I am pleased to let you know that our DC Chapter website is up and running, thanks to Leona Hiraoka, Chapter Co-Secretary. I hope you will visit it at www.jacl-dc.org. On it you will find items that are newsworthy to our members, a list of coming events, photos from past events, links to like-minded organizations, the capacity to post comments, and News Notes. Besides this online communication, you will continue to receive a hard copy of News Notes unless you tell us that you no longer want it.

Our goal is to enhance member communication so that DC Chapter members can stay informed and in touch with each other. The Bits and Pieces section includes news not only about our members but also about their extended family members, sent in by our members. The website, News Notes, and Chapter events provide opportunities for us to stay connected and involved. Your contributions and suggestions for improvement are always welcome.

Speaking of involvement, DC Chapter board member David Inoue wrote an op-ed piece that was published in the Washington Post on April 13, on former DC Mayor Marion Barry’s negative comments about Asians. You can find the letter on our DC Chapter website at www.jacl-dc.org, under the heading of Recent Posts, listed on the left hand side of the home page. David lived in Washington, DC’s Ward 7 for eight years. In this newsletter on page 3, he continues the discussion and suggests next steps for our members to take that align with JACL’s commitment to civil liberties and our role in building bridges with other communities.

In our efforts to include young people in our Chapter, several veteran members generously gave tickets to JACL Young Professionals and Japanese American youth in the DC area so that they could attend the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) Ball on May 9. Approximately 700 attendees gathered to honor public service leaders.

Reaching out to all members, I encourage each of you to think of ways you would like to be involved in our Chapter, whether contributing to News Notes, joining a committee to help run an event, providing technical help for the website, or participating as an officer on the Board. Please let me know what interests you.
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

64th Annual JACL/JAVA Memorial Day Service

Service and Sacrifice

Sunday, May 27, 2012, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Arlington National Cemetery, Columbarium Courtyard

The Washington DC JACL Chapter and the Japanese American Veterans Association will hold its annual Memorial Day Service on May 27, 2012 at 9:30 AM at the Arlington National Cemetery, Columbarium Ceremonial Courtyard. Keynote speakers will include students from Spark Matsunaga Elementary School and Lt. Col. Kay Wakatake. Individual gravesite visitations will conclude the service.

Yes, I will donate $__________ to the Memorial Day event. Make check to: JACL DC Chapter and send it to: Craig Uchida, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6188, Silver Spring, MD 20916. Donations are tax deductible.

Name: ____________________________________________
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City: _______________________ State:_____ Zip: __________
Telephone # or E-mail: ________________________________

As in past years we are asking for donations to help cover the cost of the graveside flowers and the wreath that we lay at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The cost of the bouquets of flowers placed on the graves has been covered by our chapter and JAVA and through donations from other chapters as well as individuals. Anyone interested in making a donation to help cover the cost of flowers may do so by sending a check to the DC Chapter.

FREEDOM WALK

This year marked the 14th annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk as well as the 100 anniversary of first planting of the cherry trees in Washington, DC. The theme was reflections of freedom. To get the crowd energized Nen Daiko performed. Again this year, we were honored to have the Japanese ambassador, Ichiro Fujisaki, say a few words as well as the honorable Norman Y. Mineta provide remarks. Former JACL fellow, Jean Shiraki, did an excellent job as our emcee for the event. Karen Narasaki, president and executive director for Asian American Justice Center, spoke on the relevance of executive order 9066 today. A special thank you to the Japan Commerce Association of Washington, DC who helped to make this event a major success with their generous donation as the Walk’s title sponsor.
**Perspective**

**Marion Barry: A Problem in More Ways than One**

David Inoue

Now over a month ago, former DC mayor Marion Barry triumphantly declared on the evening of his primary victory that he wanted to do something “about these Asians coming in, opening up businesses, those dirty shops. They ought to go.” His comments were met with widespread condemnation and Barry was forced into a quick apology, though many questioned the sincerity. Weeks later, those doubts were confirmed when Barry stated “[If you go to the hospital now, you’ll find a number of immigrants who are nurses, particularly from the Philippines. And no offense, but let’s grow our own teachers, let’s grow our own nurses, and so that we don’t have to go scrounging in our community clinics and other kinds of places, having to hire people from somewhere else.”

It is clear and largely goes without further explanation that Barry has an issue with Asians and it is not positive. His forced apology in the first case followed by an even more forceful refusal to apologize for the latter comment indicate both deep seated bigotry and ignorance. Barry claims to be a civil rights leader. If that is true, he should know better and should be held to a higher standard for the words he chooses and when he does discriminate against any group. His bigotry has also been previously been well documented against the gay community as well.

