



2016 SUZUME NO GAKKOU / NIKKEI DISCOVERY CAMP

In the morning, SNG hosts 2-6 grades while NDC hosts 7-8 grades. In the afternoon, the SNG students will join the Nikkei Discovery Camp.

WHEN:

June 13-17, 2016

- 8:30a-12:30p - Suzume No Gakkou
- 9a-5p - Nikkei Discovery Camp

**Suzume No Gakkou students will join Kizuna in the afternoon.*

WHERE:

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

REGISTER TODAY!

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Editors Note: This is JACL's Suzume no Gakkou's final summer session. In 2017, Nikkei Discovery Camp will enroll students from grades 2 to 8.

PROGRAM DETAILS

PRICING

\$150/camper*

**Special SFV pricing ends on April 30, 2016*

**On the registration form, please indicate you're registering for SFV and you will be given the discounted price of \$150 per student.*

QUESTIONS?

Suzume contact:
Nancy Oda,
nancyoda64@gmail.com

Kizuna contact:
Paul Matsushima,
paul@kizuna-la.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



COME JOIN US IN THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES

April 1

Lea Salonga
Northridge Performing Arts

April 3

Growing Up Sansei
(Garage Door Opener)

April 19

Third Tues. Movie Outing

April 27

Manzanar Pilgrimage

May 15

La Cage Aux Folles
East West Players

May 17

Third Tues. Movie Outing

June 13 - 17

Suzume no Gakkou

June 25-26

Obon Festival Booth

Questions or Comments?

Please email

kyoshino@verizon.net

or send comments to:

Nancy Gohata

14229 Carl Street

Arleta, CA 91331

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April, 2016



It has been 41 years since I served as president of our Chapter. Looking back, I can honestly say the experience led to a series of events that changed the course of my life. What brought this change about was the redress panel which took place in April of 1975. My friend and mentor, the late **Paul Tsuneishi** and I had been reading in the Rafu Shimpo and Pacific Citizen about a group of JACL members in Seattle who had put together a proposal for a redress bill to introduce into congress. This came about as a response to the challenge posed by Edison Uno at the JACL National Convention in 1970.

The panel took place in our community center gym. (Sakaguchi Hall was to come many years later.) Members of the panel were **Edison Uno**, who we flew down from San Francisco, JACL Pacific Southwest District Director, **Masamori Kojima**, City Councilman, **Bob Ronka**, **Edwin Hiroto**, and JACL National Board member **Gail Nishioka**. Paul Tsuneishi chaired.

The gathering drew interested people from all over Southern California. There about 150-200 in attendance. Although the audience's response to pursuing reparations (as it was called then) was evenly divided, we were encouraged by the enthusiasm.

From this event was the inspiration for the organization of EO 9066, Inc, chaired by Paul Tsuneishi. A few of the early members of EO 9066 were **Lyle Asaoka**, **Nancy Gohata**, **Joan Lang**, **Richard Yamauchi** and myself. We circulated surveys to find out from the community what they wanted to see in redress legislation. We also solicited and obtained resolutions from churches and other organizations in support of redress. In addition, we held meetings with such notables as **Gordon Hirabayashi**, **Rev. Herbert Nicholson** and **Wayne Collins Jr.**

I was honored to have served on the first National Redress Committee in San Francisco. Our chapter, through letter writing and fund raising, contributed greatly to the effort.

HR 442, the Civil Liberties Bill, signed by President Reagan, was a landmark achievement for our community. The acknowledgement of the injustice on the part of our government can be held up to counter those who would threaten the civil liberties of Muslims and others in our country. Note the flyer advertising the showing of the film, "Right of Passage" in this newsletter, dealing with the Redress Campaign, to be shown next month at USC. I will be serving on a panel after its showing.

We are fortunate in our chapter to have so many individuals who have, over the years, contributed to its success by taking such an active part in its varied programs. I look forward to working with them this year.

