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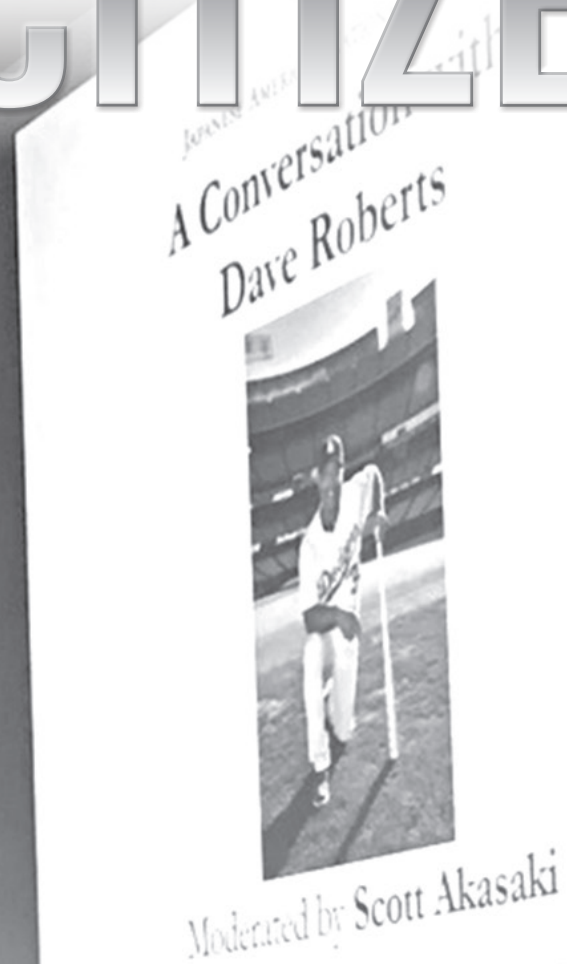
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FROM THE MIDWEST

THE WORK OF JACL CONTINUES . . .

Uncertainty often accompanies periods of transition unless it is used as a time to refocus and rededicate our commitment in ways that will advance efforts to carry out JACL's core mission.

JACL National President David Lin and members of the National Board have asked me to serve in the interim until a new JACL executive director is selected.

I accepted because after all the years I've served on the JACL staff, I continue to believe this organization has the capacity to be a leader, especially in areas such as education and youth development, while still tending to issues of social justice that have defined our history and truly improved the lives of Japanese Americans.

There will be challenges, even in this transition period. Within the last two weeks, JACL has lost the services of two full-time professional staff members. We wish the best to Priscilla Ouchida and Christine Munteanu.

And yet, even with their resignations, we haven't decreased our program portfolio and activities, placing even more responsibility on existing staff to perform.

So, what's on our program horizon, and what can you expect from your national staff? Our national convention is scheduled for July 11-14 in Las Vegas. Our goal will be to successfully conduct the business of JACL where the National Council will elect new officers, debate policy issues, recognize our awardees, find renewal in the inspiring words of our presenters and, importantly, approve a biennial budget, which proposes to reduce staff positions even further, a prospect that will clearly weaken our organization.

After the convention and extending into early August, we will implement an education program funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, where we will host two weeklong sessions with 72 teachers from throughout the country.

The teachers will tour the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles and attend presentations given by experts on many

aspects of the incarceration, including former incarcerated. They will also visit Santa Anita and Manzanar to bear witness to those places of confinement during World War II.

In September, we will begin conducting the next the Kakehashi program, a unique opportunity for students and young adults to gain insight into a variety of fields including the culture, politics and economics of Japan.

Beginning with trips in September, the program will host 200 participants in three groups extending into early 2017.

Throughout the fall, our civic engagement program, funded through a grant from the Coulter Foundation, will challenge our chapters and members to engage in voter registration, voter education and get-out-the-vote efforts to be active participants in citizenship responsibilities.

Of course, there are additional important programs such as scholarship, NY/SC, Legacy Fund grants, leadership, and the Smithsonian project beckons as a centerpiece in 2017, when we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the signing of E.O. 9066.

I am hopeful the JACL National Board will move quickly with its search and selection process to identify and hire a JACL executive director.

In the meantime, to see us through this period of transition, we have a staff composed of experienced and committed individuals including Patty Wada, Tomiko Ismail, Stephanie Nitahara, Matt Walters, Mariko Fujimoto and Mei Kuang. In addition, we value our energetic fellows and interns, Merissa Nakamura, Emil Trinidad, Malin Ouk and Jennifer Kaku.

There is much to do. We need your cooperation. The work of JACL continues.

Sincerely,

*Bill Yoshino,
Interim JACL Executive Director and
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REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

ASIANS BRING OUR OWN VALUES TO CAREGIVING

By Ron Mori

Someday, most of us will either become caregivers for our loved ones or need caregiving from our loved ones. It's a fact. It's inevitable.

Now that I can see my 60s on the horizon, I'm even more aware of the importance of caregiving in my family, and in our community. Many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a different take on the responsibility of caregiving than typical Americans. Our family traditions and cultural values like respect for elders, or for Japanese Americans, *on* and *giri* — obligation and sense of duty — make caregiving a looming reality.

We're conditioned all our lives to prepare to care for our elders. We need to research the best services, the best facilities — and, if possible, take care of our family members and not just place them in an institutional facility.

And though it might be difficult for AAPIs to talk about such tender issues openly, that reality is exactly why we need to discuss caregiving before it's too late. We need to plan for caregiving and know who will take care of whom, and how, and where the funds will come from. It's a topic that I have avoided with my brother and sister, but a conversation we are just starting to have with my mother, who is 89.

Caregiving is an important part of AARP. We have a lot of resources online gathered together in a section (<http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving>) that has news, tips, helpful articles and advice.

And for AAPI audiences, we've created two short documentary films that are intended to help spark that family discussion about caregiving while there's still time to plan and make hard decisions that I, myself, have avoided.

Two years ago, we produced a film, "Caregiving: Dahil Mahal Kita," that features how three Filipino families dealt



Photo of the panel at the USF premiere (from left) Richard Lui, Lily Liu and Toan Lam

with caregiving. One of the people profiled, retired U.S. Army Gen. Anthony Taguba, is our AAPI Community Ambassador, and he speaks around the country about his experience as a caregiver for his father and how important it is for families to discuss future caregiving.

In June, we premiered a new short film, "Caregiving: The Circle of Love," that focuses on three Chinese American families' experience with caregiving. One of the people profiled in this film is Richard Lui, the high-profile Asian American anchor for MSNBC. His father has Alzheimer's, and although Richard lives and works in New York City, he flies to his parents' home in San Francisco every weekend to help care for his dad.

The other two profiles in the film are equally powerful: Elizabeth Chun is part of the "sandwich" generation and cares for both her mother and her grandchildren. Lily Liu, AARP's Historian Emerita, gave up her job to care for her mother. The film's director, Toan Lam, is himself a former caregiver for his family.

The premiere for the film was held at the University of San Francisco, so Richard and his parents could attend. They watched it in a separate room while over 200 audience members were in the main room at Fromm Hall. After the screening, Richard joined Lily Liu and filmmaker Toan Lam (Elizabeth Chun unfortunately couldn't leave her caretaking responsibilities for the event) for further discussion about their roles as caregivers. But before the panel, Richard waved goodbye to his parents at the back of the room, and his mom and dad waved back before heading home.

It was a touching, powerful moment that reminded everyone there that even through the fog of Alzheimer's, patients can have mental clarity (Richard's dad thanked a photographer for taking pictures of the family) and also reminded people that the love of a son or daughter for his parents can run deeper than just "duty."

Richard is a true Caregiving Champion for AARP, and a role model for all of us.

Here is the Chinese caregiving documentary:
<http://videos.aarp.org/detail/video/4846069296001/>.

Here is the Filipino film:
<http://videos.aarp.org/detail/video/4846069296001/>.

Ron Mori is a board member for the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter, and manager of community, states and national affairs — multicultural leadership for AARP.



