



# THE GRAPEVINE

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SONOMA COUNTY JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 4 Monday, JACL Board Meeting
- 7 Enman No Tomo
- 9 JACL General Meeting

### December

- 2 Monday JACL Board Meeting
- 7 Enman No Tomo  
Annual Family Christmas Party
- 14 Mochitsuki

**The Sonoma Japanese American Citizens League extend our best wishes to all those affected by the current fire emergencies and hope for a safe return to your homes and families.**

## ENMAN NO TOMO NEWS

October 5, 2019- About 61 members and guests came to enjoy the wonderful fall atmosphere. The tables were decorated by Alice and George Kashiwagi with fun Halloween decorations and of course yummy candy. Thank you, Alice and George for the festive and colorful display along the center of the tables.

Diane Ono led us with exercises to inspire us to get moving and stay in condition. It was fun to do exercises to Halloween type music like "Monster Mash". So, any lively music can inspire you to loosen up those muscles.

Our exercise program was then followed by a lively demonstration of the Zumba exercise program by Anna Tu and company. Those ladies can really show us that exercise can be fun and many of our members followed along. Thank you, Anna, for the inspiration.

Then we enjoyed a scrumptious gourmet lunch with various roasted meats and vegetables prepared by Mitsy Sanders, Twinkle Yagi and crew. It was delicious along with the various other dishes brought by our members to share with each other. Thank you, everyone, for always providing a healthy lunch for our members. A birthday cake was brought to celebrate Masako Yamamoto's birthday with her friends, and it is always appreciated by all. Thank you to Chizuko Kuwaye for providing the cake for her sister. Happy Birthday, Masako, and may you enjoy many, many more.

After lunch, we had our usual bingo games called by Darryl Yagi assisted by Tan Luong. Always a nice way to relax after lunch.

We would like to thank Gail Horita Gee for her monetary support of our group as well as Gerry Shimazu and Jan and John Loo for donations in memory of their mom, Alice Shimazu.

Thank you also to Ron and Janet Tajii for the tomatoes and Rose Fujii for the apples they brought to share. Also thank you to Alice Kashiwagi for donating tea towels for our raffle and to Sachi Shimizu for the See's candy for our raffle. We always appreciate the generosity of our members.

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the families of David Murakami who passed away the end of September, and Curly Ishizu, and Steve Furusho who both passed away in October. Dave was a quiet, generous and very hard-working member of our community who helped maintain our facility, especially the electrical and audio needs. Curly has been a long-time member of Enmanji and So.Co. JACL and has chaired Mochi Tsuki as well as awarding the fishing awards for many years. And Steve is the eldest son of Yae Furusho who has helped with the teriyaki for many years. They will all be missed.

Our next meeting will be on November 2nd, and we will have a line dancing demonstration so strap up your boots and join the fun. Our meeting in December will be on December 7th and will be our annual family Christmas party. So invite your kids, grandkids and of course yourselves and join the fun with crafts and a special guest. Please bring a present for the kids with a name tag on it. Additional presents for the kids will be provided by the JACL and gifts for all the adults will be provided by Enman no Tomo. So please come and enjoy the festivities.

Please stay healthy and active, and we will see you on November 2nd.

## **SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER OF JACL - GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

11:00 AM-2:30 PM

ENMANJI MEMORIAL HALL

1200 GRAVENSTEIN HWY. S., SEBASTOPOL, CA.

**PLEASE COME HEAR THE STORY OF TSURU FOR SOLIDARITY AS TOLD BY NANCY UKAI.  
LEARN HOW WE MIGHT HELP TO END THE INHUMANE SUFFERINGS.**



Nancy Ukai

**Tsuru for Solidarity** began in spring this year, with a pilgrimage to the former WWII Crystal City alien enemy camp in Texas. Sixty pilgrims, aged 24 to 89, hung 25,000 origami cranes on the barbed wire fence of a migrant detention site near Crystal City.

A paper bird flying free has become the symbol of Japanese Americans across the country who are protesting the mass detentions of children, the Muslim ban, family separations and the inhumane treatment of asylum seekers in the U.S.

Some 125,000 origami “tsuru,” or cranes, are being folded by churches, Girl Scouts and the JACL to take to a mass protest in June 2020, in Washington, D.C., of Japanese Americans and allies. Each crane represents a person of Japanese ancestry, including from Peru, who were unjustly imprisoned during the war.

Nancy Ukai, board member of the Berkeley JACL and a coordinator of Tsuru for Solidarity, the national group that is organizing the nonviolent rally, will talk about the origins of the movement with a slide show and a short documentary. Participants will also be invited to fold paper cranes that day to assist in reaching the goal of 125,000. JACL has already donated 5,000 cranes, which were collected at the National convention held in Salt Lake City.

