

**DEADLINE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ANNUAL
PACIFIC CITIZEN FUNDRAISER IS WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

The Pacific Citizen Holiday Ad Fundraiser is our chapter's main vehicle to raise monies for our programs. We began in 2005, selling 52 ads to people in the business community and personal ads to members and friends. Last year was our all time high, selling 147 ads. We must also thank the many people who helped us during this fund drive with monetary donations.

We are proud in bringing an array of programs to our community and supporting organizations whose mission is in the area of civil rights and cultural awareness.

By placing a holiday greeting ad in the PC Holiday Issue, you are also supporting the *Pacific Citizen*, the national newspaper of the JACL. A good percentage of your ad monies goes directly to *Pacific Citizen*, the only national vernacular that brings Japanese American related news to you.

We are asking all members to purchase a personal ad for the holiday issue. You can also help solicit ads from business places you frequent. Monetary donations are always welcomed.

Please contact the following Members for a PC Holiday Ad form:

Mitzi Kushida (818) 360-6718 or bighisa@aol.com
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Barbara Okita (818) 784-5128 or barbokt@aol.com
Marion Shigekuni (818) 893-1581 or pshig2000@yahoo.com

For monetary donation, please write a check to SFV JACL and send:

**Mitzi Kushida
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WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



**COME JOIN US IN
THE FUN AND
ACTIVITIES**

October 8
Board Meeting
PC Ad Deadline

October 14
Third Tuesday Movie
Outing

November 12
Board Meeting

November 18
Third Tuesday Movie
Outing

December 10
Board Meeting

January 18
Installation Luncheon

**SAVE THIS DATE FOR OUR 73rd ANNUAL
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LUNCHEON**

Place: Odyssey Restaurant
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2015
Time: 11:30 am Social Hour 12:00 pm Lunch
Cost: \$35 per person
For reservation contact: Linda Tanaka at (805) 527-1224 or
lkitai@hotmail.com

**Questions or
Comments?**

Please email
kyoshino@verizon.net
or send comments to:
Nancy Gohata
14229 Carl Street
Arleta, CA 91331

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 20, 2014



During my two-year commitment to serve as president of our chapter, I would like to have us work toward making our SFV JACL chapter more attractive and beneficial to young adults especially.

The use of an email blast of miscellaneous news items is a means for young and old members to share ideas. It will be sent out on an as needed basis. It would *complement* our bi-monthly newsletter, and include articles of a time-critical nature, articles too lengthy for our newsletter, and links to interesting news items on the internet.

Members are encouraged to send articles or news items of interest to the general membership to me, or to **Nancy Gohata**, our newsletter editor.

Today, we all suffer from information overload. With dozens of newspapers, magazines, newsletters, and news blogs appearing daily, we often are not aware of important information, or have time to read them. But imagine life having many sets of eyes looking for such articles! Your eyes can help us all!

Articles of general interest to our chapter members may include the following:

- Links to important or interesting civil rights, educational and cultural articles in the Rafu Shimpo, LA Times, etc.
- Links to significant news items culled from weekly emails, such as from 'NPR Top emailed stories of the Week' or Time magazine's 'Times Top 10 news stories of the Week', Densho, Discover Nikkei, etc.
- Writer's corner to showcase works of members such as **Patty Takayama, Kristel Yoneda, etc.**
- Food reviews of places of interest to young adults, especially.
- New trends or items in technology, such as the Fit Bit devices to improve health awareness.

For those seniors without internet access today: Computer tablets provide a somewhat painless method to access information and entertainment. Computer tablets allow people to download library books (including audio books), watch movies, hear TED Talks, explore the unlimited boundaries of youtube, and much more!

At some point in the future, we might all lose the ability to drive, or we might be confined to a wheelchair or bed. The computer tablet will then become a primary window to the world!

Costco has a 7" Samsung computer tablet (\$160) that provides access to the internet without having to learn strange new things on personal computers, such as CTL-ALT-DEL.

Harold Kameya



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You can greatly help our chapter by getting the Chapter newsletter via email.

