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April 2012

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Special Program

In honor of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join the community in a presentation of

**Angel Island:
Immigrant Gateway
to America by
Dr. Judy Yung**

May 18, UCR, 269 Highlander Union Bldg. at 1 pm. Parking fees apply.

May 19, Arlington Public Library, 9556 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. Free Parking. Program 1:30-3:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

- Angel Island program May 19 at Arlington Library Riverside
- Scholarship Awards and Potluck Dinner May 20
- Annual JACL Picnic TBA
- Opening of The Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties—June 27—and commemoration of Miné Okubo's 100th birthday

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended the installation luncheon, the donors, and the board members for all their hard work in putting the event together. Our guest speakers were informative and engaging. I always enjoy hearing Mary Curtin speak about her work with Miné Okubo. Miné's family was represented at the luncheon by her niece, Seiko Buckingham and great niece, Lori Tanaka. Helen Yoshikawa did a great job awarding prizes. We raised \$550 with Jennifer and Rayna hard at work selling the tickets. Maybe this might be a lucky year for Mark Takano; he won four raffle prizes! None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors and sponsors.

I want to welcome Tim Caszatt to the JACL Scholarship Committee. We met in March and selected eight students to receive awards totaling \$2,300. I'm very proud of our scholarship program. Please plan on attending the annual scholarship dinner to meet these students and their families.

Michiko Yoshimura

Scholarship Awards Program & Dinner

The Riverside JACL Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the eight scholarship recipients for 2012. They will be attending a college in the fall. The students will be presented with their awards at our annual potluck dinner.

Sunday, May 20th
First Christian Church, 4055 Jurupa Avenue
Riverside, CA

The students and their families will be our guests, so please bring a main dish and a salad by 5 pm. We will provide dessert and beverages.

Come and support us in honoring these outstanding students.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Michiko Yoshimura by Monday, May 13th
Phone — 951- 784-7057
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Scholarship Winners 2012

Tyler Denson Vollme — Santiago

Gene Nakamura Shaffer—La Sierra

Robert Sakaguchi — Ramona

Danielle Nicole Finney — Centennial

Audrey Hardley — Redlands East Valley

Juan Kyoshy Imazu — Cathedral City

Kathlyne Ryden Miraflor — John W. North

Jessica Marie Porter — Riverside Polytechnic

Join us in congratulating these outstanding students.





Thank you for your donations to the Installation Luncheon

- Tim & Aki Caszatt
- Mits & Meiko Inaba
- Douglas & Alice Urata
- James & Helen Urata
- Phil & Eri Yasuhara
- Tony & Beverly Inaba
- Toshi Kano
- Alice & Jose Lopez-Tolentino
- Clyde & Katherine Wilson
- Michiko Yoshimura
- Mary Kogiku

2012 Annual Installation Luncheon

The format was familiar, the place the same, and still it was an outstanding event for the warmth and goodwill shared by all who attended. At the helm was Doug Urata, as master of ceremonies. The board members for 2012 (who looked vaguely familiar) were eloquently installed by Kenneth Inouye, District Governor, JAACL Southwest District. Bringing greetings from the City of Riverside was Mrs. Marsha Loveridge, wife of Mayor Ron Loveridge, who shared the Mayor's experience in Japan with citi-

zens of Sendai after the devastating earthquake and tsunami. Guest speakers were Ms. Mary Curtin, novelist and playwright, who shared insights and precious memories of time she spent with artist Miné Okubo, and Chancellor Gregory Gray of the RCCD College District who brought us up to date on the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties. The grand opening for this historic center will be June 27, 2012 and will mark the 100th birthday of Miné Okubo, whose art collection anchors

the center. The art collection will offer visitors a unique perspective of Japanese history in the U.S. The concluding portion of the program was the raffling of prizes donated by the community and members of JAACL. The raffle prizes were enthusiastically awarded by Helen Yoshikawa. Delicious citrus fruit gift baskets were donated by Meiko and Mits Inaba and Nancy and Willie Takano to our speakers and guests. Gorgeous flowers were donated by Beverly and Tony Inaba. Irene Ogata received special recognition for her many years of coordinating this signature Riverside JAACL event.



