



Japanese American Citizens League Mile Hi Chapter Notes

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President's Message

I want to thank everybody that came to the January 5th board meeting. We had a very productive meeting and lots of great ideas for social events and community advocacy. Most of these events are still in the planning process, and I invite all of you to come to our upcoming board meeting (February 2nd, 6:30 pm, 2nd floor of Sakura Square) so that we can hear your inputs.

We have two upcoming events that I am very excited about. First, we have our annual **OCA/JACL Lunar New Year dinner**. This dinner will take place on February 4th at the Palace Restaurant. In addition to the lion dance performance, we will also have raffles and lucky drawing! Please RSVP soon because spaces are filling up fast.

Next, we have our annual **Day of Remembrance program**. This program will take place on February 19th, 1 pm, at the University of Denver Law School. We are very fortunate to have Christian Heimburger, a doctoral candidate at University of Colorado, coming to give a presentation on Japanese Americans who left the concentration camps in Colorado, Utah, and Idaho to find temporary work in surrounding communities. The presentation will examine the impact that they had on the larger war effort, and also their life and work beyond the barbed wire.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our election. I am proud to announce our 2012 Board of Directors and Officers:

Newly elected / Re-elected board members: Mary Ann Amemiya, Richard Hamai, Donna Hickey Hansen, Jessica Moy, Frank Sakamoto, Kimiko Side, and Suzy Shimasaki

Continuing board members: Aya Medrud, Harry Budisidharta, Mark Shimoda, Marge Taniwaki, Gil Asakawa, Mike Shibata, Bonnie Clark, Pat Hayashi, Jinny Kim, Tom Migaki, Charmaine Palmer, Gary Yamashita, and Jayne Yoshimura.

If you have any questions or feedbacks, please do not hesitate to contact us at milehijacl@gmail.com

Harry Budisidharta, Mile Hi JACL President



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monthly Mile Hi JACL
Meeting**
Thursday, February 2
6:30 p.m.
JAC Office
Sakura Square (2nd Floor)

**OCA/JACL Lunar New
Year's Dinner**
Saturday, February 4
Palace Chinese Restaurant

Do you have an event or project that you would like to share with our community? Please help us keep our community informed by submitting events, notices, recognitions, and articles to include in future newsletters.

Information can be submitted to Suzy.Shimasaki@gmail.com

2012 OCA/JACL Lunar New Year's Dinner

Celebrating the Year of the Dragon!

When: Saturday, February 4, 2012

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Where: Palace Chinese Restaurant

6265 East Evans Ave., Denver CO 80222

Cost: \$45 per person

(please inquire about corporate sponsor rates)

Program: Lion Dance, Live Performances, Lucky Drawing, and Raffles.

The 10-Course Meal Includes:

Cold Cut Appetizer

Seafood Tofu Soup

Hong Kong Style Spicy Shrimp

Stuffed Mushroom with Shrimp

Steamed Whole Bass in Ginger Sauce

Shiitake Mushroom with Green

Sauteed Beef Steaks

Shanghai Braised Pork Shank

Treasures Fried Rice

Curry Beef Puff



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Mile Hi JACL

Please RSVP to Richard Hamai at 303-839-9637 or rhamai@yahoo.com
Please mail checks made payable to "Mile Hi JACL" to:
Mile Hi JACL, c/o Richard Hamai, 333 E. 16th Ave., #613, Denver, CO 80203

To secure your seat, payment must be received by **January 28, 2012.**

Transamerica Financial Advisors Seeks Japanese American Investment Advisor

The Transamerica Financial Advisors of the Transamerica Financial Group Division is in search of a Japanese and English speaking bilingual individual for a part-time Investment Advisor Representative position. No experience or background in financial service necessary. Seeking candidates who are ambitious, entrepreneur-minded, trustworthy, enthusiastic, team oriented, and have a background in sales or teaching. To apply, please send resume to Thiensa Nguyen at thiensa.nguyen@tfaconnect.com or call 303.221.3639.

Mile Hi JACL Seeks New Newsletter Chair

The Mile Hi JACL is seeking a new Newsletter Chair to compile the monthly chapter newsletter. Please help us circulate the job description below to anyone whom you think may be interested in helping us with our efforts to continue providing this valuable resource to our community. Applicants do not need to be a member of the JACL.

Newsletter Editor Job Description

Overview

The Mile Hi Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) was founded in 1938 and is an active social justice organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational, and social values while preserving the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community. The Mile Hi JACL produces a 6-10 page monthly newsletter that is distributed to its members as well as various other community organizations.

Qualification

- Computer software knowledge (e.g., Microsoft Word, Publisher, or InDesign)
- Experience designing layouts or willingness to learn
- Computer and internet access
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work with a timeline and meet deadlines
- Ability to work as a team

Specific Tasks:

- Meet with previous Newsletter Chair to discuss procedure for producing monthly newsletters
- Collect articles written by Board of Directors and other community members
- Organize articles into newsletter template
- Modify newsletter based on recommendations made by Board Editor
- Complete newsletter in accordance to timeline
- Email newsletter to President for final approval and distribution

Benefits

- Journalism and editing experience
- Volunteer service credit
- Looks great on college and job applications
- Opportunity to connect with various community leaders

Payment Guide

- \$50 per issue that is produced through the procedure discussed above

To Apply

- Send cover letter and resume to suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com by **February 11, 2012**.

