

PACIFIC CITIZEN HOLIDAY GREETINGS FUNDRAISER

The Pacific Citizen Holiday Ad Fundraiser is now our Chapter's main vehicle to raise monies for our programs. Thanks to the membership's generous support last year, we were able to sponsor programs that included:

- *Farewell to Manzanar*
- *Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness*
- Children's Day
- Katarou Histories Project
- PSWD Internship



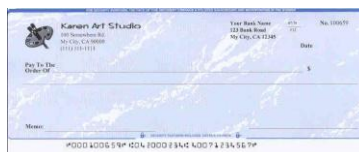
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We thank you for your continued support.

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS



COME JOIN US IN THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES

October 6
PSWD Awards Dinner

October 28
The Life of Stanley Hayami
Documentary Film by
Sharon Yamato

December 8
Holiday Party

December 15
Grateful Crane: I Saw
Baachan Kissing Santa
Claus

January 20
Installation Luncheon

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CHIEKO MERZ

January 18, 1942 – May 24, 2012

Chieko Merz died on May 24, 2012 after a two-year battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends at her home in Chatsworth, California. Chieko was born on January 18, 1942 in Pacoima, California. She was the eighth and youngest child of Masayo and Ueto Matsuda. When Chieko was six months old, her family was interned at the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona. At the end of WWII, the family returned to the San Fernando Valley. Chieko attended Roscoe Elementary School, Sun Valley Junior High School, and graduated from John H. Francis Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley. Chieko worked at a variety of places including Schlitz Brewery where she met Jim Merz. They were married on October 27, 1975 in Carmel, California. They were married for twenty-seven years before Jim passed away in October of 2002.



Chieko enjoyed her retirement years golfing and going to the movies. In 2005, Chieko became an active member of the SFVJACL serving on the Board as co-chair of the doughball booth at the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon. Shortly after, Chieko became a member of the SFVH Buddhist Temple and part of their Gatha group (choir group).

Chieko is survived by her four sisters, two brothers, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

MITZI KUSHIDA TO BE HONORED AT PSWD AWARDS DINNER



On Saturday, October 6th, the JACL PSW District will hold its 16th Annual Awards Dinner at The Center of Cathedral Plaza, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles. PSW will be honoring **Union Bank**, **Helen Kawagoe**, and **Harry Honda** for their serviced to the community. Also being honored are several chapter honorees including our very own, **Mitzi Kushida**. Congratulations, Mitzi!!

Mitzi joined the SFVJACL Board in 1967. She held many positions on the Board and in 1988 served as president of the chapter.

Please join us in recognizing, Mitzi for her forty-five years of dedication to JACL and the San Fernando Valley Chapter.

For reservations, please contact Nancy Gohata at yaikio16@verizon.net or at (818) 899-4237.

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THIRD TUESDAY MOVIE OUTING



In **June**, *The Intouchables* provided us with a “feel good” movie outing. Breaking all box office records in France, *The Intouchables* is based on the true story of Philippe Pozzo de Borgo and Abdel Sellou (Driss). When a paragliding accident leaves wealthy widower Philippe a quadriplegic, pot-smoking, just out of prison Driss is hired as Philippe’s care-giver. A special bond transpires between this unlikely pair. Driss challenges Philippe to leave his comfort zone and Philippe appreciates his toughness and candor.

The Intouchables received a 71% rating from top critics but several critics found it too sentimental and predictable. This movie goer highly recommends this film and also enjoyed the musical sound track.

In **July**, ten **Woody Allen** fans saw *To Rome with Love*. The film is comprised of four separate vignettes and tells the story of a number of people in Italy – made up of Americans, Italians, residents and visitors – and the romances, adventures and predicaments they get into. In true Woody Allen form, the characters’ weaknesses are exposed in their search for love or fulfillment. Like *Midnight in Paris*, Allen also puts Rome on display, giving us the pulse of the city. **Alec Baldwin, Ellen Page, Jesse Eisenberg, Penelope Cruz, Robert Benigni** and Allen make up the talented cast. There are quite a few laughs and even though critic ratings weren’t very high, we all had a good time.

DOUGHBALL BOOTH THANK YOUS

Marcia and I would like to thank the board and many volunteers for their participation in staffing the Doughball Booth. Due to the unusually cool weather, it was a pleasure working in the booth this year.