The question for us as a local chapter of a national civil rights organization is how can and should we respond? We certainly join in the national and local condemnation of Barry’s statements and demand a sincere apology. Beyond an apology however, is the need for action. The tensions between the Asian and African American communities in DC, and pretty much any major metropolitan area are not uncommon. With his position, Barry can and should play an active role in seeking common ground between our respective communities. Given his recent comments, and a long history of failure to do anything substantive, his ability to play this role is doubtful. This leaves the task to us and others. We must actively seek to begin to build the bridges and find the common ground between our communities.

As a community, we must recognize and respond to the truth behind Barry’s racism. He represents the most economically depressed neighborhoods in this city. Poverty, crime and failed education system are the basis of why Barry has sought to blame the Asian American community for a lack of quality shopping options or quality job opportunities for his constituents. That is the other civil rights issue at hand that must be addressed. While we should absolutely be at the forefront of criticism of Barry for his comments, we should also be just as concerned at the civil injustices that are present in this city. No community, such as the one represented by Marion Barry should suffer unemployment rates of 25%, have 35% of its residents living below the poverty line, or provide food stamps to half of its residents in order for them to be able to put food on the table. A staggering 48.9% of Ward 8 residents over the age of 16 are functionally illiterate.

As we call attention to Barry’s comments, we must also call attention to the injustices that he has failed to address as a politician and public servant to Ward 8. We are a part of the community whether Barry wants us to be or not. We must also take on the responsibility to correct these problems without laying blame on others. The JA CL has always served to be an advocate for those being discriminated against. Right now, there are none more marginalized than the people Barry supposedly represents. This is our opportunity to strengthen their voices in solidarity towards improvement, not the divisiveness of racial politics and hopefully in doing so, we can break down the stereotypes and prejudice that separate us.
**JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2012**

SAVE THE DATE — Seattle, Washington


**July 5—8**

**2012**

**Hyatt Regency**

900 Bellevue Way N
Bellevue, WA  98004

Info: Hyatt Reservations: 888-421-1442
Convention website: [www.jacl.org/2012](http://www.jacl.org/2012)

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**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ENDS ON JUNE 1ST! REGISTER TODAY!**

**Convention Package** – $250 ( $300 after June 1 )

**Convention Package (Youth)** – $200 ( $250 after June 1 )
(For students and/or ages 25 and under)

Both packages include the Welcome Mixer, Awards Luncheon, Youth Luncheon, Workshops, Continental Breakfast, Sayonara Banquet & Dance. These events can also be purchased individually (see website).

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**HOW TO REGISTER**

**ONLINE**

Online registration is recommended and encouraged. When registering online, the only payment option accepted is credit card. To register online visit [http://www.jacl.org/2012](http://www.jacl.org/2012)

If you wish to register for individual events, a flat rate of $25 will be charged for registration purposes, this will grant you automatic access to all workshops.

You must register by June 1, 2012, 11:59PM PDT, to receive the reduced registration rates listed. Prices will increase after June 1.

**BY MAIL**

Download and print a registration form from online address above or by e-mail at info@jaclseattle.org, or calling 206-623-5088. A separate form must be completed for each individual. The completed form should be sent along with payment to:

**JACL National Convention**
**Registration**
**3213 W. Wheeler St. #2**
**Seattle, WA 98199**

Mailed registrations must be postmarked by June 1, 2012 to receive the reduced rates listed.

**Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations must be received by June 1, 2012 for a 100% refund. Cancellations received between June 2, 2012 and July 2, 2012 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after July 2, 2012.
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- Nat/Sea office (Move in)

**THURSDAY, JULY 6TH**
- Nat/Sea office (Open all day)
- Registration (Open all day)
- National Board Meeting
- National Council Session I
- Awards Lunch
- Oralorical Contest
- Dinner Break
- Exhibits
- Within the Silence
- Candidates Forum
- District Caucuses

**FRIDAY, JULY 6TH**
- Nat/Sea office (Open all day)
- Continental Breakfast
- Registration National Council Session I
- Awards Lunch
- Oralorical Contest
- Dinner Break
- Exhibits
- Within the Silence
- Candidates Forum
- District Caucuses

**SATURDAY, JULY 7TH**
- National/Sea office (Move in)
- Continental Breakfast
- Registration General Session
- Workshops
- Health Fair
- Exhibits
- Youth Lunch
- National Council Session III
- VIP Reception General Reception
- Sayonara Dinner & Dance

**SUNDAY, JULY 8TH**
- National/Sea office (Move in)
- National Board Meeting
- National Youth Meeting
- Golf Tournament
PRESIDENT OBAMA'S REMARKS AT 18TH ANNUAL GALA OF THE
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CONGRESSIONAL STUDIES

May 8, 2012

The President: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you very much. Thank you.