Phil Shigekuni



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47th ANNUAL MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, April 30, 2016

The Manzanar Committee is sponsoring a bus for the Manzanar Pilgrimage on April 30th. The bus departs from Little Tokyo, but the Manzanar Committee has offered to pick up passengers at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center at 12953 Branford Street in Pacoima. This year the theme of the pilgrimage is *Kodomo no Tame Ni – For the Sake of the Children/Liberty and Justice for All*.

Bus fare is \$40, but no cost to former internees. Bento lunch may be ordered, but cost of the bento hasn't been determined as yet.

There is limited seating, so if you are interested in attending this year's pilgrimage, please contact me ASAP. The bus will be leaving the SFVJA Community Center at 7:30 am.

Nancy Gohata - (818) 371-8013 or nancygohata@gmail.com



VENTURA COUNTY JACL INSTALLATION

On February 7, 2016, twelve SFV JACLers attended the Ventura County JACL Installation. It was a special treat this year since our own past president **Brian Moriguchi** was the luncheon speaker. In 2002, Brian related his story to this very same chapter about the lawsuit he filed against the Sheriff's department for discrimination and retaliation. The court ruled in Brian's favor which led to the Board of Supervisors developing a civilian review board of attorneys to oversee the Sheriff's Department's internal investigations. **Anne Chilcott**, president of the Ventura Chapter, invited Brian to give the status of the Sheriff's department today.

Brian is the president of the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association, which has more than 8,700 members. He was first elected in 2008 and is now serving in his eighth term.



Photo: Standing L-R: Brian Moriguchi, Bob Moriguchi, Phil Shigekuni, Sumi Yamaguchi, Al and Mitzi Kushida, Marion Shigekuni, Nancy Takayama
Seated: Nancy Gohata, Aki Moriguchi, Mabel Takimoto, Doreen Kawamoto

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – FEBRUARY 20, 2016

The JA National Museum was the scene of our Day of Remembrance this year. Featured speaker was Anthony Marsh, a Japanese/African American who represented the American Friends Service Committee. (Quaker). AFSC was the lone organization who, while greatly criticized, opposed our internment at the start of WWII. They bought property and belongings of the JA's and restored the materials to them after the war. In addition, to finding positions at colleges, they raised funds for scholarships and sought housing for some 4,300 Nisei students.

AFSC funded the fight waged by Gordon Hirabayashi, a Quaker, who challenged the curfew law which found its way to the Supreme Court. Hirabayashi, you may recall, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor by President Clinton.

Bill Shishima a long-time docent at JANM, recounted the experiences of his family in their removal to Santa Anita, then Heart Mountain. When they were released, the family was given \$25.00 to move back to Los Angeles. Shishima concluded his remarks by stating how important it is, as a museum docent, to tell his story so that history does not repeat itself.

Maytha Alhassen, a poet, and USC PhD fellow in American Studies is the daughter of Syrian immigrants who arrived in the US in 1968. She told of how upsetting it was to hear David Bowers, the Mayor of Roanoke Va. justify Trump's statement to ban Syrian immigrants to the US by citing the removal of Japanese Americans under EO 9066 during WWII. Maytha, like Bill Shishima, vowed to stand with the JA community so this part of history does not happen again.

Judy Chu (D Pasadena) chairs the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. She said that protecting civil liberties has been more challenging since San Bernadino, and yet, we must learn from the WWII Japanese American experience. Donald Trump is the most outspoken of the Republican candidates in infringing on the civil rights of Muslims. Trump advocates surveillance of mosques and establishing a data base for US Muslims. Chu said the worse part of this is the number of Americans who agree with him. She went on to say that as a result of this kind of rhetoric, there has been a sharp increase in incidents where US Muslims have suffered harm.

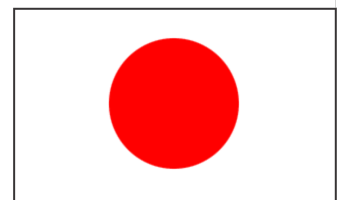
Ms Chu concluded her remarks by calling on all Americans to unite, and by telling our stories defend our civil liberties.