Thank you to the following for a job well done: **Al & Mitzi Kushida, Linda Tanaka, Mas & Norma Jean Yamashita, May & Wally Arakawa, Hardee Mitchell, Christian & Neatha Mahony, Sumi Yamaguchi, Harold Kameya, Dr. Harvey Negoro, Ryan & Trisha Tomita, Michiko Tokunaga, Christine Li, Dennis Okita, Traci Kuratomi, Bob Kobata, Laurie Shigekuni, George Nakatsu, JP de Guzman, Christina Lee, Doreen Kawamoto, Yas Gohata, Evelyn Mitarai, Tom Nishimura, Marcia Mahony, and Marion & Phil Shigekuni.**

Thanks to Phil Shigekuni and his crew of Dennis Okita, Harold Kameya, Yas Gohata, **Taro Ishimoto, Paul Jonokuchi, Christian Mahony, Bob Kobata** and **Tommy Uyeda** for setting up and dismantling the booth.

Thanks to Dennis and **Barbara Okita** for helping count the money.

Article submitted by Marion Shigekuni
and Marcia Mahony

Photo (L to R): Al Kushida, Wally Arakawa, Linda Tanaka, Mitzi Kushida, Marion Shigekuni, Norma Jean and Mas Yamashita



TAK YAMAMOTO HONORED

On June 17th, **Phil** and **Marion Shigekuni**, **Yas** and **Nancy Gohata** and **Harold** and **Ellen Kameya** traveled to the USC campus to attend a program to honor the pioneers in the API LGBT movement in Los Angeles.

Honored by the API Equality Los Angeles (APIELA) organization was our **Tak Yamamoto** and **June Lagmay**, who in 1980 were founders of the Asian Pacific Lesbians and Gays, the first gay Asian organization in Los Angeles. The Pioneer Project of APIELA created two short videos that documented the achievements of these two pioneers.

Tak Yamamoto served as the president of our San Fernando Valley JACL in 1990 and was instrumental in getting the national organization to support same-sex marriage in 1994. June Lagmay has been active in local politics and Asian community affairs, and has the prominent position as the Clerk of the City of Los Angeles.

The event was held at the One National Gay and Lesbian Archives on the USC campus.

Unfortunately, Tak was not feeling well and was unable to be at the event. **Dean Goishi**, founder and retired director of the APAIT (Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team) told the audience that Tak Yamamoto was his mentor. From the stories I have heard, Tak was unapologetically open about his sexual orientation and did not let that impede his programs and accomplishments as the president of the SFV JACL.

June Lagmay has a Filipino father who met his Japanese mother in Japan. Raised in Los Angeles in all-girls Catholic schools, she met and fell in love with her wife while in elementary school. During the 1970s 'flower power' decade, it was not uncommon for girls in her Catholic high school to be walking hand-in-hand down the hallways. She married her longtime partner Rita Romero during the 2008 window when gay marriages were declared to be legal in the state of California.



Photo: Karl Fish and Tak Yamamoto at the 2012 Manzanar Pilgrimage.

Article submitted by Harold Kameya

JACC FAMILY FUN DAY

We started the morning of Saturday, June 1st with a hot cup of delicious coffee prepared by **Toji Hashimoto** and **Nancy Gohata**'s special donuts. While **Yas Gohata** and his Spam Musubi crew were completing their task, **Dennis Okita** and chief dishwasher, **Al Kushida**, started washing fifty-five pounds of cabbages for the Sumi salad. Then the cabbages went to the chopping line with **Mabel Takimoto** (a nonagenarian), **Nancy Gohata**, **Linda Tanaka**, and **Sumi Yamaguchi**. Along came **Hitomi Hashimoto**, then chopping went up several notches to a "lightning speed." **Doreen Kawamoto**, through her experience, almost single handedly crushed the noodles to specified size. **Tami Shiotani**, an old friend to some and a new friend to others, assisted us from beginning to end. Of course, we offered her a contract on the spot to join our chapter. **Linda Kuratomi** and **Barbara Okita** joined us later in the morning. It was a beautiful sunny day, the youngsters played outdoors while the adults enjoyed entertainment indoors, but everyone eagerly waited for lunch, our Sumi Salad was served to over 300 attendees.

Many thanks to our Board members for your energetic and continued support, and our sincere appreciation to Hitomi and Tami. It's a wonderful day when the supporting organizations of the JACC all work together and play together.