Audience: Four more years! Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

The President: Thank you so much. Thank you. Everybody, please, please, have a seat. Have a seat. You're making me blush. (Laughter.) Mahalo!

Audience: Mahalo!

The President: Thank you so much. Thank you, Norm, for that kind introduction. More importantly, thank you for your lifetime of distinguished service to our country. I want to thank all the members of Congress who are with us -- including two people who are fighting hard every day on behalf of every member of this community -- Judy Chu and Mike Honda. Give them a big round of applause. (Applause.)

Now, I am thrilled to be here tonight because all of you hold a special place in my heart. When I think about Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, I think about my family -- my sister, Maya; my brother-in-law, Konrad who's in the house somewhere -- (applause.) I don't know where Konrad is. My nieces Suhaila and Savita. I think about all the folks I grew up with in Honolulu, as part of the -- (applause)

Audience Member: Aloha! (Laughter.)

The President: As part of the Hawaiian ohana. I think about the years I spent in Indonesia. So for me, coming here feels a little bit like home. This is a community that helped to make me who I am today. It's a community that helped make America the country that it is today.

So your heritage spans the world. But what unites everyone is that in all of your families you have stories of perseverance that are uniquely American. Some of you -- those from Hawaii or the Pacific Islands -- (applause) -- live where your family has lived for generations and your story is, in part, about keeping alive treasured native traditions. But for others, your story starts with ancestors who, at some point, left behind everything they knew to seek the promise of a new land. Maybe the story traces back a century and a half, to the laborers who risked their lives to connect our coasts by rail. Maybe it begins with one of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who, decades ago, made the tough journey to Angel Island.

Maybe the story starts with your parents. Or maybe it starts with you. But here's the thing. No matter when it began, no matter where it began, your stories are about someone who came here looking for new opportunities not merely for themselves, but for their children, and for their children's children, and for all generations to come.

Few of them had money. A lot of them didn't have belongings. But what they did have was an unshakeable belief that this country -- of all countries -- is a place where anybody can make it if they try.

Now, many of them faced hardship; many of them faced ridicule; many of them faced racism. Many were treated as second-class citizens -- as people who didn't belong. But they didn't give up. They didn't make excuses. They kept forging ahead. They kept building up America. They kept fighting for America -- Like Danny Inouye, who's here. (Applause.) Danny, who was my senator most of my life. (Laughter.) Love that man.

But they were trailblazers like Dalip Singh Saund -- a young man from India who, in 1920, came to study agriculture, stayed to become a farmer, and took on the cause of citizenship for all people of South Asian descent. (Applause.) And once Dalip earned his own citizenship, he stepped up to serve the country he loved -- and became the first Asian American elected to the Congress. (Applause.)

They were pioneers like my former congresswoman, Patsy Mink, who was not only the first -- (applause) -- not only the first Asian American woman elected to Congress but the author of Title IX -- which has changed the playing field for all of our girls. (Applause.)

And then there's the story of a young Japanese American boy, just 10 when his family was forced from their home and taken hundreds of miles away to an internment camp. For three years, they lived in that camp, but when that boy got home, he didn't turn his back on America -- he devoted his life to America. In his words, he pledged "to speak out for the underrepresented and to pick up on those issues that weren't being carried by others." And as the first Asian American to ever serve in a President's Cabinet, Norm Mineta made good on that pledge. (Applause.)

So think about how proud all those previous generations would be to see this room, to see how far this community has come. Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders are now the inventors and entrepreneurs keeping our country on the cutting edge; the businessmen and women at the helm of some of our most successful industries; leaders in every aspect of American life -- in science and medicine, in
education, in sports, in the arts, in our Armed Forces; in our government and in our courts. In fact, over the past three years, we have more than doubled the number of Asian Americans on the federal bench. (Applause.)