Article submitted by Phil Shigekuni

JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKE TSUNAMI RELIEF 5TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

On the fifth anniversary of the disastrous Japan Earthquake Tsunami, the San Fernando Valley community gathered to remember the victims and survivors and raised more than \$15,000 for the special needs orphans in Fukushima. Thank you to the Suzume no Gakkou Summer Camp music director, **Nancy Gohata**, for the great childhood songs that many of the audience members especially enjoyed. Over a hundred people attended this event that included an Interfaith Memorial Service, entertainment, and a Disaster Preparedness Fair.

Helping at this event were SFVJACLeers and Fundraising Co-Chairs **Paul Jonokuchi** and **Nancy Oda**, and **Linda Kuratomi**, Event Receptionist. **Marion Shigekuni** and **Kay Oda** were in charge of preparing hot dogs for the children and volunteers that day. Marion was assisted by her daughter **Julie Shigekuni** and **Laurie Liss**.



Article submitted by Nancy Oda

PSW Meeting – March 26, 2016

The quarterly JACL Pacific Southwest District meeting was held at our San Fernando Valley Sakaguchi Hall, on March 13, 2016. **President Phil Shigekuni** was unable attend for the entire meeting, so I was asked to attend. About 23 chapter presidents and district staff were in attendance, and the meeting was called to order by District Governor **Michelle Yamashiro**.

A balanced budget, reflecting an expected grant from the National Park Service for a Bridging Communities project, was approved. Additional fund raising opportunities through online purchases via the Amazon Smile campaign was announced. Details to be made available on the PSW website. Another fundraiser being planned was described as “Office Olympics”. Details to be furnished.

The ongoing budget demands on the Pacific Citizen’s staff was discussed. The national board is now asking the PC staff to raise \$350,000 to meet PC production expenses. The future of the PC will be a contentious topic at the July national convention in Las Vegas.

Chapter presidents were informed that news on JACL PSW activities are available through www.jaclpsw.org/, jaclpsw.wordpress.com, facebook: JACL Pacific Southwest District, and on twitter.com/jaclpsw. [The PSW website has the 2016 events on its calendar. Other items are in need of updates.]

Kyle Tsukahira of the Hollywood chapter will be forming a Civil Rights Caucus for the PSW. Anyone interested in being a part of this effort should contact Phil.

Stephanie Nitahara, PSW Director took part in the Kakehashi Youth Exchange project. While on the trip, she noticed that the city of Yokohama had an interesting small museum dedicated to Japanese migration.

Kurt Ikeda, another Kakehashi project adult advisor, shared some advice on activism at the meeting: It’s who you know, what you know, and how you use what you know that’s important. Keep connected, and continue to evolve as a person!

Article submitted by: Harold Kameya



JACL MEDIA LIBRARY

DVD, Video Tapes, and Books are available on loan. You may go to our website: sfvjacl.weebly.com, click Programs Media Library. New additions: *Untold Stories: JAs in Hawaii and the Scott Fujita Story* (DVD); *Dandelion Through the Crack* by Kiyoko Sato, a fascinating and fulfilling story of starting a family in California, creating a farm, coping during the Depression, being swept off to a concentration camp, and ultimately surviving and brilliantly succeeding – despite terrible odds and oppressive prejudice. *Dandelion* shows a family formed both by ancestry and by the American way of life. You’ll find this tale to be touching, amusing, provocative, and inspiring! Please contact Nancy Gohata at yaiko16@verizon.net or at (818) 899-4237 for information on checking out these items.

TULE LAKE PILGRIMAGE

July 1-4, 2016

Harold Kameya, our 2014-2015 president, attended the Pilgrimage in 2014 and came back impressed. On that note Marion and I decided we would attend this year. I applied early because I was warned that in past years the Pilgrimage filled up very quickly.