Article submitted by **Mitzi Kushida**

MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO OUR ORGANIZATION

We welcome new members **Kenneth Morita, Isabelle and Harvey Negoro,** and **Kristel Yoneda** to our Chapter. Kenneth is the son of the late **Roy and Alice Morita**. Both Roy and Alice were long time supporters of the JACL. Isabelle and Dr. Harvey Negoro are active members of the SFV Japanese American community. Their daughter, **Paige**, received a SFVJACC/SFVJACL Scholarship in 2011. Several of us met Kristel Yoneda at the **Al and Jane Nakatani, Honor Thy Children** program in September of 2011. Kristel was on a panel addressing issues in the LGBT community. We also welcome new student member **Tracie Ishigo**. Traci is a senior at UC Irvine majoring in Sociology and minoring in Asian American Studies. She will be serving as the Associated Student Body President for 2012-2013 at UCI. We are pleased to have these new members.



This month, **Linda Tanaka** shares why she joined JACL and why it's important to be a member.

When I was asked why I joined the JACL, I had to really think about it and realized that I was efficiently recruited by Nancy Gohata and it turned out to be the best thing for me.

Nancy approached me at line dancing class and stated that I should attend a JACL meeting this Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. I would find it interesting with different activities through out the year and the people are really nice. I thought this is what I needed to fill the void in my life after losing my husband. Not knowing what JACL stood for, I thought it was a social group and I looked forward to attending the meeting. Well, lo and behold, the meeting was a board meeting and Nancy introduced me as a new board member. I was warmly greeted and the people were very accepting and comfortable. I was overwhelmed and what would I do but smile.

The JACL has exposed and made me aware of civil rights and what the Japanese Americans suffered and endured during and after the war. Being born and raised in Hawaii, I did not experience any prejudice. In fact, in high school, we governed the school. Only after moving to Los Angeles and married a mainlander (kotonk) did I hear camp stories from my in-laws and husband. Even then, it did not make that much of an impact.

Today, I appreciate what JACL is doing to maintain civil rights and to preserve our Japanese culture for the future generations. I learned about the Peruvian Japanese internment in the US, the NO, NO Boys, the hardships and conflicts in camps and even white Americans helping to save a Buddhist temple during the war. And Nancy was right! The board members are very impressive with their passion, intelligence, energy, generosity and they are very, very nice. I am impressed and have learned a lot from our board members.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012



Sharon Yamato will be screening her documentary, *A Flicker in Eternity*, the story of **Stanley Hayami**, who served loyally with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy and France and died protecting his country. Sharon will also screen a short documentary, *Out of Infamy: Michi Nishiura Weglyn*, a portrait of the civil rights activist whose dynamic personality evolved – via incarceration during World War II in the Gila River, Arizona camp – from California-born farm girl, to New York City sophisticate to the Rosa Parks of Japanese Americans.

TOM DOI AND SAM UYEHARA HONORED AT GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

They sat on the stage in front of the Go For Broke Monument patiently waiting for the ceremony to begin. As I watched the 150 veterans dressed in white shirts, military hats and red, white and blue leis, I couldn't help but wonder if these veterans appreciated all the attention or if they were there due to the gentle urging of family and friends.

The Los Angeles Regional Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for the veterans of the U.S. Army's 100th Infantry Battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service was held on June 9, 2012 in Little Tokyo to honor their service, sacrifice and bravery during World War II. This was the regional version of The White House ceremony held in Washington, D.C., on November 2, 2011.

Among the honorees were past SVF JACL Presidents

Sam Uyehara (unable to attend) and **Tom Doi**. Many widows and family members of deceased veterans were in attendance to receive the Gold Medal on behalf of their loved ones. The Master of Ceremonies was KABC news anchor David Ono. Maj. Gen. Rodney Kobayashi gave the keynote address. Reps. Adam Schiff, Judy Chu, Maxine Waters, Lucille Roybal-Allard and LA Councilmember Jan Perry handed out the congressional Gold Medal replicas to each veteran as their names were simultaneously read by members of the Japanese American Bar Association.

The Go For Broke Monument was a fitting backdrop for the Ceremony. "Go For Broke!" was the motto adopted by all of the Japanese-American units formed during World War II. Names of more than 16,000 Nisei soldiers have been engraved on the monument that serves as a tribute of remembrance and honor to them. One side of the Gold Medal features Nisei soldiers with the inscriptions on the outer rim *NISEI SOLDIERS OF WORLD WAR II* and *GO FOR BROKE*.

