JA Yellow Pages.org “Let your hashi do the walking”

JCCNC and AT&T Team-Up to Proudly Present the National Japanese American Community Directory Online

At one time, the Japanese American community, our homes, businesses and institutions, were concentrated in Japantown communities across the West Coast of the United States. As our community continues to expand and disperse throughout the United States, our hope is that we can stay connected and informed about our community activities and the common threads that keep us united.

Recognizing a need to keep our community connected, in 1997 the JCCNC with support from AT&T published the Northern California Japanese American Community Directory. The JA Yellow Pages is an updated online version which now reaches beyond Northern California to bring together the many Japanese American organizational resources dispersed throughout the country.

“The JA Yellow Pages is another important way for the JCCNC to meet the pressing needs of our changing community and the way we communicate with others interested in our culture and community.”

The JA Yellow Pages provides valuable information on our community’s resources in the areas of politics/advocacy, arts/culture, youth/children, senior services, community service, education, health, religion, media, social services, recreation, and in U.S.-Japan relations.

In addition to serving as a resource tool, the JA Yellow Pages serves to document the wealth of talent in our community and the common threads that keep us together.

The JCCNC will continue to update and improve the JA Yellow Pages, and plans to add more community news, events calendar and other interactive features.

The JA Yellow Pages will help people better understand the vastness of Japanese American community organizations throughout the United States. Communicating who we are, what we do and why we do it is an important part of helping to preserve and promote Japanese American culture.

Please check out www.JAYellowPages.org today!
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Community’s Future is Now!

This year marks the 140th Anniversary of the first immigrants from Japan to come to America. And they landed right here in San Francisco.

Our community, this City, is OUR Plymouth Rock.

Our Japantown is the first and oldest Japantown in the United States of America; it is here that our culture, our food, our language, our traditions and our celebrations were first introduced to America.

Preserving San Francisco’s Japantown is not just important to our city, it is important to our nation’s history as well. Last year Japantown became the first neighborhood in San Francisco to be designated by the White House as a Preserve America Community.

Sixty-seven years ago, our federal government failed us. We lost our homes, our property, our businesses and our civil rights. In the 1960s and ’70s, under redevelopment, 4,000 families lost their homes and almost 400 businesses were forced to leave. In the past century, no other community in San Francisco has been so devastated and systematically taken apart than our Japantown.

IT’S TIME FOR THIS TO STOP.

The Japantown Better Neighborhood Plan was to set forth a 20 year vision for our community. What was supposed to be a plan to preserve our community has turned out to be a road map for developers. It contains increased height and land use recommendations that could negatively impact the future of our historic and cultural community. Over the next 20 years we could see Japantown redeveloped again, but with less opportunity for small businesses to come back, less affordable opportunities for families to live here and much less of what we love about Japantown.

For example, by the City’s own cost analysis, rent for small businesses in the Japan Center would increase by over 100%. The Japan Center garage would close for two to three years, which would impact all of Japantown. The impact of this recommendation has never really been fully reviewed and debated by the community, small business owners and property owners.

With all that Japantown has been through over the years, it’s amazing that it is still here. But I fear that if we fail to do our job this time around — if Japantown is replaced by million dollar condos and gentrified businesses — when future generations look back during the 175th Anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants to arrive in San Francisco, they will ask, “How did our community and City leaders fail us again back in 2009?” The only community they know will be through old pictures and distant memories.

I strongly encourage everyone to read the plan, come to your own conclusions and get involved. A new post redevelopment chapter in our Japantown community’s history is being written as you read this. It’s vital that we all become contributing authors, writers, editors and readers of this new chapter. It is up to us to develop our future history now.

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.
The JCCCNC is excited to announce that, with the receipt of a rebate check from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) GoSolarSF program, its solar panels funding goal has been reached.

On April 3, the JCCCNCG was presented with a total of $43,736 at the PUC’s non-profit kick-off event for the GoSolarSF program. At the event, the JCCCNCG — which installed solar panels on its roof in summer 2007 — was hailed as a model for other non-profits looking to “go solar.” Combined with $75,000 previously received from PG&E, as well as generous individual contributions from many first-time donors, the JCCCNCG's goal of $298,958 has been reached.

To encourage more installations of solar power in San Francisco, the City — led by Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting — launched GoSolarSF as a program of the Solar Task Force to offer incentives to residents and businesses to install solar power on their properties. San Francisco Supervisor Ross Mirkarami was also essential in pushing legislation through that increased the incentives for non-profits.
Kodomo No Hi Celebrated at the JCCCNC

On Saturday, May 2, over 500 people gathered at the JCCCNC to celebrate the Japanese holiday Kodomo No Hi (Children’s Day) at the Kristi Yamaguchi’s Children’s Day Festival.

