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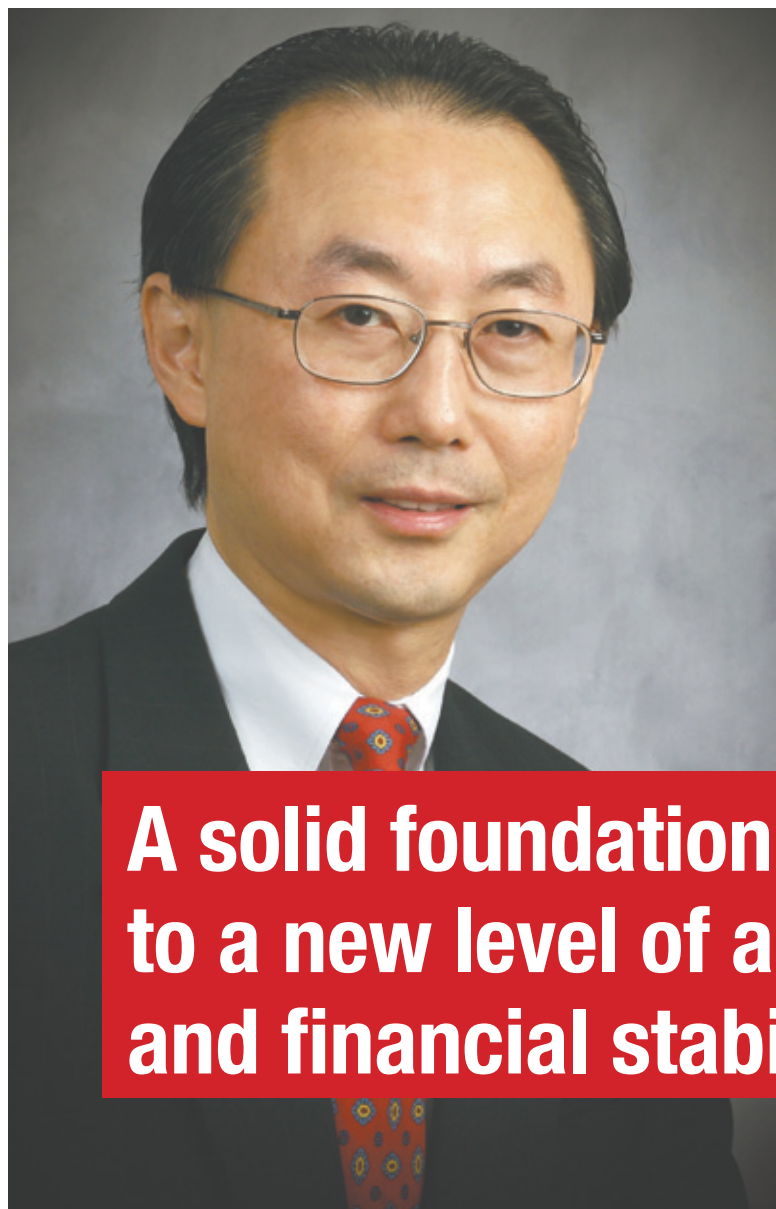
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Happy New Year!

## A solid foundation will take the JACL to a new level of achievement, visibility and financial stability in 2013

By David Lin  
National President

**A**s we begin the New Year, I want to wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013, and welcome to the New Year's issue of the *Pacific Citizen*! By all accounts, 2013 is shaping up to be a challenging yet exciting year for us and for the JACL.

First, I want to say that I am deeply honored and privileged to serve as the JACL national president for this biennium. I am excited to have this opportunity to contribute to the success of the JACL and to make JACL a better and stronger organization.

I also would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our staff and the national board in 2012. Since this national board took office in July 2012, we have worked together to build a solid foundation for the organization. This foundation will provide an excellent springboard for us to take the JACL to a new level of achievement, visibility and financial stability in 2013 and beyond.

By building upon the momentum and successes we have achieved in 2012, I see many great opportunities for the JACL in 2013. Three focus areas that the JACL will work on are:

### 1. Continued strong focus on achieving financial stability.

We will focus on this effort continuously to ensure that the organization is on solid financial footing, with an ample reserve to provide for rainy days. On an on-going basis, we need to manage our expenses prudently and continue to look for new revenue sources, as the staff has been doing in such a professional manner.

One new initiative that I plan to embark on is to leverage the expertise of the National staff and *Pacific Citizen* to achieve greater cost efficiency and productivity by utilizing common technologies and resources to a fuller extent. We will also leverage the *Pacific Citizen* as an integral communications channel for the JACL. I commend P.C. Board Chair Carol Kawamoto and JACL National Director Priscilla Ouchida for working together to include the JACL Annual Report in the Holiday Issue of the *Pacific Citizen*. It was an excellent step toward that end. I look forward to exploring any and all ideas to move us forward.

### 2. Continued relentless effort on membership recruitment and retention.

We also need to continue the focus on membership, for both retention and recruitment. Membership is and will always be the lifeblood of the JACL. This is one area that I know we can do well, given the commitment and dedication you have all demonstrated for so many years. Recruitment of youth should be a top priority to ensure a continuous pipeline of not only members but also future leaders of the organization.

We have several excellent programs targeting youths such as the Scholarship Program, Fellowships and Project Community, to name a few. I know our national staff, under Priscilla's leadership, will continue to enhance these program offerings and fully leverage them to attract youths into the JACL family.

### 3. Implementation of ad-hoc Working Committees to better support JACL initiatives.

To augment the standing JACL committees, my esteemed predecessor David Kawamoto and Executive Director Emeritus Floyd Mori began the discussion of this concept in 2012. I fully endorse it and plan to implement it.

The key is to engage national board members along with selected district and chapter leaders on national initiatives through these committees so that we can harness their vast expertise to develop recommendations and provide advice on key strategic issues in order to better position the JACL for the future. A couple of working committees that we are contemplating are:

- National staff and *Pacific Citizen* Joint Advisory Committee that I mentioned earlier;
- Fund Development Committee to develop new funding sources for the JACL;
- Marketing and Communications Committee to develop recommendations on short- and long-range marketing and communications plans.

In closing, I am grateful to all of you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to the JACL, and I thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve this great organization.

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## A broad effort will be made to raise the visibility of the JACL in 2013

By Priscilla Ouchida  
National Director

In 2013, JACL will celebrate its 84th birthday. For most of its life, JACL was led by the Great Generation — forward-thinking Nisei that created the largest and oldest Asian organization in the nation. JACL was shaped by ideas that represented the leading edge of what we now think of as civil rights.

In 1950, JACL was the first Asian organization to join a fledgling organization called the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. JACL was instrumental in the passage of an unprecedented piece of legislation — the Civil Rights Act of 1988. In 1994, JACL became the first civil rights organization in the U.S. to embrace marriage equality. In 2001, JACL stepped before the nation to defend the rights of Muslim Americans. The ideas that form the framework of JACL are still sound.

Moving forward into the second decade of the new millennium will bring much-needed changes to the organization. Over the past eight decades, technology, communication and even the structure of JACL as a membership organization have changed. The most recent census data paints a picture of our community as more multicultural than any other Asian American population, more geographically dispersed than previous Japanese Americans and much more tech-savvy than other American populations.

The direction of JACL in the next year will reflect these changes as the website is overhauled, the organization's technology is updated and as JACL examines the need to reorganize the organization to meet future needs. JACL received a grant to develop culturally sensitive nutritional information to improve health outcomes for APIs and is working with the chair of the Assembly Health Committee, Dr. Richard Pan, on launching an educational program at the California State Capitol. The projects are part of a broad effort to raise the visibility of JACL in the national landscape.

