One year ago we watched the earthquake and tsunami devastate the Tohoku region of Japan. The JCCCNC immediately established the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund (NJERF), committing 100% of all money received to the citizen-to-citizen relief efforts in Japan, and organizing and coordinating many donations and relief activities.

Because the JCCCNC is not an international relief organization, and with 100% of donations going directly to relief and recovery efforts in Japan, the JCCCNC withdrew approximately $200,000 from its reserve fund to administer and manage this huge undertaking.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the JCCCNc and our Relief Operations Fund which has allowed us to continue relief efforts while maintaining our excellent community programming. We hope to continue relief efforts at least through this summer, if not longer. There are still hundreds of thousands without their own homes and thousands still missing.

On March 11, 2012, exactly one year after the disaster, over 400 people gathered in San Francisco Japantown Peace Plaza to memorialize the victims and honor the survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster. The event included an update on the Tohoku region of Japan, performances by Gen Taiko, Nihonmachi Little Friends and other community groups and an interfaith service conducted by the Japanese American Religious Federation of San Francisco that culminated with San Francisco Buddhist Temple Reverend Ronald Kobata's ringing of the gong – which he stopped at 2:46 p.m., the precise time the catastrophic earthquake struck Japan on March 11, 2011.
Never Prouder

Just a little over a year ago, our lives were forever changed by the events of March 11, 2011. We will never forget the horrific images of devastation and the sense of loss we all felt. But one year later, the images that changed our lives were also the ones that inspired the tremendous outpouring of care and humanity that we witnessed. I have never been so proud of our community and how we came together to help the people of Japan. I have also never been prouder of our community center and how it organized and rallied so quickly to respond to the disaster.

You should be proud that you are a part of a community center that can not only meet the on-going and changing needs of our community, but also a Center that could respond to one of the worst disasters in Japan’s history. Together, our relief fund has become the largest Japanese American community based relief fund in the United States. You should also be proud of the staff of the JCCCN and how they worked endless hours for months, to not only manage our relief efforts, but also continue to operate our on-going activities.

Just a little over a year ago my life was changed dramatically, as well, by a severe injury to my back as I sat in my office working on my computer. For the past year I had to live and work with excruciating pain which eventually led to surgery late last year, which did not go well. For the past six months, I have had to limit my work time at the Center. The one thing that has helped comfort my pain is the incredible staff that we have at the Center and how they have stepped up in my absence. I am extremely proud of how they have managed such an unforeseen year.

In May of this year, I will have a second surgery, and if everything goes well, I hope to be back working full-time by September, if not sooner. I want to thank the many people who have sent me cards and well wishes. Your care, concern and friendship make me very proud and grateful to be part of our community and this Center, the Center you have helped to create.

Thank you,

Paul Osaki
Executive Director

Mission Statement

The JCCCN 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 organizations. The JCCCN 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 Board Members

Myron Okada - Berkeley, CA

Myron Okada recently retired from his position at the University of California, where he served for 32 years, working on academic policy, collective bargaining and employee relations matters. He started becoming more involved in the JCCCNC’s activities after his daughter Maya participated in the Shinzen Program in 2009. Since retiring, Myron has been helping the JCCCNC coordinate the ongoing efforts of the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund (NJERF). He decided to join the board because he knew several board members and was familiar with the Center’s activities. Myron is glad to be able to assist the Center with new challenges and directions for the Center. Myron grew up in Hilo, Hawaii and received his J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law and a B.S. from the University of Oregon, Eugene.

Tamiko Wong - San Francisco, CA

Tamiko Wong was recently hired by the Asian American Donor Program as their half-time Community Development Director. Tamiko is a professional event and meeting planner, and also works as a community relations and small business consultant. She has worked on projects for the San Francisco Japantown Foundation, Asian Law Caucus and the Advancing Justice Conference, and is currently doing consulting work for the Center for Asian American Media. Tamiko was formerly the Program Director at AsianWeek Foundation where she worked on the Asian Heritage Street Celebration and the SF Hep B Free campaign. In addition to being on the JCCCNC board, she also serves on a number of non-profit boards and committees including the Asian Business League-SF, Cherry Blossom Alumnae and George Washington High School Alumni Association. Tamiko is passionate about contributing to the API American community locally. “JCCCNC is a critical anchor in the Japantown and Bay Area Japanese American community. I am happy to serve on the board to do my part to give back to our community.” Tamiko received her ABT for M.A. in Sociology from San Diego State University, a B.A. in American Studies focusing on Law, Politics and Public Policy and minors in Asian American Studies and Education from the University of California, Berkeley.

