

# Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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## Coming Events

- Oct 8, 22      **Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group** at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. This group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. For information contact Terry Yamashita (510) 237-1131 or Kayo Fisher (707) 372-5843.
- Oct 16      **Alzheimer's Disease in JA Community**; 12:30 PM at Buena Vista Church, Alameda; contact JASEB for information (510) 848-3560
- Oct 31      **Nikkei Singles Scholarship** deadline, contact Bill Sakai, 316 Creekside Drive, Palo alto, Ca. 94306 or by calling (650) 493-2406.
- Nov 13      **The Most Unlikely Hero-** film by Steve Okino, see article inside
- Nov 15      **Advanced Health Directive**; Contra Costa JACL program, see article
- Nov 15      **Deadline for the PC Holiday Ads-** see article inside
- Dec 3      **NSU Cultural Night-** see article inside

**Making Noise** is a monthly means to exercise your right to express your views, humor, concerns, or anything else of interest. We will be happy to print it in our Newsletter. Please write to the JACL Berkeley Chapter newsletter, c/o Berkeley JACL, P.O Box 7609, Berkeley, CA 94707-0609, or e-mail Berkeley JACL at [Berkeley@JACL.ORG](mailto:Berkeley@JACL.ORG). **MAKE SOME NOISE!!!**

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## 2005 Holiday Ads – Please Support Berkeley JACL and the Pacific Citizen

*By Valerie Yasukochi*

It's that time of the year and the Berkeley JACL is once again preparing for our most important fundraising effort -- holiday greetings in the Pacific Citizen! We hope you will support us by placing a "Season's Greeting" or advertisement in this year's Holiday Issue.

By participating, you directly sustain the Berkeley JACL chapter as well as the continuous operations of the Pacific Citizen. You'll also be promoting holiday spirit by sending greetings to friends and family across the country and around the world. Your tax-deductible support helps ensure we carry on our work in the area of civil rights and hate crimes, provide Berkeley chapter grants and scholarship awards, help with activities for our seniors, sponsor community youth involvement in the Nikkei community, print our wonderful newsletter and other worthy local projects and events. Over the past half century, the Berkeley JACL has reached many milestones. Please help us continue this valuable work.

Your ad exposure covers over 4,000 households in the greater Bay Area and over 25,000 households nationwide! For business owners, it's a great way to thank your loyal customers and friends who are frequent patrons of your establishment and advertise to those who could be potential customers and clients. The rate remains unchanged, a nominal \$20 per column inch. A 2 column x 2 inch (business card size) ad costs \$80.

Renewal ad forms will be sent to those who have placed ads with our chapter in the past. For new ads and greetings, please complete the Insertion Order Form with the text or formatted greeting for your ad and send it to us at P.O. Box 7609, Berkeley, CA 94707 with your check payable to "Berkeley JACL". **The ad deadline is November 15.** We deeply appreciate your generous support. Should you have any questions or want to place a new ad, please contact us at

[Berkeley@JACL.org](mailto:Berkeley@JACL.org), or call one of our holiday ad coordinators:

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**Al Satake: 510-528-1904 (W)**

**Emily Teruya: 510-530-7127 (H)**

**Valerie Yasukochi: 510-387-8335 (Cell)**

### **Internet Possibilities for the JACL Youth**

*By John Kawamura*

Over the past ten years, the creation and evolution of electronic mail, via the Internet, has completely changed the world of communication. People can send messages, pictures, and information anywhere in the entire world with just a single click of a button. Personally, e-mail provides a way for me to communicate quickly and easily with friends, family and even teachers. I have also communicated with people in Spain, Italy, Japan and Russia. Simple put, e-mail has made the world a smaller place.

A few weeks ago, I noticed that we had only a few e-mail addresses for the over fifty-five youth members of the Berkeley JACL. Since then, I have been trying to compile the e-mail addresses of all Berkeley JACL youth members. By completing this e-mail address list, communication between the youth in our community will be easier, faster, more efficient. For youth, e-mail is a primary means of communication. For example, when our scholarship awardees move outside the Bay Area to attend college, the Berkeley JACL will be readily able to maintain important and productive lines of communication, and vice versa. Additionally, youth members can easily forward e-mail messages to friends and family, thus helping to facilitate the JACL's communication throughout the entire community. I would appreciate it if Berkeley JACL youth could send their e-mail addresses to [berkeley@jacl.org](mailto:berkeley@jacl.org).