Indeed, 2013 is shaping up to be a really exciting year!

## The JACL must continue to set goals to grow financially and provide the tools for improvement on all levels

By Matthew Farrells  
Secretary/Treasurer



Happy New Year! As we begin 2013, many of us are now in the midst of setting professional and personal goals for the new year. Similarly, as secretary/treasurer, I am also looking ahead and setting goals related to the oversight and management of JACL's finances. Setting such goals will help ensure the health and prosperity of the organization for years to come. I am now excited to share a few of these goals and some of the organization's financial strengths and opportunities as we look ahead.

To start, as an organization, we have been incredibly fortunate to have all of our generous supporters throughout the years. From a financial perspective, I

consider this one of our major strengths! Excellent examples are the trust distributions we received in the first half of 2012 that totaled roughly \$1.5 million from the Ishizaki, Ogata and Berger Trusts. We are truly grateful for these substantial contributions. These gifts have provided JACL a tremendous opportunity to supplement the funding of special initiatives and programs. With the national board's diligence and oversight, it is my goal to ensure these funds are utilized in a way that maximizes the benefit to our organization and community.

The national board has already authorized a portion of these monies to fund items that will improve our financial position and provide immediate benefit to our organization.

First, the loans that were taken from the National Endowment, Kuwahara Scholarship and Building Funds were repaid in full, with interest. These loans were used to continue the vital operations of National JACL in challenging financial times. This repayment is a huge first step in improving our financial position.

To continue, with the Finance Committee's recommendation and staff support, the national board has authorized the use of funds to invest in capital improvement projects. These projects include improving the environment in which our staff works and improving the tools with which staff can utilize. The first focus was the headquarters building in San Francisco. The roof, the building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and ductwork were in dire need of replacement. In addition, maintenance on the elevator was due to ensure its safe operation. Other investments came in the form of technology improvements, such as updating the office's computers and software. A major component of this technology upgrade was to invest in a new third-party accounting software to replace the old proprietary system. The idea behind these types of investments is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of staff, ultimately improving the delivery of JACL's programs.

Lastly, while planned giving initiatives are a major cause of generous gifts — which benefit the organization, its members and the community — more emphasis has been placed on a JACL Planned Giving initiative for 2013. Planned giving is often an option for members of the community to create a legacy for and honor their families for years to come. The benefit of planned giving for all parties involved was a driving factor behind the national board's authorization to support this initiative with trust distribution monies.

In closing, my vision for 2013 is to continue to identify opportunities for the organization to invest; to ensure our programs are relevant to the community and run efficiently; and provide the tools necessary for staff members to continue to lead our organization forward. I am very hopeful that this New Year will be productive and prosperous for the organization.

Similarly, best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and joyful 2013!





## The question of membership remains a challenge

By Annie Kim Noguchi  
National Membership Coordinator

**H**appy New Year! I can't believe I've been working at JACL as the national membership coordinator for almost seven months already, since joining during the summer of 2012. The last few months have been a whirlwind of meeting members and learning about membership.

This coming year, I hope to work more closely with chapters and members to continue coordinating membership recruitment and retention efforts. With such a strong, nationwide team of dedicated chapter members and leaders, I know that we can continue to recruit and retain membership in JACL. Because membership recruitment is a grassroots effort, we must work together through all levels of JACL to grow and sustain our membership. By providing resources and support to chapter leaders, as well as implementing targeted membership campaigns, I hope we can sustain our membership base in 2013.

My other hope for 2013 is to engage and recruit younger members. Growing up, I remember attending JACL chapter events, from *mochitsuki* to Day of Remembrance. Through my experiences interning, participating in conferences and retreats and attending and planning JACL youth events, I remember firsthand the relevance of JACL in my life as a young person. When I was 13, I visited a mosque for the first time and made my first American Muslim friend. When JACL was the first organization to denounce scapegoating and racial profiling post-9/11, I learned more about the relevance of history and how to organize people than I did in any high school civics class. Now more than a decade later, I have the opportunity to work at national headquarters to help grow and sustain JACL. This year, I hope to recruit and engage young members through targeted membership drives and working with chapters.

With each passing year, the question of membership remains a challenge. Mainly, how do we sustain and grow our membership? How do we recruit younger members? This year, I hope that we can continue to answer these questions and focus on building our membership base together, one JACLER at a time.

I'm looking forward to a great 2013 with JACL!



## Membership is vital for sustainability

By John Moy  
VP Membership and Services

**T**hus far as the new chair of membership, I am finding it not only challenging but also difficult to excite old and new members alike to join in or renew their memberships.

I think we should all remember what the JACL's mission is: to promote public awareness about the history and achievements of Asian American and Pacific Islanders, identify and train youth for leadership and service and pursue public policy issues that affect the AAPI community.

I'm hoping to move forward in 2013 by implementing several initiatives. These include include working with estate planners to add value to senior citizens who would like to donate to the JACL; working with Pacific Islander professional football players who have foundations that can donate to us; working with Hawaiian Airlines and Japan Airlines to set discounts for us; having members use corporate matching gifts programs so that their donations can double; and setting up a new Florida chapter.

I will be reaching out to as many members as possible this year to help in these initiatives. Please contact me if you can volunteer to work with me on these and many more.

Let's make this a great year!

## It's time to focus on organizational structure

By Miyoko "Miko" Sawamura  
VP General Operations

**H**appy New Year JACL members and friends. May 2013 bring you good health, happiness and prosperity! Thank you for your support and commitment to JACL.

I envision the JACL's future to be a vibrant and financially stable organization. I also envision JACL's continued success as a major leader in the fight for civil rights and cultural preservation.

We have much to look forward to this year. The 2013 National Convention Committee and staff are hard at work preparing for our national convention, which is set for July 24-27 in Washington, D.C. National Convention Committee chairs also are being confirmed. We hope you will be able to join us for this very special convention. Look for updated information regarding the convention on the JACL website at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org). Also,



in conjunction with National JACL staff, I am reviewing options for the 2014 National Convention. Recommendations will be presented to the national board at the February meeting.

In the next month, I am hoping to confirm the personnel committee member appointees to round out the rest of the committee. We will be updating the personnel handbook and evaluating health benefits.

Another area of interest for 2013 is to review the organizational structure of National JACL. The review also should include strategic planning and a funding plan.

Having been appointed in October 2012, I appreciate everyone's patience in giving me time to get "up to speed." If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at [vpoperations@jacl.org](mailto:vpoperations@jacl.org).





# New opportunities and challenges abound for the JACL Youth Council

By Mariko Newton  
National Youth Representative

**H**appy New Year! As we say goodbye to 2012 and welcome 2013, it is customary to reflect on the year passing and establish goals for the upcoming months. For the National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC), it has been a year of tremendous change, growth and challenges. I have seen the youth council progress and reach new levels of responsibility and leadership as we continued to pursue goals that cultivate the next generation of JACL leaders. To briefly look back at our successes during the past year: building an operation plan that set the direction of NY/SC for the year 2013; revisiting the council's structure and succession planning process; providing practical skills-based training for individuals on the youth council; increasing awareness and online visibility of the youth council through social media; and implementing the NY/SC Leadership

Summit for AAPI students and young professionals.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the NY/SC members. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all council members who have contributed to the youth programs and initiatives throughout the year. NY/SC Chair Jeff Moy and I are pleased to work with such a dynamic, promising body of youth leaders who will help advance the work and legacy of JACL for years to come.

Ring in the new year, my hope is for the youth council to build upon the positive momentum carried over from 2012 while developing new strategies around various short-term and long-term initiatives. Keeping in line with our first goal of "Build a network of local groups based on local issues and interests consistent with the NY/SC," we will continue to leverage our strength and capacity to promote leadership development, coalition building and outreach among the AAPI community.

