When Will The Center Reopen?

On March 12, 2020, before the mandated City-Wide Shelter-in-Place (SIP) started, we closed our doors and ceased all programs out of our community’s health and safety concerns. Although everyone knew the COVID-19 virus was deadly, at the time, none of us realize just how much and to what extent. Most of us had never even heard the phrase “Shelter-in-Place”?

We were hoping to reopen, possibly in June or July. Little did we know in the months ahead that over 250,000 people would die in the United States and over 1.3 million worldwide.

When the State of California and San Francisco first established reopening plans and a timeline. Community and Recreation Centers were scheduled to reopen in late Phase 3, which was tentatively September or October. Later, as the medical and science communities learned more about the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, indoor facilities like Community Centers moved to Phase 4, in the same category as Concert Venues and Convention Halls.

This past August, California announced a new reopening plan based on four color-coded tiers, taking into account infection rates and risk factors. In this new plan, Community Centers, Concert Venues, and others are not yet listed in any color tiers.

Until indoor social and recreational activities are considered safe, we do not expect to reopen the Center until sometime around the first quarter of 2021. Of course, the opening will depend on infection and hospital rates and close-contact risk factors. Even with a vaccine’s availability, we know it may take time for some people to feel comfortable getting it or participating in indoor activities. We realize that things are continually changing, and we hope for the best.

Taking all of this into account, the Center developed a plan based on nine months. The plan is based on the following assumptions:

• a vaccine is discovered by the end of 2020 or early 2021.
• the vaccine will be widely available to the public within the first and second quarter of 2021.
• even with a vaccine, it may take 3-6 months for some individuals to feel comfortable participating in indoor group activities, programs, and special events.

Our primary concern is, of course, the health and safety of the community. Like restaurants and other businesses, community centers will probably be allowed to reopen on a limited percentage basis with programs that can meet the social distancing guidelines and health and safety requirements.

To answer the question of when the Center will reopen? We don’t know exactly. We do know things will get better, and the COVID-19 pandemic will not define us. Our goal is to take this experience and everything we learned about using technology to create an interactive virtual community. We are moving the Center into the future, making us a better organization than before, closing our doors.

With all the uncertainties today, the one thing for sure is we can’t wait to welcome and see you back at the Center soon!

Paul Osaki
Executive Director
おかえりなさい
"Welcome Home"

On March 12, none of us could have imagined the impact and challenges we would still face today, eight months after we were directed to Shelter-in-Place (SIP).

During this time, the Center staff have diligently worked from home to stay connected, engage with our constituents and the community, create virtual programs and events and draft a plan to safely reopen, even though there is no date certain for reopening.

The Center’s top priorities for safely reopening are the health, safety and comfort of those who enter our building. For over 34 years, the Center focused on being a second home for the community, a place where people can connect, gather and be together. In our “new normal,” coming together will require all of us to do our part to remain safe.

Our reopen plan focuses on three key areas:

1. Safety and Health
The health and wellbeing of staff and visitors are at the forefront of our planning. We will implement daily screenings, require everyone to wear face coverings and maintain a minimum of 6 feet distancing at all times.

We have also further enhanced our cleaning guidelines, which we carefully put together and will implement following the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH). These procedures and guidelines may change and evolve to reflect new/updated government guidance and expectations.

2. Re-Starting Programs
Due to the variety of programs and activities that happen at the Center, programs and activities will resume and be phased in based on government guidelines, social distancing practices, air ventilation, type of program and comfort level of instructors and students to resume them safely.

3. Communications
The Center feels that the comfort and peace of mind of staff and visitors are equally important, so we included consistent and ongoing communication in our plan. We will provide details on what to expect when returning to our facility and our phasing strategy for programs and activities. Information will be shared in our monthly and quarterly newsletters, social media, on our website and visually through signage around our building. (see sample signage on this page.)

We want to share our reopening vision with you. Our Reopening Overview, a condensed version of our Reopening Guide, will be available on our website (www.jcccnc.org) for download. Our Reopening Guide is an evolving document of our policies, protocols and other matters relating to our operational opening and phasing plan.

Caring for our constituents and providing exceptional service has always been our priority at the Center. While the recent COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world and how business is conducted, we remain optimistic. We look forward to welcoming all of you with a commitment to ensure your health, safety and comfort. We hope to see you soon!
Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic:  
Center Plan and Concerns

Our goal from the start of the Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Order was to create a dynamic social media presence and online interactive programs as though the Center never closed its doors. As in every community, the Center is the heart and soul of activities and programs and is a central gathering place that provides stability through its leadership in the community. We felt our members, program participants, online followers and the community at large needed to know that despite the SIP and closure of the building, we were still the heartbeat of the community. Our motto during these challenging times has been, "Although We Are Apart — We Remain a Community at Heart."

