



DC NEWS NOTES

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CALENDAR

MOCHITSUKI

December 8, 2012
12:00–2:00 p.m.
North Bethesda Middle School
8935 Broadmoor Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

January 26, 2013
Meiwah Restaurant
4457 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

JCAW FESTIVAL

Japan Commerce Association of
Washington New Year Festival
January 27, 2013
Washington Plaza Hotel

FREEDOM WALK

April 6, 2013

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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After a joyous multi-generational event as Ambassador and Mrs. Fujisaki, Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei generations honored the Issei and Nisei at Keiro Kai/Family Day on September 15, I look forward to our annual Mochitsuki that will be held on December 8, from 12–2 p.m., at North Bethesda Middle School. Please see the flyer in this issue of News Notes for details, and pre-order your bento box lunch. Bring the family and join us for the rice pounding, mochi making, and crafts from the Crafty Ladies. Longtime DC Chapter member, Jean Kariya, will be on hand to sign copies of her newly published autobiography. A bowl of delicious ozoni with homemade mochi will warm your hearts and energize your spirits.

Our next event after Mochitsuki will be the annual Installation Luncheon, on January 26, 2013, the week-end between the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl, I am told. That leads me to ask you to let me know by December 21 if you would like to serve on the DC Chapter Board as officer or Board member. We welcome your involvement and service.

Planning for the 2013 annual JACL convention in Washington, D.C. has begun. It will take place at the Renaissance Hotel downtown on July 24–26, 2013. Our focus will be on civil rights and civil liberties, including celebrating the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties (redress) Act of 1988. JACL's national staff will host the event, but our DC Chapter members are needed as volunteers to do everything from finding sponsors to place advertisements in the program booklet to organizing and staffing activities at the convention. The convention location lends itself to event ideas such as a reception at the National Archives to view the actual Bill of Redress, a White House briefing, legislative learning opportunities on Capitol Hill, sessions on equity in the corporate world, workshops by other civil rights groups, and a Nationals ballgame if the team is in town. The emphasis will be on workshops and plenary sessions for collaborating, learning, and celebrating, rather than on business meetings. If you have even a little bit of time to volunteer before or during the convention week, please contact Georgette Furukawa-Martinez at georgette.furukawamartinez@gmail.com to volunteer.

There is much to be grateful for. May all of you have a warm and satisfying Thanksgiving with family and friends.



Keiro Kai/Family Day with Ambassador and Mrs. Fujisaki

KEIRO KAI/FAMILY DAY

On a sunny September afternoon, approximately 100 guests honored our elderly for the courage, wisdom, and success they have shared with generations of Japanese Americans over the years. Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei gathered to tell stories, play traditional games, listen to a performance from the Washington Toho Koto Society, and enjoy a special lunch that included sushi from Chef David, napa and daikon from Sachi Mukai, and oshinko from Nancy Yamada. Ambassador Fujisaki and his wife expressed their gratitude toward the elderly for their sacrifices and praised their accomplishments. Throughout his tenure as Japan's ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Fujisaki has faithfully attended every Keiro Kai. Because this was his last DC Chapter event before returning to Japan at the end of November, the Chapter gave him a gift of original prints with impressions of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism and the names of the ten concentration camps during World War II.

In the words of one of the honored guests, "It is with heartfelt thanks/gratitude that we Niseis look to the Sanseis, Yonseis and down the line to continue the traditions set and demonstrated by our Issei parents. We can rest well assured that the future is certainly in competent, good, and most of all, loving hands."



JACL CONVENTION 2013

To commemorate and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (also known as the Redress Bill), the JACL will be holding their annual convention at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC.

Some of the highlights of the convention will include:

- a working tour of the Capitol, House, and Senate
- a special reception at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan
- a special reception at the National Archives which will feature both the landmark Civil Liberties Act and Executive

Order 9066. Neither of these documents have been previously displayed, so this is a rare opportunity to see both at one time.

There will also be many Members of Congress, administration officials, along with fellow JACLers from all across the nation.