One approach to attaining this goal is through our signature program, the NY/SC Youth Leadership Summit. This program engages local communities of students and young professionals with an emphasis on AAPI identity, cultural preservation and social justice — all of which the JACL can serve as a foundation of support. Moreover, the summit allows the youth council to connect with diverse organizations and individuals who hold similar values and vision, as we ourselves learn about local AAPI issues that we may not become aware of otherwise. We hope to continue this program in the upcoming months while ensuring that its focus is consistent with the priorities and interests of our target population.

The NY/SC's second goal is to "Cultivate passion for the community through advocacy on unifying issues." Advocacy is a relatively new issue that the youth council has taken on but will hopefully propel forward with this year. In addition to incorporating activism and focusing on the topic of xenophobia in the next leadership summit, we will harness the power of social media not only to promote our own programs but also to raise awareness of issues relevant to the broader AAPI community. Furthermore, through our advocacy efforts, we would like to strengthen our relationships with other grassroots organizations in order to create a lasting base for change and bring a more diverse, powerful voice to the decision-making table. Collaboration is key for both JACL and NY/SC to sustain an influential presence in the human and civil rights arena.

Lastly, the third goal of "Develop sufficient resources and effective internal structures to meet our mission" refers to the overall operation of the youth council. The executive board members of the NY/SC have compiled a one-year strategic plan that includes program design, budgeting and fundraising for 2013, which will help us assess the council's progress on a regular basis. Also in our effort to formalizing the youth council, we will clarify the roles and responsibilities of each position within the NY/SC and provide ongoing training for its members for internal development. All of this will increase the effectiveness and potential of the youth council for the months to come.

Inevitably, 2013 will be a challenging yet productive year for the NY/SC as we embark on a journey across the nation, expanding our capacity and impact in the broader AAPI community. Such challenges will require continued solidarity among all members of this organization and beyond. I invite all of you, as well as your friends and family, to be a part of this process.

Thank you for your support, and best wishes to everyone for a productive and prosperous year ahead!

## The JACL must continue to foster an empowered generation of leaders

By Jeffrey Moy  
National Youth/Student Council Chair

**A**s 2013 begins, I am excited about the possibilities for the National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC), JACL and the AAPI community as a whole. In keeping with our mission statement, the NY/SC will continue to build a national network that engages the next generation through community organization. Through our work, we hope to not only train future leaders for JACL but also educate young people around the country on how they can create change at the local and national level.

As we are all aware, JACL faces many challenges going forward. Some people might not know what JACL is or what we do, and others might simply be uninterested in joining. Fundraising to help support our work with youth and with the community as a whole will continue to be a challenge. To assist in addressing the many challenges JACL faces, the NY/SC will be critical in establishing a strong network and innovative trainings. The power of JACL is in its legacy, stories and knowledge that lets us relate to other communities and create strong partnerships. This will allow JACL to foster meaningful relationships with organizations similar to ours within the AAPI community and the broader civil rights community at large. When people have a better understanding of the work we do, they will be much more willing to join us and support an organization that advocates on behalf of so many critical issues.

We are taking several actions to professionalize the NY/SC by becoming more active in advocacy and fundraising efforts than ever before. We are also working to better document our systems and processes to ensure that planning activities is easier for future councils. In doing so, the NY/SC will have more time to focus on our work in the community, and with increased visibility, the NY/SC will be seen as the preeminent source of knowledge in facilitating the growth of students and young professionals around the country. We hope to ensure that JACL has an integral role in fostering an empowered generation of leaders who are willing and able to create change. I look forward to collaborating with National Youth Representative Mariko Newton, the other incredible members of the NY/SC and our broader membership in working toward this goal.

I wish everyone the best in the year ahead.







# The JACL continues to inspire us all

By Toshi Abe  
EDC District Governor

I have been thinking about inspiration a lot lately and about the people and events that inspired me to become involved with the JACL. I joined JACL about 15 years ago, though my late uncle was a longtime member of the Berkeley chapter. I was inspired to join the JACL when I saw a copy of the *Pacific Citizen* in his apartment. I became a member of the Philadelphia chapter and was invited by Grayce Uyebara to “come on board,” which I did. From there, I eventually became chapter president and then governor of the Eastern District. For me, it’s been an amazing journey and an equally amazing experience to have met and worked with so many people who share an enthusiasm and love for the JACL. Just recently, I again saw firsthand how the JA community and our story has inspired others to become leaders in their communities and of their country.

A few weeks ago, my wife, Nancy, and I were honored to be able to attend the memorial service for Sen. Daniel Ken Inouye at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. We had expected that there would be a guest list and that you needed to be invited, but we were surprised that the service was open to the public. We only had to be checked by security at the entrance to the cathedral. We sat near the aisle and watched as President Barack Obama personally escorted Sen. Inouye’s widow, Irene Hirano, down the aisle of the church. The service was impressive, as many of our nation’s leaders paid tribute to this giant of a man. All spoke of how the senator had inspired them. Gen. Eric Shinseki reflected on Inouye’s bravery in the military during World War II that earned him the Medal of Honor. The Hon. Harry Reid, longtime senator from Nevada, told of Inouye’s ability to work both sides of the aisle and the friendship he formed with the late Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska. Vice President Joe Biden compared Inouye to his father and expressed the hope that Inouye’s life would be an example for his sons to emulate. Former president Bill Clinton also spoke of how he had been inspired by the late senator’s integrity and honesty as a great political leader.

What was most moving was hearing President Obama talk about how Inouye had inspired him as a young boy of 11. Obama’s mother had taken the family on a vacation to the mainland, and they spent several weeks staying at hotels and motels around the country, visiting Disneyland and other places. In the evening, his mother controlled the television set, so he had to watch the Watergate hearings. Obama was inspired by the sight of this Asian man from Hawaii conducting the hearings (which also resulted in bringing national attention to the senator). Obama stated that that might have planted the seed in him to eventually enter politics.

I will be completing my second term as governor this year, and I want to invite our young members to step up and tell us their vision of the future of JACL. We are still 10,000-plus members strong, and we were blessed this past year with significant gifts that could not have come at a better time. The JACL will be run by our yonsei and gosei, and I hope to be able to help them find their own way to make this civil rights organization survive for many more generations.

Happy New Year everyone, and best wishes for a prosperous year for our JACL.

## Words Have Power

By Chip Larouche  
PNW District Governor

As we begin 2013, we can look back to see various times when powerful words have affected our lives. About a month ago, the words *active shooter* brought terror into the lives of many Americans on both American coasts, and about 25 years ago, the words *civil liberties* brought justice to a generation of Americans who had been denied basic rights that are guaranteed by our Constitution. Not many people will deny that the words of the Constitution, including its Bill of Rights, are pretty powerful in their own right, but many times we see and hear pretty interesting euphemisms to sometimes soften the edge of what others might think are more appropriate words to use.

For instance, in my second sentence above, I used the word *terror*. Others who might write about the same incident might soften the impact of that sentence and substitute the word *tragedy* or make it even softer by using the word *pain*. One of the great things about the First Amendment is that I have the right to use these words to achieve the effect that I want, and it is with some restraint that I don’t use words that might be offensive to some who might hear or read them. As another example, during the senseless shootings in Oregon and Connecticut late last year, the gunman in each incident was sometimes described as being *neutralized* and at other times described as being *dead*, depending on the message that the reporter was trying to achieve.

OK . . . that was a long setup. What’s this leading up to?