A YONSEI TRANSPLANTED

PERSPECTIVE FROM UNLIKELY PLACES

By Matthew Ormseth

He called them the "silent population," a floating community of laborers who slip under the radar of censuses and service providers. They're the backbone and the engine of California's multibillion-dollar agricultural industry, and yet they're largely uneducated and largely invisible to the public eye.

Pablo Jasis, a professor at Cal State Fullerton, is running a program to help these migrant farm laborers earn their GED's. I met with him at a coffee shop while covering the story for a newspaper out in Orange County. Pablo told me about his students in the Coachella Valley who pick dates in 115-degree heat for 12 hours a day and still find time to attend class in the evenings. He told me about the mothers who pick crops in addition to managing households and ferrying kids to and from school — they still manage to make it to class.

During our conversation, I was amazed by what he was telling me. The courage and dedication of his students inspired me. But I could feel a guilt leaking out of my stomach, too, trickling throughout my body, making it difficult to even look at him in the eyes.

Even after an entire day of picking crops beneath a blistering California sun, these people had it in them to go to school. Even with the knowledge that they'd have to wake the next day before the sunrise, they could still make it to

evening classes.

I thought of all the 9 a.m. lectures I've skipped. I thought of all the times I convinced myself I was too tired or too hungover to go to class. I thought of all the times I had whined and moaned about all the "work" I had to do — "work" meaning an essay or a writeup I'd put off until the very last minute.

Pablo's students go to class because they dreamed about going to college. I'd never really dreamed about going to college, just as I'd never dreamed about going to high school in middle school. For me — a middle-class student at a high-achieving high school — the fact that I'd go to college after graduation was a given. The only question was where and how prestigious the school.

We all become acclimated to our circumstances. If the most difficult thing you've ever done is write a 10-page paper, it's tempting and it's easy to call such a thing "work" and complain to your friends about how stressed and worn out you are from writing it.

It's tempting, and it's easy to take a college education for granted when it's accepted by everyone — your family, your friends and your teachers — that you'll go on to attend college.

It's difficult to put things in perspective, and that is why I'm

glad to have met and spoken with Pablo.

I realized that my life is the stuff of his students' dreams. They want to go to college, he told me. Any college. When they visited Cal State Fullerton, he said, their eyes lit up at the size of the buildings, the libraries, the dining halls. It was a palace of dreams: a place to live and study and be part of a community that revolved around learning.

I was ashamed. That was exactly what I had. Only campus was no dream-palace for me — just a collection of buildings I associated with dreariness. There's the library where I write papers four hours before they're due. There's the hall where I bombed a Calc midterm. If campus ever had any sort of magic, it was now lost on me.

Pablo burst my bubble, and I'm grateful for that. He reminded me that there is a vast spectrum of circumstances that dictate our experiences, and that rarely are any two sets of circumstances the same.

I can see the absurdity of phrases like "safety school," the absurdity of the Harvard-or-bust mentality plaguing much of my old high school. And I can recognize my privilege, but now, instead of feeling ashamed, I can begin to feel grateful for it.

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JACL APPOINTS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear JACL Members,
Friends and Supporters,

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) announces the appointment of Bill Yoshino as Interim Executive Director as well as the appointment of Stephanie Nitahara as Interim Associate Director, effective as of Thursday, June 23, 2016. We are grateful for their commitment to JACL and willingness to step up during this transition period.

With almost 40 years of experience as staff for JACL, Bill Yoshino, who currently serves as the Midwest Regional Director, has the institutional knowledge and leadership ability to steward the organization as we work toward selecting a permanent Executive Director. His understanding of our membership as well as his experience working on anti-hate and education initiatives will



be critical in maintaining the stability of JACL's programs.

Stephanie Nitahara has demonstrated exceptional leadership in her time with the organization, serving as the Midwest District Governor prior to her being hired as the Pacific Southwest Regional Director. Her experience working with both districts, planning conventions, and engaging with youth are a great asset.

We thank Bill and Stephanie for taking on additional responsibilities so that we can be assured of a smooth transition, and will continue to provide updates on our organization as they are available.

Sincerely,

The JACL National Board

JAPAN AS SOCIAL LEADER IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Despite major departures from companies like Toyota and Honda over the years, Japan continues to be the largest source of foreign investor in Southern California.

According to a recent report released by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, more than 79,000 people in the area work for Japanese-owned companies.

The report conducted research by measuring foreign investments based on the number of jobs created.

Other findings in the report saw that the United Kingdom came in at second with 54,910 jobs with France at third with 32,558. This comes as a surprise as many thought that China would rank much higher. China had 6,450 jobs created, putting the country at 13th.

In recent years, much focus and attention has been turned toward China as a leading investor. Which on a national scale is true. China hit a record with \$30 billion this year in investments in the U.S., according to research firm Rhodium Group and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

Still, Japanese-owned businesses in Southern California have been here for decades, providing jobs and supporting major industries.

Leading examples include Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., based in Culver City, Calif. Other familiar names include printer maker Epson in Long Beach, Calif and audio equipment maker for cars Alpine Electronics in Torrance.

But this may soon change.

Just two years ago in 2014, Toyota Motor Corp. announced the company's move from Torrance, Calif. to a Dallas suburb. Los Angeles is expected to lose thousands of jobs from the move.

The news makes Toyota the second major automaker. In 2006 Nissan moved its U.S. headquarters from Gardena to Nashville.

Despite Toyota and Nissan's departure, exiting giants haven't deterred new foreign investments like Japan.

Between 2003 and 2015, Japan unloaded \$4.48 billion into local economy, generating 11,278 jobs. The LAEDC also found that among new investments, Germany came in second with \$3.59 billion followed by China with \$3.28 billion.

In SoCal, there are 9,105 foreign-owned companies employing 366,415 people.

The report was published by the World Trade Center Los Angeles and prepared by LACEDC. ■

APAs in the News/News Bytes

Keiro Launches Search for New President and CEO as Shawn Miyake Retires



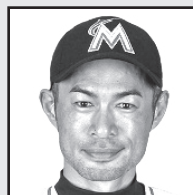
LOS ANGELES — Following 22 years of service to senior citizens in the community, Keiro president and CEO Shawn Miyake has announced his retirement effective June 30.

In a statement released by Chairman Gary Kawaguchi on behalf of the board of directors, "Shawn Miyake has provided invaluable care for our loved ones — parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and friends — for more than two decades at the helm of Keiro.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Shawn for his commitment and years of service to Keiro, and the lasting impact his work has had on Japanese American and Japanese seniors and families."

Following the recent sale of its facilities, the organization will now conduct an extensive search for a new president and CEO. During the transition, the board of directors has appointed Gene Kanamori to serve as interim president and CEO. Kanamori has served as Keiro's director of administration and human resources for the past 10 years.

Ichiro Surpasses Pete Rose's Major League Baseball Hit Record



SAN DIEGO — Ichiro Suzuki, 42, has officially passed Pete Rose with his 4,257th career Major League Baseball hit, thanks to two hits against the San Diego Padres at Petco Field on June 15. Ichiro tied the record in the first inning with an infield single and then broke the long-standing record after hitting a double in the ninth inning.

The first 1,278 hits of Ichiro's career occurred while he was a player in the Nippon Professional Baseball league in Japan and the remaining 2,979 hits came after he joined the MLB in 2001 when he was already 27 years old.

In addition to breaking Rose's record, Ichiro's two hits brought him just shy of becoming the 30th player in MLB history to record 3,000 hits for his MLB career.

Margaret Fujioka Elected to Alameda County Superior Court



PIEDMONT — Margaret Fujioka, the current mayor of Piedmont, Calif., was elected to Seat 14 of the Alameda County Superior Court on June 7 after running unopposed on the primary ballot.

Fujioka, an administrative hearing officer for Alameda County and San Francisco and a former longtime deputy city attorney in Oakland, has served on the Piedmont City Council for the past eight years, including two years as mayor.

With her victory, Fujioka now becomes the first Japanese American woman to serve on the 70-plus-member Alameda County Superior Court.