Our Four-fold COVID-19 Pandemic Activities and Outreach Plan:

1. Weekly outreach to our Nisei population

Our seniors are the most vulnerable population we serve. Because they were restricted to staying at home, we were concerned about their social isolation, physical and mental health and ability to perform essential and daily tasks. The Center felt it was necessary to stay in touch and reach out to them by sending them weekly letters. We also send them handwritten cards, postcards and activities they can do at home. Staff and volunteers bake cookies and treats for them, staff play games with them over the internet and board members make regular phone calls. This summer, we created a "pen pal" call program where youth phoned 3-4 seniors once a week. We also send volunteers to socialize with them, run errands and perform daily tasks.

2. Create a massive online presence through social media

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Follow us on Instagram @jccnc_sf

Our goal is to create a virtual community. We post culturally relevant and community-related messages, games, events, stories, news articles and activities. We will create more interactive opportunities on our social media platform to engage our users. This could include an on-going Japanese American trivia contest, chat rooms to discuss issues, a community history app and other cultural games and contests.

3. Continue Center outreach

We continue to send to our members, program participants and donors Center related materials, membership information, donor solicitation and our quarterly newsletter. We also inform them about the status of the Center during the SIP, our reopening plans, including our safety and health procedures, and how we are looking forward to welcoming them back to the Center.

4. Online interactive programming

The SIP has allowed us the time to experiment with online (virtual/real-time) programming, classes, workshops and games. Since we have been offering cooking courses, workshops for researching your Japanese ancestry and understanding your family kamon and social interaction activities such as karaoke, sharing your family recipes and cultural classes, our social media followers increased to 5,000, and our virtual programs have had over 9,500 participants and views.
Meet the 2020 Kase Interns

The Center was fortunate to have five Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program (Kase Program) participants this past summer. The Kase Program was envisioned in 2011 by the Center and the late Grace Kase to encourage young college students to take an active role in learning, creating and developing programs to promote and support the Japanese American community and the activities that take place at the Center. The Kase Program also provides a $5,000 scholarship to each student upon successful completion of the program. Each intern was assigned a personal work plan to complete during her 10-week experience under the supervision and mentorship of a Center staff member. Because of their experience at the Center, we have been fortunate to have some of the former Kase Scholars return as permanent staff members. The Kase Program promotes youth leadership and education and preserves culture for the future generations of the Japanese American community. The Center would like to thank Grace for her foresight and longtime support; and her nephew Mark for continuing to fund the Kase Program.

MIKA CHAN, SAN FRANCISCO
Seattle University, Marketing and Sociology, Class of 2022

Mika is a San Francisco native and currently attends Seattle University where she studies marketing with a minor in sociology. Working in the Development Department this summer, she curated social media content, worked on fundraising tasks, and collaborated with the other Kase interns on the Center census and the Nisei connect projects. Mika grew up in Nihonmachi and participated in various activities including BCSF girl scouts, Ardenettes basketball, and teaching obon odori during the summer. She is grateful to have had the opportunity to be a Kase intern where she has been able to work in an engaging environment and deepen her understanding of her Japanese American (JA) identity and the Japantown community. During the quarantine, she has been listening to podcasts, doing home workouts and playing the ukulele. In the future, she hopes to pursue a job in marketing or social work while staying actively involved in the Japanese American community.

KEIKO TSUYUZAKI, ALAMEDA
San Francisco State University, Japanese Language Studies and Hospitality and Tourism Management, Class of 2022

Keiko is a third-year Japanese Language and Cultural Studies major and Hospitality and Tourism at San Francisco State University. She was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the Nikkei community, followed by spending time in New York and settling in the Bay Area. She has attended Japanese Saturday school, worked with children in a community center in Japan and has the Eiken certificate exam in the first degree. In the future, she wants to become a flight attendant or work in jobs relating to international relations with Japan. This summer, she worked as an intern in the Administration department, focusing on multiple projects involving web development and translation work. She was able to gain professional and community outreach experience, as well as meet other Nikkei students. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, being on social media and decorating her room.

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KC MUKAI, BERKELEY
UC Berkeley, Sociology and Public Health, Class of 2021

KC is going into her senior year at UC Berkeley studying Sociology with a concentration in Research Methods and a minor in Global Public Health. This summer she worked in the Programs Department where she organized virtual programming that was centered around Japanese American themes and traits. KC grew up in Fresno, California where she was heavily involved with the Japanese American community, attending Fresno and Fowler Buddhist Church, going to Japanese School, and participating in JABA and Girl Scouts Troop 305. She is currently the president of College Young Buddhist Association (YBA), a member of Berkeley JACL and UC Berkeley Nisei Student Union (NSU). In her free time, KC enjoys playing the cello, photography, reading and trying out new cooking recipes. After finishing her studies, KC is interested in working in the social work field, focused on helping the homeless or reentry population. She is very grateful to have been a Kase intern and hopes that she can continue to support and be a part of the Japanese American community for years to come.