It won’t be long before we see another round of debate on the proper usage of the terms *internment camp* vs. *concentration camp*. Many JACLers might say, “I thought we decided that and approved and published a *Power of Words Handbook*.” It is true that JACL has published this handbook

and an implementation plan to go with it. However, freedom of speech is a two-edged sword. My freedoms often stop at the edge of where other people’s freedom starts, and in my opinion, we have to be careful that the “guidance” provided by the handbook doesn’t gravitate or get perceived as “word police” efforts by JACL.

Case in point: During the heavy debates at the Power of Words sessions that took place at the JACL convention, someone told me that it was my responsibility to use the preferred terms as often as possible and to correct others who continued to use terms like *internment camp*. I asked that person, “What if the person I’m talking to was incarcerated in one of those camps?” Who am I to correct such a person? I could tell that I had brought up “sensitivity” to the black-and-white rule that had just been suggested that the other person had not considered.

As we begin the process of implementation, there will be many opportunities for “sensitivity” with other groups and cultures, in particular the Jewish community, for whom the terms *concentration camp* have special meaning. Hopefully when we get to that point, everyone will listen to each other’s concerns, and we’ll be able to reach an agreeable solution that benefits everyone. Hopefully, the new Congress will be able to do the same as it deals with the issues that need to be solved “inside the beltway” that affect all Americans.

No matter what kinds of problems we deal with, I’ve always found that if you listen twice as much as you speak, it helps bring focus to the solution. I’m confident that 2013 will be a great year!

My best wishes to all the JACLers out there for a prosperous and healthy New Year. ■







## NIKKEI VOICE



# A \$300 sushi meal at Jiro's place? No, thanks

By Gil Asakawa

For the past year, friends have been telling me to watch the 2011 documentary “Jiro Dreams of Sushi,” about Jiro Ono, an 85-year-old artisan sushi chef who owns Sukiyabashi Jiro, a tiny, exclusive sushi bar in Tokyo that has earned the coveted Michelin three-star rating. I finally watched it and thought it was too long. I also thought there’s no way I’d ever eat at this man’s restaurant.

The sushi that’s shown in the film is of such a rarified breed that it may as well be alien food from another planet. A meal at Jiro’s counter costs \$300 for 20 pieces that he serves in an artsy order, from the most common fish to the more exotic. The place is small but always full — there’s a month-and-a-half waiting list for reservations.

OK, so it’s not too rarified for his customers. But for me, it’s something I’ll probably never experience.

The dichotomy presented in the film is sushi’s origins and its current popularity, contrasted with his precious cuisine. It began as street food, the documentary explains early on.

But today, Jiro’s sushi stands out, price- and quality-wise precisely because sushi has once again become street food. It’s available everywhere (even in the U.S., many cities seem to have sprouted as many sushi bars as Starbucks). In Japan, you can buy pretty good sushi (I think) on the run at convenience stores such as 7-Eleven and Lawson’s. In the U.S., some form of sushi is often available in grocery stores and supermarkets.

Every time I shop at my local supermarket, I stop and say “hi” to Sang Kang, the Korean man who bought the franchise to make sushi in the store. Every day he gives away a lot of what he calls a “Crunchy Roll” — a sloppy mix of sushi rice, crab, mayo and other ingredients topped off with fried onion bits from a can — as free samples to shoppers. It’s tasty, though Jiro would probably have a heart attack if he saw it sold as a kind of sushi. I’m sure Jiro also disapproves of “California Rolls” and any sushi that includes avocado

— things that are pure American inventions (though they’ve now caught on in Japan, too).

The thing is, for most Japanese Americans, sushi for many years wasn’t something that was available all over town. One could only find it at the few fancy, expensive Japanese restaurants that also served sashimi. Sushi and sashimi were for special occasions or for family feasts during New Year’s and other holidays. Even in Japan when I was a kid, my family would only go out to fancy sushi restaurants for special occasions.

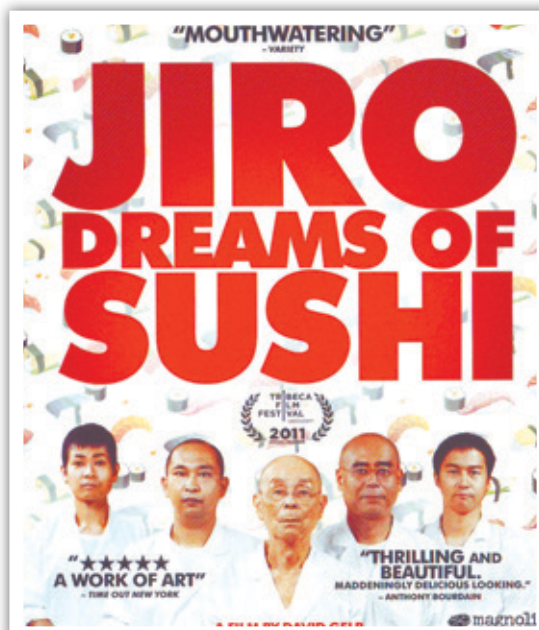
More often, the sushi we had was “maki-zushi” or “futomaki.” It turns out futomaki is what most Japanese Americans thought of as sushi, too, because it’s more a working-class type of comfort food. “Nigiri-zushi,” which has sashimi, was special.

Either way, once we moved to the States, eating sushi was not a common occurrence. With sushi restaurants so rare, and Japanese culture so exotic, my non-Japanese friends would recoil in horror at the thought of me enjoying a slice of raw fish on anything. It was well into the 1980s and even the ’90s before sushi caught on with young, non-Japanese upwardly-mobile hipsters. For them, eating sushi became a badge of their worldliness (and, I suppose, their affluence).

I love dining out at Japanese restaurants. But when I do, I rarely go for sushi, while for many non-Japanese these days, sushi is synonymous with Japanese food. I know people who go out and have sushi a couple times a week for lunch. Not me — sushi for me is still for special occasions. I’d rather enjoy a bowl of ramen, curry rice, yakiniku beef or tonkatsu.

It’s hard to imagine what special occasion would allow for me to dine at Jiro’s place in Tokyo and cough up \$300 for a meal.

*This column is an adaptation of a blog post on Gil Asakawa’s Nikkei View ([www.nikkeiview.com](http://www.nikkeiview.com)).*





# A COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF DANIEL K. INOUE



By Pacific Citizen Staff

**D**aniel K. Inouye was the second-longest serving senator, third in line to the presidency, a husband, a father and a decorated war hero. But before he would devote five decades representing Hawaii in the Senate, Inouye was simply a proud Hawaii resident.

Surrounded by his family, Inouye died of respiratory complications on Dec. 17 at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. His last word was “aloha.” He was 88.

The eldest of four siblings, Inouye was born to Japanese immigrants, Kame Imanaga and Hyotaro, in Honolulu. Inouye’s mother, who was orphaned when her father died, named her first child, Daniel, after the prophet and a Methodist minister, Daniel Klinefelter, who helped raise her.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, Inouye, then 17, was a Red Cross volunteer medic, helping the wounded. Shortly after, Inouye enlisted in the Army. He was placed with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Serving in World War II took Inouye to the Rome-Arno campaign, and then two weeks of heavy combat at France’s Vosges Mountains, where the 442nd RCT rescued the Texas Lost Battalion.

It was in San Terenzo, Italy, where Inouye would be severely wounded after charging German machine-gun nests. His right arm was destroyed by a rifle grenade and required amputation.

“I put a tourniquet on him, and that’s about it, and I put a piece of wood there to steady it,” said 94-year-old Yeichi Kuwayama, a former Army medic who served with and saved Inouye. “Then I went on to other wounded.”