Aimee Sueko Eng - Oakland, CA

Aimee Sueko Eng is a Program Officer at the Thomas J. Long Foundation - a private, family foundation in Walnut Creek, started by the Co-Founder of Long’s Drug Stores – where she is responsible for overseeing the Foundation’s grant making in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and Hawaii. Although new to the Board, Aimee has some experience working in San Francisco’s Japantown. She was the 2004 Northern California Cherry Blossom Queen and has travelled to Japan with several local delegations including the SF-Osaka Sister City Association in 2007. About joining the JCCCNC Board, Aimee says: “I am very excited to work alongside community leaders I have long admired, and become part of an organization that has been so central to the history and continuing legacy of not only San Francisco Japantown, but also the lives of so many Japanese and Japanese Americans in Northern California and worldwide. I look forward to seeing how I might be able to contribute a unique perspective or skill set to the Board.” She has a B.A. in American Studies from Wesleyan University and a Masters of Arts in Education - Policy, Organization and Leadership Studies from Stanford University.

Brad Yamauchi - San Francisco, CA

Brad Yamauchi, a Partner with Minami Tamaki LLP since 1993, focused his practice on Plaintiff Employment Litigation from 1979 to 2009, including individual and class action Employment and Civil Rights litigation with an emphasis on representing public and private employees in sexual harassment/gender, race, disability, age and retaliation discrimination claims and wage and hour claims. Brad has been participating in JCCCNC events for over 20 years and decided to join the board because he appreciated its commitment to serving the Japanese American community through activities that preserve and promote its culture and heritage. “I hope to contribute to the ongoing legacy of the JCCCNC by helping it to establish and achieve its goals for the next decade.” Brad received his J.D. from the University of Santa Clara School of Law and B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara.
JCCCNCLaunches Two New Youth Leadership Programs

Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program

The 2012-2013 Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program (Takahashi Fellowship Program) is a 14-month commitment where participants will spend the summer months learning about and participating in the community; develop a deeper understanding and awareness of their role as ambassadors; participate in cultural workshops to learn about Japan – its people and its customs; develop lifelong leadership and civic skills; and participate in team building activities in preparation for a journey to Japan scheduled for summer 2013.

The selected participants are students between the ages of 14-17 and display leadership qualities; demonstrate an interest in learning about their Nikkei culture; and are actively involved in their community. They will attend workshops during the summer months of 2012 and 2013, along with assisting at community events this Fall and next Spring.

The Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program is made possible through the generous support from The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation. The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation (Takahashi Foundation) was established in 1985 to further develop and encourage an understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture, values and the arts, as well as supporting activities in the Japanese American community that promote a better understanding of Japanese American history, its challenges and its future.

Since its creation, the Takahashi Foundation has provided over $3 million in funding to various nonprofit organizations and educational institutions and to other institutions across the country whose focus is to promote programs in line with the intent and goals of the Takahashi Foundation.

Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program

The Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program will offer Nikkei students the opportunity to support their education and the work of various non-profit community organizations, while increasing their understanding of and giving them the necessary tools to help address contemporary issues affecting San Francisco’s Japantown community. Coordinated by the JCCCNCC, the goal of the program will be to support the development of the next generation of community leaders.

The Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program will consist of two components. The first part is an eight-week Summer internship, during which interns will have the opportunity to learn about and support community services. Each intern will receive valuable training in community service, volunteerism, cultural preservation and networking with various community leaders. One day each week is reserved for the interns to visit various Japanese American organizations and participate in leadership and career development workshops in order to expand their personal knowledge of available community services and resources.

For the second part, following the summer internship, each participant will be placed in a part-time Career Internship that will focus on their individual career interest. Successful Japanese American professionals and organizations will be identified to host interns and provide guidance and experience in specific fields. The Career Internship will begin in the Fall and conclude in the Spring.

The Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program is made possible through the generous support of G. Kase, who believes the Center is a second home in the community and that supporting the leadership development of Japanese American Youth is vital to the future of our community, preserving its rich history, heritage and traditions for generations to come.

Cherry Blossom Basketball Jamboree Raises Funds for JCCCNCC Youth Programs

The 2012 Cherry Blossom Basketball Jamboree took place on April 14 and 15 at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. Thirteen teams from around the Bay Area participated, including San Francisco, San Mateo and Fresno. The funds raised will help the JCCCNCC provide quality services for many youth oriented programs, workshops and festivals. In 2012, this will include Children’s Day school visits, the JCCCNCC Track Meet and Halloween Carnival. In addition, the JCCCNCC will host basketball camps, as well as cultural enriching workshops such as Mochitsuki (rice cake making). Proceeds from the Jamboree allow the JCCCNCC to continue to offer services that meet the ever-changing needs and interests of the community.
JCCNC Celebrates Children's Day

Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) on May 5 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.