The Berkeley JACL is well on its way to using this revolutionary medium of communication. Currently, there is a link on our web cite to a blog, where youth can post their thoughts and share ideas about current issues in the Japanese American community. The blog is located at: (<http://com1runboard.com/bjapaneseamericanyouthforum>)

Perhaps the entire JACL can use e-mail in creative ways to foster communication and membership as well. For example, an electronically sent newsletter saves postage, paper, and time. Moreover, newsletters could be easily sent from chapter to chapter all over the country. Just as the internet has made the world a smaller place, hopefully, we can use the internet to form a tighter and better-connected JACL community.

### **Cal's NSU Culture Night**

*By Doug Suda*

Mark your calendars everyone!! The third annual UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union Culture Night is just around the corner. This year we will be featuring a number of short plays covering contemporary issues such as the identity of today's Japanese Americans, historical issues such as eminent domain, and the importance of storytelling in our culture. We are also planning on having a taiko performance, obon, hip-hop routines (choreographed by Berkeley JACL 2004 Scholarship Recipient, Kim Nakamura), independent film by JA artists, and much more!

The event will be hosted this year on the UC Berkeley campus on Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm. We are very excited to host our third consecutive production, which will be entertaining and educational for students and community members alike! We hope you save this date, for it's sure to be a fun night.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Jocson, Culture Night Chair at [toshiroj@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:toshiroj@uclink.berkeley.edu)

### **Still Giving Back to Berkeley JACL Youth, One Cart at a Time**

*By Emily Teruya*

Our chapter just received another check from Albertsons! This quarter (April 1-July 31) we earned \$70.35. You know what that means we're getting closer to our \$500 goal for 2005.

We'd like to give a big thanks to all those who made it possible:

*Boaz Family, Jim Duff, Jean Fujikawa, Howard Fukuda, Hiraga-Stephens Family, Sumi Ichijui, Jitosh Family, Yuki Jitosh, Kaneko-Jones Family, Kawamura Family, Nancy Ku, Edgardo Malaga, Myra Malaga, Miyauchi Family, Neal Ouye, Roy Suzuki, Dacus Tei, Teruya Family, Kenji Togami, Thomas Wei, Hitoshi*

*Yamaguchi, Matsuko Yamaguchi, Valerie Yasukochi, Milo Yoshino, and those that remain anonymous!*


In order to reach our \$500 goal, we need your support. If you haven't already registered, please do. Ask your friends and family to register, too.

You can register online: Go to [www.albertsons.com/cp/](http://www.albertsons.com/cp/) and log in as a shopper and follow the directions. Or, if you'd like Emily ([eteruya@berkeley.edu](mailto:eteruya@berkeley.edu)) to sign you up and/or renew for you, please e-mail her with your Albertsons Preferred Card number and the telephone number you registered with.



As of 7/31/05

All money earned from this program directly benefits Berkeley JACL youth. It's helped us send youth members to the National JACL Student/Youth Conference in Utah this past June, for example.