After 20 months in a Michigan Army hospital, Inouye was honorably discharged. He received the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster, the Medal of Honor and other accolades.

“I didn’t know he was going to become senator,” Kuwayama said, who remained in contact with his fellow war veteran, receiving this year what would be a final Christmas card from the late senator. “He was a great guy, becoming senator. It was something for a Japanese American to become senator.”

Along with other veterans like Kuwayama, Inouye received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011. The medal, the highest civilian honor given by the U.S. Congress, was awarded to WWII veterans of the 442nd RCT, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service.

After the war, Inouye returned to Hawaii to complete

his bachelor’s degree in political science at the University of Hawaii. His political career would begin in 1954 when he was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives.

Inouye later became the first Japanese American to serve in the U.S. House and later the Senate. As a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, which led to President Nixon’s resignation, Inouye was thrust into the limelight in the 1970s. He went on to chair a special committee that investigated the Iran-Contra affair in 1987 and later served as chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee in 2009.

“Sen. Inouye’s public service spanned the lifetime of most Japanese Americans and his accomplishments affected the lives of many,” said JACL National Director Priscilla Ouchida. “He used his enormous prestige to shape the success of the Redress Campaign that provided monetary compensation and an apology for the Japanese American incarceration.”

Before Inouye’s death, he wrote a letter to Hawaii’s governor expressing his support of U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa as his successor.

“Sen. Daniel K. Inouye dedicated his entire adult life to service to America and Hawaii,” said Hanabusa in a statement. “But beyond his well-deserved professional accolades, I am proud to have called Dan Inouye a friend and a mentor.”

Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie named Hawaii Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz to fill Inouye’s Senate seat.

At the Washington, D.C., funeral service for Inouye on Dec. 21, President Barack Obama paid respects to the longtime senator from his home state.

“It was the first day in many of our lives — certainly my own — that the halls of the United States Congress were not graced by the presence of Daniel Ken Inouye,” Obama said. “Danny was elected to the U.S. Senate when I was 2 years old. He had been elected to Congress a couple of years before I was born. He would remain my senator until I left Hawaii for college.”

Inouye’s casket was laid in the national Capitol Rotunda, a high honor historically reserved for civic leaders and presidents.

His burial and final ceremony was held at Hawaii’s National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Inouye is survived by his wife, Irene Hirano Inouye, and his son, Daniel Ken Inouye Jr. He also is survived by daughter-in-law Jessica, granddaughter Maggie and stepdaughter Jennifer Hirano. He was predeceased by his first wife, Maggie Awamura.

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## Hawaii Honors Late Sen. Daniel Inouye

By Sean Ibara  
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**S**en. Daniel Inouye’s passing has especially left a deep hole in the hearts of the people of his home state of Hawaii. From his longstanding financial support of projects crucial to the 50th state to his bravery in combat during World War II, Sen. Inouye was a true hero in all aspects of his life.

A special two-day tribute to the 88-year-old senator was held in Honolulu, HI, where the public had the opportunity to pay their last respects. At the Hawaii State Capitol Building, many of Hawaii’s current and past government and community leaders gathered for a ceremony in Inouye’s honor. Hundreds of mourners looked on as Inouye’s flag-draped casket was carried into the rotunda. The next day, Honolulu Police led a motorcade procession carrying Sen. Inouye’s body to the National

Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, his final resting place. Among those attending the morning service was President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle. Memorial services also were held on the neighbor islands.

Among the many organizations Sen. Inouye supported throughout the years was the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizen’s League. In 2011, he made an appearance at the chapter’s Annual General Membership and Meeting.

Sen. Inouye’s love for Hawaii was clearly indisputable as nearly every federally funded project in the state had his fingerprints on it. For decades, he fought valiantly in Washington, D.C., championing the efforts of Hawaii. But for many Hawaii residents, it was his “can do” attitude and fighting spirit that successfully carried him throughout his years in Hawaii politics.



# Remembering

## Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

Sept. 7, 1924-Dec. 17, 2012

By Pacific Citizen Staff


**1899** Daniel Ken Inouye's paternal grandparents, Asakichi and Moyo, leave Yokohama, Japan, to work in sugar plantations in Hawaii with son Hyotaro.

**1923** Hyotaro marries Kame Imanaga.

**1924** On Sept. 7, Inouye, who would be the eldest of four children, is born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is named after the prophet and Daniel Klinefelter, a Methodist minister who helped care for the orphaned Kame.

**1941** Inouye is 17 years old when Pearl Harbor is attacked on Dec. 7. He serves as a Red Cross volunteer and then as a medical aide.

**1942** He graduates from McKinley High School.

**1943**  Leaves the University of Hawaii to volunteer for the U.S. Army. He serves in the E Company with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit in the country's history. Promoted after less than a year to sergeant, Inouye spends nearly three months in the Rome-Arno campaign.

**1944** Company E is moved to the Vosges Mountains in France. Surrounded by German troops, Inouye's unit helps rescue the Texas 141st Infantry Regiment in one of the greatest ground battles in World War II. After three days of fighting, nearly half of the unit's Japanese American soldiers were dead or wounded. Inouye is awarded the Bronze Star and named platoon leader.

**1945** Inouye is severely wounded in San Terenzo, Italy, where he led the charge against German machine-gun nests on a hill. His right arm is shattered by a German rifle grenade and requires amputation.

**1946** In Atlantic City, Inouye rehabs his war injuries and begins thinking seriously about a political career, according to his autobiography.

**1947** After losing his right arm and spending 20 months in a Michigan Army hospital, where he met future senators Robert Dole and Philip Hart, Inouye is honorably discharged as a captain and returns to Hawaii. He is awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and many other medals.

**1949** Inouye marries Margaret Shinobu Awamura, a Sansei.

**1950** Graduates from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's degree in political science. Two years later, Inouye earns a degree from George Washington University School of law. He serves as Honolulu Deputy Public Prosecutor from 1953-54.

**1954** Elected to the Territorial House of Representatives, later becoming the majority leader.

**1958** Elected to the Territorial Senate.

**1959** Inouye is elected as the first Japanese American to serve in the U.S. House after Hawaii becomes the 50th state.



**1960**

**1962**

**1964**

**1967**



Washington" is published.

**1968** He delivers the keynote address at the Democratic Convention.

**1973** A member of the Senate Watergate Committee, Inouye participates in the investigation into the burglaries of the Democratic National Committee's Watergate offices, which leads to President Richard Nixon's resignation.

**1974** He begins a third term in the U.S. Senate.

**1979** From 1979-88, Inouye serves as the third-highest-ranking leader among Senate Democrats as Secretary of the Democratic Conference.

**1980** Begins his fourth term in the U.S. Senate after being re-elected.

**1986** Begins his fifth term in the U.S. Senate after being re-elected.

**1987** Chairs the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition, which investigates the Iran-Contra affair.

**1991** He is re-elected for a sixth term in the U.S. Senate.

**1993** Inouye sponsors legislation that returns to Hawaii the island of Kahoolawe, which was used for military training.

**1998** He is re-elected for a seventh term in the U.S. Senate.

**2000**



Twenty-two Asian American veterans of World War II — including Inouye — are awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Army hospital in Michigan is re-named Hart-Dole Inouye Federal Center in honor of the former patients.

**2003**

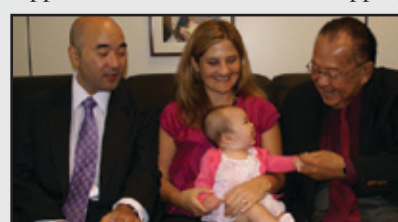
**2004** He is re-elected for an eighth term in the U.S. Senate.