This will be a historic event and the local chapter along with the National JACL office are looking for help to organize this event.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Georgette Furukawa-Martinez at georgette.furukawamartinez@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE
JACL CONVENTION 2013!
Washington DC
July 24—26, 2013

JACL GALA DINNER

On September 27, 2012, the JACL held their annual "Salute to Champions" Awards dinner at the JW Marriott in downtown DC.

The honorees this year were:

- the Ford Motor Company Fund
- Craig Robinson, Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for NBC-Universal
- the East West Players
- Phil Yu who writes the "Angry Asian Man" blog



- Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki



The honorees were recognized for their outstanding contributions in advancing the cause of civil rights in their various fields and being trail blazers in their own right.

In addition, Elaine Akagi* from the Seattle area, was recognized for her lifetime of work in support of the JACL.

She received the Ruby Pin, which is presented by the National Board to JACLers and others who have made unique and exceptional contributions to the organization, entailing great personal sacrifice that directly benefited

the wider Japanese American and Asian American communities. The Ruby Pin has only been given to a handful of individuals, and it commemorates her over 50 years of service to the JACL.

*Elaine Akagi could not attend the Gala because of illness. It is with great sadness that we report that she passed away in mid-October.



MEMBERSHIP



JACL Gift Membership

Welcome to the JACL! With over 10,000 members and a history of leadership since 1929, becoming a JACL member means joining the oldest, largest, and most experienced Asian American civil rights organization.

One Year Gift Membership For _____

As a Gift From _____ on _____

JACL Member Benefits

- Subscription to the Pacific Citizen, JACL's national newspaper
- Access to scholarships, internships, and fellowships
- JACL Credit Union
- JACL Health Benefits Trust
- Many discounts on prescriptions, dental care, rental cars, medical plans, long-term care plans, and insurance

Visit us online at www.jacl.org for more details

Your membership is valid one year from gift date. You will receive a membership card in the mail within 2-3 weeks. Please contact JACL Membership with any questions at 415-921-5225 or mbr@jacl.org.

Gift Memberships

JACL now has membership gift certificates so you can give a membership to your friends and family this holiday season. All you need to do is buy a membership for the person receiving your gift either online at www.jacl.org, by e-mail at mbr@jacl.org, or by calling the JACL office at 415-921-5225. Then, you can send the Gift Membership certificate to your lucky receiver to let them know that you've purchased them a JACL membership. The certificate has a place to fill out your name, their name, and space for a short message. Consider the gift of a JACL membership to someone this year!

Membership Round-Up

A membership Round-Up is planned for January 2013 to reach out to our lapsed members. We would like to start 2013 strong by contacting lapsed members to see if they would like to rejoin our JACL-DC Chapter. Don't forget to renew your membership!

New Members since September: Meghan Bertoni, Eileen Nakahata, Colin Raunig, Alexandra Price, Takashi and Charlie Yamashita, Julie, Jonah, and Ian Faden-Shifrin, Susan Peacock.

Free and Discounted AARP Memberships

JACL and AARP are working together on an exciting offer for JACL members. From now until December 31, 2012 JACL members, friends, and family are eligible for FREE and discounted AARP memberships. JACL members are able to receive a free one year AARP membership, or a discounted 3, 5 or lifetime membership. In addition, for each free or discounted AARP membership, JACL receives a contribution from AARP. Not only can you join AARP at a free or reduced rate, but you can help support JACL at the same time! For more information, visit www.jacl.org or contact JACL membership at 415-921-5225 or annie@jacl.org.

Increase your support:

Increase your support to the JACL by increasing your membership option:

- Thousand Club: \$200 per year (change from \$100)*
 - Century Club: \$350 per year (change from \$175)*
 - Millennium Club: \$1,000 per year
- * (changes are effective 1/1/13 but you can renew before 12/31/12 for the old rate!)



Your membership supports JACL programs such as Advocacy (fighting discrimination in legislation, at home, and in the media), Youth and Leadership (invest in your youth and leaders for the future – training for public policy to benefit our community, including internships), as well as education (Bridging Communities Program brings together youth from all ethnicities to learn about social justice issues, and train teachers about the Japanese American internment).

