

## Midterm Voting

Voting is an important duty of every citizen of the United States of America. For Asians, it was especially significant as our immigrant grandparents were not eligible to become naturalized citizens until 1953. And therefore, could not secure the voting franchise until after they were sworn in as U.S. citizens.

Midterm voting, when Presidential elections are not on the ballot, usually has a low voter turnout, as many people seem to feel the issues are not as important. However, precisely because fewer people are voting, the more important your vote is in determining the results of critical races.

With absentee ballots and early voting, voting is easier than ever. Of course, it is helpful that sample ballots are mailed out in advance. In addition, unlike many other states, California organizations as well as candidates mail slate recommendations, so if you are unsure about the numerous candidates up for each office, you can look up organizations whose policies are in line with your Political thinking and see which candidates they are supporting. That way you can at least, narrow down the field to one or two choices. It is impossible to know all the candidates unless you research them individually or hear them debate.

Please take time to vote in this important midterm, primary election and more importantly next November, for Congressional and Senate offices.

There are numerous ballot measures to consider such as the online gambling measure. The measure will provide access to out of state enterprises to the lucrative California market, currently confined to local and Native American organizations, thereby keeping gambling winnings in the state, supporting other California residents and businesses.

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(details in next issue)



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## **“HAPPY, HEALTH, AND HERITAGE @HOME Ventura County JACL and KEIRO**



On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Lily Welty Tamai, Ventura JACL, President, greeted all attendees on a beautiful day at the Thousand Oaks Library. We were warmly welcomed and received our name tags and a raffle ticket, and we were served a complimentary “makunochi” bento if we were seniors.

While enjoying lunch with old and new friends, we were entertained by Rayko, a professional singer, who sang “Tsugaru Kaikyo Fuyugeshiki” and “I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston. Each table was asked to answer Trivia questions about Ventura and its history. The winning table had the most older Ventura residents.

We even have a special boxing demonstration by Mrs. Baclaski and Mr. Chun. Janet Tanaka, a Chapter member, who stands on a a step stool to speak at the podium, explained the use of the straight jab, and uppercut and shared the physical, emotional, and psychological benefits of using your fists properly.

Keiro representative, Makoto Kotani, spoke about their services and Grant Program which helped support this event. Free raffle tickets were given to each attendees, and I bought extra tickets to support their Chapter. To my embarrassment, my ticket numbers kept coming up. I won 2 tickets to the Reagan Library, Super Bowl LVI cap and bag, two handmade pot holders, Apple scented candle, and a few other prizes. Now, I have things to give to my grandkids. We all had wonderful time, and I look forward to next year’s event.



*By Kiyoko Fukumoto*



## Rising Stars 18

My name is **Troy Kadonaga**, and I recently had the privilege of participating in the Rising Stars Youth Leadership program. A few months ago, myself and four fellow Rising Stars 18 students, **Lucas Chow, Kyle Minami, Peyton Motoyasu, and Cailin Murphy**, were invited to an SFVJACL zoom meeting to give a presentation on behalf of the Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program.



Rising Stars is an exceptional program that teaches high school students valuable life skills and exposes them to their rich heritage as Japanese Americans. Over a six-month period, the Rising Stars 18 students have had the incredible opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn more about our Japanese ancestry. At the end of this program, we used the skills we learned to organize a successful golf tournament as our culminating fundraiser to raise money for the future generations of Rising Stars students.

I truly believe that the experiences that we have gotten out of this program will help us tremendously in our future endeavors. The time, energy, and effort that everyone put into making this year's Rising Stars class such a huge success certainly paid off.

This year's class of Rising Stars students was extremely fortunate to be supported by the generous donations and sponsorships provided by SFVJACL, and we would **like to thank SFVJACL** for once again donating to the Rising Stars organization. The Rising Stars 18 students are extremely grateful for everyone who supported our journey through the program and contributed to the cause of making us better leaders and more knowledgeable Japanese American people.