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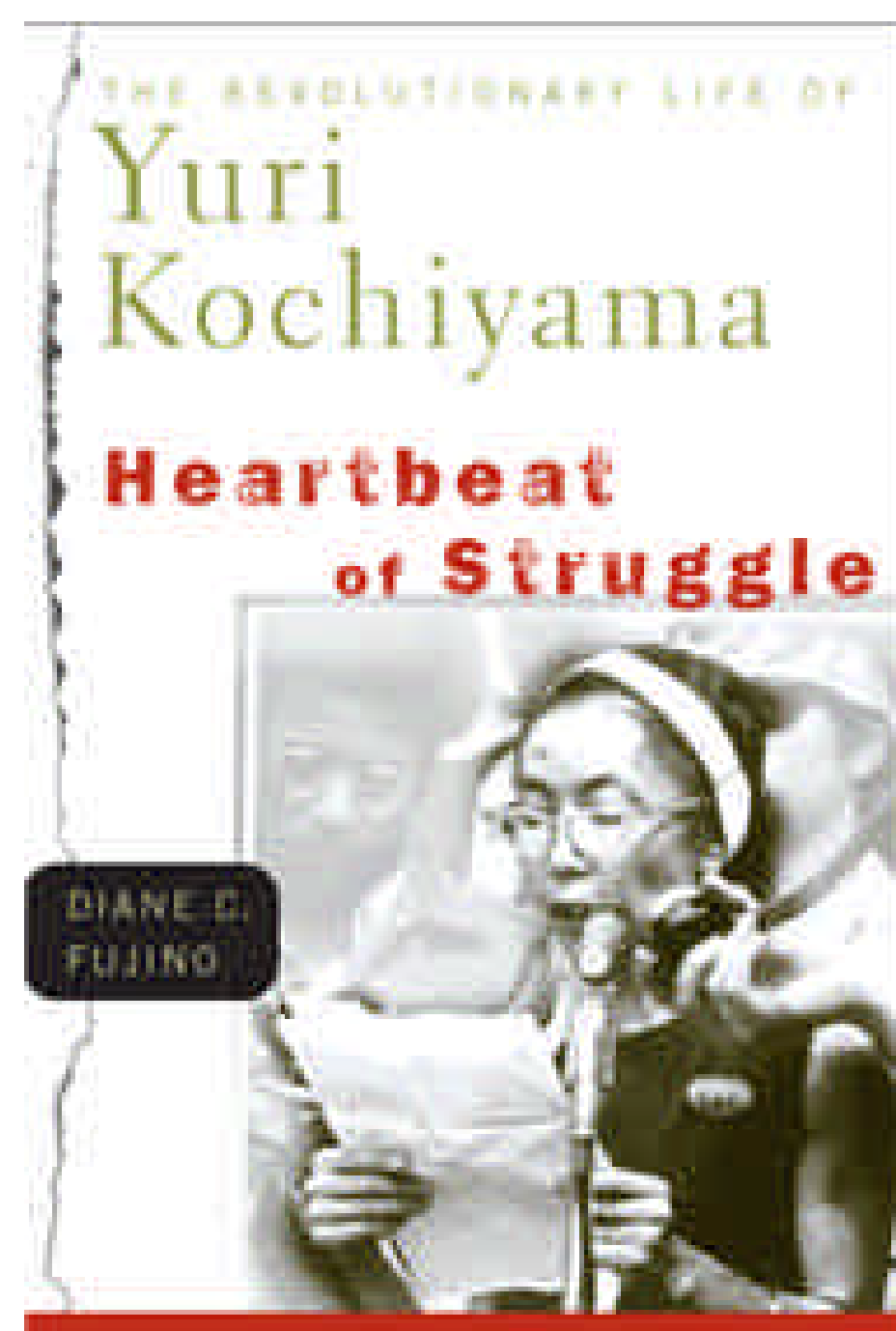
## **The Revolutionary Life of Yuri Kochiyama**

*By Alison Satake*

On September 10, 2005 nearly 100 people gathered at UC Berkeley campus to listen to activist Yuri Kochiyama and celebrate the recent release of her biography "Heartbeat of Struggle: The Revolutionary Life of Yuri Kochiyama" written by Professor Diane Fujino of UC Santa Barbara. Yuri Kochiyama, a Nisei in her eighties is perhaps most well known for her friendship with Malcolm X. However, she has been active in Japanese American redress, Puerto Rican Independence, and political prisoner social justice movements for over fifty years. Internment disrupted her color-blind view of the world. And, later raising her five children in Harlem, she became exposed to the lack of fair employment and education for her African American and Latino friends and neighbors.

Professor Fujino's biography is a close account of Kochiyama's life, which dispels the mythology that has grown around her. Through interviews with activist friends and family members, readers get an opportunity to see how one Japanese American woman's consciousness developed into a lifelong devotion to fighting injustice. "Heartbeat of Struggle" is available at our local Asian American bookstore, Eastwind Books of Berkeley (2066 University Avenue).

*"An injustice for one, is an injustice for all."  
- Yuri Kochiyama*



**Berkeley JACL Night at the A's**

*By Mark Fujikawa*

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, 54 Berkeley JACL members, their family and friends enjoyed a night of fun, food and fireworks at the A's-Mariners Game. The seats were great, only a few rows back from the playing field, the *bento* dinners from Edoko Restaurant (on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley) were delicious, and the fireworks after the game were thrilling. All this was for less than the face value of the ticket. The night was marred only by the loss of the game by the A's.