Contact Linda Adams, membership chair, at Linda_adams@mcpsmd.org or check our website at <http://jacl-dc.org/join-us/>

BITS & PIECES

Congratulations



Lucas Dylan Pilledorf, 19 inches long, 8 lbs. 5 oz., at 3:18 p.m. on Sept. 19th at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York

City. He joins his big sister Harper and mom and dad, Stacey (Ichiuji) Pillersdorf and Lance Pillersdorf. Stacey is the granddaughter of Susie Ichiuji and daughter of Doug Ichiuji.

Jean Kariya has written a wonderful book—originally intended for her grandchildren—but of interest to many of us. The book is entitled ***Papa Said Be Strong*** and is available from www.lulu.com for \$14.95. Jean will have copies available for purchase at our Mochitsuki...and will be on hand to autograph copies!

JACL National Executive Director Emeritus S. **Floyd Mori** has agreed to serve as Interim President and CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies



(APAICS). Mori will replace outgoing CEO Gloria Chan while a search committee is formed to find a permanent leader for APAICS. Chan will remain APAICS's president and CEO through November 2012 to assist with the transition to new leadership.

Mori, who retired in June from the JACL after serving as Executive Director for seven years, will continue APAICS's mission to promote Asian American and Pacific Islander participation and representation at all levels of the political process, from community service to elected.

Yasue Redden and her daughter, **Karin**, were in Japan for about a week in Mid October. She was in the Tokyo area to visit her family.

Condolences

Elaine Reiko Akagi passed away on October 19, 2012 at the Casey House End of Life Center in Rockville, Maryland from aggressive pancreatic cancer.

Her family, friends and supporters will miss her deeply but know she is no longer in pain. She was a life-long and dedicated member of JACL in the Detroit Chapter and then the Seattle



Chapter. She chaired this past year's JACL Convention in Seattle and just prior to her death, Elaine received the highest award bestowed by JACL, the Ruby Pin. Remembrances can be made to the Seattle JACL Elaine Akagi Scholarship Fund, the King County Animal Humane Society, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington, or the Seattle NVC/NVC Foundation.

Save the Date

Japanese New Year's Festival Coming on January 27th!

The **Japan Commerce Association of Washington (JCAW)** will be hosting a Japanese New Year's festival at the Washington Plaza Hotel on Sunday, January 27th. There will be traditional Japanese food, cultural events, Japanese carnival games, and the opportunity to buy gifts and Japanese candy that are hard to find in the states. This is a great event for the whole family. More information on this event will be posted at:

<http://www.jcawf.org/english/>

Scholarships & Internships

Please check the JACL-DC website for scholarship and internships at

<http://jacl-dc.org/scholarshipsinternships/>

HOLIDAY GREETINGS IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN



Every year the Pacific Citizen asks the local chapters to extend Holiday Greetings in the December edition. If you would like your name included this year with the JACL-

Washington DC chapter, the cost is \$30 per individual/family. Please fill out the attached form and

Yes, I would like my name included with the JACL-DC chapter for Holiday Greetings in the Pacific Citizen. Make \$30 check payable to JACL DC Chapter and send it to: Craig Uchida, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6188, Silver Spring, MD 20916.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

CONFERRAL OF THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, GOLD RAYS WITH ROSETTE UPON MR. SHIRO FLOYD MORI

On November 3, 2012 (Japan Time), the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2012 Fall Imperial Decorations. Among 46 foreign recipients is Mr. S. Floyd Mori, National Executive Director Emeritus and former National President of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), who will receive the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, in recognition of his significant contributions to the improvement of the status of Japanese Americans, strengthening of economic relations between Japan and the United States, and the promotion of Japanese culture in the United States.



DECORATION: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette

SERVICE: Contributed to the improvement of the status of Japanese Americans, strengthening of economic relations between Japan and the United States, and the promotion of Japanese culture in the United States.