Please go to kyoshino@verizon.net and register your e-mail address

Visit us online at: <http://sfvjacl.weebly.com/> or jacl.sfv@gmail.com

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sfvjacljacl.sfv@gmail.com>



CITIZEN TANOUYE

Sunday, September 7, 2014 the JACL showed the film “Citizen Tanouye” to about 160 people who viewed the film and listened to the three panelists: the producers and co-directors: **Craig Yahata and Robert Horsting and Ted Fujimoto** a member of E Company, 2nd Battalion, of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Craig Yahata explained how he and Robert Horsting, co-directors, wove together interviews of family and friends and the selection of the eight high school students to connect important information in their discovery process. They presented, from the viewpoint of the high school students, their discoveries and comments on the contributions of Tech Sergeant Ted Tanouye and other members of the 442 RCT, some of whom they met at the awarding of the medal of honor ceremony. The film revealed the deep impression that the story had on the lives of the students and altered the perception of the world they lived in.

Brian Moriguchi moderated the discussion panel. Through questions from the audience, Ted Fujimoto shared that in his first combat mission with the 2nd Battalion in Italy, as a newbie replacement he and a fellow soldier were sent out on point. The other soldier didn’t come back.

The Japanese American, 442 Regimental Combat Team was the most decorated combat unit in World War II. Tech Sgt. Ted Tanouye was a member of the 100th First Battalion. Many of the soldiers volunteered from Hawaii, others, like Ted Tanouye volunteered from internment camps, as in Arkansas where his family was incarcerated. As U.S. citizens, with internalized duty to country, regardless of the denial of due process, many Nisei bravely served in the military. Ted Tanouye died serving his country in Italy.

After the panel discussion, audience members with tickets were able to purchase a copy of the film at 50% off. Others who pre-ordered obento stayed to join in the camaraderie of sharing a meal together.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The *Citizen Tanouye* DVD is available in our chapter library. Contact Nancy Gohata at (818) 899-4237 or at yaiko16@verizon.net for check out.

The DVD is also available for purchase (\$20 + tax (\$1.80)). Contact producer Robert Horsting at (818) 913-0640 or at natto41@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Article submitted by
Patricia Takayama

L to R: Moderator,
Brian Moriguchi;
442nd Veteran,
Ted Fujimoto;
Producers and
co-directors:
Robert Horsting and
Craig Yahata



PSWD 18TH ANNUAL AWARDS BENEFIT LUNCHEON

September 20, 2014

The Pacific Southwest District (PSW) held its 18th Annual Awards Benefit Luncheon at the beautiful Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. The theme of the event was "Empowering Our Community: Igniting a Passion for Justice." Over 200 people attended the event as we honored 9 individuals for their leadership and civic dedication.

In attendance from the San Fernando Valley Chapter were **Harold Kameya, Nancy & Yas Gohata, Al & Mitzi Kushida, Dennis & Barbara Okita, Phil & Marion Shigekuni, Sumi Yamaguchi, Nancy Oda, Nancy Takayama, Patty Takayama, Traci Ishigo, Mabel Takimoto, Bo & Iku Sakaguchi, Marsha Aizumi**, and our chapter intern **Louise "Isa" Fonua, Andy & Laura Thibodeaux** and their two children, **Brian Moriguchi** and a special chapter guest, **Rose Ochi**.

Traci Ishigo, Stephanie Nitahara and **Michelle Yamashiro** were the emcees for the festivities and did a wonderful job. We are so proud of these young JACL leaders! They coordinated video presentations for all the great PSW programs as well as special video presentations for the awardees.

Mary Adam Urashima received the *Community Hero Award* for her lifelong commitment to public service. She spent 30 years as a journalist and was one of ten Californians to receive the 2008 Civil Rights Leadership Award for her work in human relations and historic preservation efforts. She has been a major force in the preservation of Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach, a Japanese American landmark in Orange County.

API Equality - LA received the *Community Partner Award* for their work as advocates for the LGBT community. API Equality-LA has worked closely with JACLPSW in the development of LGBTQ programs for the PSW district. Executive Director, **Eileen Ma**, accepted the award along with several API Equality-LA staff. Also accepting the award was a dear friend, **Marshall Wong**, co-chair of API Equality-LA. I have had the privilege of working with Marshall on the Network Against Hate Crimes program for the County of Los Angeles. There are few people as committed as Marshall in the battle against hatred and bias in society.