JUNKO TANIGUCHI, SAN FRANCISCO
Smith College, Government and International Relations, Class of 2021

Junko was born and raised in San Francisco, and now attends Smith College in Massachusetts. This summer she worked with the Development Department at the Center providing support for fundraising efforts, creating for social media, as well as interacting with different members of the community through the Nisei Connect Project. Her previous involvement in SF Japantown includes being a Takahashi Youth Ambassador at the Center, Girl Scouts at BCSF, and a graduate and now volunteer at Rosa Parks JBPP. She is very interested in not only strengthening the Japantown community, but also building bridges and coalitions with other communities in SF and the world. In the future, she hopes to work in the international nonprofit or NGO world, and believes that this internship has provided her with valuable skills in whatever field she may end up in. She loves swimming, climbing, biking, sometimes running and recently, fly fishing: basically any activity that she can do outdoors. During the quarantine, she has been walking her dog and also baking and doing home workouts with her sisters. She hopes to pursue a Masters Degree in Social Work and Public Policy for a career in public service or nonprofit organizations. She is grateful for this opportunity to have had such a valuable experience to learn about her own cultural heritage while gaining professional skills in the workplace.

ALLIE UMEMOTO, SACRAMENTO
Scripps College, Sociology and Politics, Class of 2021

Allie is a Sacramento native and attends Scripps College in Claremont, California where she is entering her fourth year studying Sociology and Politics. She worked with the Programs Department at the Center this summer helping to create virtual programming for the community during Shelter in Place. Her interests include playing basketball, the flute and swimming. During the quarantine, she has been walking her dog and also baking and doing home workouts with her sisters. She hopes to pursue a Masters Degree in Social Work and Public Policy for a career in public service or nonprofit organizations. She is grateful for this opportunity to have had such a valuable experience to learn about her own cultural heritage while gaining professional skills in the workplace.
Thank you to our 2020 Kase Program Interns

The Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program (Kase Program) interns have always filled the Center each summer with youthful energy and fresh inspiration and ideas. This summer, through the pandemic and Shelter-in-Place Orders, the Kase Program interns navigated a virtual summer internship using technology and a willingness to adapt to create vibrant programming and genuine connections. They produced a series of programs and content and assisted staff in Center initiatives. Although they were apart, they were able to work together to create and sustain projects that will continue to help the Center and our community.

The Kase Program interns worked tirelessly to help promote the Center Census an initiative, much like the U.S. Census to count our constituents, prioritize planning and improve organizational efficiency. The Kase Program interns also helped input surveys and created a young adult focus group to gain more insight to support the Center’s future strategic planning.

The Kase Program interns have continued as we enter additional months of the shelter-in-place.

Despite the cancellation of in-person programs at the Center, the Kase Program interns created a plethora of new virtual programming to help connect the Center community. The following are the virtual programs developed. The program recordings can be found on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LikeJCCCNC

Asian American Themes in Avatar: The Last Airbender (ATLA) with Dr. Lori Kido Lopez (August), which focused on “racebending,” as it pertains to ATLA and the media.

Japanese American Figures in Politics featuring Dr. Emily Murase (August) focused on a notable Japanese American figure in politics with a discussion of how Japanese American values, history, and perspectives tie into being a publicly elected official.

Resilience: As the Bamboo Bends, Coping with the Stress of COVID-19 featuring Dr. Satsuki Ina (July) was the first of two webinars in a series focusing on coping with the stress of COVID-19.

Helping Family and Friends Cope with the Stress of COVID-19 featuring Dr. Kayoko Yokoyama (August) was the second webinar in a series focusing on coping with the stress of COVID-19.

Throughout the summer and the Shelter-in-Place, the Kase Program interns remained positive, helpful, engaged and adaptable while also creating new programs and assisting with implementing ongoing initiatives. We are thankful for the hard work and dedication this summer from our five Kase Program interns, Allie Umemoto, Junko Taniguchi, KC Mukai, Keiko Tsuyuzaki and Mika Chan!
With generous funding from The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation (Foundation), the Center was able to create a venue for Japantown guests to safely eat their lunches and dinners under a warm and wide canopy and safely distance themselves from other guests.

To date, close to 30,000 individuals have utilized this important space, and it has provided an increased flow of traffic and much-needed business revenue to the restaurants who have not been able to fully open their restaurants to their guests.

The Center has also been able to employ young people who wanted to perform some type of community service to help us preserve and maintain our businesses in Japantown during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Because of its popularity amongst its guests, businesses and the community, Picnic at the Plaza was extended two months past its original sunset date of September 27, 2020.