Since lunch will be provided, please RSVP by email: [mhaya@comcast.net](mailto:mhaya@comcast.net) or call Mark Hayashi at 707-849-5250. Please RSVP by November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MOCHI ORDER FORM 2019**

**MOCHI ORDER FORM-DECEMBER 14, 2019**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Notify for next year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of one of the following organizations? Please check if applicable. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ So. Co. JACL      \_\_\_\_\_ Enmanji Buddhist Temple      \_\_\_\_\_ Enman No Tomo

\_\_\_\_\_ Henry's Judo group      \_\_\_\_\_ So. Co. Taiko      \_\_\_\_\_ none of the above

Sonoma County JACL is sponsoring Mochitsuki on Saturday, **December 14, 2019**. We are making MAJOR changes this year trying to be more efficient with less people. Therefore, **WE HAVE A MAXIMUM ORDER LIMIT OF 3 LBS. OF PLAIN AND/OR AN MOCHI AND 1 KASANE FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD OF JACL, ENMANJI, ENMAN NO TOMO, JUDO CLUB AND SO. CO. TAIKO MEMBERS. NO EXCEPTIONS AND NO MULTIPLE ORDERS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. FOR ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO ORDER UP TO 3 LBS., THE ORDERS WILL BE FILLED IN ORDER DEPENDING ON ORDER DATE UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF MOCHI. WE ARE CUTTING BACK ON TOTAL ORDERS SO WE CAN FINISH IN A TIMELY MANNER. NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> !!! PRE-ORDERS ONLY!!!**

Please send your order in as soon as possible. Remember deadline for orders is **NOVEMBER 16TH**.

**Orders must be picked up between 3 pm and 4 pm on December 14TH.**

We also hope that you will be willing to help out on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for one of the following shifts: 8-12, 10-2, 11-3 or clean-up. Note: mochi dusters do not start until after 9 to allow the mochi to cool before packaging. Sign-up sheets will be available in the hall at Enmanji, or contact Nancy Davlin at 762-2355 or [nrdavlin@yahoo.com](mailto:nrdavlin@yahoo.com). Thank you for your help. We are trying to maintain the cultural aspect of mochi tsuki as well as to provide mochi and Kasane for the new year.

Type:	qty.	Price per	Total
Plain	_____ lbs.	X \$ 5.00/lb.	\$ _____
Filled with An (sweet red bean paste)	_____ lbs.	X \$ 6.00 /lb.	\$ _____
Small Kasane	_____	X \$ 4.00 ea.	\$ _____
Large Kasane	_____	X \$ 5.00 ea.	\$ _____

**Order total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to: **SONOMA COUNTY JACL AND SEND TO:**

Mochitsuki Orders  
c/o Carole Otani  
8141 Clifford  
Cotati, CA 94931

Thank you for your co-operation.....

		1st shift	2 <sup>nd</sup> shift	3 <sup>rd</sup> shift	clean-up
Name	contact info	8-12	10-2	11-3	

**JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
50th JACL National Convention  
National Council Meeting  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 1, 2019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN  
CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO RECOGNITION OF AND APOLOGY TO  
TULE LAKE RESISTERS**

**WHEREAS**, the JACL is the oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization in the country, with the purpose of upholding civil and human rights for all people;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States extends to all persons certain inalienable rights, including the right to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom to petition government;

**WHEREAS**, the government forcibly removed 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II and incarcerated them in ten concentration camps and other detention sites without charge or due process of law;

**WHEREAS**, in the face of wartime hysteria, suspicion, and discrimination against those of Japanese descent, the national JACL adopted a strategy of cooperation with the government, emphasizing patriotism and outward loyalty to the United States, including support for the Nisei who served in the 100th Battalion / 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, and other units of the United States armed forces with great valor and personal sacrifice;

**WHEREAS**, JACL's strategy sought to mitigate the harm to the Japanese American community from discriminatory government policies, and later served –along with the historic legacy of the Nisei veterans - as a foundation for successful advocacy on behalf of that community and others, including redress;

**WHEREAS**, the JACL has participated in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, including coordinating members at the 1963 March on Washington, and learned the fight for civil rights can take many forms, including picketing, boycotting, lobbying, lawsuits, civil disobedience, and other forms of dissent in order to challenge civil rights violations and unjust laws;

**WHEREAS**, the War Relocation Authority (WRA), with the support of the JACL leadership, administered an ambiguous and easily misconstrued “loyalty questionnaire” to Japanese American citizens and Japanese resident aliens alike, without evidence of disloyalty and without administering said questionnaire to any other group or ethnicity;

**WHEREAS**, the WRA, with the concurrence of the JACL, summarily sent all persons who resisted the “loyalty questionnaire” in any way – i.e. refusing to answer, answering in the negative, answering with a qualified yes – to the Tule Lake concentration camp in Northern

California, which was re-designated the Tule Lake Segregation Center and converted into a maximum security prison;

**WHEREAS**, the War Relocation Authority, Army, and incarcerated themselves used repressive violence against detainees, and extremist elements among the incarcerated violently attacked those they suspected of being informants, including some JACL leaders, pro-government individuals, and communists;

