Children’s Festival. Minazuki are triangular shaped, steamed rice flour cakes representing ice and are topped with sweet azuki beans. It is said that eating minazuki on June 30 will protect one from evil and bring relief from the intense summer heat.
Cost: $25 members/$30 non-members
Please call (415) 567-5505 to register.

“Stanley Hayami: Nisei Son” Book Reading
April 29, Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Please join the JCCNC and the San Francisco JACL for the book reading of “Stanley Hayami: Nisei Son” and meet author Joanne Oppenheim. This book is about a young Nisei who kept a diary while imprisoned with his family in Heart Mountain and wrote many letters to his family while fighting with the 442nd Regimental Combat team in Europe.
Cost: Free and open to the public.
Please call (415) 567-5505 to RSVP.

JCCNC Auction
April 21-May 3, online (tentative, call to confirm)
Help support the JCCNC by participating in our fundraising online auction. Find great steals and deals on retail and restaurant gift certificates. Look for unique handcrafted and specialty items for the home or for gifts.

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