CALANDER OF EVENTS

DECEMBER
17...JACL Board meeting 7 pm

JANUARY
1...HAPPY NEW YEAR
NO...Enman No Tomo mtg.
12...New Year’s Luncheon 11 am
19...Finance Committee mtg.
26...Long Range Planning mtg.
28...JACL meeting CANCELLED

FEBRUARY
2...Enman No Tomo mtg.
16...DOR Panel discussion
25...JACL Board meeting 7 pm

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY
Applications are being accepted for the 2013 Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) Program and the Gates Millennium Scholars Program.

These are eligible to students who are of Asian or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census who are enrolling as full-time students in the upcoming academic year.

APIASF makes a difference in communities by creating opportunities for students to access, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education. Scholarships are available to both first-time and returning college students. Deadline is January 11, 2013.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding, African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with significant financial need an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline of interest. Deadline for this program is January 16, 2013.

For more information about these opportunities, please view: http://www.apiasf.org/scholarships.html

STANFORD'S 17TH ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN ISSUES CONFERENCE
Listen to the Silence 2013
"Click, Connect, Engage: From Social Media to Social Justice"
February 2, 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS YEAR'S ASIAN AMERICAN ISSUES CONFERENCE, ORGANIZED BY STANFORD'S ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (AASA). SINCE 1995, THIS CONFERENCE AIDS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

This year's theme Click, Connect, Engage: From Social Media to Social Justice aims to provide an avenue through which the Asian American community can better utilize social and new media to enact meaningful social change within and beyond the community through activism, grass-roots mobilization, and coalition building.

Speakers will be Phil Yu of the Angry Asian Man series and Helen Zia notable Asian American activist, journalist, lawyer, and scholar.

WARM CLOTHING AND FOOD DRIVE
The Sonoma County JACL will be collecting food and warm clothing at the New Year’s Potluck for those less fortunate. Monetary Donations will also be greatly appreciated. Non perishable food and monetary donations will be donated to the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

Warm clothes (sweaters, coats, warm pants, gloves, hats), blankets, and comforters will be donated to the Warm Clothes Exchange to be held at the Filipino Community Center on January 20.

"THE FAMILY NAGASHI"
Arch Oboler's Plays was a radio drama series written, produced and directed by Arch Oboler. It ran for one year, airing Saturday evenings on NBC from 1939 to 1940 and was revived five years later on Mutual for a sustaining summer run from 1945 to 1945. Many leading film actors at the time were heard on this series, including Gloria Blondell, Eddie Cantor, James Cagney, Joan Crawford, Greer Garson, Katharine Hepburn, Elsa Lanchester, Peter Lorre, Raymond Massey.

September 27, 1945, "The Family Nagashi". A well written story about a Japanese family in California just after the end of WW2. The program closing has been deleted. Alan Hewitt, Arch Oboler (writer), Barbara Eiler, Bill Shaw, Dick Wynn (announcer ? Win), Elliott Lewis, Harry Tanoway, Jack Meakin (music), Joseph Granby, Lou Merrill, Lynn Whitney, Mary Jane Croft, Norman Field, Tommy Cook, William Johnstone. 27:37.

KEIRO KAI: HONORING OUR SENIORS
What a wonderful day we had and better yet we also had electricity this year! Almost 50 of our seniors were present. The JACL honors you for all you have been through and have taught us over the years. We have lost too many of our seniors the past couple of years and would like to thank their families for sharing those people with the community.

Gary Sugiyama's band was a delight to all and Carol was a great MC. We had new menu of sukiyaki, roasted veggies, rice, sashimi and an array of tsukemono. The cake by Darlene Shimizu was delish and a beautiful array of appetizers
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KEIRO KAI cont’

presents by Nancy Davlin as well as the table decor. Big thanks to Alan Murakami again for taking beautiful photo’s of the families and to Karen and Nancy for printing them and putting them in frames. Huge thanks to the Kitchen staff: Jodi, Carolyn, Marie, Alan, Janel, Mike, Nancy, Ron, Janet, Meg, Maki, Henry and Phyllis. We had a great time in the kitchen remembering days gone by.