Receiving the coveted *Governor's Award* was **riku Matsuda** for his outstanding community service. Riku has worked in the areas of youth organizing, leadership development, media justice, immigrant rights, gender justice and sexual rights. He is currently working for the LA County Commission on Human Relations as a Senior Intergroup Relations Specialist. He is co-chairing the first ever Nikkei LGBTQ Gathering conference, "Okaeri", which will take place November 15, 2014 at the Japanese American National Museum.

Receiving the JACL PSW Chapter Honoree Awards were **Michelle Komatsu** from the Arizona Chapter, **George Kita** from the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter, **Janet Okubo** from the Greater Los Angeles Chapter, **France Yanai Wong** from the Hollywood Chapter and **Michelle Yamashiro** from SELANOCO Chapter. The San Fernando Valley Chapter posthumously honored two legendary members and community leaders, **Dr. Mary Sakaguchi Oda & Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi** for their many decades of service to the community and timeless support of our chapter. Mary and Sanbo opened up their own medical practice in the San Fernando Valley where they practiced (or perfected) medicine for 46 years delivering more than 3,000 babies and touching the lives of nearly every Japanese American family in the valley. Mary passed away on October 18, 2013 and Sanbo passed away on May 24, 2013. We will miss them greatly.

The PSW Luncheon would not be complete without the annual Dash for Dessert whereby each table, based on donations from those at each table, "dashed" to get the dessert of their choice. We were also treated to the musical styling of **Rei**, an alternative rock artist with a unique and sultry voice who performed in English, Spanish and Japanese.

A special thanks to our own **Nancy Oda** who chaired this year's committee for the luncheon. It was a huge success!!

Article submitted by Brian Moriguchi

NISEI WEEK OPENING PARADE

On Saturday, August 10, 2014, I marched in the Nisei Week parade. Our Chapter was part of the Pacific Southwest District, and to my knowledge, it was the first time the district had participated in the event. **Harold Kameya**, our chapter president, organized our part in the parade, from recruiting marchers to even having the signs we carried made up. Carrying our PSW District JACL banner was **Stephanie Nitahara**, our regional director.

I was one of the sign carriers trailing the banner. My sign indicated my membership in the Asian American & Pacific Islander Christians for Social Justice and on the reverse of my sign was printed "SGV API-PFLAG" (San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Islander Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

I felt indebted to Harold for getting all of us marching together in support of an enlightened acceptance of LGBTQ peoples: Supportive JACL chapters, enlightened Christian groups and churches, LGBTQ advocate groups, as well as the Manzanar Committee. To their credit, 20 years ago, National JACL passed a resolution at their national convention in support of equal marriage, the first civil rights organization to take this step.



EDITORS NOTE: Phil's article in its entirety can be found at <http://www.rafu.com/2014/08/senior-moments-nisei-week-opening-parade/>

Article submitted by Phil Shigekuni

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION ELVISH EXPERIENCE



DATE: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014**
TIME: 6 PM Pot Luck Dinner followed by Arts & Crafts
7 PM Program Commences
PLACE: SFV JACC, Pioneer Center, Sakaguchi Hall

Families are to bring a main dish and a salad or dessert
Families may also participate in a \$10 gift exchange

Please contact **Nancy Gohata** to reserve a Santa gift for your child 10 years old and under. Also, kindly advise if you are bringing a teenager (11 yrs+) to join in the games for prizes.

Santa gift deadline: December 6, 2014

Contact Nancy Gohata: (818) 899-4237 or email yaiko16@verizon.net

For information and reservation, please contact

Patty Takayama at: (818) 899-7916 or at pe.high.mtn@juno.com

END OF THE YEAR BOARD GET-TOGETHER

After working diligently on a myriad of activities, the busy Board members were ready to re-energize themselves with a Get-Together. Our past president **BRIAN MORIGUCHI and JODI**, his lovely and talented wife, graciously hosted us at their custom decorated home in Stevenson Ranch. The gifted cooks provided delicious homemade dishes for the potluck and other talented members entertained.