Fujioka grew up in Los Angeles and attended the University of California, Berkeley, and received her law degree from UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

Recently, Fujioka's uncle, Ted Fujioka, a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was honored along with 11 other Nisei soldiers in a new exhibit that opened in May at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Former Undersheriff Paul Tanaka Sentenced to Five-Year Prison Term



LOS ANGELES — Former Undersheriff Paul Tanaka, 57, was sentenced on June 27 in Los Angeles to a five-year prison term for obstruction of justice after he was convicted in April. As a result of his sentencing, his term as mayor of Gardena also came to a close.

Judge Percy Anderson made his ruling in a packed courtroom, where he recounted Tanaka's rise and fall within the Sheriff's department during a three-decades-long career and his community involvement in the city of Los Angeles.

In sentencing Tanaka, Anderson went above federal guidelines, which called for 41-51 months in prison.

As his sentence was imposed, Tanaka stood rigid next to his attorneys and did not address the court or speak to reporters following the decision.

Tanaka plans to appeal his conviction and sentence. Gardena now has to appoint a new mayor or call a special election within 60 days.

Diners at Michelin-Starred Japan Eatery Get Food Poisoning

TOKYO — A Michelin-starred restaurant in Japan closed temporarily after 14 people contracted food poisoning on a fancy Japanese-style meal there on June 11. An investigation into the cause of the problem is under way.

The Kanagawa prefectural government said six men and eight women complained of diarrhea and stomach pains after eating at Kita Kamakura Saryo Gentoan. The restaurant's menu offerings included squid, jelly with sea urchin, pumpkin cooked with fish and eel.

The popular restaurant is known for serving meals in quiet Japanese-style rooms and it is known for its kaiseki offerings, or small, multiple-course dishes.

An investigation is on going and the restaurant remains closed. ■

KAKEHASHI 2016

'KAKEHASHI — NO REGRETS'

By Kayla Watanabe, Special Contributor

Kakehashi — No Regrets.' That was our group's motto this past March when we ventured off as complete strangers to explore the exquisite country of Japan. Before we could even remember each other's names, we decided we weren't going to take our time in Japan for granted, and I couldn't be more grateful for that.

Over the past two years, the Japanese government has been sponsoring numerous Kakehashi exchange trips, in partnership with JACL and other organizations, to help foster and encourage cross-cultural relations between Japan and the U.S. Because of this, I had the incredible opportunity to visit the country of my ancestors alongside my sister and other Asian American students across the nation.

Japan is such a welcoming place and though I was initially overcome by unfamiliar faces and places, I quickly gained a sense of belonging among my peers and beautiful surroundings. It would be an understatement to say that this trip was a trip of a lifetime. Not only was I able to develop friendships that will easily endure time and distance, I gained a newfound appreciation for my heritage and an eagerness to learn more.

From visiting ancient shrines in Tokyo to pounding fresh mochi in the countryside, our days were packed with activities to help us gain a better understanding of Japan's rich culture. We also had the chance to share a bit of our own culture when we hung out with college students from Kanazawa University and taught a roomful of people the "Cupid Shuffle."

Though it was easy to consume ourselves in Japan's culture and traditions, there were many times when "no regrets" was the reminder we sometimes needed to push ourselves out of our comfort zones.

For example, "no regrets" was at the back of our minds when trying new foods and participating in different cultural activities. It is what we told each other every time one of us offered *omiyage* to our hosts in Japanese or gave a presentation in front of a large group.

"No regrets" is also what we boldly muttered when visiting the *onsen* ("no clothes"



A group photo at the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in Shin Yokohama, Japan

hot springs) or when we had no other option but to use the squatty potty. This simple motto helped unite us in the beginning and continued to encourage us to take full advantage of the Kakehashi Program until the end.

One of the most memorable moments on the trip was my homestay in Komatsu. I'm not going to lie, my Japanese speaking skills are basically nonexistent, so when my roommates and I got our assignment as to whom we'd be staying with, I sighed with relief when we saw our family spoke English. We soon found out that that wasn't quite the case, however, and I cursed all the times I goofed off during Japanese class.

But in all seriousness, verbal communication was a struggle and made day-to-day conversation a bit difficult. But my homestay family had a husky named Momo, and I love dogs. Mama enjoyed baking, and I love eating. Papa had a boat he used for jet skiing, and boating happens to be one of my favorite summertime activities. Though our differences felt overwhelmingly apparent at first, it was those exact differences that had us laughing the hardest and what made us completely ecstatic when discovering our similarities.

My time with my homestay family made me realize that there's no better way to learn and appreciate another's culture than experiencing it firsthand, which makes my time spent in Japan something I'll always remember. Thanks JACL, JICE, the Muroi family and all of my beautiful companions for such a memorable journey. I miss you all!

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF PAUL UYEHARA AND KAYLA WATANABE



Kayla Watanabe, Gurchit Singh and Elise Mori with Snoopy in Yokohama.



(Clockwise from left) Kayla Watanabe, Allysha Yasuda, Kari Miyamoto, Jessica Mock and Chantel Ricks at the Meiji Shrine at Harajuku, Tokyo

In conclusion, it's hard to have regrets when you get sent to a beautiful country with incredible guides, hard-working chaperones and an overall solid group like ours. Because of this, I don't regret missing two whole weeks of school and having to do my homework during layovers; I don't regret only getting sleep on the bus or going to McDonald's every night to get sakura fries; I don't even regret crying in my agent's office when I thought my passport wouldn't come in on time because honestly, I couldn't even begin to imagine not being a part of this program.

The next round of trips is coming up later this year, and applications are already open, so here's a shameless plug — apply for Kakehashi, take interest in your heritage. You won't regret it. #KakehashiNoRegrets

Kayla Watanabe was one of 52 API students who participated in the March 2016 Kakehashi trip, accompanied by four JACL chaperones. She is a member of the Mt. Olympus Chapter and a rising senior at Utah State University.

APPLY NOW FOR THE 2016-17 JACL KAKEHASHI PROJECT

The deadline for the first Kakehashi 2016 trip is on the horizon, July 15, so find out more about the program to see if you would be interested in applying.

The Kakehashi program provides participants with a better understanding of Japan through a variety of fields, including politics, economics and culture. JACL Kakehashi Program alumni are encouraged to become effective advocates in enhancing U.S.-Japan relations. Up to 200 participants will be selected to participate in this year's program leaving on one of three trips throughout the year.

Participants that are selected in a competitive process will travel to Japan for nine days, where they will visit a number of historical and educational sites, experience traditional and cultural activities and participate in a homestay with a local family.

2016-17 TRIP SCHEDULE

Trip 1: Sept. 5-13
Application Deadline: July 15

Trip 2: Dec. 12-20
Application Deadline: Oct. 1

Trip 3: March 13-21, 2017
Application Deadline: Oct. 1

Applicants must be (1) a student in good standing currently enrolled in an accredited college or university OR a young professional who has completed a minimum of a bachelor degree from an accredited college or university; (2) between the ages of 18-25 years old, (3) Japanese American or Asian American heritage. You do not need to be a JACL member to be eligible.

The Kakehashi Program is coordinated by the JACL and the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) supported by funding from the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For more information, visit <https://jacl.org/youth/kakehashi-project/> or email japanprogram@jacl.org.

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My circumstances were different than those of Pablo's students. I could have left home after high school and tried making it on my own with a minimum-wage job. I could have tried putting myself through college without my parents' help. I could have tried to diminish some of my own privilege, and perhaps my character would have been stronger for it.

But I didn't. I took advantage of the opportunities and conveniences my privilege afforded me. And the best I can do now is put that privilege in perspective.

That means not complaining about writing essays. That means not skipping morning classes — or any classes for that matter. And that means thanking my parents for putting me through school. So thanks, Mom and Dad. And

thanks, Pablo, for revealing blessings where I once saw only dreariness.

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Dave Roberts Talks Baseball, Life, Wine and Winning

PHOTO: GEORGE TOSHIO JOHNSTON

The Los Angeles Dodgers head coach visits JANM in an intimate meet-and-greet event.

