Happy New Year, DC Chapter!

On behalf of the Board, akemashite omedetou gozaimasu! We hope you had a wonderful and restful Holiday Season.

As we ring in the Year of the Boar, we would like to say “happy celestial animal birth year” to those who were born in 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, or 2019. We hope your year will bring you extra luck and prosperity.

2018 was another great year for the DC Chapter thanks to you, our Chapter Membership. We would also like to thank our Chapter volunteers and the all-volunteer Board of Directors. We believe the success of the DC Chapter is due to the collective leadership and love for community from all of us. 2019 will be no different, and we look forward to seeing you at events over great food and an abundance of laughter.

In this DC News Notes, we would like to welcome new Board Members, Katharine Hirata (JACL Mineta Fellow), and Gabrielle Ogata (Youth Co-Chair). We are also excited to announce the following updates to our Board Roster: Nikki Yamashiro as Co-President, Janice Nakano Faden as Strategic Relations and News Notes Editor, Alice Lin as Co-Vice President, and Scott Tanaka as Secretary. A special thank you goes out to Brandon Mita for serving on the Board and as Membership Chair this past year. We will miss him on our Chapter Board, but happy to know he will continue to be a part of JACL as National Legal Counsel, a role he was appointed to last year.

Also, in this edition of News Notes, after several requests to sell ad space in News Notes, we are listening to our Membership and will be selling half-page ad space for $50; proceeds will go to the Chapter for our community events. Our first ad is an amazing opportunity to purchase a beautiful Steinway & Sons grand piano! Please go to page 9 for details.

In closing, we would again like to thank you for your continued support of the DC Chapter. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the Crafty Ladies and Michelle Amano for their continued generosity to our Chapter. The Crafty Ladies have not only given us the opportunity to purchase their beautifully handcrafted gifts for our friends and families, but also have continuously and generously supported the DC Chapter at events. Michelle and her late father, Richard Amano, have been great leaders and supporters of JACL National and DC Chapter. We are humbled and thankful to Michelle for designating the DC Chapter to receive donations in memory of her father; Richard will be greatly missed and know he will continue to attend Chapter events in spirit.

With gratitude and kotoshi mo douzo yoroshiku onegaiitashimasu,
Georgette Furukawa and Nikki Yamashiro
JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT SITES CONSORTIUM

You are invited to participate in the Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium (JACSC) meeting that will take place from Tuesday, February 26 through Thursday, February 28, 2019. The location is Law Offices of Hogan Lovells, 555 13th St. NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will include training for Congressional visits on Capitol Hill that will focus on educating Congress about the JACSC and National Park Service Japanese American Confinement Sites (JACS) grant program; Congressional visits on the Hill; a reception sponsored by the Japanese Embassy; and a reception and film screening with introduction by Secretary Norman Mineta, who was incarcerated at Heart Mountain and is on the board of the project. A flyer is included in this newsletter for the reception and film screening, and both are open to all DC Chapter and JACL members who need to RSVP but do not need to attend the meeting during the day. Deadline for signing up is February 15.

The Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium (JACSC) is an extensive national network comprised of organizations committed to collectively preserving, protecting, and interpreting the history of the World War II experiences of Japanese Americans and elevating the related social justice lessons that inform current issues today. Members include the ten War Relocation Authority confinement sites, as well as historical organizations, endowments, museums, commissions, and educational institutes. The JACL is part of this Consortium.

The JACS grant program was created in 2006 with unanimous bipartisan support. Among its vital programs are those that preserve the stories of those who were incarcerated and who served in segregated military units and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). These people are being lost at an alarming rate, and it is important to preserve their stories as much as possible while we still have the time.

In 2008 the White House budget proposed to eliminate the JACS grant program, but a bipartisan spending deal included funding for the program. The purpose of the JACSC visits to Capitol Hill will be to educate Senators and Congress members about the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Abo, executive assistant to the Chair, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, juliea@heartmountain.org.
The 73rd Annual DC Chapter Installation Luncheon was held on Saturday, January 26, at Meiwhah Restaurant in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Co-President Georgette Furukawa provided the welcome and introduced esteemed guests Minister Kenichiro Mukai, Head of Chancery with the Japanese Embassy, David Inoue, JACL National Executive Director, Jeffrey Moy, JACL National Board President, and Kota Mizutani, JACL National Youth/Student Council Chair.