We successfully closed this project with newly acquired skills and knowledge and have been able to form meaningful partnerships with our valued contacts at the SF Recreation and Park Department, the Japantown Merchants Association and the many restaurants in Japantown.
We drive all the way from Marin to order meals to go and eat at Picnic in the Plaza! We love the opportunity to sit outside at the Japantown peace plaza. We hope this continues year round.”
Marisa

“Picnic at the Plaza was an absolute joy and delight! We frequently come to Japantown to enjoy the food and atmosphere but haven’t been able to visit in the past few months as we’ve tried to honor shelter in place best practices. The staff at Picnic at the Plaza were warm and inviting and everything felt very safe and clean which is at the forefront of everyone’s mind. Thank you for this pleasure in the midst of a pandemic!”
Lauren & Paul, San Francisco residents and 4th gen JA

They take their responsibility professionally and cleaned tables and chairs very well. Thank you! We will be back!! This is what it takes to get things moving back again. GREAT STAFF!!"
Paul M.

Our special thanks are extended to the following individuals who made Picnic at the Plaza a great success. We could not have done it without them!
Mika Chan
KC Mukai
Michelle Heckert
Allie Umemoto
Nathan Segal
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Lee Osaki
Caelynn Hwang
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Shauna Bogetz
George Ridgeley
Steve Cismowski
Omar Davis

We read about restaurants trying to stay in business by setting up to-go tables in Peace Plaza on the weekends. It turns out the JCCNC got a grant to set up a seating area too...You have to purchase food from a J-Town restaurant and show your receipt. Kim’s trusty crew then escorts you to a table. They immediately disinfect when you’re done. Plus, it’s dog friendly! We very much enjoyed eating outdoors with the tables truly spaced apart, and the light breeze was nice, too. We had yummy noodles and taiyaki ice cream for dessert.”
Dara, East Bay

PICNIC AT THE PLAZA IS THE BEST! I FEEL SO SAFE AND WELL CARED FOR. EATING OUT USED TO MAKE ME VERY NERVOUS, BUT THANKS TO PICNIC AT THE PLAZA I FINALLY FEEL LIKE I CAN STAY SAFE AND SUPPORT JAPANTOWN! WIN! WIN!
Gratefully, Stuart
Gambaro Program

Gambaro, loosely translated in English, means let’s work together to persevere. We felt that this word was very appropriate for the program launched with generous funding from The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation (Foundation).

In early April 2020, Masako Takahashi, President of the Foundation, expressed a strong interest to do something to keep Japantown small businesses alive. She then provided the Center with the funding to put a program together.

Receiving the funding was both a challenge and an honor. It was an honor to be entrusted with a large sum of money to be utilized for our community but a challenge to find a way to benefit both our businesses and community organizations.

We read in the paper of nonprofit organizations that purchased food from neighborhood restaurants and then distributed the meals to food banks and homeless shelters, but that model was not the most appropriate fit for what we wanted to accomplish since many of our Japantown restaurants were not allowed to open during the first part of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through lengthy discussions and research, we decided on a program where we would purchase large amounts of gift certificates from our Japantown businesses and restaurants and then distribute them to our direct service community organizations.

By utilizing this approach, businesses and restaurants would receive an immediate infusion of money to support their businesses with cash in hand, and at the same time, allow the community organizations that were forced to close their operations with gift certificates to use for their own charitable purpose. Gift certificates will also be distributed to emergency responders and essential workers who have worked tirelessly to keep our community safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also hope that when a gift certificate was redeemed, additional purchases exceeding the value of the gift certificate will be made to further benefit the businesses and restaurants. It would also introduce a number of businesses and restaurants to recipients who may have never heard or explored our commercial Japantown corridor.

For the Center, this was our first experience working directly with our Japantown merchants. With the assistance of Rich Hashimoto, President of the Japantown Merchants Association, who introduced the businesses to us, we can now say that we are truly partners with our business community. The gift certificates will also be circulated to individuals who never have had the opportunity to shop and eat in Japantown — thereby creating a whole circle of new customers.

You are giving us the courage to survive.
For that, we are most grateful.
The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation supports Japantown small businesses.

Following WWII and their return to San Francisco, Henri and Tomoye opened a small dry goods store on Post Street, where Union Bank is located in the Japan Center. Like many of the small businesses after the war, they struggled but persevered. However, in the 1960s, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency seized and evicted them from their property. Later the city bulldozed their store and home to make way for the building of the Japan Center. They were forced to leave Japantown due to the lack of affordable and available land to rebuild their business. Despite having to relocate, they never forgot the community.

They eventually started a thriving wholesale and retail business featuring Japanese houseware and décor with stores located in San Francisco, New York, and Sausalito. In 1986, they established the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation to support the Japanese American community.

Within a couple of weeks following the shelter in place order on March 18, Masako Takahashi, the daughter of Henri and Tomoye and President of their foundation, approached the Center about organizing a project(s) to support the small businesses through the shelter in place and COVID-19 pandemic. To honor her parents and the Takahashi Store’s memories in Japantown, Masako donated $600,000 from the family foundation.