NAME (AGE): Shiro Floyd Mori (73)

MAJOR TITLES:

- National Executive Director Emeritus of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Interim President and CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
- Former National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Former National President of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Former California State Assemblyman
- Former Mayor of the City of Pleasanton, CA

Mr. Mori made significant contribution to the improvement of the status of Japanese Americans in the U.S. as a leader of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), which is the oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization in the nation, established in 1929 by Nisei (second generation Japanese Americans born in the United States) leaders.

Mr. Mori was on the chapter board of the Mount Olympus JACL chapter for over twenty years and was chapter president for four years. He also served four years as National President of the JACL from 2000 to 2004 and had previously served four years as a National Vice President. In 2005, Mr. Mori became the Director of Public Policy for the JACL in their Washington, D.C. office. He was the Interim National Executive Director of the JACL in late 2006 after which he was appointed as National Executive Director. Most recently, he spearheaded a joint JACL/Direct Relief International effort in giving emergency relief after the earthquake-tsunami disaster in Japan. The effort raised over \$6.5 million and served thousands of displaced Japanese and supported NGO organizations directly giving support to the victims of the disaster. Also, he organized and established the first Nihon Matsuri (Japan Festival) in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2004, as well as being directly involved in the forming of sister city relationships between the US and Japan and strengthening business relationships between the two nations.

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CHECK US OUT AT JACL-DC.ORG AND FACEBOOK

The JACL-DC chapter website (www.jacl-dc.org) posts the latest news and resources for our members. Our new [Scholarships/Internships](#) page (which includes fellowship opportunities) includes information on the JACL/OCA Leadership Summit, Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, CAPAL internships, Blakemore Freeman fellowships, plus scholarships from the Gates Foundation and others. Some deadlines are approaching fast! To find these resources, click on the Scholarships/Internships link at the top of our homepage, or go straight to jacl-dc.org/scholarshipsinternships.

On the JACL-DC website, you'll also find a photo gallery of our members at events like Mochitsuki. And you can post comments after every news item – even if it's to say hi or “job well done” to friends in the chapter.



Another way to keep up to date is to connect to the chapter on Facebook. Search for “JACLWDC” and friend us! Then you'll get the latest information from us as posts to your wall.

Let's stay in touch in the New Year!

MOCHITSUKI

Sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, Washington, DC Chapter

WHEN: Saturday, December 8, 2012, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

WHERE: North Bethesda Middle School, 8935 Bradmoor Drive Bethesda, MD 20817

WHO: Adults and Children

WHAT: Please join your JAACL friends for:
 Mochitsuki / Mochi-Making Demonstrations
 Arts and Crafts Sale
 Book signing by Jean Kariya, *Papa Said BE STRONG*
 Conversation and FUN with old and new friends



COST: \$18 for Adult Bento Box Lunch; \$5 for Children's Special Lunch
 Entertainment/Fun – FREE!

ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 4th. Please preorder and prepay now.

-----*(TEAR OFF LUNCH ORDER BELOW AND SAVE INFORMATION ABOVE)*-----

MOCHITSUKI - December 8, 2012 - LUNCH ORDERS

Bento Boxes: Includes California roll, seaweed salad, chicken gyoza, udon noodle side dish, edamame, rice, and green tea.

Chicken Teriyaki and Ozoni # _____ x \$18.00 each = \$ _____

Salmon Teriyaki and Ozoni # _____ x \$18.00 each = \$ _____

Vegetarian Lunch # _____ x \$18.00 each = \$ _____

Children's Special Lunch: Includes Ozoni, chicken gyoza, edamame, rice, and green tea

_____ x \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Lunches (not preordered) will be \$25.00 at the door, subject to availability.

TOTAL DUE: Please make check payable to **JAACL DC Chapter** for: \$ _____

Send orders and check by 12/04/12 to:

Katie Inamasu, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 212, Washington, D.C. 20006

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Founded in 1929, the JAACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. The JAACL monitors and responds to issues that enhance or threaten the civil and human rights of all Americans and implements strategies to effect positive social change, particularly to the Asian Pacific American community.

<http://www.jaACL.org/about/about.htm>



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