In January of this year I wrote a Rafu Shimpo column about JA's telling our stories about our camp experience. In connection with the story I related the following which ties in with our anticipated pilgrimage. Also of special interest is a link to a recent excellent NBC documentary covering the stories of five JA's who were inmates in Tule Lake, one of whom, **Hiroshi Kashiwagi**, is mentioned in the excerpt below. <http://bit.ly/tulelake70>

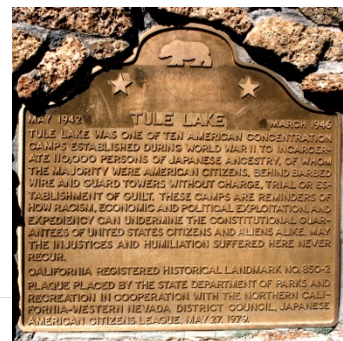
Our daughter **Laurie**, as I have mentioned in the past, lives in San Francisco. Next door to Laurie and her husband live their good friends **Danny and Amy Jong**, who have two sons. On a recent visit, we discovered that Amy's mother, Miki, was interned in Rohwer, Arkansas, where Marion spent 3½ wartime years. Then it turns out they were in kindergarten together, but were separated because Marion's parents answered "yes, yes" to the loyalty questionnaire and remained in Rohwer, while Amy's parents answered otherwise and were banished to Tule Lake. The family subsequently expatriated to Japan, before returning to the U.S.

To further add to coincidence, Laurie, Amy and Amy's mother, **Miki Kiyota**, recently attended a ceremony honoring poet and playwright Hiroshi Kashiwagi with the prestigious Carey McWilliams Award by the California Studies Association. Through his poetry and other vehicles, Hiroshi has written extensively about his experience at Tule Lake. Laurie's associate, **Martha Bridegam**, also attended the ceremony. She interviewed Hiroshi after he had received the award. This interview can be viewed here: <http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=838da53844aa61991a164e688&id=452a8e5dc2>

Hiroshi and Miki were able to share their memories of Tule Lake, and in the process Amy learned of her mother's Tule Lake experiences, which she was not aware of.

A happy outcome of this story is that Laurie, Amy, Miki and perhaps Amy's two sons are planning to attend the Tule Lake Pilgrimage this year in July. I am planning to attend, as well.

Article submitted by: Phil Shigekuni



COMMUNITY CORNER

Condolences to **Sandra and Gary Yamamoto**. Sandra's mother **Shizuko Shiraishi** passed away on February 15, 2016 at the age of 91.

On March 12, 2016, long time JACL Thousand Club Life member **Kats Arimoto** passed away quietly at his home at the age of 90. Besides once being the president of our Chapter, Kats served as District Governor of PSW. We send our sympathy and condolences to the family.

Professor Don T. Nakanishi, a pioneering scholar who helped found the field of Asian American Studies passed away suddenly on March 22, 2016. Born in East LA, Don earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Yale and Harvard. He courageously fought a tenure battle at UCLA and gained incredible community support. He vigorously fought for diversity and inclusion in higher education and mentored many generations of scholars and activists. Don spoke to our Chapter in the 1990s.



Fifteen Suzume no Gakkou students volunteered to participate in the 5th Anniversary of Japan's Earthquake Tsunami Fundraiser held at the SFVJA Community Center on February 27, 2016. With the children's busy schedule, the entire group managed just one rehearsal the day of the event. With the encouragement of their parents, the children practiced their songs at home. They memorized all the words to *Haru ga Kita*, *Musunde*, *Momotaro-san*, and *Suzume no Gakkou*. Singers included **Kendall and Kenyon Gohata-Chan, Raiden Hall, Bryce Iwai, Enzo Kato, Wyatt LaMarsna, Kenji Lao, Yoshiko Menodoza, Evan Muranaka, Joseph and Kaitlyn Nakatsu, Adam Santellano, Kai and Kishi Sugahara, and Joanna Welch.**

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MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORANT TO OUR ORGANIZATION

As the new membership chairperson for our chapter, I would like to welcome our newest member **Aiden Aizumi!** Welcome Aiden, I am preparing a new member set of information to be emailed out to you. Another of my responsibilities is to remind members about their upcoming or past renewals. I will try to send out emails or postcard reminders.

Harold Kameya, Membership Chair

The February/March issue of our newsletter had an error for the Pacific Citizen Ad for The Japanese Garden. Please keep the information below.