One of the program's workshops that particularly stood out in helping us achieve this cause was the Japanese American Heritage workshop. What made it so impactful and memorable was not just the fun field trip to the Go For Broke National Education Center, but also the fact that what we learned felt personal to each and every one of us.

During this workshop, we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Mitchell Maki who was kind enough to give a presentation to the Rising Stars 18 students about the Go For Broke project which he is extremely passionate about. Dr. Maki is the President and CEO of the Go For Broke National Education Center, and he is the lead author of the award-winning book *Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Obtained Redress*. His inspiring and educational presentation about the challenges the Japanese Americans faced during World War II taught us so much about our heritage and made us feel more connected to our ancestry. He showed us that the position we are in today should not be taken for granted, and that what our ancestors fought for should be protected. Dr. Maki's charisma, knowledge, and engaging storytelling made each of us embrace our Japanese ancestry and think about what it truly means to be Japanese American.

Every anecdote and question that Maki asked us to consider immersed us further and further into our Japanese American past and gave us an even greater sense of what our ancestors went through.

## Rising Stars 18

In addition to this being my favorite workshop, I also think this workshop was one of the most important and beneficial of the entire program. It allowed us to realize how fortunate we are to be in the position we are in today as Japanese Americans, and it showed us the importance of standing

up for what is right, especially now that we are aware of the bravery and sacrifice of our Japanese American ancestors. In this way the values of Rising Stars and JACL are very similar, and the Rising Stars 18 students are now aware of our duties as Japanese Americans to fight for what is right. We are certainly much more prepared to take on these responsibilities and ensure the Japanese American legacy lives on.

On behalf of the Rising Stars 18 students, I would like to once again express our gratitude to SFVJACL for making generous contributions to our program and supporting us as we make our journey into our futures as leaders and proud Japanese Americans.

### A VISIT FROM LAURIE

We were pleased that our daughter, Laurie, flew down from San Francisco to visit for a few days. Laurie is a year older than her sister, Julie, who lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We had a good time reminiscing about the two of them growing up in the house we have lived in for over 50 years.

In recent years, it has become obvious our roles have changed. I turned 87 this year. I do our own gardening and, of course, using a ladder for yard work is strictly out of the question. And, another matter: The other night she heard me walking in the hallway shuffling my feet. Laurie told me to pick up my feet, because shuffling would cause me to fall and injure myself.

In all of this I have mixed feelings. On the one hand, I can understand and appreciate Laurie's hovering is because she truly loves both of us, and yet — the other day I used a term from my very limited Japanese vocabulary and whispered to Marion, "*yakamashii*," which, loosely translated, means Laurie is getting too "nosy" and bossy.

A few years ago, Iku Kiriya, whose late husband, George, served on the L.A. Board of Education, gave a workshop at which she discussed matters we seniors need to consider before dying. These matters she placed into what she termed "Iku's Box." In the box was a list of matters such as: Wills, funeral arrangements, insurance, etc.

I give Iku a lot of credit for performing a very essential service. We can all agree these are matters that need to be taken care of before we die and yet we see how hard it is to do. A big motivator can be that in doing what needs to be done now, we make the job easier for the loved ones we leave behind.

So, Laurie, you can be *yakamashii* and we understand. Perhaps we can realize what is behind your caring for us in this way and it can be a motivator for us to do the right things for you now.

*By Phil Shigekuni from his 06/10/2021 column in The Rafu Shimpō*





## LUNCH BY THE LAKE

It was a perfect day for our first unmasked gathering of the year. We met for lunch at the picturesque **Boccaccio's Restaurant** in Westlake Village on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Luckily, the weather cooperated and we were all able to sit together at a circular table on the back patio overlooking Westlake Lake.

Enjoying the scenery and tasty Italian cuisine were **Nancy Takayama, May Wood, Phil and Marion Shigekuni, Geri Shiraki, Nancy Gohata, Mitzi Kushida, Marcia Mahony, Kiyo Fukumoto, Linda Tanaka**, and Ventura County's Board member **Anne Chilcott**. At the end of our luncheon, Mitzi shared her homegrown lemons and tangerines and cookies from her recent Hawaiian vacation.

