Honoring A Generation

Over the past decade, we have seen a steady loss within the JCCCNC's founding generation, the Nisei. It deeply saddens us as we have witnessed over 500 of our supporters pass away since our incorporation almost forty years ago in 1973.

Many were active in the community, and throughout their years, all have been unwavering in their support. Many endured unimaginable hardships in their lifetime, but were never deterred from sharing a common dream of a place filled with joy and hope, so that their children and future generations could have a place to learn about their cultural heritage.

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Reflections: 2010 - 2012

Three years ago when I accepted the position of Board President of the JCCNC, I had no idea what would lie ahead of for us. As a nation, we had begun an economic slowdown and we knew we would face some of our own financial challenges at the JCCNC. In 2010, as usual, we had many things on our agenda - a concert featuring Japanese enka singer Jero, the California Nisei College Diploma Project, the Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program for college students, and plans to create a new youth program that would involve leadership training and travel to Japan.

What we couldn't foresee was the devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that hit Japan on March 11, 2011 and the role that the JCCNC would play in fundraising to support the relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts in East Japan. As many of you know, the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund (NJERF) raised more than four million dollars from donors throughout the country and around the world, thanks to the power of social media. Ironically, the fundraising success of the NJERF put a huge strain on the JCCNC operations, since our organization pledged that 100% of the donations received would go to Japan. We hired two temporary staff to help with the workload in record-keeping and acknowledging the more than 10,000 individual donors. In the fall of 2011, the JCCNC launched Project Aloha, bringing a small delegation of performers from Hawaii accompanied by Kristi Yamaguchi and former sumo wrestler Jesse Takamiyama, to the Tohoku region to disburse funding and bring moral support and the aloha spirit to survivors.

Another unexpected turn of events hit us at about the same time when Executive Director Paul Osaki had to begin taking time away from his job due to health issues. What we thought would be a short period of time expanded to a year. In Paul's absence, under the direction of Deputy Director Lori Matoba, the JCCNC staff rose to the occasion and although we felt Paul's absence on a daily basis, the Center thrived and initiated new programs targeting our youth.

As I step down, I feel a sense of pride and opportunity. Pride, because of how the Staff, Board of Directors and our supporters rallied to overcome big challenges; opportunity, because we are poised to welcome 2013 with a renewed sense of purpose and support from so many of you. Thank you for your assistance and generosity during my three year tenure. As we prepare to celebrate the JCCNC's 40th anniversary of incorporation next year, let us all work together to keep the legacy and dream alive for future generations.

Sincerely,

Dianne Fukami

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 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.
Lucky Sweepstakes Winners Selected at 2012 Annual Event

At the 2012 Annual Event, Looking Forward, Giving Back, the 2012 Annual Sweepstakes winners were pulled by the Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program participants in front of a crowd of over 420 guests.

The Grand Prize Winner was Mr. Jeffery Matsuoka of San Francisco who chose the trip to Japan for two courtesy of Japan Airlines and Kintetsu International. Ms. Lisa Eng-Beeman of San Mateo, the Second Place Prize Winner took home $1,000, and the 15.6 inch Asus laptop, courtesy of Bay Area Systems, went to the Third Place Prize Winner Mr. Darryl Chun.

The 2012 Annual Sweepstakes raised over $25,000 for the JCCCNC to continue providing and further developing cultural, educational, and recreational programs for the Japanese and Japanese American community in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In addition to prize donors Japan Airlines, Kintetsu International and Bay Area Systems, Pyramid Printing once again generously donated the printing of the Sweepstakes tickets.

For more information about the Annual Sweepstakes and how to participate in the 2013 Annual Sweepstakes as a donor or sponsor, please contact Yumi Yukawa at (415) 567-5505 or yyukawa@jcccnc.org.

The JCCCNC would like to thank these sponsors for their generous support:

Crazy Costumes of All Kinds Make Appearances at JCCCNC Halloween Carnival

Dozens of spooky and crazy costumed revelers—from a scary commando family to a cute and “clean” Kleenex and laundry machine—made an appearance at the JCCCNC’s Halloween Carnival on October 26. The JCCCNC thanks all the participants for a great night of safe family fun in the community and looks forward to seeing even more creative costumes again next year!
400+ Attend 2012 Annual Fundraising Event

This year’s annual fundraising event, Looking Forward, Giving Back, held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, hosted a sell-out crowd of over 400 in the Center’s Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Community Hall.

