This past April, we hosted the Japanese Cultural Centers Summit. The Summit brought together the four largest institutional Japanese American Cultural Centers in America (Cultural Centers). Representing the organizations were staff and board members from the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH), the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC) from Los Angeles, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington (JCCCW) based in Seattle and of course the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC).

The first summit was held in Los Angeles (LA) back in 2003. The purpose of the summit was to strategize ways in which the Cultural Centers could better communicate, collaborate, share and develop resources and plan for the future needs of our Cultural Centers.

The goals were to:
1. Address the challenges facing our Cultural Centers.
2. Develop ways to strengthen our Cultural Centers.
3. Strategize and collaborate together as Cultural Centers.

Following the success of the initial summit in LA, subsequent gatherings were held in Hawaii, San Francisco and Seattle.

Although the JCCCNC and the JACCC in Little Tokyo have had a longstanding relationship since the 1990’s, prior to the first summit the four cultural centers had never worked together, much less met or even communicated with each other. We never reached out to one another or saw the need to, but times have changed. Our organizations and our communities must work together if we hope to fulfill our mission of preserving our cultural heritage.

This year’s summit addressed the issue of the sustainability of our Cultural Centers and how we can continue to be relevant with the changing demographics and generational shift of our community. The other important goal was to solidify and formalize the relationship between our Japanese cultural organizations; for these reasons, a formal alliance was created.

Alliance Statement

The Alliance of Japanese Cultural Centers of America (AJCCA) is a consortium of independent Japanese Cultural and Community Centers that share a common mission to preserve, share, and perpetuate the Japanese and Japanese American culture in America. The Alliance serves to strengthen the capacity of its organizations through collaborative activities that share resources and create mutually beneficial opportunities. The Alliance further strives to strategically meet the changing needs of our community.

The alliance of our Cultural Centers is an important historical event in helping to ensure that our cultural heritage continues to develop and grow. We know from history that culture changes, sometimes it adapts to the environment and changes with time, turning what was once modern and contemporary culture into traditions. Sometimes it dies and simply becomes part of history.

It is the primary mission of our Cultural Centers to ensure that the best of our Japanese culture continues to thrive as well as expand its creativity to be contemporary and relevant within our community and the larger American Society.

As our Nisei generation continues to pass away, the responsibility of our Cultural Centers to preserve, promote, practice and pass on our Japanese and Japanese American cultural heritage to future generations becomes more important than ever.

The new Alliance of Japanese Cultural Centers of America is an important step toward fulfilling that promise.

Sincerely,

Paul Osaki
Welcome New Staff Member Haruka Roudebush!

Haruka Roudebush has joined the staff of the JCCCNCE as Programs Manager after spending much of his free time in the past decade involved in the Japanese American and Japantown communities.

His community involvement in the community began in college through his campus Nikkei Student Union at UC San Diego, and in 2005 Haruka first worked with JCCCNCE staff and volunteers as a planning committee member for the youth track of the Notice to All Statewide Conference on the Japanese American Internment. Haruka has extensive experience organizing events and workshops through his role as a board member of the San Francisco JACL, co-founder of the JACL's Nakayoshi Young Professionals social and volunteer service organization, Nihonmachi Roots Japantown youth community advocacy group, and New Generation Nikkei Fund. He looks forward to helping implement programs and workshops that will not only increase interest and understanding of Japanese and Japanese American culture, but also encourage increased involvement in the JCCCNCE and Japantown community.

Haruka was born in Tokyo but moved to San Francisco at age 2, and grew up in the East Bay in Lafayette, California. He graduated from UC San Diego in 2005 with a major in political science and a minor in Japanese Studies. He currently lives along foggy Ocean Beach in the Outer Sunset of San Francisco.

NOT A GOODBYE...BUT A SEE YOU AROUND

This is not goodbye, but a see you around J-Town. I retired on March 31st. I would like to thank the community for supporting me during my employment here at the JCCCNCE. It has been an honor working, meeting, and making new friends at the Center. It is now time for me to move on to the next chapter of my life. I know I will still be around to volunteer at the various fundraisers and workshops.

Sincerely,
Ruby Hata

See you soon!

MISSION STATEMENT

The JCCCNCE 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 JCCCNCE 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.
CHERRY BLOSSOM BASKETBALL JAMBOREE

On April 11th we hosted our 22nd Annual JCCCNC Cherry Blossom Basketball Jamboree at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. A total of eight teams participated in this year’s Jamboree. Teams traveled as far as Fresno and the peninsula areas to participate in the fun and exciting games. Divisions for this year’s jamboree consisted of 4th-5th grade boys and 4th grade girls.

Every year referees generously volunteer their time to the jamboree and it wouldn’t be possible without all of their help. We would like to thank Dave Djanikian, Jared Kwong, Pasqual Duke, Chris Hirano and David Lee for coming out to officiate the games. We would like to especially thank Craig Hamakawa for volunteering to help run the jamboree.

