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The Complex would occupy approximately 22,000 sq. ft. and cost 4 million dollars.

Michi Onuma moved that we vote on building a Community Center. The vote was unanimously carried that we build a Center.

Tom Yasuda and Chinin Tana presented a general plan for organization to form a non-profit Community Center Corporation. In order to incor-

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The specific and primary purposes are to establish, operate, and maintain a Japanese Cultural and Community center which will accommodate the activities of organizations and individuals providing community and social services.

Mr. Nire moved to adopt the first sentence of Article I with the

Cultural-Community. The Committee voted to include the words "cultural", "Northern California" and "cultural" and "community". The official name of the organization, as read by Tom Yasuda is Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

George Yamasaki suggested that Article 7 Regarding the Board of

FEDERAL & STATE TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED
A Legal Committee Report/Media Release - Chinin Tana

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California has recently received income tax exemptions from the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board.

The exemptions mean that contributions made to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California after February 23, 1973, when the organization was formally incorporated, may be deducted by the donors for purposes of California and Federal income tax to the extent permitted by state and fed-
CELEBRATING OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Place Where the Arts, Culture and Community Come ALIVE

Forty years ago, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California started with $535.81 in a savings account, 36 members, a typewriter, which was on loan, a borrowed table, a donated chair and ONE BIG DREAM.

In 1973, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California was incorporated as a non-profit organization by the Secretary of the State of California. The organization brought together and was governed by a 51-member Board of Directors representing almost every organization and association in the community. The goal of this Board was to raise the millions of dollars necessary to build a Japanese cultural and community center in Japantown that could help preserve a community that had been torn apart - one house, one business, one block, one memory at a time.

The hope was that this Center could stand as a symbol of our community as we faced the uncertain times of a Japantown that was almost leveled completely to the ground by the Redevelopment Agency just a few years earlier. The Center was envisioned as a place where the community could come together to share and preserve our Japanese/Japanese American traditions, arts, culture, history and heritage, forever.

Although it was a big dream, those early years were filled with nothing but challenges and struggles. The Center was broke, there was no staff, they weren’t even sure how they would attempt to build a community center and the goal of trying to raise the millions of dollars seemed impossible.

But, the community persevered over the years and did what seemed impossible and what some said could never happen. And today, it’s hard to imagine what it would be like if there was no community center in Japantown filled with all the people, programs and events, and especially all of the memories that have been created here over the years.

Celebrating our 40th anniversary is more than just recognizing the accomplishments of our past; it’s really about celebrating what we have become, a place where the arts, culture and community have come alive.

Sincerely,

Paul Osaki
Executive Director

Mission Statement

The JCCCNCC 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 JCCCNCC 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.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The JCCCNPC welcomes our 2013 President of the Board of Directors, Donna Kotake. The following is a message from Donna:

We begin the Year of the Snake with a lot to look forward to in 2013.

As I become the President of the Board of Directors again after a couple of years being away, I see how some things have changed, other things have remained the same and still others, are a little of both.

What’s changed? There are some fresh, new faces in the JCCCNPC staff. They bring youthful enthusiasm to the Center and with it we’ve experienced some new programs like zumba class, movie night and dodge ball. While this staff has brought some new ideas, it is reassuring to see that they still possess the same commitment and interest in issues affecting the Japanese community that has driven the JCCCNPC over the years.

And what’s the same? The hard work of the JCCCNPC Board of Directors and staff to maintain and continue to build the Center. Through classes, the numerous events and community activities, we are an integral part of the JCCCNPC’s mission to meet the evolving needs of the community. We saw this most acutely in the massive undertaking of the work done in the Northern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

And a little of something new and the same – the news about our Executive Director. I am excited that Executive Director Paul Osaki has returned in an active capacity at the JCCCNPC. We are all looking forward to working with him as we begin this year’s activities, most importantly as we look to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the JCCCNPC’s incorporation as a non-profit organization.

Donna Kotake
President of the Board of Directors

The JCCCNPC Welcomes Programs Coordinator Matt Okada

The JCCCNPC Programs Department is excited to introduce the newest Programs Coordinator, Matt Okada. Here’s more about Matt, in his own words:

“Hello, I’m Matt and I was born and raised in Selma, California, which is near Fresno. I’m a recent graduate from California State University Fresno and moved to San Francisco this past June. I was first introduced to the JCCCNPC when I started working for the Tomodachi Summer Day Camp that is held here every summer.