We'll have to try this again next year when the A's once again battle for the division title.

**Friends of Minidoka Fund Raising Campaign:  
Acquiring Land for the Minidoka Internment  
National Monument**

The Friends of Minidoka is launching a fund-raising campaign to purchase land that was previously part of the WWII Minidoka Relocation Center. Between 1943 and 1945, 13,000 people of Japanese ancestry (most of whom were born in the United States) were forcibly removed to a Hunt, Idaho incarceration camp. In 2001 the Minidoka Internment National Monument was created, which included 73 acres of the former camp. Currently, the Herrmann family owns the adjacent property to the acreage that the National Park Service oversees. Its historic properties are that the original fire station still stands and blocks 21 and 22 were located on this site. The Herrmann family would like to sell this land before the New Year.

The National Park Service is in the process of completing the General management plan for Minidoka's future. One of the options is to include this land. Indications from public meetings suggest that the inclusion of this land is what the public would like, final approval is months away and nothing is definite. The NPS cannot purchase the land or be involved in the purchase of the property unless it is a part of the General Management Plan.

Thus the Friends of Minidoka has decided to purchase, preserve and protect the land. The additional land would approximately double the size of the monument. The Conservation Fund, in Washington, DC, has agreed to help the Friends of Minidoka and has reached a formal option to acquire the Herrmann farm before the year's end. Our goal for fund-raising is to reach \$300,000 in commitments by October 30, to enable the Conservation Fund and the Friends of

Minidoka to purchase the property. With the help of community organizations, extended families, corporations and individuals, we are optimistic that this goal can be achieved.

We cannot miss the opportunity to purchase this land and protect the physical history it has to offer! Donations can be sent to Friends of Minidoka, PO Box 1085, Twin Falls, ID 83303. For more details contact Jim Azumano at [Azumano@aol.com](mailto:Azumano@aol.com). The Friends of Minidoka is a non-profit 503 C3 organization based in Twin Falls, ID. <http://www.minidoka.org/>

**The Most Unlikely Hero**

*By Bernie Lau*

We are pleased to welcome Steve Okino to Berkeley on Sunday, November 13 when he will be screening his film, "The Most Unlikely Hero". The film is a documentary about Capt. Bruce Yamashita, who endured racial and ethnic harassment while in the U.S. Marines Officer Candidate School. Although he excelled in the school, he, along with three other minority candidates, was not allowed to graduate. The film follows Capt. Yamashita in the course of his legal battle to fight his right to graduate and serve his country as a Marine officer.

Steve will be here in Berkeley to discuss the film. This is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in civil rights to meet with someone who has primary knowledge of the events that Capt. Yamashita struggled through.

This event is open to the public. Please come out to join us on Sunday, November 13, at 2 pm at 22 Warren Hall on the UC, Berkeley campus. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information about the event, please email Bernie Lau, [beonardo@cal.berkeley.edu](mailto:beonardo@cal.berkeley.edu).

**Advanced Health Directives**

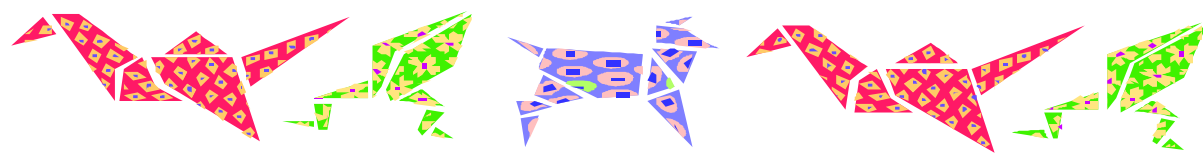
*By Bernie Lau*

The Contra Costa JACL Chapter is coordinating an Advance Health Care Directive Seminar/Workshop with the Contra Costa Senior Legal Services on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at the East Bay Methodist Church from 10:00 AM until Noon. There will be a potluck lunch afterwards. The church is at 5395 Potrero Avenue, El Cerrito, California 94530. There is no charge for the workshop.