Board of Directors for 2012 with Ken Inouye at annual swearing in.

Irene Ogata (l) receives special recognition.



Michiko Yoshimura welcomes guest speakers Chancellor Gray (RCCD) and writer Mary Curtin.



Mark Takano (seated), Congressional candidate for the 41st District, is welcomed by Ken Inouye.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles H. Zink, born January 1929, passed away on February 18, 2012 in Riverside. He is survived by wife Mable; daughters Judy, Susan and Lisa; brother Bob; sisters Sissy and Isabel; grandchildren Nicholas, Hollis, Chris and Eric; and great grandchildren and in-laws. A long time member of the JACL, Charles also taught school at Chemawa Middle School in Riverside, following his career in the Army Air Corps during WWII and the Air Force Reserve. Our deepest sympathies go to Mable and family.



Charles and Mable at JACL Picnic 2011

JACL Co-sponsors Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event

What: Presentation by Judy Yung— **Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America** Serving as an entry point into the U.S. from 1910 to 1940, the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay processed one million people - including Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans, South Asians, as well as Mexicans, Russians, and

European Jews - making it known as the "Ellis Island" of the West. Reflecting on the station's Centennial (2010), she discusses how these same factors continue to impact immigration politics today.

When and Where:
Friday, May 18, 2012, 1:00-3:00 pm, 269 HUB (Highlander Union Building), UC Riverside. Parking fees apply.

Saturday, May 19, 2012, presentation 1:30-3:30 pm, Community Room, Arlington Branch, Riverside Public Library, Free Parking. Contact: Judy Lee, 951.827.5486 or judy.lee@ucr.edu

Documentary honors prisoners of Santa Fe internment camp during WWII

Prisoners and Patriots: The Untold Story of Japanese Internment in Santa Fe (New Mexico) is the first documentary to fill the hole in the history books about the camp run by the Department of Justice which held 4,555 men who were considered to be the "worst of the worst" by the government.

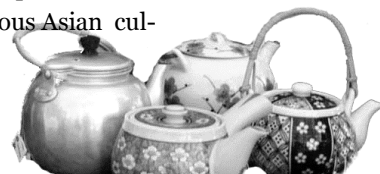
Some prisoners were Japanese nationals, some U.S. citizens. Many were Buddhist ministers. Some were businessmen, teachers or journalists from the West Coast, Hawaii, and Latin America whom the U.S. government feared would be able to gain large pro-Japanese followings. There are few remaining survivors from Santa Fe now. *Prisoners and Patriots* is a film that ensures their story will be preserved, passing on a remembrance of who they were and how they endured their desert detention. This film by Neil Simon was recently shown at the Japanese American National Museum.

2012 Asian Lunar Fest



The Japanese tea pavilion was staffed enthusiastically by students from UCR Extension under supervision of Erin Butler. Other countries represented were China, Korea and India. Each pavilion presented an aspect of that country's tea culture, along with tea tastings and tea snacks. The tea pavilions were organized by Katherine and Clyde Wilson . This

event is held annually in downtown Riverside and includes representation from various Asian cultures.



Teapots were graciously loaned for the Lunar Fest by Meiko Inaba.



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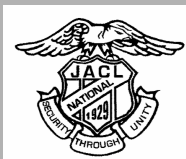
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JACL Beyond Riverside

In an announcement that was happily received by the Japanese American community, the Department of the Interior says the National Park Service will award \$2.9 million in grants to preserve and interpret the various World War II confinement sites. (Source: www.jacl.org)

PacificSouthwest District news:

Welcome our new 2012 Board!
Kenneth Inouye- Governor
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Passing Down the Legacy explores how the Japanese American and American Muslim communities have used two traumatic historical events to create a proactive program for change. The Bridging Communities program challenges high school students to face the past, connect to their present and take action. (Source: Pacific Southwest District www.jaclpsw.org)

JACL statement on the Trayvon Martin killing can be found at <http://jacl.org/documents/3-23-12%20Trayvon%20Martin.pdf>. In part it reads, "Justice must be served in this case because our country cannot abide the continuing specter of a society that causes young black men to feel the oppression of fear rather than the safety of knowing that they are free to be what they are."

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.