Thank you also for our generous members for their monetary gifts: John and Jan Loo, Tomio and Kinu Iwamoto, Tets and Rose Fujii, Tsuneo Moriohi Trust, Geo. and Alice Kashiwagi, Jimmy Yamakawa, Ray and Caroline Yamasaki, Margarette Murakami, and Ralph and Keiko Furusho. We appreciate your continuing support to the JACL. Big thanks also to Carolyn Kameoka who made all of those manju with her Mom, Yukino, in remembrance of Tak. Arigato!!

ENMAN NO TOMO NEWS

Sachi Shimizu/Nancy Yoshioka

Dec. 1, 2012 – “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas” – over 80 people were treated to a holiday atmosphere in the Hall! Table decorations by Alice Kashiwagi used holiday items donated by her niece Lynda Tanaka, who owns a florist shop in Sacramento.

Kinu led the exercise session with the reminder that, even sitting watching television, we can move our arms and legs. She gave several examples to keep in mind. Since we will not have a January meeting, we’ll have to motivate ourselves to move, move, move!

Holiday crafts projects were set up by Norma Sugiyama and Nancy and Karen Davlin. Everyone was busy making tree ornaments, decorating cookies and/or holiday cards. We all certainly enjoyed ourselves and took home lovely keepsakes! Thanks to Norma, Nancy and Karen for all the preparatory work involved.

Lunch was our ever abundant and delicious potluck favorites and traditional Japanese dishes. It rated a Zagat four stars!

PRIVATE DANNY CHEN TRIAL

Fort Bragg, NC - Last week, a military jury found Staff Sgt. Andrew VanBockel guilty of hazing, three charges of dereliction of duty, and two charges of maltreatment for his role in the mistreatment of Private Danny Chen. Jurors found that he did not do enough to prevent Chen's mistreatment and participated by using racial nicknames, such as "Dragon Lady." Van Bockel could have faced a sentence of four years, nine months in prison; a dishonorable discharge; forfeiture of all pay and allowances; and demotion to the Army’s lowest rank. However, he was only sentenced to a reprimand, a demotion of two ranks to Specialist and 60 days of hard labor-45 of which was already credited for pre-trial confinement-with no jail time. He can continue serving in the Army.

SCHNEE AMENDMENT 3018

JACL opposes Senate Amendment 3018 to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). While the proposal, sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein, was written with the intent to end indefinite detention within the NDAA, it fails to address central concerns about detention within the United States and only protects American citizens and lawful residents.

In the past two years, the NDAA has included language that codifies the expansion of indefinite detention, or imprisonment without trial. We greatly appreciate the leadership of Senator Feinstein and many other senators in working to try to fix some of the NDAA’s detention provisions. Unfortunately, the Feinstein amendment, also known as the Due Process Guarantee Act, fails to address a central concern raised in the public debates: the possibility of the military being used to police our streets and detain individuals on U.S. soil. The clause “unless an Act of Congress expressly authorizes such detention” could be read to imply that there are no constitutional obstacles to Congress enacting a statute that would authorize the domestic military detention of any person in the United States. The bill also unintentionally reinforces the false and discriminatory notion that due process protections are only provided to some, not all "citizens".

FUMIYO YOSHIKAWA DISPLAY

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 3, 2013

Bay Area artist Fumiyo Yoshikawa will display her sumi-e and nihonga paintings in the Berkeley Public Library Central Catalog Lobby, 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, in downtown Berkeley, Calif. exhibit, “A Place Where Memories and Thoughts Are Shared.” Wednesday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Info: (510) 981-6100
http://berkeleypubliclibrary.libguides.com/artandmusic
JACL GIFT MEMBERSHIP
San Francisco, CA- Consider gifting a JACL membership to a lucky friend or family member! A JACL membership is a great way to introduce JACL’s programs and benefits to someone who shares your interest in education, advocacy, and community involvement. All you need to do is buy a membership for the recipient online, by mail, or by calling the Membership Office at 415-921-5225. Then, contact Membership and we’ll send you a Gift Membership Certificate that you can use to let your recipient know that you have purchased a JACL membership for them. It’s easy! Contact JACL Membership with any questions or to get started: 415-925-5225 or mbr@jacl.org.