THE JAPANESE GARDEN

For information please call: (818) 756-8166

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

In 2014 **YUKIO KAWARATANI** became a member of SFV JACL, formerly a member of the San Gabriel Chapter. Yukio generously donated a book titled, *RELUCTANT SAMURAI, MEMOIRS of an URBAN PLANNER* which he authored. It is about being an internee at Tule Lake, sounds very informative and it should be an interesting read. Perhaps, we'll meet Yukio and be able to ask him question at one of our upcoming Chapter activities. THANK YOU Yukio and hope to see you soon.

ATTENTION: FAMILIES OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Yonsei Basketball Association

2016 Scholarship Applications

- 4 Scholarships to be awarded: two \$1,500 and two \$1,000
- Scholarship information and application: Go to yonseibasketball.com
- All graduating high school seniors eligible if requirements are met.
- Participation in the Yonsei Program or other sports organizations not required to apply. This is not an athletic scholarship.
- Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, May 2, 2016.**
- For questions: contact Ken Mui at kkmui@aol.com or 818-766-4740



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From the Scholarships Desk

Through the incredible generosity of the Sakaguchi family, long time supporters of the SFVJACL, last year our chapter began awarding a new set of scholarships for students who we feel embody the best ideals of our organization: commitments to civil rights, social justice, diversity, and equity. **Jenny Chhea** and **Kara Tanaka** received the inaugural **Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarships**, and **Ariel Imamoto** and **Madison Villanueva** received chapter scholarships. Here are some updates from these impressive young activists.

- Jean-Paul deGuzman, Scholarship Chair

Jenny Chhea, UCLA: Since accepting the scholarship last Spring, I have obtained my Bachelor's degree from UCLA. Since then, I have been working part-time with the UCLA Center for the Study of Inequality and interning at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA under their Untold Civil Rights Stories project. I have additionally been working on my path towards becoming a lawyer, which include studying for the LSAT and applying for law schools. So far, I have been accepted to UCLA and USC law schools, but hoping to hear back from additional schools. I'd like to still thank JACL SFV chapter for all the support through the scholarship and helping me in pursuing my dreams.

Ariel Imamoto, CSU Fullerton: Since last year, I have become more involved with the community by taking a position on California State University's Nikkei Student Union as Secretary and Culture Chair. Our goal is to promote Japanese American culture and political awareness among the student body. As Culture Chair, I advise our board about which cultural topics to bring awareness to our club as well as organize community service events such as volunteering at the Tuna Canyon Detention Center Luncheon or volunteering at Kizuna's mochitsuki. At the time, Nikkei Student Union is also keeping me extra busy with the preparation of our Third Annual Culture Night on April 16th. Being in my second semester of my second year of college, I am also anticipating on interning at an accounting firm in the coming year. As it is college acceptance season, I also have a message to this year's high school seniors: HAVE FUN! Whichever college you choose, at the end of the day whether you have a good, great, or horrible first year of school, it is all up to you, don't waste it.

Kara Tanaka, Santa Clara University: One of the best things about attending college outside of the Los Angeles area is having the opportunity to experience new things. I started attending Santa Clara University (SCU) last fall, and I love it. Studying at SCU has been an eye opening experience. The core curriculum emphasizes humanities based informed and ethical engagement in the classroom, around the campus, and in the community. I have also met and become friends with people from a great diversity of backgrounds.

Among all of this change, I am thankful for the multicultural clubs on campus. These clubs are like a little taste of home. The SCU Japanese Student Association (JSA) helps me to maintain my connection to the Japanese American community while living in Northern California. As a freshman representative, I am able to take a more active role in the club by helping to plan cultural events and presenting current events during club meetings. In addition, I have joined a club called Together for Ladies of Color, which focuses on intersectionality, where we discuss the experiences of women of color and how we can make positive changes on campus. The upperclassmen in the club are just inspiring. They are so knowledgeable and driven to make a change. I cannot wait to learn more from them and to become one of them.