We would like to thank the teams who participated in this year’s jamboree.

COOKING WITH SONOKO

On Saturday, March 21st, Japanese food writer, teacher, and founder of Common Grains, Sonoko Sakai, lead the cooking workshop entitled, Japanese Rice- Savory, Sweet, and Fermented. Sakai showed participants how to turn rice, which is often viewed as a side dish, into the centerpiece of a satisfying meal. Participants learned how to prepare chirashi sushi, a seasoned rice dish, fermented nuka, and a few other items. Sakai was joined by guest presenter Robin Koda of Koda Farms, the oldest family-owned and operated rice farm in California. Robin gave a short presentation on rice and some of the products that their farm produces. Sakai will be back at the JCCCNC later on this year leading another cooking workshop. Be sure to check the JCCCNC website and Facebook page for announcements.

ANNUAL CHILDREN’S DAY SCHOOL VISITS

The JCCCNC hosted over 700 preschool, first and second graders during our Annual Children’s Day School Visits held in May. Students were able to participate in three activities during their visit to the JCCCNC. Participants got to get their hands sticky while making sakura mochi. Students also got to test their folding techniques while participating at our craft station that featured origami. Last but not least participants were able to tour our Children’s Day Doll Exhibit that featured over 100 dolls that were generously on loan from the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco and many other private owners. Thank you to the many volunteers that donated their time to help put on this annual program as we couldn’t have done it without you!

CHILDREN’S DAY

On Saturday, May 2nd we celebrated Kodomo no Hi Children’s Day Festival at the Japan Center Peace Plaza. Participants were able to enjoy arts and crafts, games, and cultural entertainment. Thank you to everyone who made it out to the festival! It was great to see all of the children having a fun day out in San Francisco’s Japantown. We would like to especially thank our supporters and sponsors. Without their help this event would not have been possible.

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AN INSIDE LOOK INTO THE JCCCNC TRACK MEET AND FAMILY UNDOKAI

The JCCCNC Track Meet and Family Undokai took place on Sunday, June 28th from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Palo Alto High School. The event featured over 50 different track and field events open to all ages ranging from toddlers to adults. A highlight to the event was the community potluck that brought participants together for an amazing lunch. Many families brought their favorite dishes out to the event. Everything from spam musubi and chicken wings, to an array of fresh salads were found on the buffet tables.

The Family Undokai portion of the event featured events such as a three legged race, egg on a spoon, wheel barrel races, a donut on a string eating segment, and the potato sack race, a new event this year. The Family Undokai event was added just two years ago to encourage parents to participate with their children. The Family Undokai has become increasingly popular and it was great to see parents and children participating together and having a great time.

Nine years ago, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Junior Olympics organizers approached the JCCCNC about continuing the tradition of hosting a track meet and community event. Without the dedication and determination of the JACL volunteers, we would not be able to host this great community event. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Craig Hamakawa, Dean Kumagai, Michelle Nieda, and Tom Oshidari who have spent countless hours making this event possible over the years.

Many thanks to the volunteers, parents and participants who supported this fun family event. Thank you to all the participants this year. We hope you had a wonderful time. For those who are interested in seeing photos from this year’s event please visit our flickr page www.flickr.com/photos/jcccnc/ or our facebook page www.facebook.com/LikeJCCCNc.
21ST ANNUAL NIKKEI OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you for your participation in our 21st Annual Nikkei Open Golf Tournament scheduled on Monday, July 13th at the Peninsula Golf and Country Club in San Mateo! We have hosted this tournament since 1994, six of which were held at PGCC, to support the vitality of programs and services at the JCCCNC.

To view photos from this year’s tournament visit our flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/jccnc/ or our facebook page at www.facebook.com/LikeJCCCNC.
TABEMASHO 2015: CULTURAL CONNECTIONS AND FALL AUCTION

This year, our Annual Event will be held on Saturday, September 19th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the JCCCNC, welcoming a number of restaurants specializing in popular dishes throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond!

In conjunction with the Annual Event, we will be holding our Annual Fall Auction between September 1st – 19th featuring restaurant packages, a family vacation package to Disneyland, Japanese ceramics, retailers and spas, sports memorabilia, and experiences ranging from wine tastings to excursions.

The auction will take place online from September 1st – 14th and some items will carry over to the silent and live auctions during our Annual Event. Whether you are looking for something unique for yourself or searching for a gift for someone special, you can be sure to find an item in our Annual Fall Auction.

The success of our Annual Fall Auction depends on spreading the word to as many people as possible. We need your help! By donating an item or service, we will be working together in raising funds to better serve our community and fulfilling the Center’s mission.