**2006** Inouye's wife, Margaret, dies on March 13 after a battle with cancer.

**2008** Marries Irene Hirano, president of the U.S.-Japan Council.

**2009** Appointed chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**2010**



Inouye welcomes granddaughter Mary Margaret "Maggie" on April 20. He is re-elected for a ninth consecutive term in the U.S. Senate.

**2011**

Presented with Japan's Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers, becoming the seventh American to receive the honor.

**2012** With his family by his side, Inouye utters his last word "aloha" and dies on Dec. 17 at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He was 88. ■



## FOR THE RECORD

## Dan



By John Tateishi

I first met Dan Inouye on Jan. 30, 1979, when we met in Washington, D.C., to talk about the JACL's proposal for redress legislation. I was the JACL's national redress chair, appointed four months earlier at the Salt Lake City convention, and I was determined to get legislation introduced in Congress based on the SLC guidelines. We had talked enough: It was time to act.

Before the JACL could do anything, we had to get our political cards in order and check off with the Big Four (Sen. Inouye, Sen. Spark Matsunaga, Rep. Norm Mineta, Rep. Robert Matsui) to see if we had their blessing and support. I was accompanied by JACL National President Clifford Uyeda, JACL National Director Karl Nobuyuki, JACL Washington, D.C., rep Ron Ikejiri and JACL Seattle rep Ron Mamiya.

Each one of us from the JACL side knew much about Inouye, but we knew him only by reputation. Anyone who had lived through the 1970s knew that he was a member of the Senate's select committee that investigated the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Complex.

What began as a simple break-in evolved into one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest political scandal of the century, resulting in the indictment and imprisonment of former U.S. Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and a host of major operators in the presidential re-election campaign of Richard Nixon, who was ultimately forced to resign in disgrace.

It was a drama that gripped the nation, better than any piece of political fiction that could have been imagined. Just about everyone watched or listened to the daily gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Watergate hearings as the scandal unraveled, exposing one person after another, constantly moving up the political hierarchy toward the president.

It was during the questioning of the president's two top aides, White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman and special aide John Ehrlichman, that the committee reached into the eye of the storm and where Inouye made his mark.

After questioning Ehrlichman, Inouye turned to one of his staff sitting behind him and said of Ehrlichman, "He's a damn liar," not realizing that his microphone was still turned on. Inouye's comment was heard throughout the hearing room and across the nation in the live telecast. As Ehrlichman, accompanied by his attorney, John Wilson, exited the hearing room, he was mobbed by reporters and asked about Inouye's statement.

Ehrlichman's attorney responded, referring to Inouye as "that little fat Jap," and that comment was emblazoned on newspapers across the country and reported on the evening news.

The next morning, Committee Chair Sam Ervin, the Senate's constitutional scholar and a speaker of extraordinary eloquence, reconvened the hearing, stating that one of the committee's members had been publicly disparaged the previous day and chose not to respond. Therefore, he, Sen. Ervin, was taking it upon himself to do so. With Inouye absent from the hearing room and without once mentioning Inouye's name, Ervin went on to describe the extraordinary heroism and courage of this individual during World War II, his long and dedicated service to his country and the upstanding character and rare moral integrity of this individual.

Ten minutes later, as Inouye entered the hearing room and tried inconspicuously to take his place at the dais, every camera in the room turned to him, and at that moment, he became a national hero.

I remember feeling proud of him, proud of being Japanese American. I felt at that moment, Inouye represented the best of who we are.

In 1979 when we met Inouye in his Capitol office, he didn't disappoint: Inouye had that same aura about him as I remembered from the Watergate hearings. He was still very much the man Ervin had described.

When I think back on that first meeting, I think about how unfamiliar we were with Washington protocol and how Inouye made it all so much easier for us, deferring to Clifford, allowing us control of the meeting. This would become the consistent pattern: It was our issue; we would direct, we would make the decisions.

It was at this meeting that Inouye suggested we consider the idea of a federal commission. He said that we in the room knew that the internment was unconstitutional, but his colleagues in the Senate and the majority of the

House members would need convincing. A commission, he noted, would provide an official investigation and report, as well as generate enormous publicity.

"You folks are going to have to convince the public before we can push legislation here," he said.

Before we boarded flights to return to the West Coast, Inouye's secretary called to ask me to meet with him briefly. The meeting was short and to the point: If I asked the Big Four to introduce a compensation bill, they would do their best to get it passed, he said. But Inouye added that the odds on such a bill were almost zero, and so he was counting on me to get the JACL to accept the commission strategy. It was our best hope, he said, and we would only have one shot at this. Fail with a compensation bill, which he thought was inevitable, and it's over for good; but at least with a commission, we open the door and carry out the recommendations of the commission.

This would not be JAs asking for money, he said. We would be implementing actions recommended by an official body of the government to correct a past wrong.

I saw Sen. Inouye quite often in the following years as we worked on the different iterations of redress bills as well as other matters, and over the years, he often impressed me with his sometimes daring-do's that revealed his political skills as well as his political might. Over time, he evolved into one of the most powerful members of the U.S. Senate, but he never forgot his humble beginnings and the roads he had traveled.

While a student at George Washington Law School, he was asked by the Disabled Vets of America to testify on their behalf. He painstakingly typed out his testimony ("I'm a one-finger typist!" he told me), bought a new suit and showed up for the hearing, testimony in hand. His name was toward the bottom of the witness list, so he waited patiently while the hearing dragged on. By around 5 p.m., the chairman looked at his watch and asked if the last witness, a Mr. Inouye, was present. Inouye stood up and acknowledged the chairman, who noted that the committee had copies of his written statement and asked if he could leave his prepared testimony with the clerk and thanked him for coming.

He vowed then that if he ever chaired a congressional hearing, he would allow all witnesses to testify before adjourning, something he told me by way of explanation for being almost three hours late while I waited to meet with him at his office.



The Inouye I came to know was full of such stories, and the man I had gotten to know showed his humanity more often than not.

I don't know if he was particularly a religious man, but we once talked about being Methodists. He was a better one than I — far better. He asked me once if I believed in heaven. Not sure; something, I thought, but didn't know what. He said he didn't think he'd ever make it to heaven because of the things he'd done in the war. I didn't agree. I told him he had more than made up for it.

Inouye said that hardly a day in his life had gone by (this was the late 1980s) when he hadn't pictured the face

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of one of the young boys he had killed in the war. "And I'll never forgive the government for making me do that," he said.

But as a rule, he never talked about the war, except maybe with his 442nd buddies. It was his and their private world, reserved for each other only. Even his proudest moment — the citation that described the heroics that earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor — was not his proudest moment. "Damndest thing," he said to me of the medal before the evening soiree after the White House presentation ceremonies, "to get a medal like this for killing people." I could see his discomfort. "They should give this to those on the battlefields who save lives," he said.

Dan Inouye was considered, if not a hawk, a strong supporter of the military, but I have never known anyone who was personally so opposed to the idea of war as he. He knew and understood its ravages, both to the body and soul.

A little while after the Ehrlichman incident during the Watergate hearings, some national magazine did a survey of its female readers to determine, among other things, who they thought was the most attractive man in America. Inouye came out at the top of the list. I was unaware of that survey until someone mentioned it to me while I was lobbying on Capitol Hill, and when I saw Inouye in his office later that day, I mentioned it to him.

"Not bad for a little fat Jap, eh?" he responded with a sheepish grin, as if to say, "so you take *that* John Wilson!"

My friendship with Dan Inouye spanned more than 30 years, but I know I was just a satellite in the immense universe in which he existed. But as large and profound as his world was, I've always thought it was a measure of the man that he always had time for his old 442nd buddies, the folks back home, the community and those he befriended. He cared about them all because that, simply, was who he was.