Jeffrey Moy, this year’s Keynote Speaker, outlined his vision and goals for the organization in the upcoming year. Jeff began by sharing his personal history, from his heritage to his beginnings in our local JACL DC Chapter. He explained how that promoted his service and advocacy of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community at large and the JACL community specifically.

As the youngest national president since the 1940’s and with a national board that is predominantly under age 40, Jeff is looking forward to opportunities for intergenerational dialogue while energizing the organization. Since he was elected president, Jeff has worked on communication, talking to every national board member about goals and alignment. The board is interested in receiving ideas and feedback from districts and chapters on ways to improve their work. They have also looked at the membership structure, budget, internal policies, and a major fundraising campaign to support educational program. After sharing his vision, Jeff responded to questions from members about how our local chapter can work with National and other districts and chapters to share best practices and support each other.

The following 2019 JACL DC Chapter officers were sworn in:

- **Co-Presidents**: Georgette Furukawa, Nikki Yamashiro
- **Co-Vice Presidents**: Linda Sato Adams, Alice Lin
- **Treasurer**: Craig Uchida
- **Secretary**: Scott Tanaka
- **Strategic Relations & News Notes Editor**: Janice Nakano Faden
- **Membership**: Vacant
- **Youth Co-Chair**: Caroline Mori, Christie Mori, Gabrielle Ogata
- **EDC Representative**: Michelle Amano
- **JACL Mineta Fellow**: Katharine Hirata
- **Members-At-Large**: Leona Hiraoka, John Tobe
The January 2019 edition of the NY/SC newsletter is out and can be accessed at the following link: https://bit.ly/2RBGpoy

Articles included are:
• Fall Retreat in San Jose
• Affirmative Action Trial Against Harvard University Admissions Policy
• 2018 Eastern District Youth and Youth Professionals Conference
• Japanese American Women Speak
• Nikkei LGBTQ Gathering
• Tips for Starting On Campus Organizations

Thank you to Kota Mizutani, NY/SC chair, for letting us know about the varied JACL youth activities around the country.
MOCHITSUKI

Although our annual JACL DC Chapter Mochitsuki was held at a different venue in 2018, it did not change the level of fun and catching up that we are accustomed to at our traditional end-of-the-year gathering. There was something for everyone: music by the Japanese Business and Embassy (JBE) band, lovely handmade crafts by the lovely Crafty Ladies, mochi pounding and mochi making for those who wanted to have a workout and get their hands a little dirty. We had one of our biggest raffles yet for those who wanted to try their luck at winning something for themselves or a loved one, and, of course, there was the food—ozoni, bentos, cake, and mochi, oh my!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated with us. Mochitsuki is an event near and dear to the DC Chapter’s heart, something that we look forward to every year. It is our community, our family, and our friends who make the event what it is, and we hope to make this year’s Mochitsuki even more memorable.

We had approximately 200 members, family, and friends join us. Minister Kenichiro Mukai, Head of Chancery, Embassy of Japan, attended with his wife Midori and son Arata, and addressed our festive crowd. A special thanks to all the volunteers including, three generations of the Hirose and Shimoda families, Katharine Hirata, Mogami Kariya, Emi Martin, Abigail Moon, Parker Moon, and Gabrielle Ogata. Thank you also to the Crafty Ladies for their delightful boutique and to the JBE band for their mounds of sounds. The food line was back again serving the delectable lunch. The line consisted of Donna, John, and Kate Hollingshead; Diane Watts; Keith Adams; and Dana and Kara St. George. We appreciate everyone who donated a prize to our raffle. And a thank you to Julie Abo, Yukiyo Moorman, Ida Nakano-Minami, Amiko Rorick, Florence Tanabe, Satoshi Tozaki, Craig Uchida, and Nicole Whiting, for donating to the DC Chapter. These donations help the Chapter continue to host events like Mochitsuki, Keiro Kai, and our summer picnic, as well as co-host events like the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Stay tuned for a calendar of events we have lined up this year. If you have any suggestions for new events or ideas on how we can make our events better, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Email us at jacldc@gmail.com, contact us on Facebook at @jacldcchapter, or tweet us at @jacl_DCchapter!
MOCHITSUKI 2018
RICHARD AMANO