By George Toshio Johnston,
Contributor

When the Los Angeles Dodgers announced last year on Nov. 23 that former team member Dave Roberts would become the ball club's manager, it was another first for the storied franchise.

After all, the Dodgers famously broke professional baseball's color barrier in the 1950s when Jackie Robinson became the first black Major Leaguer. Decades later, the Dodgers broke new ground when it opened the floodgates for Japanese baseball players in the 1990s with the hiring of ace pitcher Hideo Nomo.

Now, at the team level, the Dodgers did it again with 44-year-old Roberts, the team's first-ever minority to be hired for its manager post, reflecting his personal heritage as the son of an African American Marine father and a Japanese mother — Waymon and Eiko, respectively — who were seated in the audience when their son held court on June 18 at an event titled "A Conversation With Dave Roberts" at the Japanese American National Museum's Tateuchi Democracy Forum in Little Tokyo.

As he related the journey to his life's latest way station as the successor to former manager Don Mattingly, prompted by questions from fellow Dodger employee Scott Akasaki — the team's director of team travel — Roberts' "homecoming" seemed both improbable, yet inevitable.

Born in 1972 on the island of his mother's home prefecture, Okinawa, Japan, Roberts' itinerant childhood as a military dependent paralleled his 10-year baseball career, which saw him play not only for the Dodgers but also the Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants and 2004 World Series champion Boston Red Sox.

Prior to joining the Dodgers, Roberts worked for the San Diego Padres in several capacities, including stints in the front office and as both a first base and a bench coach — but as a team's skipper, this was a new gig on a large, high-stakes stage.

Following the announcement, some among the Dodger fan base wondered if the lefthander was ready — but the JANM event conveyed how Roberts' history showed a record of overcoming obstacles and confounding doubters.

Akasaki noted how Roberts, after high school in San Diego, had options many youngsters at that age might envy: a football scholarship at the Air Force Academy.

"At that point in time, I was committed to the Air Force Academy to play football there, knowing good and well I didn't want to go to the Air Force and serve for five years and play football," Roberts said. "I just wanted to enjoy college."

While Roberts said he had fun playing football, baseball was his passion.

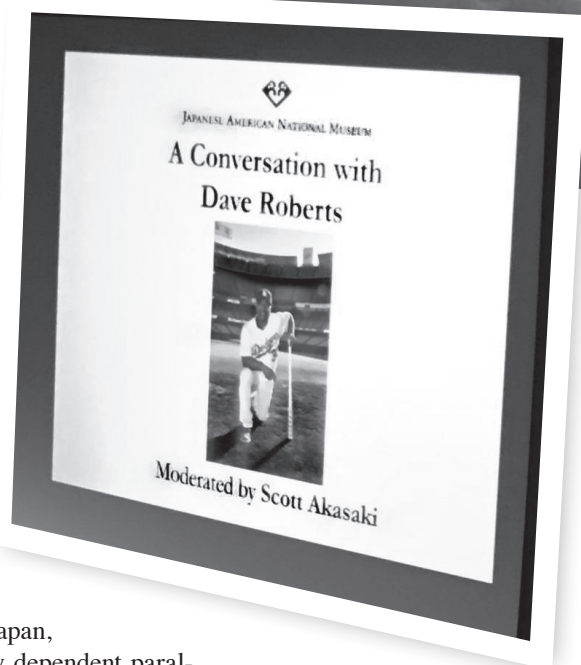
"I remember having a conversation with my dad [who said], 'If you don't want to go into the military, don't do it because of me. Do what you want to do,'" Roberts said.

He wanted to do baseball.

Roberts decided it was time to "bet on myself," and he chose to attend



(From left) Scott Akasaki and Dodgers Head Coach Dave Roberts at JANM discuss Roberts' experiences and lessons on and off the field.



'Everything happens for a reason,' he said. 'It was a tough part of my life.'

the University of California, Los Angeles, where he joined the baseball team as a walk-on.

"I can honestly say I was true to myself throughout this whole path," Roberts said. "Scott mentioned the 'fork in the road,' and that's funny because my mom talked to my sister and me about that all the time. You can go this way or this way, and fortunately . . . for the most part, I took the right road and the right path."

But in 1993, when the UCLA history major became eligible to go pro, Major League baseball was hardly knocking down doors to sign him. "You were taken not in the first round but in the 47th round," jokingly noted Akasaki, who added that Roberts decided to stay at UCLA, where to this day, he still holds the Bruins' men's baseball team's record for stolen bases: 109.

Roberts, Akasaki said, was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 1994 in the 28th round in the minor leagues for \$1,000, where he stayed for two years — but gave serious thought to quitting baseball.

"That was actually the first time where I was a little, maybe more than a little, irritated and disappointed where I was drafted because I felt I had played well at UCLA to earn a better opportunity," Roberts responded.

"My college roommate and really good friend of mine, Ryan McGuire, who'd signed a year prior, told me that I needed to get over it and the game of baseball will move on without you, so if you think you're better than a 28th-round pick and \$1,000 signee, then go show it," Roberts said.

Roberts decided to quit pouting and made the All-Star team in high A ball — but was disappointed again at having to make a lateral move to a co-op team, which he described as a split of two high A teams. At 25, he seriously thought about "going to walk away."

But after talking on a baseball dorm pay phone with his father and future wife, Tricia, he decided to "embrace the challenge" — and had one of his best seasons in the minor leagues, which led to a promotion later that year. He realized that "it's what you make of it" and before quitting to "give everything I have."

In 1999, Roberts was invited to the Cleveland Indians Spring Training Camp, made the team and by the postseason was on national TV in playoff games. He stayed with the team until 2001, after which he went to the Dodgers for two seasons as an outfielder.

In 2004, Roberts was traded to the Boston Red Sox, which came as a shock and a disappointment — he loved being a Dodger, and Southern California was his home. "I was in tears," he said. Once again, however, it was a move that worked out favorably. "It turned out to be such a blessing."

The Red Sox would that year become World Series champs. But to reach that pinnacle, the team first had to overcome a seemingly insurmountable deficit against a despised nemesis — and Roberts would play a key part.

Roberts' vaunted footspeed would lead to a moment that would make Red Sox team history, in Game 4 of the American League Championship Series against rival the New York Yankees. Down three games to none, the Red Sox were down by a run and facing elimination when Roberts entered the game as a pinch runner. It would be his defining moment as a ballplayer.

Roberts related how he had received some sage advice from someone with whom he had a mentor-student relationship, someone who knew a thing or two about base stealing: former Dodgers great Maury Wills.

“I remember being on Vero Beach (the site of the Dodgers’ former spring training facility), he and I on the backfield, in his little raspy voice saying, ‘D. R., there’s going to be a chance that everyone in the ballpark knows you’re going to steal this base, and you’ll have to steal this base and you can’t be afraid,’” Roberts recalled.

“So as I took the field in Boston in Game 4 against the Yankees . . . the one person I’m thinking about is Maury Wills. If I get thrown out, I’m thinking of Maury Wills on this shoulder and Bill Buckner on this shoulder. I don’t want to be Bill Buckner!”

A former Red Sox player, Buckner in 1986 infamously missed a ground-er that led to his team’s defeat at the hands of the New York Mets in Game 6 of that year’s World Series.

Roberts stole second base on that cold Boston night, and his headfirst slide just beat a great throw from the Yankees’ catcher. Then teammate Bill Mueller singled and Roberts crossed home plate to tie the game, leading to a win that turned the series around. The BoSox would not lose another game, defeating the Yankees and then the St. Louis Cardinals to win their first World Series in 86 years.

Akasaki noted that Roberts’ game-changing steal would go on to be recognized by the Red Sox as one of the most memorable moments in the team’s history. (Editor’s Note: A clip of that play can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/jskl5mx>.)

By 2009, however, with accumulated injuries taking their toll, Roberts would leave Major League baseball as a member of the San Francisco Giants. He would then spend the next year as a TV broadcaster with the regional New England Sports Network covering the Red Sox.