As the ceremony came to a close with the singing of "America The Beautiful" and taps, the veterans received a standing ovation that brought tears of pride and gratitude from the widows and family members. My dad was one of those who had required some gentle urging to attend the ceremony. After the group photos were taken, there was a reception with fellow veterans. Walking down 1st Street after the event, my dad said "Gee, I didn't think there would be this many people here and that it would be such a big event. They really did a good job." Translation: He was glad that we encouraged him to attend!

Article submitted by **Marcia Mahony**



PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday, December 15, 2012
at 2:00 pm
at the SFV Japanese Community Center

Grateful Crane Ensemble & SFV JACL
presents

"I Saw Baachan Kissing Santa Claus"



I SAW *Baachan*
KISSING SANTA CLAUS

Baachan, Santa and the Grateful Crane Family will be on hand to sing all your holiday favorites. Join us for an afternoon filled with great music, fun for the entire family and plenty of holiday cheer.

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

A large contingent from the SFVJACL spent a lovely afternoon in J-Town on Sunday, June 10, 2012. Thanks to **Nancy Gohata**, who coordinated the event, we were able to take in the East West Players' matinee production of Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*, followed by dinner at the Curry House.

The Production was, musically, very entertaining, as to be expected from a talented group like the East West Players, however, random comments heard after the event revealed that some of the audience had difficulty following the complicated story line. Perhaps something got lost when the locale was switched from the original Sweden to China. However, the voices of the singers were very impressive, especially the five "Greek Chorus" members who opened the show.

Among those enjoying the outing were **Mitsu Asaoka, Shar Fujikawa, JP DeGuzman, Nancy & Yas Gohata, Roger & Linda Itaya, Linda Kuratomi, Mitzi & Al Kushida, Christina Lee, Marcia Mahony, Priscilla & Ken Mui, Harriet Nishizaka, Barbara & Dennis Okita, Dr. Bo & Iku Sakaguchi, Sachi Sakamoto, Sets Sato, Patty Takayama, Linda Tanaka, Jami Tanihana, Jean & Ron Tsukashima, Sumi Yamaguchi, and Duane Yamauchi.**

THANKS AGAIN, SFVJACL FOR PROVIDING THE COMMUNITY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY LIVE MUSICAL THEATRE.

Article submitted by Harriet Nishizaka



Standing (L to R): Roger and Linda Itaya, Sachi Sakamoto, Nancy Gohata, Al and Mitzi Kushida, Jami Tanihana, Priscilla Mui, Harriet Nishizaka, Ken Mui, Marcia Mahony, Helen Shimizu, Dr. Bo and Iku Sakaguchi, Dennis Okita and Sumi Yamaguchi.

Kneeling (L to R): Patty Takayama, Keiko Kuratomi, Yas Gohata, Barbara Okita, Mitsu Asaoka and Sets Sato.

VENTURA JACL INDOOR PICNIC

On Saturday, July 9, 2012, six of us attended the Ventura JACL Indoor Picnic. **Nancy and Yas Gohata, Doreen Kawamoto, Mabel Takimoto, Sumi Yamaguchi and Linda Tanaka** met in Simi and carpooled to Camarillo. The pot luck picnic was held at the Best Western Hotel. We were greeted by **Aiko King and Anne Chilcott**. It was wonderful to see and interact with friends and as usual the buffet table was filled with delicious dishes.

After lunch we played bingo and everyone walked away with a prize or two. Some even shared their winnings with friends and everyone had a good time.

Article submitted by Linda Tanaka

Seated on left (front to back):

Yas Gohata, Linda Tanaka and
Mabel Takimoto

Seated on right (front to back):

Harry Kajihara, Doreen Kawamoto
and Sumi Yamaguchi

Standing in front (front to back):

Janet Kajihara and Nancy Gohata

Standing in back (front to back):

Ann Chilcott and George Wakiji



FAREWELL TO MANZANAR



Left: Director, John Kory, Actors Clyde Kusatsu, and Akemi Kikumura signing autographs on the recently released DVD of *Farewell to Manzanar* at the screening held at the SFVJA Community Center on March 31, 2012.