FRED KOREMATSU DAY
Do you know who Bhagat Singh Thind, Larry Itliong, Yuri Kochiyama, and Fred Korematsu are? On Sunday, January 27, 2013, the Korematsu Institute will be celebrating Fred Korematsu Day by honoring sixteen American civil rights heroes who’ve been long overlooked. We’ll be gathering at San Francisco’s historic Herbst Theatre for this momentous occasion.

And we will be bringing the living heroes, and the descendants of the heroes who have passed, to the event in person.

Review information of the event on: korematsuinstitute.org

MOCHI TSUKI FUNDRAISER
Ken Ishizu

Approximately 475 pounds of rice was processed into mochi. Special thanks to Nao and Kathy Noguchi who donated 175 pounds of sweet rice. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who helped soak, steam, pound, roll, package and sell the mochi.

It is not only a great fundraiser for our chapter, but the cultural experience for everyone is wonderful. They say the ‘1000’ hands it takes to make mochi, develops a fortuitous community. Thank you all.

SONOMA COUNTY JACL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
19 members present: Michael Bryant, Sanae Chambers, Nancy Davlin, Mark Hayashi, Jason Higashi, Jodi Hottel, Curly Ishizu, Ken Ishizu, George Kashiwagi, Carol Kawase, Cynthia Kishi, Sachiko Knappman, Julene Leach, Megumi Mizutani, Martin Shimizu, Alice Sugiyama, Harry Sugiyama, Marie Sugiyama, Phyllis Tajii, Presiding officer President M. Bryant

Day of Remembrance Recognition Event
February 16th, 1:00-3:00 at Enmanji Hall. Speakers will be Imam Ali Siddiqui and a Japanese American internee. The film “Caught in Between” will also be shown. Jodi Hottel will open and close the program by reading her poems.

DVD “Cracking the Code”
S. Knappman received approval by the board to purchase the dvd, “Cracking the Code” ($150). It develops awareness of subtle racial inequality in our country. Discussion was held about the Social Justice Committee setting up an event to screen the movie.

Slate of officers
The following slate of officers was approved by the board: President, Michael Bryant; VP of Finance, Jason Higashi; VP of Membership, Corey Hayashi (development) and Sachiko Knapmann (dues); VP of Public Affairs, Meg Mizutani; VP of Programs, Phyllis Tajii; Treasurer, Julene Leach; Recording Secretary, Cynthia Kishi & Jodi Hottel; Corresponding Secretary, Sachiko Knappman; Delegates, Carol Kawase and Meg Mizutani

Long Range Planning Meeting
Michael will develop and disburse to board members a questionnaire about committees. We will take our information to the LRP meeting and workshop the information to develop a handbook on committees (to include responsibilities, goals, procedures, timeline, annual events, budgets).

Oral History Committee Social
JACL chapter members and friends are cordially invited to attend a social at Fumi Tajii’s home, 2/9/13, 1:00. Sponsored by the Oral History Committee. Please RSVP to: sonomacojacl@yahoo.com

New Laguna Park Dedication
M. Mizutani Meg presented a report to the Enmanji board re: Laguna Park dedication in honor of Japanese American community members’ contributions to the Sebastopol area. The name, Tomodachi Park, will be presented to the Sebastopol City Council for consideration. Patrick Slayter is also planning to make a proclamation to honor Mei Nakano for her work in social justice which Representative Lynn Woolsey’s commented in the U.S. Congressional Record.
COMMUNITY NEW YEAR’S POTLUCK LUNCHEON
2013 YEAR OF THE SNAKE

SPONSORED BY
ENMANJI CHURCH and
SONOMA COUNTY JACL
at
ENMANJI MEMORIAL HALL
1200 Gravenstein Hwy South, Sebastopol, CA

January 12, 2013
11 – 2 pm (program to start at 11:30 am)

Please join in the festivities as our community welcomes the New Year of the Snake.
There should be plenty of activities and time to visit with friends old and new.
Entertainment will be a jazz trio.
Lunch will be a potluck. Please contribute a main dish entrée and dessert for the buffet table.

We encourage our community to help the less fortunate by bringing canned, dried or boxed food (Please no Glass or Perishables).
The collected food stuffs will be donated to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS ON JAN. 12th ONLY. Monetary donations will also be accepted. There will also be a collection bin for warm clothing items and blankets.