I am so grateful for the support of the San Fernando Valley JACL, community center, and many members. I was fortunate to benefit from the nurturing environment that formed a foundation for me to have an exciting and enriching experience at college.

Madison Villanueva, UC Santa Barbara: Since receiving the scholarship last May, I've been incredibly busy taking care of my mom and continuing my involvement with the community. Over the summer, I helped coordinate the Undocumented API Youth Summit as part of the 13th Biennial Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) Convention. About 40 undocumented API youth from around the country attended, and since convening, we have been developing the National UndocuAPI Collective. In September, I returned to UCSB where I am involved with UCSB IDEAS, the undocumented student organization on campus. This quarter, we were tasked with responding to the presence of Customs and Border Protection in our Career Fair. I led efforts in planning the action, and we are now in the process of working with administration to make the campus a safer place for undocumented students. The scholarship I received from SFV JACL has financially sustained me as I do this work that I love for my community.

DR. SANBO AND MRS. KAY SAKAGUCHI

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP 2016

DESCRIPTION:

The Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship supports outstanding graduating high school seniors with interests in social justice and civil rights. The award is administered by the San Fernando Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must hold student membership in the San Fernando Valley chapter of the JACL. Students are welcome to apply for membership with their scholarship application. To apply for student membership (\$25), please see <https://jacl.org/member/join-or-renew-youthstudent-membership> for more details and remember to select "San Fernando Valley."
2. Minimum SAT score of 1700.
3. Minimum GPA of 3.2.
4. Service to one's school, local, and Japanese American and/or Asian American communities.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

1. One copy of the application (see pages 2-4).
2. One copy of an official transcript. The transcript must be sealed and include fall semester grades.
3. One copy of official verification of SAT and/or ACT scores from the College Board or ACT Administration *if* scores are not reported on transcripts.
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, school administrator, employer or community leader. The letter must be submitted with this application.
5. One photograph for possible use in scholarship program and other materials.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Sections A and B: Fill out the required information on the application, please print clearly.
2. Sections C through G should be typed out separately. Documents for these sections should be double spaced, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, and have 1-inch margins. To ensure the best consideration, make sure to copy-edit and proofread all documents.
3. Do **not** include this cover page in your application.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION - Please print clearly.

Name (Last, First, MI) _____

Email Address _____ Phone No. _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____ Cell No. _____

JACL Membership Number: _____

Check here if from a single parent household: ☐ Is that parent your sole financial support? Yes No

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Please list all colleges/universities you have applied to for this fall, indicate the current status from the institution (accepted, denied or pending), and list your intended major (if undecided, list "undecided"). Place an asterisk next to the institution you have decided to attend, if you have made your decision.

Institution(s) applied for FALL 2016

Status from Institution

Intended Major

Overall GPA (unweighted, based on 4.0 scale)

Academic GPA (unweighted, based on 4.0 scale)

SAT I score (verification required)

SAT II score (verification required)

ACT score (verification required)

Please list your high school attended (if more than one, beginning with most current).

Institution Name

Dates Attended

GPA

C. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In a 2-3 page essay, discuss what you see as the most pressing civil rights/social justice issue for Asian Americans today. What efforts could be done to address that issue and create a more equitable society?

D. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List all relevant service to your local community and the larger Asian American community. Indicate years of participation, positions held, and awards received.

E. SCHOLASTIC HONORS

List all academic awards, prizes, or scholarships earned during high school.

F. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all campus activities, indicating the year of the activity, leadership positions held and non-academic awards received. You may include information on project based or group learning. Please include awards for attendance, fundraising for school, and other non-academic achievements.

G. WORK HISTORY

List dates and job titles of all work experience, if any.