Just yesterday, Jacqueline Nguyen became the first Asian American woman to get confirmed as a federal appellate judge. (Applause.) Where’s Jacqueline? She’s here tonight. There she is. (Applause.) You didn’t bring your robe, though. (Laughter.) That’s pretty cool. (Laughter.) And we’re so proud to have her along with another appellate judge I appointed, Denny Chin. He’s here. (Applause.) Where’s Denny? There he is, back there. So we thank them for their service.

Whether your heritage stems from South Asia or East Asia, from my native Hawaii or the Pacific Islands, whether you’re first generation --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Wahooo!

THE PRESIDENT: These Hawaiians here -- (laughter) -- what’s up with that? (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Wahooo! (Laughter.) Aloha! (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Whether you are first generation or the fifth, you’re helping to build a better America. And I know it can be tempting -- given the success that’s on display here tonight -- for people to buy into the myth of the "model minority" and glance over the challenges that this community still faces. But we have to remember there’s still educational disparities like higher dropout rates in certain groups, lower college enrollment rates in others. There’s still economic disparities like higher rates of poverty and obstacles to employment. There are health disparities like higher rates of diabetes and cancer and Hepatitis B. Those who are new to America -- many still face language barriers. Others -- like Vincent Chin who we lost three decades ago -- have been victims of horrible hate crimes, driven by the kinds of ignorance and prejudice that are an affront to everything America stands for.

So those are real problems, and we can’t ignore them. And if we’re going to do a better job addressing them, then we first have to stop grouping everybody just in one big category. Dozens of different communities fall under the umbrella of the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and we have to respect that the experiences of immigrant groups are distinct and different. And your concerns run the gamut.

That’s something that Washington needs to understand better. And that’s why I reestablished the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders -- (applause) -- so that we could better identify specific issues within specific communities. Many of those commissioners are here. I want to thank them for the great job that they’re doing. (Applause.)

And so we’re making a difference -- on that front and on many other fronts. When we stepped up support for America’s small businesses, we stepped up support for this community -- providing over $7 billion in loans for small businesses owned by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. (Applause.) When we passed health care reform, we put in place new mechanisms to get better data about health disparities. (Applause.) Because of that law, nearly 3 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are going to receive expanded and preventive coverage through private insurance and nearly 1 million are receiving free preventive services through Medicare. (Applause.)

So some of the things that matter to this community are things that matter to every community, like making sure that a woman earns an equal day’s pay for an equal day’s work. (Applause.) Or ending "don’t ask, don’t tell" so that nobody has to hide who they love to serve the country they love. (Applause.) Or enacting education reform so that every child has access to good schools and higher education. (Applause.) Or caring for our veterans because it’s our duty to serve them as well as they have served us. (Applause.)

That’s what this country is about. That’s what we’ve always been about. We’ve gone through some tough years because of this extraordinary recession and we’ve still got a long way to go. But we will get there. We will arrive at that destination where every child born in America regardless of race, creed, color, is going to have a chance. We’re going to do that together -- because in this country, we look out for each other. We fight for each other. If somebody is suffering through injustice or inequality, we take up their cause as if it was our own. That’s the story of America. And that’s certainly the story of this community. (Applause.)

In the midst of World War II, when the son of Japanese immigrants, Gordon Hirabayashi, ignored the curfews and refused transfer to an internment camp; when he was jailed for his defiance; when he later appealed his conviction and took his case all the way to the Supreme Court -- he understood that he was fighting for something larger than himself. And he once said, "I never look at my case just as a Japanese American case. It's an American case, with principles that affect the fundamental human rights of all Americans." (Applause.) And while Gordon is no longer with us, later this year I’ll award him the Presidential Medal of Freedom -- the highest civilian award America has to offer. (Applause.) Because he reminds us that each of us is only who we are today because somebody, somewhere, felt a sense of responsibility -- not just to themselves, but to their family, and their communities, and to this country that we all love.

So tonight, we honor the trailblazers who came before. But we also celebrate the leaders yet to come -- all the young people who are here tonight. (Applause.) Together, it’s our turn to be responsible for the future. It’s our turn to make sure the next generation has more opportunities than we did. It’s our turn to make sure that no matter who you are, no matter where you came from, no matter what you look like, America forever remains the place where you can make it if you try.

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)
**Congratulations**

Matt Finucane, who was recognized by the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, at its 20th anniversary celebration on April 26. As APALA’s founding executive director, Matt was honored for his visionary work in building alliances that advance the interests of Asian American workers. Matt, now a senior policy analyst for the National Education Association, is the son of two long-time JACL-DC chapter members, the late Jim and Kiyo Finucane.