**WHEREAS**, among the incarcerated were a group that aligned with Japan and against the U.S. armed forces during the war;

**WHEREAS**, these Resisters, taken from all ten WRA camps and imprisoned at the Tule Lake Segregation Center, had a right to protest and dissent peacefully, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and in keeping with the JACL Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the government labeled over 12,000 men, women, and children at Tule Lake Segregation Center as “disloyal” to the United States, with the concurrence of the JACL. This stigma of “disloyalty” and being branded as “no-nos” persists to the present day – tragically, even carried forward to succeeding generations;

**WHEREAS**, actions taken by the JACL leadership during and after the war were made in the face of wartime hysteria, hostility, racism, and xenophobia and with concern for the Japanese American community;

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 encompassed an apology from the U.S. Government to all those affected by Executive Order 9066, including those imprisoned in the Tule Lake Segregation Center;

**WHEREAS**, the National Council voted in July 2000 to apologize to the 315 Nisei draft “resisters of conscience” and in 2002 recognized them in a public ceremony for their conscientious stand against the government's unconstitutional and racist wartime actions against the Japanese American community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tule Lake Segregation Center was designated a unit of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument by President Bush in 2008 and was re-designated the Tule Lake National Monument by Congress in 2019, thus acknowledging the suffering imposed by the government and the sacrifices endured by Japanese Americans there.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League that** in the spirit of reconciliation, forgiveness, and community unity, a sincere apology is offered to those imprisoned in the Tule Lake Segregation Center for non-violent acts of resistance and dissent, who suffered shame and stigma during and after the war due to the JACL’s attitudes and treatment towards individuals unfairly labeled “disloyal”; and

## JACL RESOLUTION RE: TULE LAKE RESISTERS (cont.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the National Council commits itself to encouraging all chapters to gain a greater understanding of the issues surrounding the imprisonment, mistreatment, and resistance of Japanese Americans sent to Tule Lake Segregation Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the National Council authorizes the National Education Committee to include the narrative of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in an updated edition of the JACL Curriculum Guide in both printed and online formats and to include this narrative as one element of the syllabus for future JACL Teacher Training Workshops; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the National Council will recognize Tule Lake Resisters at an appropriate public ceremony during the 2020-2021 biennium.

Sponsored by: Pacific Northwest District Council Dated: 5/25/2019

Approved by: Chip Larouche Title: Governor

Signed: /s/  
Signature

Contact: Stanley N Shikuma  
Name

Sponsored by: Northern California/Western Nevada District Council Dated: 5/25/2019

Approved by: Carol Kawase Title: Governor

Signed: /s/  
Signature

Contact: Haruka Roudebush  
Name

## REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK

Our team of Enmanji Buddhist Church members and Sonoma County JACLers have now been volunteering at the Redwood Empire Food Bank since November 7, 2017. So, for the last 2 years now we have been steadfast in our drive to let our fellow Sonoma County residents know that we care about them.

Our job is to bag either fruits or vegetables in allotments of 4 pounds each at the REFB's warehouse located at 3990 Brickway Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA. Our assignment is a 2 hour shift and we meet as a team the second Tuesday of every month. Our goal is to serve fellow Sonoma County residents to help meet their nutritional needs. And, when the staff at REFB sees us arriving on our day, they are truly happy to see our team. We do, indeed, go right to work. In the month of April, our impact report stated that during that 2 hour shift, there were 5,506 pounds of apples bagged for the REFB distribution sites! We do accomplish much in a short time and all the while, enjoy a good time. Our efforts are truly appreciated.

You are welcome to join us, please call:

Alice or George at 823-7053 or email us at agkashiwagi113@gmail.com.

**If you have any suggestions for future activities you would like to include in our programs, food demos, movies, bowling, social-business expo, you name it. Please let us know!**

**Send us a message thru our website, [www.sonomacojacl.org/contact-us/](http://www.sonomacojacl.org/contact-us/)**

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Sebastopol, CA 95472

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1000 Club W/ Spouse \$232.00  
Century Club \$350.00  
Century Club Spouse \$382.00  
Millennium Club \$1,000.00  
Millennium Club Spouse \$ 1032.00  
One time membership payment:  
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Thousand Club Life Spouse \$3032.00  
Century Club Life \$5000  
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Your membership includes a digital copy of the Pacific Citizen Newspaper. If you wish to receive the PACIFIC CITIZEN by mail, please add \$17.00

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

## **Sonoma County JA CL General Meeting**

Sonoma County JA CL  
General Meeting will be  
held on November 9, 2019  
at the  
Memorial Hall  
in Sebastopol.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Please send your  
renewal forms  
and checks to:

Sonoma County JA CL  
c/o Membership Chair  
515 Petaluma Ave.  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Membership chair will deposit your check into our account and then submit your membership info and National dues to National JA CL HQ office. This step is required because we have the extra requirement of submitting the balance due for those senior members whose membership dues are subsidized.