“The theme of the event, ‘Looking Forward, Giving Back,’ represents the important role youth play in the future of the culture and the community, and what we all must do to preserve the Japanese culture, history and heritage,” mentions Dianne Fukami, JCCCCNC Board President. During the event, the JCCCCNC honored two outstanding community members who embody the theme of the event - NBC Bay Area and the late Martha Suzuki.

The event was dedicated in memory of Yo Hironaka who passed away on August 30, 2012. Yo was a dedicated community volunteer and advocate who loved serving on countless Boards and committees throughout her lifetime including more than 25 years on the JCCCCNC Board of Directors.

The event began with the opening of eight appetizer stations which featured Bay Area and Hawaii restaurants and chefs that include: Bridges, Chotto, Hukilau and Da Kitchen, Il Cane Rosso, Izakaya Juku, La Mar, Ozumo, Pa’ina, and with poke and smoked pork from Side Street Inn. Also at the event was Haamonii, a San Francisco based shochu manufacturer, who provided free tastings of their shochu in the silent auction room.

The program, emceed by Jan Yanaihro and JCCCCNC Board member, Kyle Tatsumoto, commenced with performances by the JCCCCNC youth programs: Kirakizoboshi, Gen Ensemble, Children’s Hula, and Tokyo Ondo by Michiya Hanayagi and her odori students; Consul General of Japan in San Francisco, Hiroshi Inomata, took the lead on taiko during the Tokyo Ondo performance. A celebratory sake toast followed to officially kick off the event.

Side Street Inn of Honolulu, Hawaii, returned for their second consecutive year as the featured restaurant with Chefs Colin Nishida and Chris Manabe dishing up favorites of local style comfort foods including furikake ahi, slow cooked braised short ribs and Sun Noodles yakisoba.

The program continued with a lively Cause Giving roundup raising funds for special JCCCCNC programs such as their Digital Leadership Program, annual Coima Cemetery Clean-up, and Children’s Day School Visits. A live auction followed featuring a trip for two to Japan courtesy of Japan Airlines and Kintetsu International, a sushi party for 50 people donated by ABS Seafood and Chef Alan Hirahara, and a rare 2010 World Series celebratory champagne bottle used in the San Francisco Giants locker room.

The evening concluded with recognition of the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Service Award which was presented to Mary Ishisaki and the Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award presented to William (Bill) Hirose and Florence Hongo.

This event also would not have been possible without the support of the many volunteers and donors.

For more information about the event and for future donor or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Development Manager, Yumi Yukawa, at (415) 567-5505 or email yyukawa@jcccnca.org.
Thank You! to everyone who made this year's Annual Event possible

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A performance by members of the JCCCN’s Children’s Hula program
Paul Hirose accepts the Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award on behalf of his father, William (Bill) Hirose

Jon Shindo and Consul General of Japan in San Francisco, Hiroshi Iwamoto

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Members of the kitchen crew that fed more than 400 event attendees

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Their dream took shape in 1973 with the incorporation of the JCCNC and, thirteen years later, their dream became reality with the opening of our doors. A new home in the community was born that provided a place where friends could gather, where laughter fills the halls and stories are shared. A place where Japanese culture is alive and thriving and new dreams are created.

From within these modest walls, their contributions throughout the years has allowed the JCCNC to create nationally and internationally recognized programs that address the needs of the evolving community, help youth discover and appreciate their cultural heritage, and even provide aid to those in need over 5,000 miles away in Japan.

Their legacy will forever live on through all of our programs and services here at the Center, and the JCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. For this we thank them.

“The vision of the JCCNC to create a safe, community-owned center and a permanent legacy for generations to come is for the whole community to share. From the Issei and Nisei who gave the first breaths to the Center to the Sansei, Yonsei and future generations, we all have ownership over the past, present and future of the Center. It takes the collective support of one generation to the next for us to continue to fulfill our mission.”