**Newsworthy**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) announced April 30 that Stuart Ishimaru has been selected to head the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion (OMWI), which was just established last January.

Jeffrey Moy, running for National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC) Chairperson. One of the most pressing issues facing JACL is the lack of young leaders that can eventually take charge of this organization. JACL is in need of new ideas and fresh perspectives, and I intend to help the NY/SC continue to expand its national network in order to find more people willing to step up into roles where they can make change. Over the past two years, while working with the NY/SC as one of the EDC Youth Representatives, we have created a detailed strategic plan providing for continued growth of this network at the local, regional, and national levels.

Sachi and Hideki Hamamoto’s granddaughters have starred in a couple of musicals. One of their granddaughters was Maria in West Side Story. Another granddaughter will be starring as Alice in Alice in Wonderland.

Barbara and Francis Nekoba are off to Australia and will be flying the new Boeing 787.

**Floyd Mori** was honored at the CAPAC dinner this year.

Garrett and Tami Yamada will be moving to Irvine, CA this summer.

**Condolences**

Shigeki Hiratsuka, 95, a retired mechanical engineer, spent most of his career with the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka, raised their family in Arlington, Virginia, and were active members of the Washington, DC Chapter of the JACL.

Mr. Hiratsuka died peacefully in his retirement community home in Sierra Vista, Arizona, on January 14, 2012. A memorial service was held in Tucson, Arizona, and a funeral service was held in Washington, DC. Survivors include his son, Jon Hiratsuka; his daughter-in-law, Luz Hiratsuka; two brothers, George and Roy Hiratsuka; and his long-time friend, Deanie Allen.

George Wakiji’s sister of Pasadena, CA passed away. The Wakiji’s were long time members of the DC chapter several years ago.

**Farewell, Floyd!**

Floyd Mori’s seven years of service as JACL’s National Executive Director are coming to an end. Help us pay homage to this pioneer in the AAPI community and send him off in style!

When: Wednesday, June 6 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: National Education Association Auditorium 1201 16th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

RSVP at bit.ly/L5q5F0

~Light refreshments and open bar~

**President’s Message**

A heartfelt thank you to our outgoing JACL Executive Director Floyd Mori for his leadership in framing the messages of the day and acting on those messages to promote our national organization’s mission and expand our partnerships with other Asian and Pacific Islander organizations. His guidance has been invaluable to our Chapter, and he has faithfully supported our cultural events through his enthusiastic participation. Expressing gratitude to Floyd means wholeheartedly thanking Irene Mori as well for her continuous support and effective efforts to increase our membership.

JACL’s new national Executive Director, Priscilla Ouchida, informed me that she is on her way from the west coast to set up residence in the metropolitan area by the end of May. She plans to attend our June 9 picnic and looks forward to meeting all of you. She said that her first priority is to establish a stable financial foundation for JACL. She also wants to look at cost-effective programs that utilize technology to deliver services to a wider segment of the membership. She added that although Floyd is a hard act to follow, she hopes to maintain the current level of advocacy and presence on the Hill.

I look forward to seeing you at the June picnic. Please see the flyer in this issue and on our website for details. As you will note, we need raffle items. Co-Secretary Georgette Furukawa-Martinez is in charge and plans to have Japanese games available for all of you. Rain or shine, we will have the opportunity to enjoy each other’s fellowship, taste scrumptious food, and meet our new executive director.
Wheaton Regional Park
Shelter G
Shorefield Road, Wheaton, MD
Saturday, June 9, 2012
12:00p.m.

Chicken Teriyaki     Kalua Pig     Kalbi     Hot Dogs     Pot Luck     Raffle

Pot Luck Assignments
(last name begins with — brings…)

A—K   Fruit or Dessert
L—P   Sushi, Rice, or Noodle Dish
Q—Z   Salads (potato, pasta, greens)

Raffle Items NEEDED!!!
Contact Georgette Furukawa-Martinez for more information at 202-365-6845 or e-mail:
JACLDC.Events@gmail.com
Please contact Janice at 301-320-4131 if you need transportation.

Directions:
From 495 Beltway
• Exit onto Georgia Ave., North
• Travel north approx. 2 ½ miles
• Turn right onto Shorefield Road
• Shorefield dead ends at Wheaton Park
• Parking on the Right

At the picnic, non members are encouraged to join or make a donation of $5 or more per person to help defray costs.

Found at 2011 Picnic: Lavender cotton sweater, size L, please contact Janice Faden
ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Founded in 1929, the JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. The JACL 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.jacl.org/about/about.htm

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