Closing out our lunch was a very special surprise from Kiyo. He presented each of us with a one-of-a-kind, handmade ceramic piece. As we discovered, one of Kiyo's many talents is making ceramic pottery in his spare time. We were all the fortunate recipients of his creativity and generosity.

Thank you to all that attended for your company and conversation. Deep appreciation to Mitzi and Kiyo for sharing. And a special thank you to Linda T. and Nancy T. for coordinating this event.

*By Marcia Mahony*



## STONEHAUS LUNCHEON

On a lovely April spring day, **Phil, Marion, Marcia, Kiyo, Nancy G., Nancy T, Linda, and Barbara** enjoyed delicious lunches and a fun time at the Stonehaus Restaurant in Westlake Village. Turkey sandwiches on ciabatta, chicken Caesar salad, and a very tall cheeseburger were only some of the yummy items on our lunch table.



pottery piece. (She chose the one I wanted!) But they were all beautiful, and each of us happily took home one of Kiyo's pieces.

You missed a good time—come join us the next time we go to lunch!

(Answers to the game will be in our next newsletter.)

*by Barbara Okita*

After lunch, Kiyo brought out the lovely pottery pieces he made. To prevent us from fighting over our favorite pieces, we played a fun "Who is it?" game thought up by Linda. How well do you know your board members? "Who always drives in the slow lane for caution?" "Who can play three musical instruments?" "Who of our board members is super helpful with medical knowledge?" "Who lived in Hawaii for more than ten years?" (Not born there.) "Who started entertaining at the age of 10?" "Who was on the TV show *Password*?"

The winner of the game was Nancy T. with 5 out of 10 correct. As her reward she got first pick of her favorite

## ***SAVE THE DATE***

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Please join us for another  
Fun Lunch with Friends!!

(Restaurant TBD)

Contact: Linda Tanaka - [kitai@hotmail.com](mailto:kitai@hotmail.com) /  
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## Little Tokyo “Sparkles”

The Little Tokyo *SPARKLE* for 2022 was held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Noguchi Plaza in the Japanese American Community Center.

Over 300 volunteers came out to clean up our Town. With brooms, scrapers, shovels, rakes, and other cleaning tools, the people from our community joined service groups and other Japanese American support organizations.

I saw older seniors from the Pioneers Center, college students from Nikkei Student Unions, friends from the Little Tokyo Historical Society, LA Tanabata Festival, NCRR, Nisei Week Committee members, and many other volunteer groups. . We also had *many* families who helped make our “*Machi*” a more excellent place to visit and to enjoy.

After working hours in the hot sun, all the volunteers were treated to a big lunch which included hot dog with chili, salad, three kinds of *musubi*, *yakisoba*, and four different desserts and drinks. The volunteers were able to enjoy the *bento* and visit new and old friends. The smiles and laughter among all the participants indicated their pride in their effort to help Little Tokyo shine brighter.

The businesses, shops, stores, and restaurants donated gifts for a raffle where most participants were winners. My granddaughter won a \$50 gift certificate from *Mokuyobi*, a *specialty children’s store*. The price tag on a colorful backpack was \$125. Hailey found a lovely dress top for \$48. Connor, my grandson, won a special hair cream set to help with his unruly hair. It was a bright day filled with cheers and smiles, with everyone feeling good about their participatory efforts.

by Kiyo Fukumoto



Hailey and Connor Fukumoto

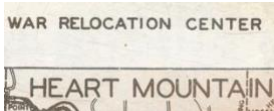
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### The Legacy of Heart Mountain- Dachau Liberation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkp7l83MG48>

### 2022 Manzanar at Dusk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5hC76j2BKU&t=26s>



### Norman Y Mineta Celebration of Life – Scheduled for June 25, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyZYDcA8mYA>



# "Chanpon"

The name for this column will be "**Chanpon**". According to the Kenkyusha Japanese English dictionary means "together". Please submit your thoughts, articles, photos with narrative and receipts to Patty Takayama at: [pe.high.mtn@gmail.com](mailto:pe.high.mtn@gmail.com)