— Paul Osaki, Executive Director
In Memoriam: Yo Hironaka

Yo Hironaka, who served on the JCCCN Board of Directors for over 30 years, passed away quietly on the morning of August 30th. Yo loved the community and everything about it, she seemed to always have a smile and was always so positive. She loved to surround herself with younger people not only because they energized her and made her feel younger, but they were also the future of the community.

Yo volunteered for over 60 years in the community and served on countless Boards and committees throughout her lifetime including the JCCCN, Christ United Presbyterian Church, the San Francisco JACL and the 100th Anniversary of Japantown, to name just a few.

Yo is the last of the Nisei generation to serve on the JCCCN Board of Directors and her passing represents the change in the community and the passing of a generation who helped build it. For many people it is hard to imagine not seeing her at the many different events taking place in the community.

Did you know?
The gray stone wall facing Sutter Street is reminiscent of the stone base of Japanese castles, which symbolizes the Nisei who will forever be the foundation of the Center.

for laying the foundation dreams can be created here
Membership is one of the most significant ways of showing support for the JCCNC. Joining as a Sustaining Member means you receive special benefits and offers and that you contribute to supporting the JCCNC beyond the individual membership level. We thank those who were Sustaining Members from October 2011 through September 2012.

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Tis the Season for Reindeer Games

Help the reindeer get to the sleigh

Reindeer Cookies
Prep: 15 min. Bake: 20 min. Yield: 2-1/2 dozen

1 package (17-1/2 ounces) peanut butter cookie mix*
1/3 cup canola oil*
1 egg*
60 miniature pretzels
60 brown m&m’s
30 red m&m’s

*You may substitute any peanut butter cookie recipe for the cookie mix, oil and egg.

In a large bowl, beat the cookie mix, oil and egg until well combined. Shape into a 7-1/2-in. roll; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Unwrap and cut into 1/4-in. slices.

Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Using thumb and forefinger, make a slight indentation one-third of the way down the sides of each slice. Press in pretzels for antlers, chocolate chips for eyes and a red-hot for the nose.

Bake at 350° for 9-11 minutes or until light brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Nutritional Facts
1 serving (2 each)
equals 252 calories, 13 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 14 mg cholesterol, 253 mg sodium, 31 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g protein.

Draw a Reindeer
Copy the picture using the grid lines as a guide. It may be easier to copy one square at a time.
**Upcoming Events**

**Friday Jan 26**
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Calling all JCCNC families and artists! Start the new year off getting creative with a night of art and fun at the JCCNCs Shikishi Day.

Design, create and color a shikishi board (Japanese art board framed by a gold rim) themed around the Year of the Snake for 2013.

Boards will be displayed around the Center from February 1-28.

Cost: $5 JCCNC members / $10 non-members; kids 7 and under free.

For more details, please contact programsevents@jccnc.org or call (415) 567-5505.

**Saturday Dec 29**
11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Mochitsuki with Mr. Yamada

See hot, steamed rice pounded in a traditional usu (mortar) and mixed by hand. You'll be able to work with the warm mochi to make your own ko-mochi (mochi balls) to take home.

In 1999, Yamada Seika, a manju-ya in San Francisco's Japantown, closed its doors after 36 years and generously donated their rice pounding (mochi making) machine to the JCCNC.

Since his retirement, we have been fortunate to have Mr. George Yamada, owner of Yamada Seika, share his talents and joy of mochi making with the community.

Space is limited, and the deadline to sign-up is December 19th.

Fees: $12 JCCNC members/$17 non-members. Children under 5 years of age are FREE.

For more information or to sign-up, please call the JCCNC at (415) 567-5505.

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**BULLDOG BASKETBALL CAMP**

with Pat Mulligan, Varsity Coach, Raoul Wallenberg High School

Wednesday-Friday, December 26-28, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Winter Bulldog Basketball Camp at the JCCNC emphasizes fundamental skills including shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding and defense. This camp lends itself to the camper who has never before participated, as well as to the camper who has vast team experience.

Coach Mulligan has been the boys basketball coach at Raoul Wallenberg High School since 1991. In 2011, Pat was nationally recognized by the Positive Coaching Alliance as a winner of the Double-Goal Coach Award.

Fees: $85 members/$105 non-members, includes a t-shirt and basketball

For more details, please contact the JCCNC at (415) 567-5505.