APPLICATION PROCESSING

1. Please submit one copy of your completed application, including all supporting documents and official transcripts.
2. Notification of receipt will be via email after applications are received.
3. Completed applications must be sent to:

Jean-Paul deGuzman
7336 Beck Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91605
Attn: Sakaguchi Scholarship

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 27, 2015 FOR CONSIDERATION

AWARDS LOGISTICS

Awardees will receive their scholarships alongside the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center's scholarship recipients. Awardees must be present to receive their scholarship on:

May 14, 2015 at the SFVJACC Picnic at Orcas Park at 1:00 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please note that the Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship is administered separately from the San Fernando Valley JACC scholarships. Applicants should direct all inquiries to:

Jean-Paul deGuzman
SFVJACL Scholarship Chair
jacl.sfv@gmail.com

Scholarship Committee: TBA

To learn more about the San Fernando Valley JACL, please go to: <http://sfvjacl.weebly.com/>

AGREEMENT

I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and information requested for the Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may revoke any rights to an award. I also understand that if I am selected for an award, verification of enrollment is required before any monies can be disbursed. If for any reason I do not matriculate at a post-secondary school, I will forfeit any rights to an award.

Signature of Applicant

Date

DR. SANBO AND MRS. KAY SAKAGUCHI

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2016

DESCRIPTION:

The Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship supports outstanding undergraduates with interests in social justice and civil rights. The award is administered by the San Fernando Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

5. Applicants must hold student membership in the San Fernando Valley chapter of the JACL. Students are welcome to apply for membership with their scholarship application. To apply for student membership (\$25), please see <https://jacl.org/member/join-or-renew-youthstudent-membership> for more details and remember to select "San Fernando Valley."
6. Minimum GPA of 3.2.
7. Service to one's school, local, and Japanese American and/or Asian American communities.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

6. One copy of the application (see pages 2-4).
7. One copy of an official transcript from your university registrar's office
8. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member, employer, or community organizer/leader. The letter must be submitted with this application.
9. One writing sample (max. 10 pages).
10. One photograph for possible use in scholarship program and other materials.

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JACL Membership Number: _____

Check here if from a single parent household: ☐ Is that parent your sole financial support? Yes No

C. ACADEMIC HISTORY

Please list all colleges and universities you have attended and provide the following information:

Institution

Major/Minor (if applicable)

Anticipated Graduation Date

Overall GPA: _____

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F. CAMPUS ACTIVISM

List all campus activities, indicating the year of the activity, leadership positions held and non-academic awards received.

G. WRITING SAMPLE

Your writing sample maybe an essay written for an Asian American Studies, Ethnic Studies, American Studies, Women's/Gender Studies or related course. It should be no more than 10 pages and showcases both your writing abilities as well as your critical understanding of topics such as race, gender, class, sexuality, or dis/ability.

APPLICATION PROCESSING

4. Please submit one copy of your completed application, including all supporting documents and official transcripts.
5. Notification of receipt will be via email after applications are received.
6. Completed applications must be sent to:

Jean-Paul deGuzman
7336 Beck Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91605
Attn: Sakaguchi Scholarship

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 27, 2016 FOR CONSIDERATION

AWARDS LOGISTICS

Awardees will receive their scholarships alongside the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center's scholarship recipients. Awardees must be present to receive their scholarship on:

May 14, 2015 at the SFVJACC Picnic at Orcas Park at 1:00 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please note that the Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship is administered separately from the San Fernando Valley JACC scholarships. Applicants should direct all inquiries to:

Jean-Paul deGuzman
SFVJACL Scholarship Chair
jacl.sfv@gmail.com

Scholarship Committee: TBA

To learn more about the San Fernando Valley JACL, please go to: <http://sfvjacl.weebly.com/>

AGREEMENT

I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and information requested for the Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may revoke any rights to an award. I also understand that if I am selected for an award, verification of enrollment is required before any monies can be disbursed. If for any reason I do not matriculate at a post-secondary school, I will forfeit any rights to an award.

Signature of Applicant

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

Youth/Student - \$25

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

Thousand Club - \$200

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

Century Club - \$350

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Millennium Club - \$1000

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

Life Membership Categories

Thousand Club Life \$3000

Members pay a lump sum to establish a lifetime membership

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🍏 New Member

🍏 Renewing Membership

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🍏 Regular/Individual - \$67.00

🍏 Thousand Club - \$200.00

🍏 Century Club - \$350.00

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