## Do you remember the Fishman?

During the resettlement period, after WWII when the milkman delivered as did the Helm Bakery truck, Good Humor or ice cream truck, in the Japanese community the Fishman made stops in neighborhoods where clusters of Japanese families lived. In his van full of specialty items such as bags of rice, sashimi, tofu, kamaboko, shoga, takuan, sembei, tsukemono, and miso, items otherwise only found in Little Tokyo where Japanese markets were opened. More recently, where a Fishman still visits Asian residential facilities, their specialty items include Pocky, tempura batter and pre-order New Year's "Osechi" ryori specialty foods.



By:  
Patricia Takayama

## The word for this month is "Omiyage."

The Japanese dictionary defines "*miyage*" as a gift or a souvenir. However, the "O" indicates respect and signifies the giver is honoring the person for inviting the giver into the receiver's family home.



Remember, next time you are invited inside someone's home, they are welcoming you into their private and personal life. The gift you bring says,

**"I am truly honored."**

Join us on a guided tour  
to the

## Nethercutt Museum



**Saturday, August 27, 2022**

We invite you to experience the heart of our collection  
over 250 American and European perfectly restored automobiles,  
along with a vast array of rare mechanical musical instruments and precious antique furniture.

Details & Reservations to follow in next issue.



## In Memoriam

### Norm Mineta

Our chapter joins with everyone in our community, nation-wide, to mourn the passing of Norm Mineta.

Long before redress became an issue, Norm Mineta was a Japanese American icon. In the mid- 70's Norm served as our Installation Banquet speaker held at Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. And has been reported, he was crucial to the passing of the redress bill in 1988. What a wonderful example of integrity and courage he exemplifies for future generations.



### Ralph Ahn

Our community was saddened by the loss of Ralph Ahn at age 95. Ralph served many years as a fitness instructor at the community center. Many years ago Ralph's family operated Moongate Restaurant in Panorama City.

A memorial service, attended by many from our community center, was held in April at a church in Koreatown. A number of government officials spoke at the event, and a video of Ralph was shown. In the video Ralph mentioned his close ties with the community center. Many of the presenters mentioned Ralph's genial personality and friendliness. Ralph will be sorely missed.

### Aiko Ogata King

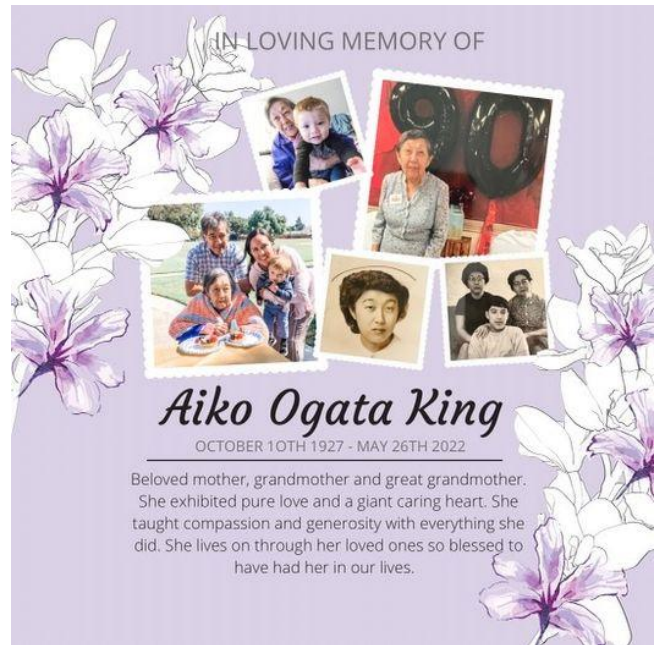
We mourn the loss of Stamp Our Story Founder, Aiko Ogata King. She passed away this week on Thursday, May 26th, at the age of 94, with her family close by.

Aiko was born on October 10, 1927, in Turlock, California. She grew up in the Central Valley Japanese American farming community where she would meet Fusa Takahashi, and become lifelong friends. As young teenagers, the two would later be removed from their hometowns with their families and both forced into the Amache, Colorado incarceration camp during World War II. Following the war, she served as a US Army civilian nurse during the Korean War era in Japan.