This year Board members focused and worked hard promoting and participating in YOUTH PROGRAMS. We donated to the RISING STAR, a youth leadership group, sponsored a bus to MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE, supported an Intern to the NCI INTERNSHIP in conjunction with PSWD, participated in BIKE TO JAPAN for young adults, and offered our annual SUSUME NO GAKKOU for elementary age children at the SFV JACC. During the summer we supported the OBON FESTIVAL with the Doughball booth and closed summer with a successful showing of the *CITIZEN TANOUYE* film.

Now that the members are rejuvenated, they are ready to tackle our chapter's Primary Fundraiser: the PACIFIC CITIZEN HOLIDAY ISSUE GREETING Ads.

Article submitted by Mitzi Kushida

SANTA BARBARA JACL PICNIC

On Sunday, September 21st, **Phil and Marion Shigekuni, Sumi Yamaguchi, Ellen Kameya** and I drove up to Santa Barbara to join the Santa Barbara chapter for their annual picnic.

Prior to the picnic, we stopped at the Isla Vista United Methodist Church to hear Rev. Frank Schaefer preach. He was the minister recently in the LA Times who was defrocked in Pennsylvania for officiating the marriage one of his gay sons.

Wade Nomura, Rotarian, is the president of the SB chapter. He was the speaker at the Ventura chapter installation luncheon earlier this year.

The annual summer picnic acts as an annual multigenerational 'reunion' event for the Santa Barbara chapter, and with the ideal venue of Manning Park in Montecito, the mild weather, and the extravagant food for approximately 127 members and guests who attended.

Anne Chilcott and I were quite envious of their location and tossed out the possibility of a joint picnic between the San Fernando and Ventura chapters as had been done a few years ago. (Food for thought for our chapter members.)

Phil Shigekuni was able to see his old friend Goro Takeuchi, who worked together on JACL projects in the past. Sumi Yamaguchi also knew Goro while in camp at Crystal City, Texas.



Article submitted by
Harold Kameya

(L to R): Harold & Ellen Kameya, Sumi Yamaguchi, Marion Shigekuni, Aiko King, Anne & Mark Chilcott, Phil Shigekuni.



MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORANT TO OUR ORGANIZATION

This month we welcome student member, **Kira Morrison**, to our chapter. Kira received the National JACL Performing Arts Scholarship this spring. Please go to Community Corner for more information on Kira and the scholarship. We are also excited to welcome **Floyd Shimomura**. Now residing in Southern California, we look forward to his involvement with our chapter. Floyd served as JACL National President in 1982-84.

Please help us in recruiting members to our chapter. We hope you will share our newsletter to inform family members and friends of the activities we are bringing to the community. A membership enrollment form is included in this newsletter. For the computer savvy crowd, go to: <http://jacl.org/member/index.php?dist=300> and follow the prompts.

Dean Goishi, Colleague of our late Tak Yamamoto is Honored

On August 12, 2014, **Dean Goishi**, a pioneer in the Los Angeles LGBTQ movement, was honored by API Equality Los Angeles, and by the APAIT (Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team). **JACLers Nancy Gohata, Ellen and Harold Kameya, and Betty Kobata** were in the audience of over 100 people for the debut screening of two documentaries honoring the work of Dean Goishi, founder of APAIT, and Russell Leong, a writer, professor and former Editor of the UCLA Amerasia Journal for more than 30 years. Previous honorees of the Pioneer Project of API Equality LA were Tak Yamamoto and June Lagmay.

A Q & A session followed the screening. Also attending were members from the Greater Los Angeles JACL chapter.

Article submitted by Harold Kameya

LTHS WRITING CONTEST ADDS YOUTH DIVISION

The second annual Little Tokyo Historical Society Writing Contest has added a youth division prize. The fiction short story contest deadline is January 31 2015. In addition, a Japanese language segment to the contest, is under discussion, but the rules are still being worked out.