When the San Diego Padres came calling with an offer to join the front office in 2010, however, Roberts bit. But life would throw yet another forkball at him — and this time, it wasn’t a choice between sticking with baseball or not, stealing a base or not. It was life threatening: cancer.

Once again, however, Roberts made the correct choice.

As Roberts explained it, since he was rejoining the Padres, he had to get the same physical examination the players had to undergo for spring training. “There was a node that was detected here in my neck,” he said.

When the results of tests came in, Roberts was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma, stage 2.

“Hodgkin’s lymphoma is different from non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in the sense that it’s quicker, but you can head it off,” Roberts explained. “Non-Hodgkin’s is slower, but it’s hard to track down. Mine was the more aggressive [form], so when you get past stage 2, it gets really, really dangerous. If I would have waited another month or two, I don’t know what my fate would have been.”

In other words, that mandatory baseball physical exam that he would not have otherwise taken probably saved him. “It worked out really well,”

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Roberts played for five Major League teams over his 10-year career before becoming a coach and later a manager.



PHOTO: GEORGE TOSHIO JOHNSTON

(Left) Coach Dave Roberts greets fans and audience members after the conversation.

Roberts said.

Roberts began chemotherapy as he worked for the Padres organization as a scout, which helped him feel relevant, since that was what he had signed up to do. “Everything happens for a reason,” he said. “It was a tough part of my life.”

It turns out baseball isn’t the Dodgers manager’s only passion. Just as one of his predecessors, Tommy Lasorda, had a pasta sauce, Roberts co-owns the Red Stitch wine label, based in the Napa Valley. He said the name came from his brother-in-law, after a baseball’s red stitching.

Yes, Roberts is both a vintner and an oenophile and says his wife, Tricia, appreciates the Dave Roberts personality traits that come forth outside of baseball. He recalled how, as a member of the Dodgers, they took a trip to a winery in California’s Napa Valley.

“There was something about that place allowed me to disconnect from my reality and the stresses of work. My wife to this day still calls me ‘Napa Dave.’ When I’m in the middle of a season, she’s like, ‘God, I wish Napa Dave were here.’ When I get up there, I don’t

care about the phone, baseball. I’m present is what she says.”

Now, as the Dodgers’ manager, Roberts is facing a new set of challenges. It’s still baseball and trying to win games, but it’s from a different perspective: dealing with player chemistry and egos, strategizing lineups of his team vs. opponents, keeping his players focused and motivated and so on.

“I’m an old-school baseball player, but I pride myself as a lifelong learner,” Roberts said. He said believes the Dodgers organization appreciated the honest responses to real-world management situations he gave during the interview process, and how he believes he can marry the traditions of baseball with modern-day analytics and techniques.

Meanwhile, the 2016 season is still young. The Dodgers are in second-place in the National League West behind the San Francisco Giants. Can David Ray Roberts win another World Series ring? That remains to be seen. But he has come this far by making the right choices and betting on himself. No one should be surprised if and when he does it again.

Polaris Tours 2016 Schedule

Jul. 10 – Jul. 19	Japan By Train: “Hiroshima, Miyajima, Himeji, Kurashiki, Okayama, Kyoto, Tokyo”
Sep. 05 – Sep. 17	Great Canadian Rail Journey: “Toronto, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, Victoria, Vancouver”
Sep. 30 – Oct. 10	Ecuador: From the Andes to the Amazon: “Quito, Otavalo, Papallacta, Banos”
Oct. 05 – Oct. 16	Portugal In Depth: “Lisbon, Oporto, Viseu, Evora, Algarve”
Oct. 16 – Oct. 25	Autumn Japan: “Hiroshima, Miyajima, Himeji, Kyoto, Kanazawa, Takayama, Shirakawa-go, Tokyo”
Oct. 27 – Nov. 07	Discovering Poland: “Warsaw, Krakow, Wroclaw, Gdansk”
Oct. 30 – Nov. 10	The Best of Kyushu: “Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Ibusuki, Kagoshima, Miyazaki, Beppu”
Nov. 27 – Dec. 14	Icons of India & Dubai: “Dubai, Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore Nat’l Park, Jaipur, Mumbai, Cochin”



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2016 OBON FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Obon, an annual Japanese Buddhist custom to honor the spirits of one's ancestors, has evolved into a family holiday that is celebrated each summer, primarily in July. Traditionally, lanterns are hung to guide ancestors' spirits back home, delicious food is enjoyed and bon odori dances are performed to pay homage to families' loved ones. Following is a tentative schedule of various Obon celebrations across the nation and in Hawaii.

JULY

- 2 Senshin Buddhist Temple (CA)
Reedley Buddhist Church (CA)
- 9 Berkeley Buddhist Temple (CA)
Ekoji Buddhist Temple (VA)
Oxnard Buddhist Temple
Midwest Buddhist Temple
Berkeley Higashi Honganji (CA)
Fresno Buddhist Church (CA)
Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
Buddhist Church of Sacramento (CA) Bazaar
- 9/10 L.A. Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (CA)
San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin (CA)
- 10 Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple (CA)
New York Buddhist Church
- 16 Walnut Grove Buddhist Church (CA)
Buddhist Church of Fowler (CA)
Buddhist Church of Florin
Buddhist Church of Marysville
Seabrook Buddhist Temple
Buddhist Church of Ogden
Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara (CA)
- 16/17 Seattle Buddhist Church (WA)
Spokane Buddhist Church
Mountain View Buddhist Temple (CA)
Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (CA)
Orange County Buddhist Church (CA)
- 23 Buddhist Temple of Alameda (CA)
Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Buddhist Church of Parlier (CA)
White River Buddhist Temple
- 23/24 Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute (CA)
Vista Buddhist Temple
- 30 Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (CO)
Tacoma Buddhist Temple (CA)
- 30/31 West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple (CA)
Los Angeles Betsuin (Higashi Honganji) (CA)
- 31 Guadalupe Buddhist Church (CA)
Buddhist Temple of Salinas

AUGUST

- 6 Buddhist Church of Oakland
San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple (CA)
Buddhist Temple of San Diego (CA)
Oregon Buddhist Temple (OR)
Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha (NV)
Placer Buddhist Church
- 6/7 Palo Alto Buddhist Temple (CA)
Stockton Buddhist Temple
- 13 San Mateo Buddhist Temple (CA)
- 13/14 Gardena Buddhist Church (CA)

Hawaii Islands

JULY

- 1/2 Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission (HONOLULU)
Puna Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
- 2 Kohala Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
- 8/9 Kapaa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (KAUAI)
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (HAWAII ISLAND)
- 9 Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (OAHU)
Lanai Hongwanji Mission (MAUI)
Paaulo Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
- 15/16 Jikoen Hongwanji Mission (HONOLULU)
Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (MAUI)
- 16 Waianae Hongwanji Mission (OAHU)
Honokaa Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
Kailua Hongwanji Mission (HONOLULU)

- 22/23 Makawao Hongwanji Mission (MAUI)
- 23 Papaaloa Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
Kona Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
- 29/30 Koloa Jodo Mission (KAUAI)
Wailuku Hongwanji Mission (MAUI)

AUGUST

- 5/6 West Kauai Hongwanji Hanapepe Temple (KAUAI)
Lahaina Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (MAUI)
- 6 Waialua Hongwanji Mission (OAHU)
- 12/13 Pearl City Hongwanji Mission (OAHU)
- 19/20 Mililani Hongwanji Mission (OAHU)
- 20 Kamuela Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
- 27 Aiea Hongwanji Mission (OAHU)
Honohina Hongwanji Mission (HAWAII ISLAND)
Puna Hongwanji Pahoa-Shibu (HAWAII ISLAND)



PHOTO: CRAIG UYEDA

San Jose Buddhist Church's annual obon festival is one of the largest in the country.

JAPAN'S CONSUL GENERAL JUN YAMADA SENDS SUPPORT LETTER FOR NISEI SOLDIERS STAMP

In a show of support, Japan's Consul General Jun Yamada has sent a letter backing the U.S. stamp proposal that features the Japanese American World War II soldiers. In a June 15 letter to U.S. Post Master General Megan Brennan, Yamada stated, "On behalf of the Japanese government, I would like to express my strong support for this proposal."