Below: Board members with director and cast of *Farewell to Manzanar* – Seated (L to R): Brian Moriguchi, Clyde Kusatsu, Akemi Kikumura, John Kory and Sam Uyehara
Standing (L to R): Nancy Takayama, Nancy Gohata, Patty Takayama, Barbara Okita, Dennis Okita, Linda Tanaka, Doreen Kawamoto, Nancy Oda, Marion Shigekuni, Marcia Mahony, Harold Kameya, Mitzi Kushida and Phil Shigekuni



KATAROU HISTORIES PROGRAM

PSW JACL staff **Marissa Kitazawa**, **Eri Kameyama** and with our **Molly Serizawa** have brought to the SFV JACL a pilot historical preservation program with a focus on the San Fernando Valley Japanese Americans. The 10-week program is designed to familiarize participants with their fellow class members by sharing their individual stories and experiences through fun games and interactive exercises in the process building trust and understanding of inter-generational concerns and issues.

The class members for this years programs range in age from fifteen years to early 80s. The participants are Nisei, Kibei, Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei and a young shin Issei. The diverse perspectives of the members have provided the organizers and participants an exciting opportunity to interact and learn from each other not just from the lecturers and leaders. Every contributing visitor has introduced new insight into our Japanese American historical experience and added to the richness of the experience.

As a member of the class, the most remarkable part of the program I am witnessing is the blossoming of the members as we share our experiences. Not only are we building community, cementing our generational network but providing a forum for each of us to grow our talents and demonstrate our abilities.

We are only half way through the program and our final project is to produce a film, power point presentation or art work that illustrates the history of the Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley.

Article
submitted by
**Patricia E.
Takayama**



The following poems were composed by participants of the *Katarou Histories Project*.

EXPERIENCES

By **Hawk Kuwata** (Son of JACL members **Miles & Rouxann Kuwata**) and
Nancy Oda (JACL Board member & President of SFVJACC)

Experiences can be long or shot, big or small
But each adds to the journey from child to adult
Everyone is both unique and special in its own way
Some fall but grow some soar yet not high enough
But from them they learn and expand their understandings
Experiences brings lessons that may or may not be repeated
But only time will tell of what the future brings.

VACATION

By **Kara Tanaka** (Daughter of JACL members **Sharon Teramura & Nathan Tanaka**) and
Lex Nakashima (JACL member)

Relaxation of the body & revitalization of the mind
No responsibilities or accountability
Time for Yourself
Love for everyone, but a timely need to be alone
Days of a little R & R
A book in a shady corner of the yard
Or sunbathing next to the pool
Sparkling water releases me into another world

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE KATAROU HISTORIES' CULMINATION

As we celebrate the Intergenerational accomplishments of

Alyssa Himeno	Kristen Himeno	Ariane Sadanaga	Brandon Isa	Paige Negoro	Patricia Takayama
Kara Tanaka	Hawk Kuwata	Nancy Oda	Evelyn Mitarai	Lex Nakashima	Tom Serizawa
Janet Yamamoto	Grace Serizawa	Isabelle Miyata	Kevin Sato	Kylie Rosero-Ozawa	

When: **Thursday, August 23rd, 7 – 9 PM**

Where: **SFV Japanese American Community Center**

Please join us as we not only celebrate their accomplishments, but also celebrate in the groundbreaking effort to preserve the history of our predecessors and see what our younger generations are doing to maintain it!

For more information: www.jaclpsw.org Email: programs@jaclpsw.org,

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JACL 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION/SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

July 5 – 8, 2012

Seattle rain or overcast was my memory of the climate, when I used to live there. However, when Traci and I landed at Sea-Tac, we were welcomed with sunshine and 73 degree temperatures. Convention was all business, but without the responsibilities of last years convention, lots of fun this year. There were plenty of tours to Seattle and Bellevue for those folks who wanted to see the historic sites and check out the east side.

I will let the Pacific Citizen inform you of the convention and only report the one important issue that affected us here in southern California. Last April, National Board passed the proposed 2013-2014 Budget. It eliminated the Pacific Southwest District Regional Director position that remained vacant due to a hiring freeze. An amendment to the budget to restore the PSW RD position was presented and the council needed to pass it. With very little opposition (only two of the 86 opposed it), the amendment and the budget passed. We not only got back our Regional Director, the Pacific Citizen retained their editor. So read the next issue of the Pacific Citizen.

The 2013 National Convention will be held in Washington DC in mid July. JACL will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 with many events throughout the week in DC.

Article submitted by **Nancy Takayama**



(L to R): Marissa Kitazawa, Traci Ishigo, Kevin Mori, Nancy Takayama, Yuka Ogino, Jason Hata

JAPANESE AMERICANS - MIA RETREAT

Japanese Americans Mobilizing in Asian America, the title for the retreat which was the brainstorm of creator, **Traci Ishigo** from the SFV. The one-day workshop was held Saturday, July 15, 2012 at the SFV JA Community Center.