The rules for the fiction contest are as follows: 1) The story must be an original unpublished work of creative fiction, limited to 2,500 words or less. 2) The story must have some connection to Little Tokyo. 3) There will be a cash prize for the top story (adult section) and \$400 cash prize for the top story (Youth – 18 yrs and under at the time of the deadline. 4) The submission deadline is midnight, January 31, 2015. 5) The top stories will be published in the Rafu Shimpo Japanese/English daily newspaper and also on the LTHS website.

Article submitted by Patty Takayama



2014 TULE LAKE PILGRIMAGE

I attended the 2014 Tule Lake Pilgrimage for the first time. This year, the 300+ spots quickly filled up in an unprecedented 2 weeks! **Nancy Takayama, Nancy Oda** and her sister **Ernie Jane Nishii** and son **Matt Nishii** also attended, besides my brother and his wife. The theme for the 2014 Pilgrimage was “Criminalizing Dissent.”

I was told that with 18,000 incarcerated in the Tule Lake Segregation Center at its peak, each person represented **just** one of the 18,000 different stories to be told. Author Takako Day’s recently released book “Show Me the Way to Go Home” describes some of the conflicts that naturally resulted when people from different sociological groups, geographical locations, economic levels and language differences are confined in close quarters, combined in conditions where rumors were flying every which way, where the Hoshi dan group was pressuring everyone to renounce their citizenship, where the WRA essentially allowed the Hoshi dan to flourish, and where the US government took the unprecedented measure of passing a bill to allow people to renounce their citizenship during war time.

The JACL leadership at that time, used a broad brush in dismissing those that answered negatively on questions 27 & 28 as “disloyals.” The broad labeling also included those who answered “yes, but...” and even those who were “yes, yes” but did not wish to move. Numerous family situations were also responsible for no, no, responses. This labeling resulted in years of humiliation and stigma for many incarcerated.

I recommend that people visit the Densho.org website to read, hear and see written, oral and video accounts of the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

My highlight of the pilgrimage was to hear Wayne Merrill Collins’ impassioned speech. He is the son of famed attorney Wayne Mortimer Collins who fought to get most of the renunciants back to the US. His commitment to carry on his father’s work and to support the JA community brought a standing ovation. The gratitude of everyone to Wayne Merrill Collins and to the memory of his father was palpable. The last question in the Q and A following was from a young woman, who stated that she did not have a question, but instead suggested that the entire JA community was so obligated to him and to his father, that saying “Thank you” seemed so utterly inadequate. She suggested that everyone rise from their seats and to give a traditional Japanese bow to him. The entire audience did so, and there was not a dry eye in the whole auditorium

Submitted by Harold Kameya

DONATIONS



WALLY AND MAY ARAKAWA made a donation for receiving their newsletter through the US mail instead of email. Thank you May and Wally for your special thoughts and consideration.

SHUKO AKUNE was unable to attend the film showing on *Citizen Tanouye*, instead she made a monetary donation. Thank you very much for a meaningful contribution. It will be used wisely. Our chapter plans to donate DVDs, a classroom version with Teachers' Guide to history classes. If you know of a teacher who is interested, please contact NANCY GOHATA. More information on *Citizen Tanouye* in another section of this newsletter.

GERI SHIRAKI AND JAMI TANIHANA were also unable to attend the *Citizen Tanouye* event. We thank them also for their monetary donation.

JA OF THE BIENNIUM, MARSHA AIZUMI

Every two years, the JA of the Biennium Award is presented at the national JACL convention to outstanding members of the JA community. The purpose of the award is as follows:

The JACL recognizes and honors those Americans of Japanese ancestry whose outstanding achievements in different fields of endeavor have received regional and national recognition and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

The list of past awardees reads like a Who's Who of Japanese Americans. This July, a member of our San Fernando Valley JACL chapter, Marsha Aizumi, was the recipient of the JA of the Biennium award for her work in the category of Education/Humanities.