Aiko developed an interest in collecting postage stamps, as well as a knack for being a "go-getter" and avid community activist in her Ventura County JACL. She and her childhood friend Fusa viewed a Nisei

World War II Soldiers exhibition together at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles in 2005, and became inspired to do more to commemorate the Nisei who served. The two friends thought of getting a US commemorative stamp made to honor the Nisei Soldiers, and embarked on a 15-year journey that resulted in the US Postal Service issuing the "Go For Broke Japanese American Soldiers of World War II" Forever postage stamp in June of 2021.

"Aiko's energy, compassion, and positivity throughout her life will always be remembered by those she knew, and we now grieve her loss alongside her family," said Wayne Osako, Stamp Our Story Committee Co-Chair. "Aiko's kind and generous heart led her into a life of service, from nursing, to her work in the JACL, and with our campaign. By: Stamp Our Story / Facebook





**53<sup>rd</sup> MANZANAR ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) PILGRIMAGE**  
**LESSONS LEARNED**  
**April 30, 2022**

The Manzanar Virtual Pilgrimage opened with the resounding beats of KYODO TAIKO from UCLA with a video from that pivotal event of **Executive Order 9066** running in the background. Each beat was an echo of the heartbeats of 120,000 people of Japanese Americans, German and Italian emigrants from the United States, and South America. Hearts beating, hearts breaking from families and friends, we engaged immediately in the work that remains before us on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EO 9066.



Bruce **Embrey**, son of the one of the founding members of the Manzanar Pilgrimage, Sue Kunitomi Embrey; outlined the framework for continuing our fight for justice, our stand for solidarity, compassion, and friendship in his opening message.

It was fitting that the **53<sup>rd</sup> Manzanar Pilgrimage** was dedicated in Memoriam to Harry Williams, an environmental activist from the **Paiute Tribe** of Inyo County and **Gann Matsuda**, a member of the Manzanar Committee from northern California who drove from Oakland, across the Eastern Sierras to Lone Pine attend his first Pilgrimage. Gann became a tireless supporter before his death as evidenced by the many photos taken by Gann and displayed on the Manzanar Committee website. Distinguished speakers from all walks of life paraphrased the Santayana phrase: REMEMBER or we will be condemned to repeat it.

**Kathy Jefferson Bancroft**, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribes urged us to pay attention and learn from the past.

**Patrick Taylor**, acting Superintendent of the Manzanar Historic Site congratulated us on the continuation of the Manzanar Pilgrimage to carry forth the traditions and history to others. He also shared several planned projects such as recreation of the Children's Home and the administrative buildings built by the inmates of Manzanar.

A cheery Aloha from **Mazie Hirono** was followed by a pointed exhortation to never forget. She called for all to stand up for justice, dignity, and respect despite the long-standing prejudice and xenophobia that has increased with fear mongers putting the blame for the pandemic on all Asians.

More lessons learned as the silent generation; the model minorities became compassionate warriors.

In **Bonbu Stories** we learned the poetry of reviving painful memories, and traumatic experiences that our obachans, ojichans and parents endured yet continued the Japanese American experience as an **Act of Resistance**. They grappled with language, descriptive and profane at the moment we were the 'others' so that there would no longer be others- the marginalized groups without a voice.

The multi-cultural group, **Los Manzaneros** with front man, **Ruben Funkhuatl Guevara** sang of the fear and beauty of the land, of people keeping their dignity while taken away, imprisoned without due process in the land of the free.

UCLA student, **Charlene Tonai Din** spoke about her grandfather, Gengoro Tonai returning home a lesser person than he was. She will continue the fight for justice for him and all others to counter the shame and trauma, to show that LOVE is still here. Charlene exhorted us to take action by being aware of your gut level reactions. We 'stand on the shoulders of giants', our brave and courageous Issei, and Nisei ancestors.