Picnic at the Plaza and the Gambaro Project would not have been possible without the support of Masako Takahashi and her immediate concern about the welfare of Japantown’s small businesses.
All of us at the Center unanimously agree that we miss interacting with our senior Center Family members more than anything else. The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for all of us to adjust, but it is particularly challenging for the population that government health experts have titled the most vulnerable, our senior Center Members.

Early on, when we were told to shut our doors in March, the Center adopted the motto, “Although we are apart, we are a community at heart.” We have taken this saying to many levels. First, we communicate with our Center Family by creating weekly mailings to inform them on what is happening in the community; provide them with information on the Japanese culture and traditions; and sometimes deliver cookies or a bento.

Second, we are now starting to create online activities such as bingo, chair aerobics and cooking classes provide lessons on how to use the computer to connect to a Zoom meeting or a casual conversation.

Third, we have expanded our outreach to providing individual services for those who are no longer able to drive or need to obtain groceries, clean or weed yards, pick up items for our Hidden Treasures sale or other chores and tasks that pop up from week to week.

We have thoroughly enjoyed providing these services and feel that it has brought us even closer to our Center Family, as they clearly know that we are here for them throughout every step of this new environment we are living in.

Here are some of the thoughts and comments we have received:

Thank you so much for the thoughtful bag of goodies. So many of you were involved with this endeavor. It is sincerely appreciated.

Many thanks for the information regarding celebrations, customs of my heritage. Most are fascinated descriptions. I’m learning for the first time. You are in my “kansha thoughts” daily. Keep up the fine work you are doing.

Being holed up alone since March gave me time to reminisce and to realize how much a close-knit family means. Having shopping done, small meals brought and many other favors, I realize how grateful I am more than ever!

My husband and I have been doing quite well during this stay at home COVID-19 epidemic. Thanks to JCCCNC for all your games and activities to keep me busy... As for my husband, I think he’s enjoying his freedom of not driving me here and there. He’s still baking cookies. Our love for all of the friendship from JCCCNC.
The Year of the Cow

BY DIANE MATSUDA

We all look forward to a better and healthier year in 2021 and hopefully, we will have the chance to come together again to celebrate and enjoy all of the activities that we have put on hold for the past several months.

2021 commemorates the Year of the Cow. People born in this year possess diligence, dependability and determination and have an honest nature. They have great patience to achieve goals through their constant efforts and live a fairly healthy and long life.

Prominent people born in the Year of the Cow include former President Barack Obama, cartoonist Walt Disney and artist Vincent Van Gogh.


MEET A SPECIAL AKABEKO

A kabeko is a legendary cow born in the Aizu Region of Fukushima Prefecture. His existence is based on a real story honoring a cow that helped rebuild the Enzo-ji Temple in Yanaizu Town, Fukushima.

It is said that after the temple was destroyed by an earthquake in the year 1611, the priests and village people living near the temple tried to rebuild the structure on their own, but carrying the supplies up the hill was so difficult that they felt it was impossible.

Then one day, a red cow appeared and led all of the other cows to help with the transport of the materials to quickly build the temple that still stands today. Cow replicas were built inside the temple grounds to show appreciation and gratitude for his efforts, and people who touch the cow will receive strength and happiness.

Having an akabeko in your home also helps ward off illness and bring good luck and strength.

A few years ago, the Center invited akabeko artist Minako Hayakawa to San Francisco to share her passion for keeping the traditional mingei craft of akabeko alive. Hayakawa and her father are the artists and owners of Nozawa Mingei (Nozawa Folks Arts) located in Nishi Aizu, Fukushima Prefecture. In response to the March 11, 2011, Great Eastern Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear Disaster, Hayakawa created a special akabeko (Seigaihabeko) to pray for the people of Tohoku and a hope for recovery. She used an ocean motif to represent the ocean and a red string that supports the neck to represent “kizuna” — to bond us together.

2021 commemorates the 10th anniversary of this tragic and devastating event. The Center will display the beautiful akabeko Hayakawa donated to us throughout the entire year to remember and reflect on the lives lost and forever changed by this event and to continue to hope for a full recovery in Tohoku.

Adapting the Center to a Virtual World: Cultural and Community Programs During COVID-19

BY HARUKA ROUDEBUSH

Since COVID-19 shelter-in-place restrictions and social distancing went into effect in mid-March of this year, the whole world has had to adjust or adapt to a “new normal” to meet the challenges of these “unprecedented times,” and we have heard these words so much now that they have become platitudes for how differently our daily lives have changed for the sake of everyone’s health and safety.

The Center has experienced our share of challenges and necessary adjustments to the times, as we have had to temporarily suspend our in-person programs and activities while we have kept our doors closed to the public. Just as workplaces and schools have relied heavily on online solutions to keep operations going while the world hopes and waits for our eventual re-opening of our society, the Center’s Programs Department has also adapted to providing the community with virtual events, activities, classes and workshops that will certainly continue even after social distancing restrictions are lifted and the Center re-opens and resumes in-person programs.