Children's Day School Visits (April 24-27 and 30)
In celebration of Kodomo no Hi, the JCCNC invited over seventy K-2nd 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 in 2013, please contact Ryan Kimura at (415) 567-5505 x228.

Children's Day Festival in Japantown (Saturday, May 5)
On May 5, over 1,200 people crowded Japantown Peace Plaza in San Francisco to celebrate Kristi Yamaguchi's Children's Day Festival. The festival featured games, crafts, food and performances by many local children's groups. Kristi Yamaguchi attended this year's festival and autographed her new book, "It's a Big World, Little Pig!" Her books are available for purchase at the JCCNC. For more information or to purchase a book, please call (415) 567-5505.

Children's Day Kimono Dressing (April 24, 26, 28 & May 1)
The JCCNC, in conjunction with the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, proudly offered Kodomo no Hi Kimono Dressing. 50 children between the ages of 18 months and 12 years old had the opportunity to dress in traditional Japanese Kimono and have their picture taken. For more information about next year's Kimono Dressing, please call Jennifer Hamamoto at (415) 567-5505 x227.

Nikkei Baby Boomers Group Formed
A new group, Nikkei Baby Boomers has been formed as a program of the JCCNC. The purpose of this group is similar to that of the Nikkei and Retirement group when they were formed many years ago. Nikkei Baby Boomers intends to create programs that are of interest to this generation which may include wills, trust and estate planning; long term health care; safety and health lectures; political discussions; recreational and social get-togethers; and any other ideas that come from the group. Another aspect of the group is to create a social network. Nikkei and Retirement has been able to “look out for each other” over the years and this new group would like to have such a social network for this generation.

Nikkei Baby Boomers are looking for interested participants and will begin programming with social gatherings (wine tasting, pot luck) soon. From these initial gatherings, they hope to schedule future programs of interest to others in the community.

Nikkei Baby Boomers cooperates and coordinates with Nikkei and Retirement. Nikkei and Retirement will continue to offer a lecture series as well as hosting social gatherings for Nisei. Both Nikkei and Retirement and Nikkei Baby Boomers are programs of the JCCNC. For more information, email programsevents@jcccnc.org.

Get SF Giants Group Discount Tickets through the JCCNC
The JCCNC has group tickets to five upcoming San Francisco Giants games. There are a VERY limited number of tickets available, so reserve yours today!

Japanese Heritage Night
Friday, May 4 at 7:15 p.m. vs. Milwaukee Brewers
Members: $35 / Non-Members: $38
Your special event ticket includes a special-edition Giants themed sake set, entrance to the pre-game festival in Seals Plaza from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with complimentary tastes and a seat in the JCCNC Japanese Heritage section at the game. Cultural performers will entertain fans at the festival and on the field pre-game.

Off the Cove I
Wednesday, June 13 at 7:15 p.m. vs. Houston Astros
Members: $24 / Non-Members: $27
The Giants are proud to host their first ever “Off the Cove”, in community partnership with Off the Grid showcasing the local street food culture of San Francisco! Your ticket to this game also includes access to the pre-game food truck festival in Lot D starting at 4:30 p.m. and an Off the Cove-themed t-shirt.

Off the Cove II
Sunday, September 23 at 1:05 p.m. vs. San Diego Padres
Members: $33 / Non-Members: $36
The Giants are proud to host their second “Off the Cove”, in community partnership with Off the Grid, showcasing the local street food culture of San Francisco! Your ticket to this game also includes access to the pre-game food truck festival in Lot D starting at 10:30 a.m. and an Off the Cove-themed item.

For more information, please visit www.jcccnc.org. For questions or to reserve your tickets, please call Courtney Okuhara at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail cokuhara@jcccnc.org.

Save the Date for Upcoming JCCNC Events

Sunday, June 24
Track Meet,
Gunn High School, Palo Alto

Monday, July 16
Nikkei Open at Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae

Saturday, September 29
Annual Event
Friday, October 26
Halloween Carnival
Saturday, December 29
Mochitsuki Workshops
High Schoolers Help Seniors Get Connected

Have you seen all those seniors on laptops at JCCCNC? It’s all accredited to Jtown Connected’s Digital Leadership Program (DLP) where teenage high school students are empowering seniors through digital computer classes. The DLP is meant to achieve three goals:

1. Empower seniors digitally by giving them the proper tools to navigate and utilize a computer.
2. Foster leadership development with the Japantown Youth Leaders through program planning, problem solving and communication.
3. Create a space for intergenerational learning.