We are deeply saddened by the passing of longtime JACL and DC Chapter member Richard Amano, father of Michelle Amano. Details of his memorial service are listed below. Thank you in advance for respecting Michelle’s privacy. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Richard Amano, known to family and friends as “Michelle’s Dad”, passed away on January 15th, 2019. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Midori Amano in 1986 and the oldest child of Kenji and Toshiko Amano.

A native of Chicago, Richard attended and graduated from Lake View High School. During his time at Lake View, he was actively involved and served as the president of the student body. He then made his move to Washington D.C. to attend the prestigious American University.

With a passion for politics, history, and traveling, Richard never said no to the next adventure or journey. He traveled abroad to Italy, Thailand, Cuba, and more just to name a few. Whether he was revisiting a favorite place or learning about a new culture, he never ceased to live his life with gratitude or humility.

Richard served as a member of the JAYS and JACL D.C. Chapters for many years and as of last year became a Millennium Member of the JACL. His commitment to JACL and the community was never overlooked. Between greeting old friends and making new ones, he always made sure to welcome everyone with open arms and a smile. He made sure his biggest accomplishment, Michelle, was always involved in the JACL community and lifted her up whenever he saw she needed it most.

He is survived by his loving daughter Michelle, sisters Janie Amano-Yee and Teresa (Robert) Andersen, brother Paul, and his nephew Mike (Tracey).

A memorial service for Richard Amano will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 11 AM at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church: 7001 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church or the DC Chapter of JACL in Richard’s memory.

Richard's Memorial Service information is as follows:

Date:
February 9 (Sat)

Time:
11:00 am

Location:
Chevy Chase United Methodist Church
7001 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD

This is the same church Michelle’s grandmother, Etsu Masaoka, attended. Midori and Richard were married there.

Note: There will be no viewing, and the burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, Michelle has generously designated two organizations for memorial contributions:

JACL DC Chapter
Please send checks to:
Craig D. Uchida
Treasurer, JACL DC Chapter
200 South Los Angeles St., #601
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church
Please send checks to:
Chevy Chase Methodist Church
7001 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Every February, the Japanese American community commemorates February 19, 1942, the day that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. This Executive Order authorized the incarceration of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast. This commemoration, known as the Day of Remembrance, serves to remind us of the impact on our families and our country and gives an opportunity to educate others about the fragility of our civil rights.

In honor of the Day of Remembrance 2019, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will present a panel discussion on the legacy of the Japanese American experience. Panel members will include Kishi Bashi, violinist, singer, and composer; Professor Duncan Williams, University of Southern California, author, who will speak on Buddhism/Faith and Japanese American Incarceration; Peter Manseau, religion curator; and Noriko Sanefuji, curator, National Museum of American History. The panel discussion will be a fitting closing to the National Museum of American History exhibit, “Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II”, which opened last year. The exhibit will then begin its journey to cities across the nation. It is a perfect time to consider the legacy of the Japanese American experience.

Please join us for
the Day of Remembrance:
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
6:30 to 8:30 PM
National Museum of American History

2019 JACL CONVENTION

Save the dates of July 31 to August 4, to attend the JACL convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Its theme is Advocacy, Inclusion, and Action with special emphasis on youth.

The Convention Planning Committee is organizing exhibits, interactive workshops, and a variety of vendors, including a woman's clothing maker, a skin care consultant and a kamon designer. Workshops will enhance JACL's advocacy and alliances with community groups, with topics focusing on immigration, social media, LGBTQ issues, and membership. For those interested in exploring their family history, there will be workshops on how to research your family and visits to the Family History Museum Library, allowing participants to research their family history at the largest genealogical library in the world. Plans are for a special excursion and tour of the Topaz Museum and Internment Site at the end of the convention. The event will be very family friendly, with many activities for delegates, their families and anyone interested in being advocates. Most likely, a golf outing will be a part of the plan.