Traci, who is the Student Body President at UC Irvine, had the support of the JACL to present a program which introduced the JA community to various political considerations and examined our individual identity and attitudes toward those political issues. Her well developed approach challenged us to look at our preconceived notions, set aside our long held ideas and formulate a broader, more encompassing political perspective.

By including a Samoan panelist, Natasha Saelua, associate director of UCLA's Community Programs office, who brought a Pacific Islander perspective with divergent and shared interests. Also, on the same panel were, Jessica Kawai with the Little Tokyo Service Center, Seniors Program and a current Miss Nisei Week princess, Yuka Ogino, a UCLA student organizer, and Marissa Kitazawa, PSW JACL staff who spoke about the Bridging Communities Program that united Asians with Muslim students whose families faced a similar situation post 9/11 as that of the 1942 Japanese American community. Also leading the gender workshop was Riku Matsuda, a Senior Intergroup Relations Specialist for the L.A. Country Human Rights Commission.




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One workshop issue rarely discussed in the Asian community was the one on services for persons with disabilities. Patty Kinaga, an employment law attorney and chair of the Asian Pacific Islanders with Disability of California, APIDC, a non-profit organization, and Peter Wong, a doctoral candidate at UCLA's School of Public Policy, led this workshop. They reported that compared to the rest of America, the Asian and Pacific Islander community is about thirty years behind. They suggested that this is also the case in Japan and that the shame associated with and attaching to the families with disabled family members makes the Asian community reluctant to seek out assistance. However, as the state and nation have passed legislation to insure fairness for individuals with disabilities, this is an issue that needs to be brought out of the shadows, especially as our sansei generation is getting older and like their parents are likely to need greater access to these kinds of services.

Article submitted by **Patty Takayama**

JACL DVD, VIDEO TAPES (VT) BOOKS (BK)

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VISAS AND VIRTUE (VT)		
WHEN YOU'RE SMILING: THE DEADLY LEGACY OF INTERNMENT (VT)		

The DVDs, Video Tapes and Books are available on loan. Please contact Nancy Gohata at vaiko16@verizon.net or at (818) 899-4237 for information on checking out these items.

SUMI'S CORNER



Board member, **Geri Shiraki**, welcomed new grandson, Blake Koji Shiraki on June 1, 2012. Proud parents, Mark and Lindsey Shiraki, also have a two year old son named Cade.

Condolences to **Sumi Yamaguchi**, whose brother-in-law, Jim Saito, passed away in late June in San Jose, California. Jim is survived by his wife, Ayako, three daughters, Laurel Provencher, Elaine Ikeda, and Kathy Nagamatsu.



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Couple/Family

Membership for an individual, their spouse/partner and any children under 25 years of age.

Youth/Student

Members 25 years of age or younger or students currently enrolled in a college, trade school, or university.

1000 Club

A membership category where members make a larger annual contribution to their chapter and national programs of the organization

1000 Club Life

Members who pay a lump sum to establish a lifetime membership

1000 Club or Century Club Spouse

Spouse or partner of a JACL 1000 Club or Century Club member

Century Club

An exclusive membership category where members make a larger annual contribution to their chapter and national programs of the organization

Century Club Life

An exclusive membership category where members pay a lump sum to establish a lifetime membership

☐ **New Member**

☐ **Renewing Membership**

☐ **Gift Membership**

☐ Regular/Individual - \$67.00

☐ 1000 Club Individual - \$100.00

☐ Century Club - \$175.00

☐ Couple/Family - \$110.00

☐ 1000 Club Spouse - \$32.00

☐ Century Club Spouse - \$32.00

☐ Youth/Students - \$25.00

☐ 1000 Club Life - \$3000.00

☐ Century Club Life - \$5000.00

Member Information

Member ID: _____ (renewals only)

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

Payment Method

☐ **Check**

Please make checks payable to:

Japanese American Citizens League

☐ **Credit Card**

☐ Visa

☐ MasterCard

☐ American Express

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

(Month / Year)

Send the completed application along with your payment via U.S. mail to: **JACL Membership**

P.O. Box 45397

San Francisco, CA 94145-0397

Or join Online: <http://www.jacl.org/member> → →PSWDC → →San Fernando Valley