I really love the community environment that the center offers and I’m blessed to have the opportunity to work here. When I’m not working at the center you can often find me hanging out with friends around the city or at a ball game. I’m a huge 49ers and Giants fan and have been since I was a little kid which was part of the reason I chose to move here after college. If you see me around feel free to come up and say hello as I love meeting and talking to people and would love to get to know you.”

We all look forward to seeing the new workshops and programs from Matt. Make sure to come by the Center and say “Hello!”
Artist Rich Tokeshi taught screen printing enthusiasts how to design, stencil and screen print their own prints at the Screen Printing Workshop on Saturday, February 9.

**Mochitsuki Workshops**

On Saturday, December 29th, 2012, over 150 mochi lovers took part in the annual JCCCNC Mochitsuki Workshops led by Mr. Yamada, retired owner of the Yamada Seika Manju Shop. From making the rice to stuffing the manju with peanut butter and jelly, the participants had a great time learning the sticky art form of making mochi.
On Saturday, January 25th, the JCCCNC held a Shikishi Day as an artistic way to celebrate the new year. Participants of all ages decorated special gold-rimmed art boards themed around the Year of the Snake. All shikishi entries were displayed throughout the JCCCNC as part of the Annual Shikishi New Year’s Exhibit.

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

There are well over 1,000 hours of volunteer service put into the JCCCNC each year, and to show its appreciation the JCCCNC hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on December 15, 2012. Ukulele instructor Ka’ala Carmack was honored and thanked for his many years of service to sharing the “aloha spirit” through his music to the community. The JCCCNC wishes him well at his new position as Instructor for the Music Program and Director of the Hawaiian Music Institute at Windward Community College in Hawaii. Another special thank you goes out to another longtime instructor Denise Teraoka for her many years of teaching the JCCCNC’s Greet the New Day class.
JAPANESE HERITAGE NIGHT
Monday, May 6, 7:15 p.m. vs. Philadelphia Phillies
Ticket includes:
• Pre-game sake tasting (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
• Collectible Giants Japanese Heritage Limited Edition themed scarf
• A seat at the game

View Reserved INFIELD:
$26 Members/$29 Non-Members
View Reserved OUTFIELD:
$19 Members/$22 Non-Members

Groups of 20 or more can purchase tickets at the JCCCNC Member rate. A portion of the proceeds to benefit JCCCNC.

WINE FEST #1
Saturday, May 11, 1:05 p.m. vs. Atlanta Braves
Collectible World Series Champions Wine Stopper, pre-game Wine Tasting (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), Giants Announcer Bottle Stopper (first 20,000) and a seat at the game.
$55 Members/$58 Non-Members

BREW FEST
Saturday, July 20, 6:05 p.m. vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
Commemorative Brewfest item, Pre-game Beer Tasting & Eats (4:00-6:00 p.m.), Giants Headphones (first 20,000) and a seat at the game.
$48 Members/$51 Non-Members

STAR WARS DAY AT AT&T PARK
Sunday, September 8, 1:05 p.m. vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
STAR WARS themed Giants item and a seat at the game. A portion of the proceeds benefit Stand Up To Cancer.
$41 Members/$44 Non-Members

For tickets or for more information, please call (415) 567-5505.
Hello from Programs!

2013 has brought a new section to the JCCCNC Newsletter: the Programs Pullout! Hear from Program staff members, programs participants and instructors as to what we think our upcoming events along with more information on all of our on-going classes. Read up on all of the exciting news to be happening in the center, pull out the section, put it up on your desk, your refrigerator or wherever you see fit but just make sure to keep it around.

One of the ongoing sections will be our “Walks from Program,” where Program staff members will give brief introductions and highlights of some of their favorite programs coming up. We will start with the longest standing member of the Programs Department, Jennifer Hanano.

I would like to thank all of you for your constant support and believing in what we do. We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary of serving our community, and I hope that you will continue to celebrate this special year with us by continuing to participate in or even joining one of our over 25 ongoing classes. If you cannot make a class each week, we hope you at least try one of our classes and special events in helping you carry on with our JCCC legacy. We look forward to seeing you at your next JCCC program.

Jennifer Hanano, Programs & Facilities Manager

ARTS & CULTURE

PAPER TRANSFORMED: WASHI NINGYO WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MAY 11 OR SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Session A: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  •  Session B: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Create your own Japanese paper doll using traditional Japanese washi paper and this creative workshop. Get creative in one of the original programs of the JCCCNC. JCCCNC Members: $30  General Public: $35
Sign up online: http://bit.ly/WashiNingyo

COLMA CEMETERY CLEAN UP
SATURDAY, MAY 18
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Colma Japanese Cemetery, 1300 Hillside Blvd., Colma, CA 94014
Join us as we pay respects to those who have come before us as we clean up the Japanese cemetery in Colma, CA. During our lunch break, we will have a brief overview of the history of the cemetery.
Free and open to the public. Please RSVP as light lunch will be served. Please call (415) 567-5505 for more information and to RSVP. Registration is required as space is limited!