A record number of community organizations participated in this year’s festival, hosting crafts, games and food booths. Families enjoyed music, dance and other performances by various groups, many of them children, including ABC Preschool, Clarendon Elementary School, the Consulate General of Japan, Gen Taiko, J-Town Hui, Kirakiraboshi, Kagami kai, Michiya Hanayagi Dance Group, Nakajima Shamisen Players, Nikkei Student Union-UC Berkeley, Na Hula O Mai Kalani and the San Francisco Kendo Association. During performance breaks, families visited the conference rooms, which showcased Hinamatsuri (Girls Day) and Tango no Sekku (Boy’s Day) doll displays. This year the JCCCNC added a silent auction which included Snoopy and Disney Children’s Day doll sets. Each child in attendance received a manga magazine from Viz Media and a free raffle ticket to win fun prizes courtesy of Sanrio and Japan Video and Media.

Kristi Yamaguchi’s Children’s Day Festival was the culmination of a two-week long Children’s Day celebration at the Center. From April 22nd through May 1st, the JCCCNC hosted over 1,000 elementary school students during the Children’s Day School Visit Program. Classes throughout the San Francisco Bay Area visited San Francisco’s Japantown and learned about Japanese culture through hands-on crafts, Japanese matsuri dance lesson and a Hinamatsuri and Tango no Sekku doll exhibit tour.

This Children’s Day season the JCCCNC offered a children’s kimono dressing service, in which 30 children had the opportunity to be dressed and photographed in traditional kimonos from their own collection, as well as those generously loaned by the Consulate General of Japan. This very special experience connects families with Japanese culture in a very unique way.

The JCCCNC is proud to present these annual events in honor of children, and give young people the opportunity to discover and celebrate Japanese culture in a fun and educational manner. The Children’s Day Festival, School Visit Program and kimono dressing is made possible through support from The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, Comcast, Japan Airlines, Union Bank of California, San Francisco Japantown Foundation, Kristi Yamaguchi’s Always Dream Foundation and the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco.

Special thanks to the Children’s Day Festival booth sponsors: Asobi Arts, Balloon Angels, Pine United Methodist Church, Bambi JCCCNC Parent Group, California Highway Patrol, Christ United Presbyterian Church, Clarendon Elementary School, Gen Taiko, JBBP-Rosa Parks Elementary School, JCYC, Nakayoshi Young Professionals Group, Nichi Bei Times, Nihonmachi Little Friends, Northern California Cherry Blossom Court, Shinzen Nikkei Youth, St. Ignatius Japanese Language Program, UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union and Xperience.
Five Ways to Support the JCCCNC!

1. **Purchase Nikkei Open Raffle Tickets**
   Even if you can’t play in the golf tournament on July 13th, you can still support the Nikkei Open by purchasing a raffle ticket. Enter for a chance to win a Hawaiian Getaway for two in the Nikkei Open Grand Prize Raffle!!! You and a guest will fly to Hawaii on United Airlines and stay at the modern Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach Hotel. You also have a chance to win a gift certificate to play at Lake Merced Golf Club, San Francisco Giants baseball tickets, golfing equipment and much, much more in the General Prize Raffle!!! The drawing will be held on Monday, July 13 at the Nikkei Open Golf Tournament (see the back cover for more event details). Non-Nikkei Open participants are welcome to purchase tickets. $100 per entry; each entry includes one (1) ticket for the Grand Prize Raffle and one (1) ticket for the General Prize Raffle. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Ken Maeshiro at (415) 567-5505.

2. **Donate auction items**
   The JCCCNC will run its annual Fall Auction (online, silent and live auction) from early August (exact date TBA) and will culminate at the JCCCNC Annual Event on September 19th. You are not only invited to participate as a bidder but as an auction item donor as well. Whether you have an item you would like to donate or a skill, service or creative opportunity you would like to share, your participation is an invaluable part of the JCCCNC’s fundraising efforts. By donating an item or service, you will be helping to raise money for the JCCCNC and you will receive a mention on the auction site that can link back to your own web page.

3. **Become a member**
   Join today. Your membership provides support to the JCCCNC to carry out its educational, cultural, recreational and social programs. Be a part of a family where future generations will learn about our community, culture and traditions. To sign up or to get more information check the website at www.jcccnc.org or drop by the JCCCNC.

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

5. **Have your employer double your donation – Corporate fund matching programs or work place giving**
   Did you know that many corporations offer to match their employee’s donations to non-profit organizations 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.
NIKKI YOUTH CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM
The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation
Japanese Americans

Event Sponsor:
San Francisco Japantown Educational Foundation

Event Participants:
JACL, San Francisco Chapter
Chisato Ono and Associates

In Memory of Donors:
Ms. Gloria Dungca
Mrs. Victoria De Goff
Mr. Manley & Mrs. Ruby Chew
In Memory of Paul Matsumura
Mr. George Matsumoto
Mrs. Victoria De Goff
In Memory of Stephen E.
Mr. Don & Mrs. Ada Sadler
In Memory of Tosh Sakaguchi
Mr. Harry Nakamura
Mrs. Betty Tsuchiya

In Honor of:
Honor of Kiku Kajikawa
Dr. Henry Tsuchiya
Honor of Mary Iwao
Mr. Mitsu Matsumoto
Honor of Mye Kawasaki
Robert 
Honor of Nana Hara
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Diane Matsumura
Honor of Neeru Hattori
Mr. Harry Nakamura
Honor of Stephen E.
Mr. Allen & Mrs. Patricia Okamoto
Honor of Takahashi
John T.
Honor of Tomomi & Toshi Takeuchi
Mr. Albert & Mrs. Sachiko Mizuhara
Honor of Tomomi & Toshi Takeuchi
Ms. Sato Hashizume
Honor of Tsukiyama
Mr. Carlos & Mrs. Vita Rodriguez
Honor of Yone Satoda
Mrs. Chiyo Wada
Honor of Zen Tachibana
Mr. George & Mrs. Doris Sasaki
Mrs. Noriko Goto
Come to Japantown and use your NEW membership benefits!