This support is unusual due to the fact that the Nisei soldiers were Americans fighting against Japan during WWII.

Yamada recounted in his letter that his recent visit to the Manzanar incarceration center during the April pilgrimage to the site and his talks with former incarcerated and Nisei veterans had an impact on him.

"They shared inspiring first-hand accounts of the hardships, trials and triumphs that they and their families experienced during World War II and its aftermath," he explained. "Japanese Americans' World War II stories remain relevant as they provide us with important insight on current affairs. I believe that issuing a commemorative postage stamp would be a wonderful way of sharing this history with a wider audience and inspiring a new generation of Americans to learn more."

The 11-year grassroots campaign for the stamp, called "Stamp Our Story," has struggled against the bureaucracy of the U.S. Postal Service stamp selection process.

Three California Nisei women who endured WWII incarceration, Fusa Takahashi of Granite Bay, Aiko O.

King of Camarillo and Chiz Ohira of Gardena sparked the nationwide effort. They are pushing hard this year in the hopes that a stamp might be issued in 2017, the 75th anniversary of the start of the incarceration camps.

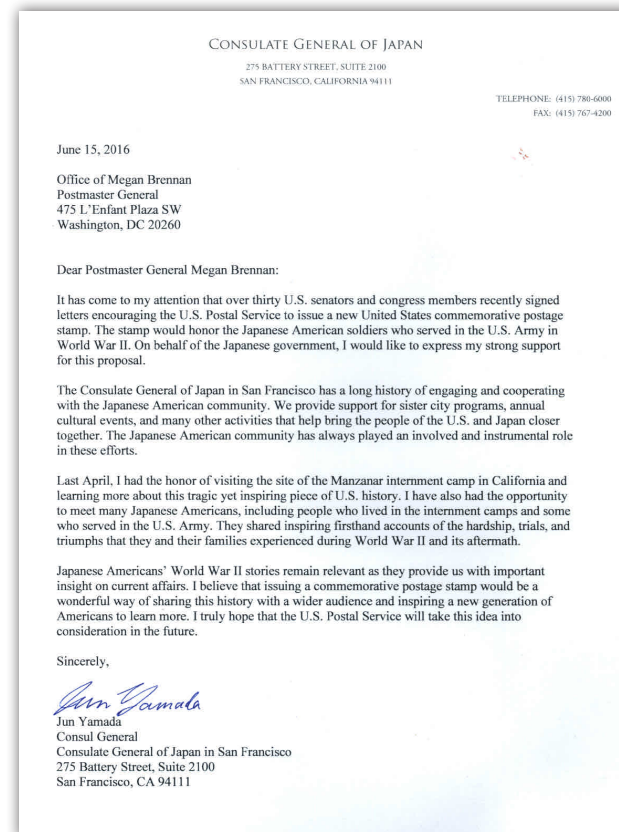
The USPS has no obligation to respond to proposals and often does so on its own timeline, which can take several years. The stamp selection body, called the "Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, is comprised of 15 members who are all appointed internally by the postmaster general. They meet quarterly behind closed doors and are restricted from discussing the stamp selection with the public. Minutes of the meetings are also not public.

Despite the obstacles and lengthy process, activists continue to seek letters of support from public officials.

On May 23, California Gov. Jerry Brown sent a letter of support, joining 36 members of Congress so far this year.

"We are extremely pleased that Consul General Yamada has stated his support on behalf of the Japanese government," said Wayne Osako, co-chair of "Stamp Our Story." "His voice shows the postmaster general that this stamp subject matters not only to the Japanese American community, but also to the greater American public, and even internationally, in Japan."

For more information on the campaign's recent efforts, visit www.StampOurStory.org.



Japan's Consul General Jun Yamada has submitted a letter of support to the U.S. postmaster general.

TWIN CITIES JACL HONORS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Twin Cities JACL's Zen Matsuda (center) is pictured with 2016 scholarship recipients (from left) Emma Hartmann, Theodore Honda, Theodore Birkholz and Aaron Tsuchiya. Not pictured are Nathan Mukai, Zach Knight and Graham Mincks.

Twin Cities JACL held its 53rd annual Scholarship Awards Program at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Minn., on May 12, where the chapter honored eight graduating high school seniors for their scholastic accomplishments.

The chapter awarded scholarships totaling \$11,000 to Theodore Birkholz, Emma Hartmann, Theodore Honda, Zach Knight, Graham Mincks, Nathan Mukai and Aaron Tsuchiya.

Birkholz of Robbinsdale Armstrong High School received the Tom and Reiko Ohno Memorial Scholarship, Hartmann of Como Park Senior High School was the recipient of the Tom and Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship, Honda of Mounds Park Acad-

emy received the Earl K. and Ruth Tanbara Memorial Scholarship, Knight of Delano High School received the Annie Sakai Girard and Tsuyano Sakai Memorial Scholarship, Mincks of Robbinsdale Armstrong High School was the recipient of the Minoru and Mary Yoshida Memorial Scholarship, Mukai of Shakopee High School received the Dr. Norman Kushino and Kay Kushino Memorial Scholarship and Tsuchiya of Eden Prairie High School received the Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship.

To learn more about the Twin Cities scholarships, email scholarship@tcjACL.org. Donations may also be sent to TC JACL Scholarship c/o Connie Tsuchiya at 6431 Mere Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

JACL Ventura County Awards Local High School Students

The Ventura County JACL chapter awarded 11 local high school students with small scholarship awards during a ceremony in their honor at the Best Western Camarillo Inn in Camarillo, Calif., on June 16.

This year's recipients included Danielle Bain (Westlake High School), Kazuhiro Fujita (Buena High School), Jonathan Kuo, Kevin Label (Newbury Park High School), Kameron Mori (Westlake High School), Gabrielle Paredes (Foothill Technology High School), Lisa Perrett (Buena High School), Caitlin Takeda (Oak

Park High School), Sachi Tan (Foothill Technology High School), Brittney Wilson (Camarillo High School) and Kristin Yamane (Thousand Oaks High School).

Takeda received the Dr. Tom Taketa Memorial Scholarship, the chapter's highest awarding scholar. She will attend Brown University and has already been accepted to medical school.

The reception included a meet and greet with the scholarship honorees and their families. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



Ventura County JACL's 2016 scholarship recipients included (standing, from left) Kevin Label, Kameron Mori and Jonathan Kuo and (sitting, from left) Kristin Yamane, Sachi Tan, Gabrielle Paredes, Brittney Wilson and Caitlin Takeda. Missing from the photo are Danielle Bain, Kazuhiro Fujita and Lisa Perrett.

A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CALENDAR

NATIONAL

47th National JAACL Convention

Las Vegas, NV
July 11-14

Monte Carlo Hotel
3770 Las Vegas Blvd.

Attend this year's convention at the Monte Carlo Hotel, featuring workshops, plenaries and advocacy opportunities. This year will also host the 2017-18 JAACL elections.
Info: Visit www.jaacl.org.

NCWNP

San Francisco Anime and Cosplay Festival
San Francisco, CA
July 16; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Japantown Peace Plaza
Post and Buchanan Streets

Get your costumes on and celebrate all things anime and cosplay. This year, explore great shops and restaurants in Japantown.
Info: Visit www.sfjapantown.org.

Japanese American Discussion Group
Oakland, CA

July 23; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
California Genealogical Society and Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2
Price: Nonmembers \$5

Join the California Genealogical Society as President Linda Harms Okazaki opens an informal discussion about Japanese emigrants. Bring questions to help others, research tips and find solutions within the library's resources.
Info: Call (510) 663-1358.

'Tohoku Tomo' Film Screening

San Jose, CA
July 31; 1-3 p.m.
Japanese American Museum of San Jose
535 N. Fifth St.

"Tohoku Tomo" is the story of everyday people who decided to respond to the earthquake that devastated their community. The screening will also host a Q & A session with producer Wesley Julian.
Info: Register at www.jansj.org or call (408) 294-3138.