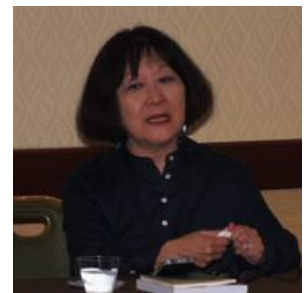
Marsha is the author of *Two Spirits, One Heart*, a memoir that chronicles her journey from fear, shame and sadness to unconditional love and acceptance of her transgender son. With over 80 speaking engagements in 12 states and in China, at colleges, churches and other groups, she has enlightened people on the diversity of human sexuality, and the need for understanding and acceptance of all members of our community. She is also on the National Board of Directors of PFLAG.

Marsha maintains a blog and website that continues to inform and inspire:

www.marshaaizumi.com, <http://marshaaizumi.blogspot.com/>

Through her efforts, the first ever Nikkei LGBTQ Gathering will be held at JANM on Nov. 15th. All interested people are invited to attend, see www.okaeri-la.org.

I cannot imagine the courage it must have taken for the Aizumi family to support Marsha in writing her book. Such a book required that Marsha fling open the doors to the lives of her family, something usually very uncomfortable for a Japanese American family. However, in opening the doors to their lives, it allowed us to peer into the oversized, warm hearts of the entire family. I feel that their message of understanding and love IS a gift to all of us! The Aizumis stand as an example for all of us in the Japanese American community, and for all families in America!



Submitted by Harold Kameya

HOW DO YOU WISH TO BE CARED FOR IN THE FUTURE?

Presentation by Laurie Shigekuni and the Brandman Center for Senior Care: October 17, 1:30 p.m. Chatsworth West United Methodist Church, 10824 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Chatsworth, Ca. 91311. (One mile south of the 118 Freeway.) (818)341 1270.

Laurie Shigekuni Gong is our daughter. She graduated from Granada Hills High and from UC Hastings College of the Law in 1989. She has practiced estate planning law for the past 18 years, and her associate, Fanny Wong Togawa, sees clients in her satellite office in Pasadena.

Laurie says many people do not realize their estate planning documents need to be reviewed periodically due to changes in the laws.

At the meeting she will discuss public financing (Medi-Cal), for long term care and how your documents might be updated to take advantage of the new laws

A representative from the Brandman Center in Reseda will explain how an alternative to skilled nursing care services can be provided at home through van, day services, and visiting health care aides. For further information: <http://www.calestateplanning.com/medical-trusts.htm>, <http://www.calestateplanning.com/trusts-married-people.htm>

Article submitted by Phil Shigekuni

COMMUNITY CORNER

On June 28, 2014, board member, **Patty Takayama**, participated in a writing workshop sponsored by Discover Nikkei and the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) on “Nikkei Names”. If you didn’t have the opportunity to read her story, go to www.Rafu.com/2014/08/whats-in-a-name.

Congratulations to new student member, **Kira Morrison**, who is the recipient of the Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Performing Arts Scholarship. This performing arts award was established to remember and honor Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka, an accomplished pianist, and to assist students in meeting their dreams in the performing arts. Kira, who attended Hollywood High School, discovered her passion for music training with her school’s choir and with the Silverlake Conservatory of Music Choir. Since then, she has been writing songs and gaining experience performing in musicals and at various venues around Los Angeles. Kira also released her debut EP (Extended Play), “Progressions” in March of 2014, which is currently available on iTunes. She has played guitar for eight years and has been singing for five years. She will be pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Performance in the Vocal Artist Development Program at the Los Angeles College of Music in the fall.

Hope some of you were tuned into Channel 7’s Eyewitness Newsmaker broadcast with Adrienne Alpert on Sunday, August 3, 2014. Board member **Brian Moriguchi** was interviewed by Ms. Alpert to get his view on a Citizen Oversight Commission for the LA County Sheriffs’ Department.

Condolences to the family of board member **Christina Aujean Lee** whose grandfather, Woo Choon Lee, passed away in early September.

Board member, **Linda Tanaka**, proudly announced the marriage of her son, Tyson Tanaka to Gina McDaniel. The couple exchanged vows on September 3, 2014, at the city hall in San Francisco, followed by a lively reception at the St. Francis Hotel. Even though, Tyson and Gina and all their wedding guests are from Southern California, the St. Francis Hotel was where Tyson had proposed to Gina. The couple will honeymoon in France.

