

# Japanese American Citizens League

## *Mile High Chapter*

October 3, 2013

**Members Presents: Harry Budisidharta, Marge Taniwaki, Justin Valas, Andrew Yeh, Mary Ann Amemiya, Kathryn White, B.T. Ichikawa, Robin Oye, Kimiko Oye, Puspa Koiraea, Bill Nagaki, Ngoc Dinh, Aurora Ogg, Kimiko Side, Tom Migaki, Gary Yamashita, George Yoshida.**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER 6:35pm**

- a. Introductions of board members and guests

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion to approve by Marge; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. Approved.

### **III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. PC Holiday Issue
  - i. Richard is in LA for work. We need a manger to help manage the operations of the PC ad. Coordination and checking off list when ads come in. Richard will still be in charge of the financial side and be the contact for PC. If the ad is the same, just tell Richard it's the same. If it's different, then Richard will change. Andrew Yeh volunteered to be the coordinator. Deadline is Oct. 31. Motion to approve by Marge; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom.

### **IV. SPEAKER**

- a. Patricia Tabbilos (APDC) – Will talk about the health benefits exchange and the women's wellness connection
  - i. Free breast examination and cervical cancer examination. 50+ free breast examination and mammogram. Spread the word about early screening. They are asking us to help spread the word about breast cancer awareness. Free Wellness Screening Day: Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. 10am-2pm. Funding is coming from the State through a grant.
  - ii. Connect for Health Colorado. You can purchase health insurance regardless of preexisting health conditions. Go online for comparisons of 150 different types of health insurances and different dental plans. New resources are available based on income. Anonymous eligibility is available. APDC is available to assist with enrollment for insurance. Advice is given by brokers, not APDC. Open enrollment starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (not quite ready, but will most likely start Oct. 11. Deadline for enrollment for Jan. 1 coverage is Dec. 15. Individual open enrollment ends March 1. For assistance, call 1 (855) 346-3432. Who are eligible? Medicaid members are not eligible for Connect for Health Colorado. After open enrollment ends and you have not registered, there will be a \$95 for the whole year and will increase per year.

- iii. Patricia to send electronic fliers to Harry for newsletter and hard copy fliers in Japanese and Chinese for Sakura Square. Patricia will need to request Japanese flier. Patricia is available to give group clinics.
- iv. APDC is asking for JACL to help spread the word about Connect for Health Colorado.
- b. Kathryn White (Facing History) – Will talk about how Mile High JACL can collaborate with Facing History
  - i. Facing History trains middle school and high school teachers. Starts with essential question, such as “What kind of person does a Health Democracy need?” Question is to be revisited throughout the semester/school year. Dr. Vincent Harding says our democracy is still in the lab trying to figure out what our democracy will look like. Studies failures in democracy to learn from mistakes. Answers to the question: Not afraid to speak out, active in the community, courage, compassionate, engaged. Workshops for teachers: why is identity important? Memory and legacy of peoples. End with “Why is this important to me?” Students are more aware of bullying and communities who are welcomed and not welcomed.
  - ii. I Learn America film at the Denver Film Festival next year. Film maker and some of the students in the film will be there. VIP reception before film. 6pm. 2 times a year they receive a grant to bring films and filmmakers to Colorado. If JACL has speaker ideas, please let Kathryn know for brainstorming. November 14, 2013 7pm.
  - iii. Race. Are we so Different? History Colorado. Fall of 2014. Looking for speakers.
  - iv. Facing History is asking for ideas for speakers for community events and help bring a crowd. Ideas for guest speakers in the classrooms. Help build speaker bureaus queue. Come to their events. Help get the word out to the community. Field trip ideas where teachers can bring students to.
  - v. JACL is partnering with Facing History and History Colorado for DOR 2014.

## **V. POLITICAL ADVOCACY**

- a. Comprehensive immigration reform bill
  - i. A new bill was introduced in the House, but it’s not entirely sure if the bill will move. We are still working on pushing politicians to take action for a pathway to citizenship and have had meetings with most of Colorado’s congressional delegation. More meetings are being scheduled soon and JACL will participate in them alongside CIRC.
  - ii. CIRC rally on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am
    - 1. CIRC is asking us to join the coalition
    - 2. \$100 for annual dues to be a part of CIRC.
    - 3. Motion to join CIRC approved by Marge; 2<sup>nd</sup> by MaryAnn. Approved.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Mile High JACL Fall Festival

- i. Working on pricing and solidified menu. 6 in kitchen. 3 with \$. 4 with games. Andrew to ask for volunteer from CAPYA. \$10 and \$12 for plates instead of \$10 and \$15.
- b. Report from National JACL convention

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Direction for Mile High JACL LGBT committee

## **VIII. COMMITTEES' REPORT**

- a. Newsletter
  - i. Articles for next newsletter
    - 1. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> event. Justin will submit an article.
    - 2. Ngoc announced that she will be moving back to the West Coast by the end of the calendar year. She will miss everyone very much and thanks everyone for all of the opportunities and wonderful memories.
  - ii. Mailing newsletter to our members
- b. Membership
  - i. Update regarding membership number
  - ii. Any lapsed board member?
    - 1. Divide the membership up among board members and contact the group personally for events. Gary will work on the process in dividing membership.
- c. Asian Round Table
  - i. Any upcoming issue affecting Asian community?
    - 1. Meet this path month for not meeting for the summer. Voted for \$200 donation for flood relief. Well County Flood Relief Donation which goes directly to those effected and not like the Red Cross where funds go into a general fund and don't always go to those effected. Large undocumented Indonesian group in Boulder. They are not receive relief funds and are not eligible for DSNAP.
- d. Day of Remembrance
  - i. Debriefing of 2013 DOR event
  - ii. Planning for 2014 DOR
    - 1. Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (Focus on survivors, panel of survivors. Extracts from Dust Storm. Real life with artistic representation. Patty Limeric)
    - 2. Wednesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Dust Storm. Actual DOR. Treat both days as one event. (CE – continuing education credit for teachers?) Optional talkback? Asian Bar Association is willing to help with funds. Harry will ask CLE for help, as well. CLE may require a handout for sponsorship. MaryAnn has a possible corporate sponsorship. Tom will talk to AEAC for sponsorship.
    - 3. The end of this month for more of a defined program.

4. 3,000 grant received from JACL National for reprinting Amache brochures.

**IX. NATIONAL JACL**

- a. Intermountain District Council – October 5<sup>th</sup> via Skype
- b. JACL National Convention

**X. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – A Taste of JAC @ Sakura Square mezzanine
- b. October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm – Membership social @ 99 Histories
- c. November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am – Mile High JACL Fall Festival
- d. February 8, 2014, at 5 pm – APDC New Year Banquet @ Arvada Center for Arts

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

- a. Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 6:30 pm

**XII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:35pm**

- a. Motion approved by Marge; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ann. Approved.