Youth will have their own set of activities, including a talent showcase. Please join us at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City.
STEINWAY GRAND PIANO
For Sale: $14,000 (negotiable)

Steinway M medium grand piano. Belonged to my mother, noted Washington, D.C. area pianist Aiko Tashiro Hiratsuka. Made in 1916, rebuilt with Steinway parts in 1972. 5 ft. x 7 ft., with ebony satin finish. Good condition. Recently appraised by Steinway at $18,000. You may arrange to view and play the piano in our Arlington, VA apartment.

jaybird002@yahoo.com or 703-243-0608.

BRADLEY NOLAN WATTS

On February 3, 2019, Bradley Nolan Watts, a beloved friend, son, husband, father, and cousin, was lost. His smile and his laugh were contagious. He was a fierce competitor and excelled at everything he did. To say he will be greatly missed is an understatement. Brad worked for Montgomery County Public Schools in the curriculum office, but had previously served as an assistant principal at Meadow Hall Elementary School. He is survived by his wife, Sara, three young children, Wesley, Camden, and Jillian, and his parents, Steven and Diane Shimoda Watts. Brad was the nephew of two former JACL DC board members, Donna Shimoda Hollingshead and Dale Shimoda Horos.

The Watts family has decided that in lieu of flowers please send gifts to the Watts children’s college funds. Checks should be made payable to “Maryland College Investment Plan,” and sent to

The Watts Family
18723 Olney Mill Road
Olney, MD 20832

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21st Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk
Saturday — April 6, 2019

Fractured: The Faces of Family Separation

Check-In Opens 9:00 A.M. | Opening Ceremony 10:00 A.M.
This is a FREE event.

National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism
(New Jersey Avenue and Louisiana Avenues and D Street, NW — closest Metro: Union Station)

SPONSORS: National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF), Japanese American Veterans Association, DC Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, and Ekoji Buddhist Temple
You're Invited to a

Screening of

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation
Digital Storytelling Short Films
and

*For the Sake of the Children*

and

Reception

Opening Remarks by

Secretary Norman Mineta
and
Ann Burroughs, CEO and President,
Japanese American National Museum and JACSC Chair

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
5:45 to 8:00PM
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Room 13-202
555 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA

Please RSVP to Juliea@HeartMountain.org by February 15th
Bring your government-issued ID for security.

*For the Sake of the Children* is produced by Marlene Shigekawa, Joe Fox, and James Nubile of Fly on the Wall Productions in cooperation with the Poston Community Alliance. *For the Sake of the Children* is a feature-length film that for the first time shares the stories and reveals the emotional and painful impact of the internment on the generations that followed the largest incarceration of American citizens in our history.
JACL MEMBERSHIP

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

- Thousand Club: $200 per year
- Century Club: $350 per year
- Millennium Club: $1,000 per year

Please consider supporting JACL-DC with employer matching donations or in-kind donations. Go online at www.jacl.org/member to join or renew today.

Join or renew your JACL membership today! Members receive a complimentary subscription to the Pacific Citizen Newspaper, free admission to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, CA (just show your membership card), valuable discounts, access to special events, and eligibility for over $70,000 in scholarships awarded every year. Most importantly, your membership dues also will support the mission of JACL as the oldest and largest Asian American organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Americans and preserving the Japanese American cultural and historical legacy.

To join or renew your membership online, go to www.jacl.org/member! If you’d like to join or renew over the phone, please call 415-921-5225 (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm PST).

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, FOLLOW US AND STAY IN TOUCH!!

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The JACL-DC Chapter website (www.jacl-dc.org) posts the latest news and resources for our members. On the JACL-DC website, you’ll also find a photo gallery of our members at events like Keiro Kai, JACL Picnic, and our 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.