2012 Day of Remembrance Event - "Life Beyond Barbed Wires"

The Mile Hi JACL and University of Denver are partnering again to put on the 2012 Day of Remembrance event on Sunday, February 19. The event will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Denver University, Sturm College of Law (2255 E. Evans, Denver, 80208). Our guest speaker for this year, Christian Heimburger, Doctoral Candidate at the University of Colorado, will be speaking on "Life Beyond Barbed Wires". The presentation will run from 1:00 to 2:00 and refreshments (sushi and drinks) will follow. Please join us for this to commemorate the signing of Executive Order 9066.



HISTORY COLORADO NOW

JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT IN COLORADO

Join us for a **History Colorado webinar designed for educators and anyone interested in Colorado history.** February 19, 2012, marks the 70th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Learn about the role Colorado played in this story, make connections between events during WWII and today, and discover ways to bring these stories of local and national significance into your classroom.

And get a sneak peek of three short films created for History Colorado's new exhibits from the convenience of your own computer!

Speakers include:

Akira Boch, director of the film *9066 to 9/11*
Adam Schrage, author of *The Principled Politician*

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Cost: \$10 per webinar

Time: 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Reservations: [303-866-4686](tel:303-866-4686) or email
Cheryl.Simpson@chs.state.co.us.

*The only technology you need to participate is a computer with an internet connection and a valid email address.



JANM Names G.W. Kimura as New Chief Executive Officer



The Board of Trustees of the Japanese American National Museum announced today the hiring of **G.W. (Greg) Kimura, Ph.D.**, as its new Chief Executive Officer. The appointment concludes an extensive national search begun last August.

"Dr. Kimura brings a unique set of leadership skills, intellect and experience to the CEO position along with his unbridled passion for the Museum's mission," explained Gordon Yamate, Chair of the Board of Trustees and head of the Board Search Committee. "I view his appointment as transformational for the Museum—he will ably lead and elevate the Museum to new levels of programming, experiences and excellence, particularly with our broadening and more diverse audiences."

Since 2006, Dr. Kimura has been the President/CEO of the Alaska Humanities Forum (Alaska's state humanities council), where its revenue doubled during his tenure and its standing jumped to the third largest in the nation. He has an extensive academic background as a department head and professor with a Masters in Divinity from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in philosophy of religion from Cambridge University.

Former Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, another member of the Museum's Board Search Committee, observed, "In many ways, Greg Kimura represents our evolving community. He is a *yonsei* (fourth generation Japanese American) who grew up outside the larger historic Nikkei communities. Yet he has maintained his cultural ties, has a thorough understanding of our community's history, and has expressed his desire to pass his heritage on to his own children."

Despite living in Alaska, Dr. Kimura has often visited the Japanese American National Museum when he was in Los Angeles. As a Museum member, he recalled being personally touched by several Museum exhibitions, including *kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapa* (2006).

"I have been profoundly moved at the Japanese American National Museum, as a visitor and member. Coming to the Japanese American National Museum is truly like coming home," Dr. Kimura explained. "The Museum has an important story to tell about culture, diversity, and what it means to be American. This matters deeply to us all. In an increasingly complex and contentious world, the Museum can be not only a place to celebrate these enduring values, but to do the visionary work to guide the future."

The Japanese American National Museum is dedicated to fostering greater understanding and appreciation for America's ethnic and cultural diversity by preserving and telling the stories of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Since its incorporation in 1985, the National Museum has grown into an internationally recognized institution, presenting award-winning exhibitions, groundbreaking traveling exhibits, educational public programs, innovative video documentaries and cutting-edge curriculum guides.

In 2010, the Japanese American National Museum was presented the National Medal by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the highest honor possible for an American museum. Institutions are recognized with this singular award for their "extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions." The Japanese American National Museum is only the fourth institution in California (and one of only two museums) to receive the National Medal.

Nihongo-o Naraimashyou! (Let's Learn Japanese!)

Words of the Month:

College: Daigaku (da-i-ga-ku)

Job (employment): Shigoto (sh-go-to)

Walk (stroll): Sanpo (sa-n-po)

Mountain: Yama (ya-ma)

River: Kawa (ka-wa)

Valley: Tani (ta-ni)

“What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another.”

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Not a Member of JACL?

Joining the Mile Hi JACL is a great way to get involved with the community and to help support our programs that educate our youth, develop leaders, and pass on our legacy from generation to generation. Membership benefits include (subject to change):

Associate Memberships are available for two years to individuals who are new to the Mile Hi JACL Chapter and includes:

- Mile Hi Chapter Newsletter
- Discounts to local chapter events (when applicable)

All other memberships include the above in addition to:

- Pacific Citizen, the JACL newspaper
- Scholarship Program
- JACL Credit Union Services
- VISA Affinity Card
- Hertz Rental Car Discounts
- Long Distance Calling Discounts
- Major Medical Insurance Program*
- Long Term Care Insurance*
- Catastrophic Major Medical Insurance*
- Medicare Supplement Insurance*

*Membership does not guarantee acceptance . The insurers have their own acceptance criteria.

If you would like to join, please complete the information below:

Membership Application

(12 month membership from the date of application)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$65) | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (\$110) | <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club (\$175) | <input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Club (\$1,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Youth (\$30) - PC excluded | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club Life (\$3,000) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Life (\$5,000) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of 1000 or Century Club member (\$37) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Millennium Club member (\$30) | |

Name: _____ Spouse (if applying): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____



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