From the Japanese Community Youth Council’s (JCYC) Japantown Youth Leaders (JYL) program nine brave high school students have volunteered to take on the task of becoming computer teachers for seniors. The JYL students have gone through a number of workshops focusing on generational sensitivity and program / lesson planning.

The leaders have already led four workshops focusing on computer basics, uploading photos and basic use of the internet. In upcoming workshops, seniors will learn how to use email, join social networking sites and improve their cell phone skills. We want to get them connected!

The JCCCNC envisions this program to open more doors for intergenerational programs in the future. The youth leaders have three more computer workshops, all on Saturdays, and their dedication to the program and its participants is second to none. Great job Japantown Youth Leaders!

Nikkei Family History Books Created During Legacy Project

The Nikkei Family Legacy Project – the Legacy Continues is getting ready to complete over thirty Nikkei Family history books. With a $23,948 grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), a program of the California State Library, the JCCCNC has helped over 30 individuals take on the task of researching, organizing and documenting their family histories in a hardbound book.

From hours of research and organizing, many of the participants have voiced how excited they are about the whole process and their books. Some have found it challenging to put all of the information available together in one book. In reality, these books are for future generations, and NFLP staff has helped participants realize that the stories and memories they document from other family members will be the most rewarding in the end.

NFLP participant Mabel Miyasaki was so excited about the stories...

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Over 300 Attend JCCCNC Oshogatsu (New Year) Festival

With over 300 in attendance, the 2012 Oshogatsu festival on Saturday, January 7th was a huge success. Starting off with traditional Japanese songs by Nihonmachi Little Friends, and ending with an exhilarating taiko performance by Melody Takata’s Gen Taiko, all in attendance enjoyed the free crafts, mochi pounding and Oshogatsu fun. The JCCCNC created the Shikishi Station for attendees to decorate a shikishi (Japanese art board) themed around the year of the dragon.

The event took on a greater educating role this year as participants got to hear in depth explanations of the screen printing station done by artist Leland Wong, and the mochi pounding station. Many went away with their very own custom colored dragon screen printed shirt and just about everyone got to indulge in all the mochi. Whether people liked their mochi with kinako, anko or plain, the Oshogatsu festival had it all. For soup lovers, there was even a free ozoni station!

The festival encapsulated what is important during the Oshogatsu time, family, health and good luck for the new year. We look forward to the upcoming new year bringing fresh beginnings and lots of luck!

Shikishi Exhibit Displays Community’s Artistic Talent

“The Year of the Dragon” and “hopes and wishes for the people of the Tohoku area who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami” were the themes of the JCCCNC’s 2012 Shikishi Exhibit, during which more than 50 shikishis were displayed through the Center. Sponsored by The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, the annual exhibit in celebration of the new year showcases the community’s artistic talents to the public.

To encourage more participants, a Shikishi Station was setup at the Oshogatsu Festival. More than 25 individuals of all ages decorated a shikishi, some staying at the table to decorate their shikishi for quite some time.

Mochi-makers Welcome 2012

On December 29th and 30th, the JCCCNC 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 generously 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.

JCCCNC Thanks Volunteers with Appreciation Party

On December 3rd, the JCCCNC Board and staff welcomed over 135 guests for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at the Center. This event is held to thank the hundreds of individuals who volunteer throughout the year, and in 2011, the invitation was extended to individuals, organizations and businesses that supported the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

At the event, guests enjoyed food and beverages’ including lip-smackin’ BBQ donated by Bob Kantor and Memphis Minnie’s. Guest speakers included Berkeley Mills owner Gene Agress and Matt Mahan of Causes.com who thanked the volunteers for their unwavering support for the JCCCNC and playing an integral part in the success of the relief fund.

We would like to send a special thank you to Gene Agress and Berkeley Mills, Matt Mahan and Causes.com, Bob Kantor and Memphis Minnie’s, and Kotobuki Trading for their time and donations to this event.

Educational 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 from 2nd-8th grades.