*Submitted by May Wood*

## 2022 Calendar

**Weekly – Thursdays, 10-11:15 AM** – Line Dancing / Sakaguchi Hall, Pioneer Building  
**Weekly, Fridays, 11:30 AM** – SFV JACC Lunch – Sakaguchi Hall, Pioneer Building - \$6  
**June** – SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon  
**August** – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> - Field trip: Nethercutt Museum (Estee Lauder's Museum)  
**September** – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> – Dan Taguchi's Big Band Music  
**October** – SFV CC Clean-up / **December** – Holiday Party

## Words of Appreciation

**Sharon Teramura**, a long-time supporter of SFV JACL has donated \$150.00 to our JACL Chapter. We deeply appreciate her support of the JACL mission to fight for CIVIL RIGHTS and JUSTICE; to promote and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American Community as well as to secure and safeguard the human rights of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and all communities who are affected by injustice and bigotry.

*Submitted by Mitzi Kushida and Nancy Gohata*

## Welcoming New Members to Our Chapter!

The San Fernando Valley JACL welcomes **Rebecca Yonemura, Miki Chang, Yuan Hoa, Elissa Farquhar, Jensen Emi, and Kishi Sugahara Strahl** as new members to our Chapter.

We invite them to join us at our Board Meetings on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. Don't hesitate to get in touch with us for the virtual meetings. We want to meet you and hear your concerns and ideas.

Please help us encourage our youth to join us, and we will pay for their membership dues. If they are interested, please have them submit a Chapter Scholarship application. To further support the JACL, members may wish to join the *Thousand Club* for \$200 further to support the National programs and our Chapter programs.

We hope you are getting our "Newsletter" so you can follow what we are doing to help our community, civil rights, and equal rights for all.

Contact Membership Chair, Kiyo Fukumoto for additional information at:

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## FBI Senior Fraud Awareness

**Senior Fraud Awareness** is an effort to help older Americans and their families identify and avoid scams & schemes that target the elderly. As part of this effort, the FBI has produced a public service announcement featuring former FBI Director William Webster, now 98-years-old, as he tells of his encounter with a potential fraudster. We ask that you share this information in your community with those who may be vulnerable or who may be a caregiver of someone who is. The video and more information can be found here.

<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/former-fbi-director-airs-warning-about-elder-fraud>

### ***How significant is the problem of Elder Abuse?***

Each year, millions of elderly Americans fall victim to some type of financial fraud or confidence scheme, including romance, lottery, and sweepstakes scams, to name a few. Criminals will gain their targets' trust and may communicate with them directly via computer, phone, mail; or indirectly through the TV and radio. Once successful, scammers are likely to keep a scheme going because of the prospect of significant financial gain.

Seniors are often targeted because they tend to be trusting and polite. They also usually have financial savings, own a home, and have good credit—all of which make them attractive to scammers.

Additionally, seniors may be less inclined to report fraud because they don't know how, or they may be too ashamed at having been scammed. They might also be concerned that their relatives will lose confidence in their abilities to manage their own financial affairs. When an elderly victim does report a crime, they may be unable to supply detailed information to investigators.

With the elderly population growing and seniors racking up more than \$3 billion in losses annually, elder fraud is likely to be a growing problem.

### ***What to do if you or someone you know is a victim of Elder Fraud***

If you believe you or someone you know may have been a victim of elder fraud, contact your local FBI field office: <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us> and request to speak to a Duty Agent **or** submit a tip: <https://www.fbi.gov/tips> online. You can also file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, or IC3: <https://www.ic3.gov>

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# San Fernando Valley Japanese American Citizens League



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### Membership Categories

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Regular sustaining members of the organization

#### **Couple/Family - \$110**

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

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#### **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**

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

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#### **Thousand Club Life - \$3000**

Members who pay a lump sum to establish a lifetime membership

#### **Century Club Life - \$5000**

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The 2016 JACL National Council approved a resolution and budget amendment assessing a \$17 surcharge on memberships receiving the print edition of the Pacific Citizens beginning January 1, 2017. Digital subscriptions do not incur additional fees.

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