Nihonmachi Street Fair
San Francisco, CA
August 6-7; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
San Francisco Japantown

Considered the melting pot of street fairs, this annual fair celebrates San Francisco's cultures. Join the city to experience and watch amazing performances, art, music food and demonstrations.
Info: Visit www.sfjapantown.org.

PSW

Viva La Taiko: From Tokyo to Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA
July 21; 7 p.m.

The Japanese American National Museum
100 N. Central Ave.

JANM's summer evening concert series featuring Asian American performers is back! The museum welcomes back featured taiko performers Isaku Kageyama and East LA Taiko for a spectacular ensemble concert.
Info: Visit www.janm.org or call (213) 625-0414.

2015 NAAAP Convention
Las Vegas, NV
Aug. 11

Caesar's Palace
3570 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Price: Convention passes \$195-\$545

Join the National Association of Asian American Professionals as

it hosts its annual summit and recruitment convention. The event will also include leadership workshops and panels for Asian professionals.
Info: Visit www.naaapconvention.org/2016/.

MDC

2016 Heart Mountain Pilgrimage
Cody and Powell, WY
July 29-30
Heart Mountain Interpretive Center
1539 Rd. 19

Price: Registration fees may vary

The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation will celebrate five years at this year's pilgrimage at Heart Mountain. This year will feature a dinner banquet, silent auction, special exhibits and a special keynote from acclaimed playwright and director Luis Valdez.

Info: Register at hearmountain.org/pilgrimage.html or call (307) 754-8000.

New Mexico Asian Family Center 10th Anniversary Celebration
Albuquerque, NM
Aug. 27; 6 p.m.
Albuquerque Garden Center
10120 Lomas Blvd N.E.

Price: \$35
The New Mexico Asian Family Center turns 10 and will celebrate by recognizing distinguished community leaders and partners. The evening will also highlight Asian and Pacific narratives and stories with dinner and entertainment.

Info: Call (505) 717-2877 or visit www.nmafc.org.

PNW

16th Annual Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament
Portland, OR
July 31; 7:30 a.m.

Glendoveer Golf Course-East

14015 N.E. Gilsan

Price: Entry free \$75

The Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland is pleased to announce its 16th Annual Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament. All are welcome to participate for a chance to win a trophy.

Info: Contact Nancy Kajitsu at (503) 665-4589.

Oregon Buddhist Temple Obonfest
Portland, OR
Aug. 6; 3-9 p.m.

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 S.E. 34th Ave.

Price: Free

The summer season welcomes Portland's annual Obonfest. Enjoy performances by Portland Taiko as well as family-fun activities, entertainment, a beer garden, vendor booths and delicious bites.

Info: Call (503) 234-9456 or visit www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

'Do You Know Bruce' Exhibit
Seattle, CA
Sept. 6

Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience
719 S. King St.

An exhibit dedicated to Bruce Lee is going on now and will end this fall. The special exhibition will run for three years with new items showcased each year. Items include new rarely seen memorabilia with personal letters and behind-the-scene photos from his early TV career.

Info: Visit www.wingluke.com or call (206) 623-5124.

EDC

AACA 2016 Annual Gala
Boston, MA
July 20; 6-10 p.m.
Club Royale
279 Tremont St.

The Asian American Civic Assn. hosts its annual gala with co-chairs Gov. Charlie

Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh. The gala will feature international food tasting, ethnic performances, dancing and auctions.
Info: Call Tong Gao at (617) 426-9492, ext. 231, or email slabbance@aaca-boston.org or tgao@aaca-boston.org.

Asian American International Film Festival 2016

New York, NY
July 21-30

Various Locations

This year the Asian American International Film Festival presented by Asian CineVision warmly welcomes the 2016 lineup with new workshops, panels and competition screenings. AAIF will kick-start the festival with Andrew Ahn's "Spa Night" and close with the New York premiere of "Front Cover."

Info: Visit www.aaiff.org.

National Asian Pacific American Bar Assn.
New York, NY

Aug. 19-21
New York Law School
185 W. Broadway

The Korean American Lawyer Association of Greater New York welcomes the 2016 National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Northeast Regional Conference.

Info: Visit www.aabany.org.

Ikebana Demonstration With Hiroki Ohara
Cambridge, MA

Aug. 26; 4 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Cambridge
575 Memorial Dr.

Price: \$10-\$20

The head master of the Ohara School of Ikebana in Japan will host his first public demonstration in the Boston area. Ohara is the fifth head master of the school that was founded over 120 years ago. There will also be a musical performance by Sumie Kaneko with traditional Japanese koto and shamisen.

Info: Visit www.oharaschoolma.com.

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Fujimoto, Toshio, 91, Altadena, CA; May 22; he is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Gary M. (Akiko Iwase) Fujimoto; sisters, Fumiko Aoki and Ayako Hata; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and relatives; gc: 1.

Funakoshi, Fred, 92, Monterey Park, CA; May 26; he is survived by his sons, Keats and John (Sharon) Funakoshi; he is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Hayashida, Akira, 95, Pearl City, HI; June 4; he is survived by his wife, Momono; sons, Jerold and Glenn; daughters, Elise Morikawa and Irene Toguchi; gc: 8; ggc: 14; gggc: 2.

Hisayasu, Bruce Katsuichi, 94, Pasadena, CA; June 13; he is survived by his wife, Yaeko; children, Toru (Diane), Makoto Hisayasu and Dawn (Wesley) Naritoku; brother, Etsuo Hisayasu; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 4.

Inouye, Anna Shizuko, 66, Gardena, CA; June 6; she is survived by her siblings, April (Wayne) Horino, Peter (Lisa) Inouye and Alan (Julie) Inouye; nephews, Brandon, Brent and Bryce; she is also survived by many other relatives.

Kanakuri, Patrick Toshihiko, 90, Honolulu, HI; June 8; he was a WWII Army veteran; he is survived by his wife, Ruth; son, Brian; daughter, Beverlyn; sisters, Violet Yamate and Florence Nishiyama; gc: 3.

Kawabata, Jan Fumie, 59, Honolulu, HI; May 8; she is survived by her sister, Faye K.; brother, Eric K.

Kimura, Kay Kiyoko, 99, Yorba Linda, CA; May 25; she was predeceased by her husband, Joe Nobuyoshi Kimura; she is survived by her sons, Toshio, Terry (Mei) and Gene (Charlotte) Kimura; sister, Fumiye Yasunaga; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Kinoshita, Ruth Miye, 92, Seattle, CA; June 6; she is survived by her daughter, Keiko (Roy) Sakata; sister, June Kosuge; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

Matayoshi, Robert, 81, Honolulu, HI; June 3; he is survived by his wife, Jane; son, Lance; brothers, Frank and James; sisters, Adeline Tomono and Betty Sasaki.

Nagai, Michio, 93, Glendale, CA; June 3; he was predeceased by his wife, Lorraine; he is survived by his sons, David and Mark; brother, Toru Nagai; sister-in-law, Margorie Hasegawa.

Nishimura, Florence Aiko, 92, Altadena, CA; June 4; she was predeceased by her husband, William Nishimura; siblings, William and Roy Fujitaki and Chizuko Ikeda; nephew, Michael Ikeda; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and other relatives.

Nishitsuji, Marian Mitsuko, 97, Los Angeles, CA; June 21; she was predeceased by her husband, Fred; she is survived by her son, Dennis Nishitsuji; sister, Dorothy Kada; gc: 2.

Miyashiro, James Yoshio, 92, Waimea, HI; June 4; he is survived by his wife, Frace; sons, Melvin M. and Karl "Yuki"; daughters, Dorothy Harada and Sandy Perreira; gc: 10; ggc: 8.

Okana, Margaret Miyuki, 86, Keaau, HI; June 8; she is survived by her brother, Charles.

Okimoto, Winthrop Tetsuo, 67, Naalehu, HI; May 17; he is survived by his brothers, Clifford M. and Alban T.