The passing of Inouye for us is an incalculable loss that leaves a great void in our world. We will never see the likes of him again, ever, but we're all the better for having known him. ■

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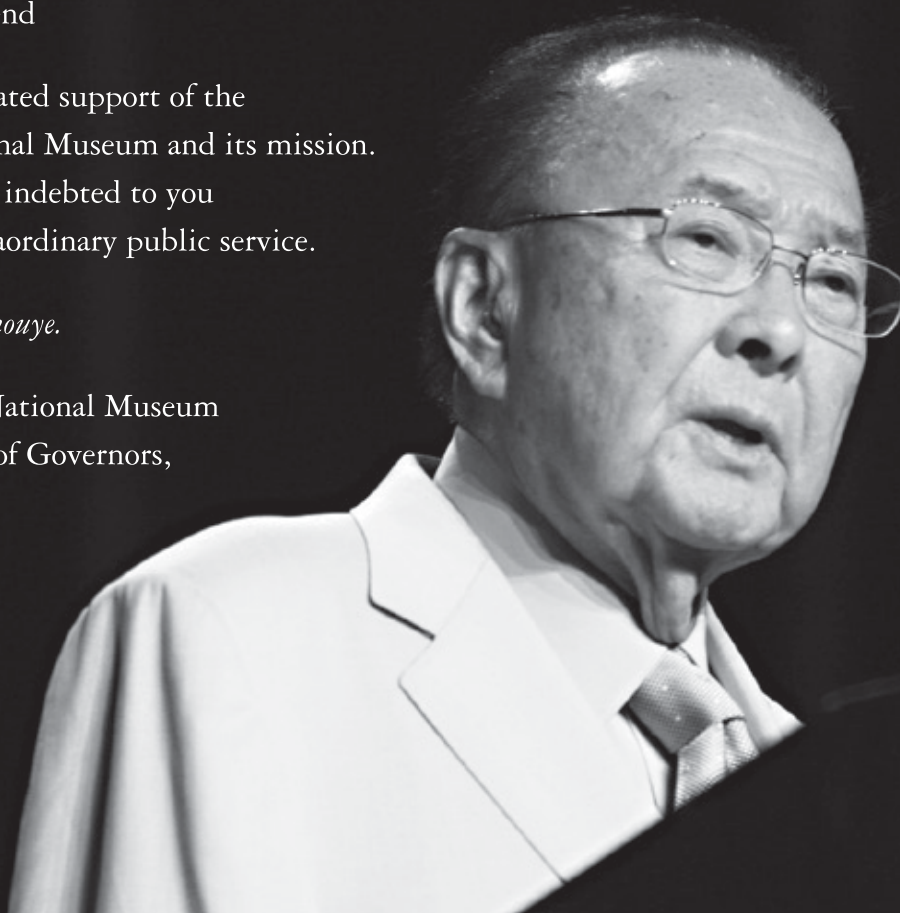
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# Imperial Couple Visits 'The Art of Gaman' Exhibition in Tokyo

By Greg Marutani

After being shown in seven museums across the United States, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum, "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts From the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946" exhibition began a yearlong tour of Japan in November with a showing at the University Art Museum (Geidai) at Tokyo University of the Arts. The exhibition drew nearly 56,000 visitors, including an Imperial visit by Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko (pictured above).

The tour is being underwritten by Japan Broadcasting Corp., in response to public demand to bring the show to Japan after NHK aired a story on the Smithsonian exhibition on its popular "Close-Up Gendai" show in 2010. Author-curator Delphine Hirasuna, who attended both the opening and the imperial visit at the Geidai, says the response has been incredible. "Visitors who view the beautiful objects made by internees out of scrap and found materials can't help but be filled with admiration and respect for what Nikkei created under harsh camp conditions. So many people stood there with tears in their eyes."

Hirasuna also notes that the name "Art of Gaman" was translated into Japanese by NHK as "The Art of Dignity."

This year, the exhibition will continue on to four more locations in Japan. It will be shown in Fukushima from Feb. 9-March 11, Sendai from May 5-18, Okinawa from June 1-30 and Hiroshima from July 20-Sept. 1.

As with the American tour, the JACL's San Francisco chapter has actively provided support to Hirasuna. "I can't thank JACL San Francisco enough," says Hirasuna, a longtime JACL chapter member. "Basically, I'm a one-person organizer for this exhibition, and without JACL's help, it could not have happened." ■

## National JACL Announces 2013 Scholarship Program

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The JACL announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for 2013. The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates and those specializing in law or the creative/performing arts. There also is a scholarship for those in need of financial aid in this time of rising tuition costs.

Making its debut in 2013 is the newly created Meiji Gakuin University JACL Scholarship for a graduating high school senior who wishes to study in Japan. Meiji Gakuin University, founded in 1863, is located in Tokyo and is one of the oldest universities in Japan. This four-year scholarship will lead the recipient to a bachelor's degree in International Studies. All classes are taught in English.

Freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to his/her local JACL chapter by March 1. Applications for the other scholarship categories are to be sent directly by the applicant to the National JACL Scholarship Committee by April 1.

The application process for the Meiji Gakuin University-JACL Scholarship involves two different applications that can be requested directly from the university. The deadline is March 1.

Detailed scholarship program information can be found on the JACL website at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org). The National JACL Scholarship Program requires that all applicants be a student or individual member of the JACL.

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JACL PSW Collegiate Japanese American Internship Program participants (from left) Lisa Lei, Lawrence Lan, Sakura Kato, Cathy He and Vivian Shih are pictured with PSW's Eri Kameyama and SCE's Thanos Trezos.

## Southern California Edison supports JACL PSW's Collegiate Japanese American Internship Program

**LOS ANGELES** — JACL Pacific Southwest District successfully concluded the second year of its Collegiate Japanese American Internship Program in December. This youth program, which provides college students with invaluable hands-on working experience in a Pan-Asian community-based organization, is fully funded and made possible by longtime partner Southern California Edison.

SCE's commitment to education and community presented JACL PSW the opportunity to expand its youth programs beyond the Little Tokyo and Japanese American spheres. This year, PSW placed interns in three different API community-based organizations throughout Los Angeles and Orange County. Interns engaged directly with the API community in their regions, learning relevant advocacy and public policy issues along the way. This year, partnering organizations included Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Asian Pacific Islanders California Action Network and Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance.

In addition, interns also attended leadership-training retreats that featured professionals from the community, among them SCE's Thanos Trezos, who provided practical interview- and resume-building information. Furthermore, interns applied their newfound leadership skills toward planning and executing a One-Day College Conference on API advocacy and activism. This conference helped form intercollegiate coalitions among students from the University of California, Irvine; Claremont Colleges; and California State University, Northridge.

In the coming years, JACL PSW hopes to expand this youth internship program, as it provides invaluable experience for college students to apply the theory they learn in their respective classrooms into practice as they engage with real-life situations in the API community. JACL PSW looks forward to continuing and building upon its relationship with Southern California Edison.

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## JANM hosts 2013 Day of Remembrance Program

**LOS ANGELES** — The Japanese American National Museum will host a 2013 Day of Remembrance program on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 2-4 p.m. This year's Day of Remembrance is themed "The 25th Anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988: Our Struggle, Our Perseverance, Our Commitment." It is sponsored by JANM, Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress, JACL Pacific Southwest District and the Manzanar Committee. The event will highlight the various efforts — grassroots and legislative — that ultimately led to the signing of the historic act.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act, this one-day event will bring the audience into the era of redress with footage from the Los Angeles Commission Hearings and voices from prominent redress figures and experts. There also will be a special tribute to the late Sen. Daniel Inouye, who not only helped lead the Japanese American community but also all people of color.