FOOD

TOFU AND KOJI WITH SONOKO SAKAI
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
This hands-on cooking workshop will show you how to use a variety of tofu products and how to make and season tofu and koji sauce. This hands-on cooking workshop will show you how to use a variety of tofu products and how to make and season tofu and koji sauce.
The Menu:  •  Koji Miso Soup with Spring Vegetables  •  Broccoli with Tofu Sesame Koji sauce  •  Tofu Crab Cakes with Koji Dashi sauce  •  Rice with Tofu (deep fried tofu) and Ginger Miso Soup with Spring Vegetables  •  Koji Miso Soup with Spring Vegetables
JCCCNC Members: $75  General Public: $85
Registration is required as spaces are limited. Please call (415) 567-5505 or register online at http://bit.ly/TofuKoji

SLIDE WITH THE BOOMERS: BABY BOOMER DANCE PARTY
SATURDAY, JUNE 8 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Put on your dancing shoes and groove with local line dancing instructor Ali Kasabian. Meet other baby boomers over light refreshments and bring some songs to the center, rocking the day forward with new and old favorites.
FREE EVENT (21 and over)  RSVP at http://bitdance.eventbrite.com

FITNESS

JCCCNC FAMILY UNDOKAI AND TRACK MEET
SUNDAY, JUNE 23 6:30 a.m. registration
Gun Hill School Track 780 Arastredo Road, Polo Alto
Come and enjoy a day of exercise with friends and family! Join our first ever Family Unookai! Bring one of your favorite dishes to share during our community picnic! $15 per person and includes a t-shirt and slide with the Boomers!

MUSIC & DANCE

TAIKO 101: INTRODUCTORY TAIKO DRUMMING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, JUNE 29 5:00 p.m.
Want to learn the history of taiko? Join us as our master taiko instructor taught by Melicdy Takara of Gannyo-Arts will demonstrate several different pieces as well as teach you to play the basic rhythms and beats.
JCCCNC Members: $10  General Public: $15

THIS ISSUE’S HIGHLIGHT: Zumba
In each newsletter we will highlight one of our ongoing programs.
Sunday mornings:
Beginner Zumba 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  Zumba Fitness 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Join us as we celebrate 40 years of incorporating new moves and music that excite our dancer and you! Please join us in celebrating Zumba as the best movement system for exercise and fun for all ages. Zumba classes will take place in the interior of our center.

Zumba has been an excellent cardio workout. Put on your dancing shoes and groove with local line dancing instructor Al Kitashima. The music is great, and the routines are easy enough to pick up quickly. zumba.org

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Zumba class with Noriko-san. She is vivacious and pleasant in conducting the classes, always making me enjoy exercising. She has great music and recruited various music for the class, which I found very refreshing. I am going to try again next week and hopefully will be back next term. See you around the center!

"Hi my name is Noriko Rovner and I have been teaching Zumba since 2011. Zumba is a very fun exercise program that incorporates Latin and Hip Hop music that makes you smile and puts you on the exercise. You can burn up to 1000 calories! I enjoy teaching Zumba and I hope you'll enjoy it too after you try, see you next time!"

Zumba Fitness 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Cost: $19 Member/$25 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

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Cost: $21 Member/$27 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

Tougui Ceramics Learn ceramic techniques in the making of functional, decorative and functional tiles. During this time, you will learn to use different glaze techniques to create personalized pieces that you can use at home or give as gifts. Instructor: Toma Nakazato When: First Monday of the month 6:15pm-7:15pm
Cost: $210 Member/$250 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

Washio Ningei Develop the art of Japanese paper doll making and create your own beautiful paper art. Learn the basic techniques needed to make your own paper doll. Instructor: Yure Nakahara When: Thurs 10:30-11:30am
Cost: $25 Member/$30 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

Watercolor Techniques of watercolor painting and slowly bring your artwork to life. Instructor: Ken Ohara When: Mondays 10:30-12:00
Cost: $65 Member/$80 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

Bamboo Bambu is a japanese speaking parents and their children for a family of playing. Instructor: Naoko Masuda When: Fridays 10:30-11:30
Cost: $2 Member/Member/$3 Non-Member