Wish list:

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THE HASHI OKI JOURNEY: BY DIANE MATSUDA

I never planned to write about one of my own collections, but since the point of these articles is to share an aspect of Japanese culture, please allow me to introduce my hashi oki collection to you.

Hashi oki, or chopstick rests, are often used at restaurants, hotels and households in Japan to place a pair of hashi in front of a table setting. It is considered impolite and unsanitary for your hashi to directly touch the table as it is an eating utensil that should be free of excess germs but I did not start my collection because of germ phobia.

Usually, hashi oki are ceramic, and as with many other collectors of items made in Japan, I became a fast fan of Japanese ceramics. It is actually through this lens that I started my life long journey as a student of Japanese culture.

Today, there are 11 famous pottery towns in Japan and countless other lesser known but nonetheless beautiful styles of Japanese ceramic ware in virtually every area of the 47 prefectures of the country.

Depending on the style, Japanese ceramic ware can resemble a porcelain finish with intricate colors and design, (like Arita, Kutani or Imari), while others look more rustic and use natural products like straw and rocks to imprint a design on a plate or cup (like Bizen or Tanba).

Records trace the use of ceramic ware in Japan to the Jomon era of 12,000 years ago, but what is surprising is that the Japanese ceramic ware of today has not really changed since this time. Pots, plates and cups that you see in a museum can still be seen in local pottery towns as it is often said that when you purchase a piece of pottery, you should make your purchase carefully as it should remain as your life long companion. A Japanese potter goes through many years of training before his or her actual pieces are allowed to be a part of a collection in a pottery shop and each piece created is said to display the potter’s skill and spirit.

Since my budget did not (and still does not) allow me to
purchase large pieces of ceramic ware, I started to purchase hashi oki from various pottery towns to enjoy and appreciate their individual beauty. The care and detail that is exhibited in each hashi oki reflects the importance Japanese potters place on every item they create and in turn teaches us, the buyer and user, to reflect more thoughtfully on eating the meal that is presented to us and to show our appreciation for what we are to receive.

Hashi oki can be purchased in sets of five or individually. They can range in price from a dollar, if they are mass produced, to a hundred dollars apiece if they are made by a famous national living treasure. I have met collectors who only purchase one theme of hashi oki while others buy them to reflect the four seasons. My collection is a mix and match of everything. I have tried to curb my habit in recent years but sometimes it is just too hard to resist. My recent additions have followed a food theme but for some reason my doggie pile has also inflated.

Hashi oki’s make great gifts because they are small and easy to bring back from Japan and can add a touch of color and flavor to any table. More importantly, each piece reflects a part of Japanese culture that can be enjoyed at any meal.

Hope you will also consider starting your own collection of something Japanese. It is a journey that I have continued to enjoy.

JCCNC GAME CORNER

Across
3. the Japanese warrior
6. Japantown
8. buckwheat noodles
9. octopus ball snack
10. the ‘open hand’ martial arts

Down
1. a robotic cat from the 22nd century
2. a ninja who wants to become Hokage!
4. fried noodles
5. Japanese drumming
7. a rice ball
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**Family Membership Mug**
This spring, in addition to member rates for all JCCNC classes and workshops, we are offering a FREE family mug for every new Family Membership or Sustaining Membership sign up.
The JCCCNC has a new website! Visit www.jcccnc.org for information about programs and events. You can also sign up to become a member, donate, volunteer, connect on social media, and sign up for our E-Newsletter to stay up to date with all of the activities you can participate in!

If you have any questions about “Ways to Give” please contact Aya Ino at (415) 567-5505 or aino@jcccnc.org
**Family Movie Night**

**Featuring Big Hero 6**

The JCCCNC would like to celebrate the end of the summer and bring the community together for a movie night. Bring your family or a group of friends and enjoy a movie and refreshments with others from around the community. JCCCNC members will receive 50% off admission and a free bag of popcorn.

Price: $3 - Members  $6 - General Public
Saturday, August 22 doors open at 5:00pm

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**Upcoming Events**

**Cooking with Sonoko**

**Featuring Summer Soba Noodles**

Join us as noodle maker and Japanese cooking instructor Sonoko Saka will walk you through an intensive lesson in hand-milled artisan soba noodles using the NikoNiko style. NikoNiko Style is an ancient blend of 100% buckwheat and 20% wheat flour. In this two hour class you will learn how to knead, cut and cook the soba noodles, and taste three soba dishes and a refreshing dessert.

Visit the registration link below to see Sonoko’s full bio.

JCCCNC Members - $80
General Public - $100
Friday, July 31 6:30pm-8:30pm

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**English Rakugo**

**Japanese Traditional Storytelling in English**

Rakugo is a 400-year-old tradition of comic storytelling in Japan. Come see Kananya Eiraku from Tokyo, Japan as he performs Rakugo in English.

RSVP: programsevents@jcccnc.org or (415) 567-5505
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