Condolences to long time JACL supporters, **Karl and Sandy Nobuyuki**. Sandy’s mother, **Chiyo Goka**, passed away on September 17, 2014. Chiyo was an active member of the SFVJA Community Center. She led the Meiji Line Dancing class when she was in her 80s and was in her late 90s when her health began to decline. She passed away at age 96.

The Local Leaders Summer Internship Program, sponsored by the PSW JACL, was designed to empower youth to identify issues of community concern and to have the opportunity to develop a potential grassroots action plan. During the course of the summer program, the interns learned more about the JACL by attending the JACL National Convention in San Jose. They also participated in workshops and attended a Local Leaders leadership retreat to develop new skills and brainstorm issues of concerns to them. On August 2, 2014, the interns from the SELANOCO, GLAS and SFV chapters presented their proposed projects to the chapter leadership.



Okaeri – a nikkei LGBTQ gathering Saturday, November 15, 2014

OKAERI, meaning "Welcome Home" in Japanese, is a one-day gathering of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning individuals, family and allies

- Who seek to find support and resources, information and motivation,
- Who wish to connect with others to build greater inclusion in the Nikkei community,
- Who wish to learn more about and become involved in the LGBTQ community,
- Who are curious about the intersection of the faith community and LGBTQs.

Although our gathering is primarily focused on the needs of the Nikkei community (of Japanese descent, including mixed-race Nikkeis), **it is open to all LGBTQ persons and allies.**

It will be a day of networking, education and storytelling in workshops and plenary sessions. You will leave the gathering inspired and motivated!

RSVP at www.okaeri-la.org!

Workshop highlights: Being LGBTQ & Religious, Gender Identities, Movement Building for LGBTQ & Allies, Culture Shift in the Faith Community, Coming Out Workshop and more!

Guest speaker highlights: Mia Yamamoto, Marsha & Aiden Aizumi, and Bill Watanabe

Performer highlights: Rey Fukuda Salinas, traci kato-kiriyama, and Maiya Grace Kuida-Osumi

Okaeri: A Nikkei LGBTQ Gathering

November 15, 2014

8:30am - 4:00 pm* (Program starts at 9:15 am)

Japanese American National Museum

100 N Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Registration Cost: General \$30, seniors (65 and over) & students \$20

No one turned away for lack of funds!

*Light breakfast and lunch included

**Near Little Tokyo Gold Line station, 1st Street and Central



JAPANESE AMERICAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM

Pre-conference NIKKEI LGBTQ MOVIE NIGHT!

We will be screening LGBTQ API short films and serving light refreshments.

Friday, November 14th

Reception 6pm, movie at 7pm

National Center for the Preservation of Democracy

111 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (Across JANM Courtyard)

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ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The following members have been nominated by the Nominations Committee to serve on the 2015 San Fernando Valley Chapter JACL Board of Governors.

BALLOT

If you wish to vote for the entire slate listed below, place an "X" on the line below.

I wish to vote for the entire slate below. _____

Otherwise, place an "X" after each name you wish to vote for plus any write-in names.
(Note: write-ins must have the consent of the nominee.)

Aquino, Mark	_____	Shigekuni, Phil	_____
De Guzman, J.P	_____	Shiraki, Geri	_____
Gohata, Nancy	_____	Takayama, Nancy	_____
Ishigo, Traci	_____	Takayama, Patty	_____
Jonokuchi, Paul	_____	Takimoto, Mabel	_____
Kameya, Harold	_____	Tanaka, Linda	_____
Katagihara, Alden	_____	Tanihana, Jami	_____
Kawamoto, Doreen	_____	Tokunaga, Michiko	_____
Kushida, Mitzi	_____	Yamaguchi, Sumi	_____
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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 JAACL 1000 Club or Century Club member

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

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

🍏 New Member

🍏 Regular/Individual - \$67.00

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🍏 Youth/Students - \$25.00

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🍏 1000 Club Individual - \$200.00

🍏 1000 Club Spouse - \$32.00

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🍏 Gift Membership

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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

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