The 2013 Day of Remembrance program will be emceed by Stephanie Nitahara, regional director of JACL PSW, and Soji Kashiwagi, executive producer of the Grateful Crane Ensemble. The panel will be moderated by Bruce Embrey of the Manzanar Committee. There will be a reception at the museum following the completion of the program.

**For more information, contact JACL PSW at (213) 626-4471.**



# In Memoriam

**Apodaca, Michael, 80**, Monterey Park, CA; Dec. 30; survived by wife, Marina; children, Zita, Christopher, Salvatore and Lawrence.

**Allman, Toshiko Kay, 80**, Glendale, CA; July 17; a member of JACL; predeceased by daughter, Cathrine, and sister, Yuki; survived by husband, Joseph; daughter, Karen Maeda (Elizabeth); brothers, Iwao Maeda (Miyako) and Atsushi Maeda (Yukiko); brother-in-law, Kenji Morito.

**Azeka, Itsuo, 76**, Manhattan Beach, CA; Dec. 28; survived by wife, Kazuko; siblings, Hiroshi, Ayame (Kats) Katsumoto and Clifford.

**Hashiguchi, Sadao, 95**, L.A., CA; Dec. 26; a WWII veteran and MISer; predeceased by parents; brothers, Noboru, Tsugio and Mitsuo; and wife, Hisako; survived by sister-in-law, Eva.

**Horii, Nancy Satsuye, 89**, Torrance, CA; Jan. 3; predeceased by husband, George Fusao; survived by

children, Ronald (Lorraine), Karen, Marilyn (Mike) Tsuge and Patty (Paul) Tartaglia; sisters-in-law, Louise and June Yamamoto, Mary (Kazuo) Kajiyama and Jeanette; brothers-in-law, Tetsuo Murata, Howard (Paula), Harry (Chita) and Robert (Mary); 5 gc.

**Ishino, Sho, 88**, L.A., CA; Dec. 19; survived by wife, Dorothy; sons, Dorson (Chung Sook) and Larry; siblings, Chiyo Kikkawa, Seiko Shimatsu, Jerry Gokuye, Kiyome Kim and Kimiko Contreras; 1 gc.

**Kawata, Masako, 85**, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA; Dec. 31; survived by daughter, Patricia (Chuck) McDonald; brother, Ben (Helen) Nakahara; brother-in-law, Sam (Esther); sister-in-law, Mary Tanabe.

**Kobayashi, James Jin, 91**; Gardena, CA; Jan. 2; WWII veteran of the 442nd; predeceased by sisters and brothers-in-law, Kaye (Jim) Tatsukawa and Hana (Kim) Nitake; survived by wife, Mae; children, Kurtis (Frankie), Peggy Ito, Connie (Steve) Tomita and Gloria (Michael) Sonoda; sister, Tomi

(James) Mayeda; 7 gc; 1 ggc.

**Kondo, Walter H., 84**, Arlington, MA; Dec. 13; a New England JACL board member; husband of Anja; father of Richard and Erik; father-in-law to Dani and Katherine; 3 gc.

**Kumamoto, Toshiye Clara, 85**, Cerritos, CA; Dec. 25; survived by husband, Masuo; children, Bob, Dan (Yuko) and Jani Masukawa; siblings, Art Yamaguchi and Ann (Dale) Rumbaugh; 7 gc.

**Matsushima, Grace, 86**, Fairview Park, OH; Dec. 21; predeceased by son, Mark; sister, Amy; brother, Gene; survived by husband, John; brother, Mark.

**Mikawa, Henry Yutaka, 91**, California; Jan. 1; survived by wife, Sakaye; daughters, Jacqueline (Kent) Ohara, Nancy (Daniel) Yamasaki and Jeanne Mann; 3 gc; 2 ggc.

**Nakaiye, Michiyo, 87**, Gardena, CA; Dec. 15; survived by son, Kenneth; siblings, Kiyonari (Sadako) Inouye and Teruko Imaishi.

**Nakanishi, Jaynee Ann, 67**, L.A., CA; Dec. 24; survived by husband, Alvin; daughters, Leanne, Lisa (Chris) Aparicio and Laura; brother, Ron (Susan) Yamamoto; sister, Susie Sasaki; and sister-in-law, Joanne (Calvin) Leong.

**Okine, May Ayame, 87**, Carson, CA; Jan. 6; survived by children, Jeanne (Kaz) Kuwahara, Stanley, Harry (Elaine); brothers, Jim (Evelyn) Tanimoto, Jun (Margaret) Tanimoto; sister, Ann Tanimoto; 5 gc.

**Owens, Maki Louise, 96**, Harbor City, CA; Dec. 27; predeceased by husband, Thomas William; survived by children, Kathy Tomiko Treggs, Steven Gregory (Arlene) and Brian Masaru; 5 gc; 13 ggc.

**Shigekuni, Kay Kazuyo, 95**, Torrance, CA; Jan. 3; survived by her loving family.

**Shimabuku, Stanley Hiroshi, 77**, Torrance, CA; Dec. 24; husband of Hazel; father of Kevin, Joy (Mark) Garcia, Jay (Nattanicha) and Ken (Miyo); brother of Sachiko Saito and Alice Tamayoshi; nephew of Masao and

Hisayo Higa; 2 gc.

**Tokeshi, Minoru George, 88**, L.A., CA; Dec. 31; survived by wife, Helen; sons, Philip (Joanne) and Daniel (Mary Lou); siblings, Mary (Alpha) Takagi, Frank (Patricia), Kazuko and Bob (May).

**Tomihiro, Chiye, 87**, Chicago, IL; lifelong JACler; 1977-78 president of the Chicago chapter; she also helped pass the the Civil Liberties Act.

**Ujiye, Satoshi, 81**, Placentia, CA; Jan. 2; survived by children, Amy Borden, Cyrus (Cindy), Carol and Dora (Danny) Gao-Ay; sisters, Tsuruko Takeuchi and Ritsuko Frances Yanase; sisters-in-law, Shigeko Loretta and Masako; 4 gc.

**Uno, Kiku, 88**, Northampton, MA; Dec. 27; predeceased by parents; husband, Robert Akimaro; grandson, Atanacio Camacho; brothers, Hiro Fukuyama and Yoshio Fukuyama; survived by sister, Fumiko Ide; children; 1 gc; 1 ggc.

**Yamaguchi, Kei, 94**, L.A., CA; Dec. 25; he is survived by his wife, Chisato; son, Paul (Marianne); 2 gc.

**Yuge, Steven Manabu, 57**, Torrance, CA; Dec. 26; survived by mother, Yukiko; brother, Kenneth (Dora); nephew, Keith.

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(From left) Roxanne Nomura, 2013 Rose Parade Grand Marshall Dr. Jane Goodall (Goodall also is a Rotary celebrity ambassador for polio eradication — Rotary's top philanthropic goal), Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka and Rotary Rose Float Committee Chair and Santa Barbara JACL Chapter President Wade Nomura.



Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka (seated at right) and Rotary International VP Ken Schuppert ride on Rotary International's 2013 Rose Parade entry "All the Places We Go," which highlighted Rotary's commitment to peace around the world.

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"All the Places We Go" was the theme of this year's Rotary International Rose Parade float, which featured a central world globe and giant origami peace cranes representing Rotary's commitment to world peace and community service. Float riders and outwalkers were chosen in recognition of their outstanding humanitarian service. This year's participants included Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka from Japan, Rotary International VP Ken Schuppert and Rotary member Paul Geisel.

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