**Membership Benefits**

**Premier Discounts**

**Restaurant Discounts**

- Cafe Mums: 10% discount on food only, drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer. (415) 931-6966
- Hukilau: 10% discount on food only, drinks not included. Can be combined with any other offer. San Francisco (415) 921-6242, San Jose (408) 279-4888 and Palo Alto (650) 329-9533
- Juban Restaurant: 10% discount on food only, drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer. San Francisco (415) 776-5822, Burlingame (650) 347-2300 and Menlo Park (650) 473-6458
- Sanko Cooking Supply: 10% discount on all merchandise. (415) 922-8331

**Hotel Discounts**

- Hotel Waikiki: Special $65 golf rate at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club.
- Hawaiian Prince Hotel Waikiki: Preferred room rates starting at $139 per room per night at their beautiful oceanfront locations on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island. Call the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 to receive the special booking codes for the JCCCNC Member discounts.

**Japan Airlines (JAL)**

- Japan Airlines (JAL) is JCCCNC’s preferred airline carrier to Japan. Individual rates on Japan Airlines. Travel packages can be arranged with the JCCCNC’s Preferred Agent—Kinteiro International in San Jose. More for 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.

**Sees Candies**

- Gift Certificates: $13.00 for one pound box of candy.

**AMC Theatres**

- Silver Movie Vouchers (valid 2 weeks after release) - $6.50/ticket.
- Gold Movie Vouchers (valid anytime) - $8.00/ticket.

**Krispy Kreme**

- Krispy Kreme Discount Card - $10/ card, buy 1 dozen, get 1 dozen free.

**NEW!**

**Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California - Summer 2009**
Upcoming Events

**REEL NIKKEI STORIES**
Community Film Screening
Saturday, July 25, 2009
3:00 p.m.
JCCCNC Issei Memorial Hall
Free admission

Calling all young filmmakers! We are now collecting short family history video entries to be screened and judged for prizes at the REEL NIKKEI STORIES Community Film Screening. REEL NIKKEI STORIES project is dedicated to training youth to interview and video document their family oral histories. The project is made possible through the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program.

If you are interested in creating or submitting a video, or would like more information about the event please contact Ali Kagawa at akagawa@jcccnc.org.

**The 2009 JCCCNC Track Meet**
Sunday, June 28, 2009
Palo Alto High School Track
50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto
Start Time: 9:00 a.m., registration: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sign up to run, jump, kick (soccer), throw (softball) or enter a team for the relay.

Join the community potluck picnic for lunch. Bring your favorite main dish and sides, with enough to share, and join the fun!

Events for ALL AGES:
Masters Division (30 yrs +); Division 1 (17 yrs +); Division 2 (15-16 yrs); Division 3 (13-14 yrs); Division 4 (11-12 yrs); Division 5 (9-10 yrs); Division 6 (7-8 yrs); Division 7 (6 yrs & under)

For more information on pre-meet training, please call:
- San Francisco: Craig Hamakawa (415) 505-1654;
- Peninsula: Michelle Nieda (650) 948-4664;
- San Jose: Tom Oshidari (408) 257-5609

For more information, please call Jennifer Hamamoto at (415) 567-5505 x227, e-mail jhamamoto@jcccnc.org or visit www.jcccnc.org.

**15th Annual Nikkei Open Golf Tournament**
Monday, July 13, 2009
Lake Merced Golf Club, Daly City, California
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start.
5:00 p.m. Dinner, Awards and Raffle
* Deluxe boxed lunch; hole giveaways; raffle prizes; $10,000 hole-in-one prizes; dinner entertainment; post-tournament dinner (non-golfers welcome)!
* Players will be playing in scramble format
* Limited to the first 144 entries

For more information or to sign up, please contact Ken Maeshiro at (415) 567-5505 x230, e-mail programsevents@jcccnc.org or visit www.jcccnc.org.

**15th Annual Nikkei Open Golf Tournament**
Monday, July 13, 2009
Lake Merced Golf Club, Daly City, California
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start.
5:00 p.m. Dinner, Awards and Raffle
* Deluxe boxed lunch; hole giveaways; raffle prizes; $10,000 hole-in-one prizes; dinner entertainment; post-tournament dinner (non-golfers welcome)!
* Limited to the first 144 entries

For more information or to sign up, please contact Ken Maeshiro at (415) 567-5505 x230, e-mail programsevents@jcccnc.org or visit www.jcccnc.org.