Challenges Presented by COVID-19

As the Center first started addressing the beginnings of the pandemic’s spread in the United States, we prepared initial COVID response protocols for minimizing exposure risk to Center programs participants and staff. This included vigorous sanitization efforts of our facilities and surfaces and furniture physically contacted by programs participants before and after all scheduled activities prior to the shutdown, placing a strenuous physical burden on staff. However, the pandemic quickly forced us to suspend all in-person programs as various government-mandated social distancing and shelter-in-place requirements were enacted. Our COVID response protocols then turned to identifying limitations on our existing classes and workshops and to formulating an eventual phased re-opening plan once the pandemic abates.

The challenges and restrictions we needed to work around included compliance with physical distancing requirements between participants in our conference rooms and maximum capacity restrictions for gatherings. Facilities and equipment-dependent activities such as our ceramics studio have had to remain closed. Our sports programs such as our volleyball and basketball leagues, rentals to SF Kendo Dojo, SF Associates and the Waldorf school have been on hold while our building is closed to the public and are also due to the need to limit physical contact between participants. Our kitchen has been closed for our cooking workshops (fortunately Kimochi, Inc.’s senior meal programs were able to continue their operations in our kitchen as an essential service). In addition, our staff had to learn new skills to compensate for our limited prior experience putting on webinars and producing programs and activities in live and recorded video formats. Similarly, many of our instructors have had to learn and adapt similar new skills to continue teaching virtually.
Meeting Challenges and Going Virtual

With shelter-in-place going into effect, the Programs Department was determined to continue serving the Center’s mission of providing the community with culturally enriching programs and spaces for members of our community to continue connecting and engaging with each other. As cabin fever started setting in for many of us confined to our homes and limiting social contact, the need for us to continue what programs and activities we could to keep morale up and sanity intact was even more apparent. Our staff learned how to set up and facilitate Zoom webinars, the Center increased our Zoom capacity to hold virtual events, and set out to start growing our audience for virtual programs, reaching out to our existing membership base as well as using social media and our website as platforms to further engage the community and to deliver digital content.

Adapting existing classes and workshops to virtual formats using Zoom was an immediate option. By the end of April, the Center began putting on webinars and virtual gatherings for several of our programs, including Community Karaoke, Community Kitchen, Ukulele 101 workshops, Book events/author talks, Sr. Chair Aerobics, Washi Ningyo, Beyond Basic Drawing, Yosakoi dance classes, as well as changing our quarterly Community Kitchen program to a monthly virtual potluck where participants shared prepared dishes over their webcams. In addition, as some of our larger annual events could no longer be held in person, the Center adapted our Children’s Day Festival and Japantown Halloween Carnival to be held virtually using a combination of live broadcasting on Facebook and pre-recorded video content. Similarly, our Development Department successfully held virtual versions of our sweepstakes drawings and Tabemasho annual fundraiser.

Shelter-in-place caused many members of our community to be increasingly socially isolated, particularly our Nisei and seniors, so finding ways to help get seniors engaged online

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so that they too could remain connected to the community was an immediate priority for the Programs Department. Our Kase interns Allie Umemoto, KC Mukai and Keiko Tsuyuzaki produced online tutorial videos for seniors on how to install and use Zoom, and we have been able to offer our senior chair aerobics class virtually and start a weekly Zoom Bingo game for our seniors. It has been particularly heart-warming during these times to see how delighted our senior participants have been to see their friends’ faces and enjoy our virtual activities, but also to see younger family members helping their loved ones get connected and sometimes join in on the fun themselves!

New Opportunities for Virtual Programs
As our staff learned how to adapt our programs to virtual formats, we were able to hold our first virtual program, Community Karaoke, on April 24, 2020. Since then we have been able to hold several virtual workshops and programs every month, including cooking classes, book events, webinars and lectures on topics of interest to the community. We have also adapted our strategies to cultivate and grow our audience for virtual programs including how we use our social media and the Center’s website as platforms to further engage the community and broaden our reach, as well as create opportunities for partnerships and collaborations with other organizations and program sponsors.

Even with the challenges, and yes, occasional frustrations with virtual programs in comparison to in-person activities, virtual events and programs have presented several advantages and benefits for the Center. Having the ability for participants to access the programs remotely has enabled us to reach a much larger audience beyond our immediate support base of Center members, the surrounding Japantown community, and the Bay Area and Northern California Japanese and Japanese American community. Our marketing to the broader Japanese American community on online Facebook group forums such as You Know You’re Japanese American When..., All Things Japanese American, Sansei Legacy, and Subtle Nikkei Traits and with other community organization pages has also been effective in bringing in participants from Southern California and other parts of the country, including the east coast and Midwest, where many participants may not have immediate or local access to Japanese and Japanese American community and cultural programs. It has been exciting for us to see and meet new program participants who are likewise excited to be able to engage in our community virtually, sometimes for the first time.