This camp emphasizes basketball fundamentals, including dribbling, shooting and defense. During the camp, participants of various experience levels learned different drills and exercises that Mulligan uses with his team. He used his high school team to be mentors to the youth and trained them how to become leaders.
The JCCCNC would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all of our 2011 Annual Support Drive Donors. We are truly indebted to you for your kindness and generosity.

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Mrs. Yae Tondo
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Mr. Lawrence & Mrs. Setsuko Toyooka
Mr. Craigton Wong
Ms. Ethel Wong
Mr. Jimmy & Mrs. Caroline Wong
Ms. Kathleen Wong
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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.

Show your card and save! Do you have trouble remembering all the amazing businesses that offer JCCNC member discounts? Now all you have to do is look for the JCCNC Member Supporter sticker on the windows of participating merchants.

PREMIER DISCOUNTS

Japan Airlines (JAL) is JCCNC’s preferred airline carrier to Japan

Japan Airlines (JAL) is the JCCNC’s corporate partner and preferred airline to travel 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—Kinteau International in San Jose. For more information, please contact Ruby Hata at (415) 567-5505 x225. Restrictions on travel dates and airport departures may apply, depending on seasons and blackout dates determined by JAL.

Hawaiian Airlines
Book online with Hawaiian Airlines, receive the lowest available web fare and 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.

My Japan Phone
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”.

Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki
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.

Hotel Tomo
1800 Sutter St., San Francisco
(415) 921-4000
Special JCCNC Guest Room Rates:
April 1, 2012 - October 31, 2012
Deluxe Guest Room: $139.00 Single/
Double
Upgraded Guest Room: $149.00 Single/
Double
November 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012
Deluxe Guest Room: $109.00 Single/
Double
Upgraded Guest Room: $129.00 Single/
Double
* Restrictions apply. Please visit the JCCNC website for details.

RESTAURANT DISCOUNTS

bushi-tei
1638 Post St., San Francisco.
(415) 440-4959
10% discount during brunch or lunch only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Not valid at Bushi Tei Bistro.

Café Mums
1800 Sutter St., San Francisco.
(415) 241-6986
10% discount on food only. Drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Hukilau San Francisco
1304 Broadway, (650) 347-2300
10% discount on food only. Drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

On the Bridge
1581 Webster St., (415) 776-5822
10% discount on food only. Drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

May’s Coffee Shop
1737 Post St., #13, San Francisco.
(415) 346-4020
Free drink (can juice, soda or water) with an purchase of $7 or more (not including tax). Cannot be combined with any other offer.

DooBu
1723 Buchanan St., San Francisco.
(415) 292-6002
10% discount on dinner only. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Hukilau San Jose
230 Jackson St., (408) 279-4888
10% discount on food only. Drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Juban Burlingame
1204 Broadway, (650) 473-6458
10% discount on food only. Drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Juban Menlo Park
712 Santa Cruz Ave., (650) 473-6458
10% discount on food only. Drinks not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Juban San Francisco
1581 Webster St., (415) 922-2100
$5 off on acupuncture treatments. Not valid on supplements.

Nippon-Ya
1737 Post St., #305, San Francisco.
(415) 563-5220
10% discount on all merchandise. Not valid on supplements.

Paper Tree
1743 Buchanan Mall, San Francisco.
(415) 921-7100
10% discount on all paper items (origami paper, art paper, etc.). Safe items not included. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Pika Pika
1581 Webster St., #225, San Francisco.
(415) 922-7765
Choice of free soup, salad, or homemade drink with any purchase. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

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MERCHANT DISCOUNTS

Aloha Warehouse
1731 Buchanan St., San Francisco.
(415) 346-7553
10% discount on all items. Food and safe items not included.

T. Okamoto & Co.
1832 Buchanan St., #202, San Francisco.
(415) 931-6290 x102
As a special member benefit you will be able to obtain low cost automobile insurance through T. Okamoto & Co., serving Japantown since 1946. Please call for a competitive premium quote.

Beltex Good Café & Crepes
1737 Post St., #393, San Francisco.
(415) 346-8383
10% discount. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Benkyodo Co.
1747 Buchanan St., San Francisco.
(415) 922-1244
Buy one dozen manju, get one manju free.

Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center
2301 Hardies Ln., Santa Rosa.
(707) 579-4452
$1 off one adult admission (good for up to 4 people). Not valid on any other discounts or offers. Pick up coupon at the JCCNC.