Bridge Keep your mind sharp while playing bridge It is a social environment. Instructor: Anna Mashigo When: Fridays 12:00-1:00
Cost: $2 Member/Member/$3 Non-Member

HanaDance Flower, color, foot and heart of love come across dance back into 3015 years, with the teacher to Gin Rumy
Bobby Hirano When: Wednesday 12:00-12:30
Cost: $2 Member/Member/$3 Non-Member

Miyata/ Hana/ Samishien Improve your move, tone and pitch while learning to appreciate and experience Japanese song and learn how to play the shamisen. Instructor: Hidetsu Nakahara When: 3rd/4th Sunday 10:30am-12:30
Cost: $25 Member/$35 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

Takae Develop rhythm, strength and agility through the Hawaiian (Hula) style of Japanese hula. Instructor: Mildred Takae When: Thursdays 6:30-7:30
Cost: $60 Member/$70 Non-Member/Session (4 weeks)

Community Volleyball Create a team for your own personal use, internet organization and sign up to join games for the free fun with the friends. Each team consists of all the beginner/intermediate and volunteers. Instructor: Nancy Yamaguchi When: Wednesdays 7:00-8:30
Cost: $15 Member/$20 Non-Member/Season (10 weeks)

Shimla Makarios & Reiki Negative affect plays a significant role in chronic illness. The session focuses on the role of mind in the manifestation of illness and on the methods of using mind-body techniques to improve health and well-being. Instructor: Reiki Station When: 3rd/4th Sunday 10:30am-12:00
Cost: $20 Member/$26 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

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Line Dancing Learn to step to smooth R&B music and keep in shape while making new friends. Instructor: Alan Knies When: Tuesdays 1:00-2:00
Cost: $20 Member/$25 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

Ondori Learn the style of Japanese classical dance from Minoko Sensei, who is an experienced artist. Minoko Sensei has been teaching in the Bay Area for 30 years. Instructor: Miwako Haraguchi When: Mondays 3:30-4:30
Cost: $35 Member/$45 Non-Member/Session (12 weeks)

Sensu Learn the art of Hidekazu Nakajima When: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00
Cost: $210 Member/$250 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

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Functional Movement Are you having trouble getting up bed, going up and down the stairs? What used to be simple tasks can become progressively challenging with the aging process. This class will teach you how to do those everyday actions easily and effectively for chronic pain relief. Instructor: Funako Oka When: Mondays 10:30-11:30
Cost: $2 Member/Member/$3 Non-Member

Karate Karate is a classical martial art meaning empty hand. Develop self-defense skills and strengthen personality mentally and physically. Instructor: Craig Hirose When: Wednesdays/Mondays 6:45-7:45
Cost: $48 Member/$54 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

Reiki Station Reiki is a healing method that brings positive energy into the body without pressure or manipulation. Reiki patients can experience energy, thus enhancing the body's natural state of harmony. Reiki is a stress-free, peaceful, gentle and non-invasive treatment. Instructor: Keiko Loo When: 1st/2nd Thursday 10:00am-11:00
Cost: $4 Member/$5 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

Taiko The Taiko (Japanese drumming) team will perform traditional Japanese Taiko (drumming), Taiko-theatre, Taiko-dance, and Taiko-essay. Instructor: Hideki Nakamura When: 3rd/4th Thursday 5:00-6:30
Cost: $3 Member/$4 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

Yoga Prima Are you having trouble getting out of bed, losing weight, being flexible, or just feel old? Once a week you can start and continue practicing yoga. This class will keep your body condition improves and your mind stay positive. Instructor: Atsuko When: Saturdays 10:00-12:00
Cost: $20 Member/$25 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

Zumba (Beginner) Zumba is a low impact dance class that utilizes up-tempo Latin and International music to create fun and exciting workout. Instructor: Hanako Nakamura When: Saturdays 9:30-11:00
Cost: $27 Member/$33 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

Zumba Fitness Zumba Fitness is a high energy workout class. The class page is a very exciting, exciting event. Please bring the leftover weights for the dancing exercise too! Instructor: Hanako Nakamura When: Saturdays 10:30-11:30
Cost: $24 Member/$29 Non-Member/Session (10 weeks)

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Over 40 and Over Women's Night Basketball Over 40 and 60 and over basketball team that you can mix and match. Instructor: Stan Coughlin When: 6:30-7:30
Cost: $3 Member/Member/$4 Non-Member/Session (8 weeks)

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