Our participation in this summer’s first Tadaima! Virtual Community Pilgrimage organized by the Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimages group and a nation-wide coalition of volunteers and Japanese American community organizations also brought the Center to the screens of an international audience as part of a 9-week long schedule of over 370 virtual programs and film screenings. In some cases, we are able to leverage a larger national audience based on the visibility of our program speakers, which was the case with our virtual book event with New York Times bestselling author Traci Chee, who presented her new historical fiction novel, We Are Not Free, to an audience that included many fans of her previous work from all over the country. In addition, our virtual tea tasting program in December with Center sponsor Ito-En shows additional opportunities to host virtual programs in direct partnership with our sponsors.

Offering virtual programs has presented additional benefits and options for the Center. Our increased reach and virtual format has also enabled us to have larger class sizes in some cases, such as for our virtual cooking classes that can now accommodate over 100 participants cooking along remotely from their home kitchens, as opposed to our usual workshop cap of 20 participants who would have to cram into the Center’s kitchen. Some of our workshops also enabled us to host timely discussions and programming of immediate interest to the community, such as our 2-part webinar series on mental health and coping with the stress of COVID-19 with Dr.s Satsuki Ina and Kayoko Yokoyama. In addition, through generous support from The Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, we launched an entirely new genealogy and family history webinar series with the sessions being recorded and now accessible as on-demand digital course content to registrants. Our recorded videos posted to our website and social media also remain accessible to the general public at any time. In addition, we
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The class was also broadcast on the Center’s Facebook page to meet excess registration demand, and since then, has garnered over 2,700 video views on Facebook. Due to the feedback and community response to this first class, Kenji has been providing the Center with online cooking classes every month since, and is donating his time and instructors fees back to the Center for the duration of the Center’s COVID-19 closure. We are so thankful for Kenji and all of our cooking class registrants for your support!

To see Kenji’s other cooking videos, check out his YouTube channel at: http://bit.ly/kenjiskitchenyoutube.

The Center, as well as our Japantown community has been weathering this pandemic in part by invoking the spirit of gaman and perseverance of previous generations, while also drawing on resourcefulness and innovation to bring us forward to a post-COVID world. We appreciate everyone who has supported our virtual programs and activities so far, and we are looking forward to continue providing you with even more virtual content and activities even after we can re-open!

To view our current listings of ongoing virtual classes and programs, be sure to check the Center’s website and monthly e-newsletter, and check out our recorded webinar content at the URL’s below:


The Center’s Programs Department YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/JCCCNC/videos.

have also been able to seek out new instructors and speakers from beyond our immediate area, such as with our August webinar on Asian American themes in the 2000’s animated TV show Avatar: The Last Airbender, led by Asian American studies and media studies professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Lori Kido-Lopez, and our November Shibori Japanese indigo tie-dying crafts workshop, taught remotely by our instructor Catherine Ruhl in Brooklyn, New York.

Virtual Workshop Focus:

Kenji’s Kitchen Online Cooking Class — Japanese Soufflé Pancakes

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Preserving Culture One Class at a Time

What's Happening Online at the Center

Greetings from the Center’s Programs Department! We welcome you to peruse the list below that feature all the fun that we offer. The first class session is free for any first-time participant (materials costs for select classes still apply). We encourage you to try something new! For more information or to register for a class, please visit our website www.jcccnc.org, email programsevents@jcccnc.org or call (415) 567-5505.

KEY

M = Members | NM = Non-Members

All ongoing classes are temporarily cancelled until further notice with the exception of the classes listed here. Please make sure to visit our workshops/events on page 19.

ARTS AND CULTURE

BEYOND BASIC ART CLASS (VIRTUAL)
This weekly art class is designed for both intermediate and advanced students and will allow participants the opportunity to explore new media, subject matter and ways of thinking. This class will use basic drawing, painting concepts and subject matter, but will also look to expand participant’s artistic horizons. The atmosphere of the class is very informal for creating art.
Instructor: Rich Tokeshi
When: Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon
Cost: $30 M | $40 NM monthly (virtual rates)
Drop-in: $11 M | $14 NM (drop-in) included): $30 M | $40 NM

DANCE

YOSAKOI DANCING WITH ITO YOSAKOI DANCE GROUP (VIRTUAL)
Join the Ito Yosakoi Dance Group's weekly classes to learn the lively, energetic dance style of Yosakoi dancing! Yosakoi dancing features choreographed group dances with traditional movements mixed with modern, uptempo music to make for a captivating dance style that is growing in popularity in Japan and abroad! No dance experience is necessary. Class members have the option of dancing with the class recreationally, or learning the group's repertoire to perform in public.
When: Fridays, 7-9 p.m.
Cost: $12 M | $17 NM monthly
Drop-in: $3 M | $5 NM

MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS

KARATE—MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY CLASS (VIRTUAL)
Karate is an Okinawan martial art meaning “empty hand.” Develop self-defense skills and strengthen yourself mentally and physically. Our class is part of the International Karate League (IKL) which instructs a modified Shorin-Ryu style of karate. This class is open to all skill levels age 6+.
Instructor: Craig Hamakawa
When: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.
Cost: $28 M | $44 NM monthly
Drop-in: $8 M | $13 NM

SENIOR CHAIR AEROBICS (VIRTUAL)
Designed for seniors who want to build basic physical strength in a low-impact class. Students will use a chair to participate in exercises to increase flexibility, muscle coordination and strength. Classes end with a hands-on massage to relieve any lingering stress.
Instructor: Kaeko Inori
When: Thursdays, 10-10:45 a.m.
Cost: $3 M | $4 NM drop-in (virtual rates)

Teaching ukulele online is a very different experience from teaching in the classroom. After eight months of teaching ukulele on Zoom, I am so grateful for the technology that allows us to stay connected. There definitely is a place for virtual ukulele instruction, even after the pandemic is over and we can all meet again!
—Don Sadler, Ukulele 101 instructor

It has been a great joy to virtually teach my chair aerobic class. I was unable to meet my class participants for almost five months, (since last March), but now, I can see their smiles every Thursday. One of the good things about a virtual class format is that it allows people to be involved, in their own space, which is much easier and safer for everyone. As a result of going virtual, we now have more participants than before. Some of our participants are in their 90’s, and are able to continue to exercise and inspire everyone. In this pandemic, everyone is trying to live healthy and strong. It brings me great joy to play a part in helping to keep everyone healthy during the pandemic!
—Kaeko Inori, Senior Chair Aerobics instructor
SEIZE VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH WITH WRITER BRIAN KOMEI DEMPSTER
Saturday, December 5 | 11 a.m.-noon
Free, advance registration required

Brian Komei Dempster, professor of rhetoric and language and a faculty member in Asian Pacific American Studies at the University of San Francisco and former writing instructor at the Center, will share poems from his new collection, Seize, alongside photos and video clips at this virtual book launch event. His follow-up to his book, Topaz, Dempster’s poems present the highs and lows of fatherhood. The speaker struggles to care for his young and ailing child — a child whose many medical problems create an obstacle course of moral and emotional dilemmas.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VIRTUAL POTLUCK: NOODLES AND HOLIDAY DISHES
Tuesday, December 8 | 6-8 p.m.
Free, advance registration required

Our monthly virtual community potluck celebrates the holidays as participants prepare and share their favorite noodle and holiday dishes over Zoom.

VIRTUAL FAMILY HOLIDAY CRAFTS WORKSHOP
Saturday, December 12 | 2-3:30 p.m.
$10 Members | $15 General public

Learn how to make bread dough Christmas ornaments and an origami tsuru (crane) wreath online in this family-friendly workshop taught by Center board member Judy Hamaguchi.

KENJI’S KITCHEN MATCHA ROLL CAKE ONLINE COOKING CLASS
Sunday, December 13
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
$7 Members | $10 General public

Learn how to make this fluffy, creamy matcha roll cake dessert, perfect for the holidays, with chef Kenji Yokoo at his monthly online cooking class.

VIRTUAL TEA TASTING WORKSHOP WITH RONA TISON OF ITO EN
Wednesday, December 16 | 6-7 p.m.
Registration deadline December 1
$7 Members | $10 General public

Experience a virtual tea tasting with tea industry expert and connoisseur Rona Tison of Ito En, the global leaders of green tea and innovators of Japan’s #1 unsweetened bottled green tea- Oi Ocha. Registration includes a variety pack of Ito En tea samples for use during the workshop.
For the last ten years, the third Saturday in September has been reserved for the Center’s largest fundraising event, Tabemasho. Tabemasho brought the community together for a night that celebrated Japanese culture and community. Over 400 guests and over 150 volunteers used to gather in the Center’s gymnasium for an evening of amazing food prepared by local restaurants and community chefs. However, this year we were unable to celebrate our 10th anniversary of Tabemasho in person and elected to host the event virtually in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This year’s virtual Tabemasho, although we are apart, we are a COMMUNITY at heart, featured a welcome message from Executive Director Paul Osaki and Center staff, followed by an update on the Center’s COVID-19 recovery programs for the Japantown community. Though closed due to the city’s shelter-in-place order, the Center has remained active in supporting the San Francisco Japantown community by creating recovery programs such as Picnic at the Plaza and Gambaro and outreaching to our community’s most vulnerable members, our Nisei and seniors. Our virtual program concluded with our live auction and sweepstakes drawing. Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you to those that purchased tickets or bid on items in both our live and online auctions!

We would like to extend our appreciation to our sponsors, donors and all those who tuned into our live virtual program. We hope you enjoyed the program, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Center when it is safe to reopen our doors. We hope that next year we can gather again at the Center to celebrate our 10th anniversary of Tabemasho, but until then, “Although we are apart, we are a COMMUNITY at heart!”
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