Hayes Auto Body
2401 Bush St., San Francisco.
(415) 346-7061
10% discount on general maintenance (oil change, brake check, tires, rotation, belts, hoses, fluids). Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Hayasaka Kingo C.P.E.
Certified Electrologist
490 Post St., Suite 446, San Francisco
Free consultation, 10% discount on non-senior members, special senior discount for ages 65 and older. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Murata’s Café Hana
1737 Post St., #368B, San Francisco.
(415) 567-9133
Free cup of coffee with any $10 purchase.

San Francisco Zoo
1 Zoo Rd., (415) 753-7080
$2 off adult general admission and $1 off child general admission for up to five family members or friends for every zoo visit. In addition to the discount, you will also receive a 10% discount at all Zoo restaurants and stores. Each card must be signed and is not valid with any other discounts or offers. Pick up coupon at the JCCNC.

Yasukochi’s Sweet Stop
1790 Sutter St., San Francisco.
(415) 931-8165
- Purchase a wreath, get one danish free.
- Purchase one dozen cookies and get one cookie of your choice free.
- Purchase a cream cake from the showcase at 5% discount.
Ways to Give

Sign up to be a member!
Join us today! Your membership provides support to the JCCNC 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 JCCNC.

Double your donation through your employer!
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 JCCNC through work place giving.

Give the gift of time!
Give us your valuable time and assist us with special events, programs and administrative duties. One way to volunteer is with our upcoming Colma Cemetery Clean-up. For more info contact the Programs Department at (415) 567-5505 x227 or programsevents@jcccnc.org.

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You can become a fan of the JCCNC on Facebook. Just log into your Facebook account, search “Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California” and click “like”. Fans get the latest information on events going on, as well as many fun facts about the history and staff at the Center and Japantown.

Sign up for our e-newsletter
Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter! Get up-to-date information about the latest JCCNC 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 our website at www.jcccnc.org and enter your e-mail address.

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

FROM PAGE 6: Nikkei Family Legacy Projects
and process that she wanted to share her experience with everyone. “It’s got us talking again. I thought it had been a couple of years since I’d talked to some of these relatives. No, more like a lot of years! And after we talk, they start talking to others, and sending me more tidbits of information, and that reminds us of another item that we’d forgotten about. And contradictions in stories? You bet! All over the place! Whose story is correct? Never mind. We’re interacting again, and that means lots of chatter and giggles and laughter and corny memories and exploding of old never-discussed and now-irrelevant assumptions. It’s an adventure for all of us.”

To celebrate the completion of all the books, the JCCNC will host a FREE Nikkei Family Legacy Project Gala open to the public on Saturday, June 23 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Issei Memorial Hall. Come and get a glimpse of all the Nikkei family stories that will be on display, and perhaps get inspired to make your own family history book!

FROM PAGE 7: Shikishi Exhibit Displays Talents
A Shikishi Night was also held during which young professionals were invited to the Center to decorate shikishi in the art room. Everyone had a great time reminiscing about their school days with crayons and markers.

To see all the final products, check out the photo album “Shikishi Art 2012” at the JCCNC’s Facebook fan page. For more information on how to get involved and create your own shikishi next year, please contact Ryan Kimura at rkimura@jcccnc.org.
**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday May 19**

**Colma Japanese Cemetery Clean-up**
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Honoring the Past, Remembering Those Who Have Passed On

Come help clean the Colma Japanese Cemetery and pay tribute to our history and honor our past. FREE and open to the public.

Please RSVP by calling the JCCNC at (415) 567-5505

**Introduction to Zumba Dance**
JCCNC’s Issei Memorial Hall

Saturday May 14
1:00-5:00 p.m.

Zumba uses up-tempo Latin music to create a fun and exciting workout!

This is a FREE event, but RSVP is required. To RSVP or for more information, please call (415) 567-5505 or e-mail programsevents@jcccnc.org.

**Monday July 16**

18th Annual NIKKEI OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Green Hills Country Club, 500 Ludemon Lane, Millbrae, CA

11:00 a.m. shotgun start (subject to change)

featuring:
- Complimentary Lunch
- Hole Giveaways, including a $10,000 Hole-in-One-Prize!
- Post-Tournament Dinner (non-golfers welcome)

Sponsorship opportunities available.

For more information, contact Jeff Yoshioka at (415) 567-5505 or jyoshioka@jcccnc.org.

**Screen Printing Workshop**

Saturday May 20
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of screen printing. All screen printing materials will be provided, including sample designs. Participants are encouraged to bring their own t-shirt to screen print their own unique two tone images.

To register, please call (415) 567-5505 or e-mail programsevents@jcccnc.org. Deadline to register is May 7, 2012.

$40 Members / $50 Non-Members