Sakamoto, Robert Michio, 77, Laguna Woods, CA; June 8; he is survived by his wife, Jeanne; children, Lisa (Craig) Angelich, Bob (Cheryl), Keith (Leanne) and Glenn Sakamoto; brothers, Norman Y. (Marge) and

Donald K. (Lois) Sakamoto; he is also survived by many other relatives; gc: 8.

Sakurai, Yukiko Toya, 90, Los Angeles, CA; May 31; she was predeceased by her brothers, James and Akira Toya; she is survived by her children, Ronald (Joni), Kenneth (Diane), Daniel (Anarella) Sakurai and Costance Nakata; siblings, George (May) Toya and Grace (Jack) Fujimoto; sister-in-law, Helen Shishino and Florence (Michael) Ray; brother-in-law, Fred (Charlene) Sakurai; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 6.

Sera, Kuniko, 75, Montebello, CA; she is survived by her sons, Stanley (Carren) and Ronald Sera; sisters, Pauline Tsuge, Akiko Kanegawa and Emiko Yamane; sister-in-law, Toshiko Yamane; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Shigetani, Stephen, 68, Honolulu, HI; June 10; he is survived by his wife, Suzanne; son, Stephen K; daughters, Jovana Apo and Emma Shigetani; brother, Keith; sister, Carol Furutani.

Shimizu, Shigeru, 96, Los Angeles, CA; May 26; she is survived by her daughter, Toshiko Shimizu; gc: Bryan C. Alarcon.

Shiroma, Ellen K., 95, Pearl City, HI; May 22; she is survived by her husband, Masao; son, Glenn; daughters, Marjorie Cabugon and Pamela Tsuru; gc: 6; ggc: 6.

Suzukida, Chiyo, 98, Los Angeles, CA; May 17; she is survived by her

sisters, Mits Katsuyama, Joyce Kameyama and Janet Watanabe; brother, Chester Okimoto; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1; ggc: 3.

Tajima, Bertha Sumiye, 94, Honolulu, HI; June 13; she is survived by her sons, Stephen A., Darrel T. and Robert T.; sisters, Setsuko Ogawa and Yasuko Horiuchi; gc: 4; ggc: 2.

Takahashi, Gary Shigeto, 58, Los Angeles, CA; June 5; he is survived by his children, Joseph Lee and Charlotte Ashley Takahashi; mother, Emiko Takahashi; sisters, Julianne (Ren) Nakashima, Linda (David) Ikegami and Coleen (Brent) Hirokawa; he is also survived by many other relatives.

Takahashi, Magdalena Catalina, 80, Maui, HI; June 3; she is survived by her husband, George; sons, Leonard, Robert, Brian, Mark, Dirk and Kent; daughters, Darlene, Brenda and Maria; gc: 23; ggc: 54; gggc: 5.

Takahashi, Edith Chieko, 94, Kaneohe, HI; May 4; she is survived by her son, Earl; daughters, Sharon Takahashi-Kissinger, Lisa Oshiro and Jan Hara; sister, Sumiko Kubota; gc: 9; ggc: 12; gggc: 1.

Takayasu, Henry H., 57, Waipahu, HI; June 3; he was an Army veteran; he is survived by his mother, Trudy T.; sister, Trisha T.

Takeshita, Jeanette Kikuko, 84, Honolulu, HI; May 23; she is survived by her brothers, Jon J. and Randall T.; sisters, Mildred K. Pilkinton, Shirley

Y. Mattimoe and Carol S. Morisaki.

Takeuchi, Sadao, 85, Long Beach, CA; June 4; he was a Korean War veteran; he was predeceased by his siblings, Hinako, Shigeiko (Shigeru Iimori) and Tetsuo Takeuchi; he is survived by his niece, Debra Takeuchi; nephew, Yoshihiro (Hiroko) Tabata; grandnieces, Shiori Tina (Hung Ho) and Shino Ellen (Amri Christian) Sugawara; he is also survived by many other relatives.

Teruya, Seigi, 93, Mililani, HI; June 28; he is survived by his son, Wes; daughter, Diane Shin; sister, Yoshiko Miyashiro.

Tokumoto, Bryan Zen, 68, Honolulu, HI; May 28; he is survived by his daughters, Jeri S. and Kaci K.

Uriu, Miyeko Kawata, 92, Rancho Palos Verdes; June 6; she was predeceased by her son, Ronald Mikio Uriu; brother, Nobuyuki (Chizuko) Kawata; she is survived by her children, Karen (Mitsuhiro) Nakamura, Mark (Beverly O'Mara) Uriu, Candice (Steven) Yokomizo, Marcia Uriu and Kevin (Goril Lynghuag) Uriu; gc: 13.


Wakida, Yayeko, 93, Hilo, HI; June 9; she is survived by her daughters, Myra and Ruth; brothers, Takumi and Van Isotani; sister, Lynn Tanaka.

Yamanaka, Grace Megumi, 94, Los Angeles, CA; May 19; she was predeceased by husband, Jiro; she is survived by her sons, Randy (Janet) and Russell (Barbara); daughter, Janice Yamanaka-Lew; gc: 5; ggc: 3.

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OBAMA, DALAI LAMA ANGER CHINA WITH WHITE HOUSE MEETING

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama thanked the Dalai Lama on June 15 for offering condolences after 49 people were killed in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, as the pair once again angered China by meeting at the White House.

It was Obama's fourth White House meeting with the Tibetan spiritual leader, whom Beijing accuses of leading a campaign to split the region off from the rest of China. The Dalai Lama says he simply wants a higher degree of autonomy under Chinese rule.

China condemned the meeting after the White House listed it on Obama's public schedule. The meeting was closed to news media coverage, but the White House released on its Flickr account a photo by the president's official photographer of the two men greeting each other.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said Obama has "warm personal feelings" toward the 80-year-old Dalai Lama and fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Obama also appreciates his teachings and believes in preserving Tibet's unique religious, cultural and linguistic traditions, Earnest said.

The Dalai Lama led a minute of silent prayer for the shooting victims during a visit at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington on June 13, the day after a gunman opened fire at an Orlando, Fla., nightclub, killing 49 people and wounding dozens more.

"The president thanked the Dalai Lama for his expression of condolences about the terrorist attack in Orlando over the

PHOTO: THE WHITE HOUSE



The Dalai Lama (left) and President Barack Obama met at the White House on June 15, where the president accepted the Dalai Lama's condolences for the shooting in Orlando, Fla., on June 12, and commended the Dalai Lama for his efforts to promote compassion, empathy and respect for others.

weekend," Earnest said.

China strongly disapproved of the meeting. Its Foreign Ministry said it had made "solemn representations" to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and expressed its "firm opposition." "We need to emphasize that the Tibetan issue is China's

internal affairs and other countries do not have any right to interfere with this," spokesman Lu Kang told a daily media briefing.

"The 14th Dalai Lama is not simply a religious figure but a political figure in exile who has been conducting secessionist activities internationally under a pretext of religion," the statement said. "If President Obama meets with the Dalai Lama, it will send the wrong signal to Tibetan separatist forces, and it will undermine the mutual trust and cooperation between China and the U.S."

Lu urged Washington to "stick by its promise of recognizing Tibet as part of China and not support Tibetan independence or any separatist activities."

Earnest reiterated June 15 that U.S. policy toward Tibet remained unchanged.

"Tibet, per U.S. policy, is considered part of the People's Republic of China, and the United States has not articulated our support for Tibetan independence," he said. "Both the Dalai Lama and President Obama value the importance of a constructive and productive relationship between the U.S. and China. All of those were policy positions of the U.S. before the meeting occurred. Our policy hasn't changed after the meeting."

China also blames the Dalai Lama and others for inciting a wave of self-immolations among Tibetans in recent years. Dozens have set themselves on fire while calling for the return of the Dalai Lama or for Tibetan independence.

Obama held the meeting in the Map Room, instead of the Oval Office, because the Dalai Lama is not a head of state.

The president had been scheduled to travel to Wisconsin for his first campaign appearance with presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton following his formal endorsement of her candidacy. But the event was postponed after the Orlando shooting, creating room on Obama's schedule to meet with the Dalai Lama, who was already visiting Washington. ■

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