People of all ages, especially seniors, need to understand and have an Advance Health Care Directive (AHCD). It is the best way to make sure that health care wishes are known and considered if for any reason you are unable to speak for yourself due to an accident or serious illness.

This is an opportunity to clarify your own choices and to make sure that they will be carried out should you become unable to make your own health care decisions.

Contra Costa Senior Legal Services staff will provide a presentation on Advance Health Care Directives and forms to fill out will be provided free of charge.



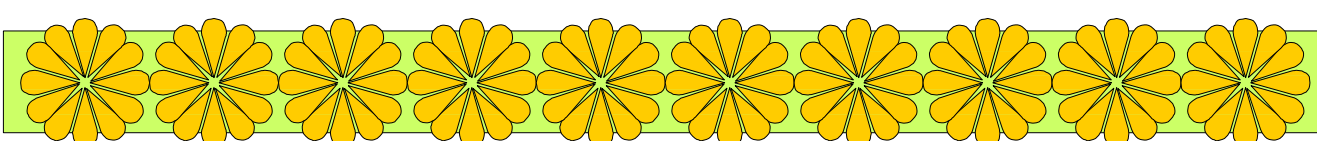
### **Berkeley Lion's Club at Solano Stroll**

The Berkeley Lion's Club hosted a pre-Solano Stroll all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Albany on September 11, 2005. Many enjoyed the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual breakfast, which raised money from local businesses and organizations. Proceeds benefited the Lions Sight Conservation Fund, West Coast Children's Center, among other charities.

Berkeley JACL made a generous donation to the event. In turn, the Berkeley Lion's Club provided tickets for Nikkei Seniors to attend the pancake breakfast.



*Berkeley JACL Vice President and Lions Club member Al Satake serving water.*



*Berkeley JACL Board Member and Lions Club President, Mark Fujikawa, ponders the meaning of pancakes.*

### **Changes at the North Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center**

After many years as the program coordinator at the North Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center, Tazuko White has stepped down. She is leaving the area for Florida to be closer to her family. As a coordinator, Tazuko provided seniors with arts and craft activities, blood pressure checks, exercise, excursions, lunches, and Japanese singing. This twice a month Saturday program is sponsored by the City of Berkeley. In addition, for many years Tazuko was the chef for the Monday JASEB nutrition program. We wish her well in her new adventures in Florida.

Kayo Fisher will be taking over as the new program coordinator at the North Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center. One of her talents is the art of origami. If you wish more information about the programs she plans, contact her at (707) 372-5843.



**Wanted: New Members**

Do you know anyone who cares about civil rights? Japanese culture? Networking? Then that person can benefit by becoming a JACL member. Our district, the Northern California Western Nevada District, has a new membership campaign: for every two new members we recruit to our chapter, the district will give a one-year complimentary membership. Our deadline is December 31, 2005.

Please keep in mind that Berkeley JACL has money tucked away specifically for new members. We can also give a one-year complimentary membership to someone who promises to renew in the future. If you know of anyone who can benefit by being a JACL member, please contact Emily Teruya, membership chair, at [membership@berkeleyjacl.org](mailto:membership@berkeleyjacl.org).

**Hurricane Relief Effort**

*By Bernie Lau*

As most of us are aware, the tragedies in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes of the Gulf Coast region have disproportionately affected people of color and people of lesser financial means and many have considered it a civil rights issue. Some of the forgotten faces in the wake of this tragedy belonged to those of Asian Americans residing in the area. The Organization of Chinese Americans and the National Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans are organizing a relief effort to provide culturally appropriate assistance to the Asian Americans of the area, including language services and job training. The Berkeley JACL encourages the membership to contribute to the relief effort if they are able to. We will be matching member donations, up to \$500 total, for those who wish to donate to the OCA/NCAPA. For more information, please contact Bernie Lau at [beonardo@cal.berkeley.edu](mailto:beonardo@cal.berkeley.edu) or (510) 520-7726.

**Help Support Berkeley Youth**

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**Please note:** Berkeley JACL does not receive money from Safeway purchases.

We can potentially receive **hundreds** of dollars from your participation alone! Please see attached flyer for more details. For more information, please contact Emily Teruya at [eteruya@berkeley.edu](mailto:eteruya@berkeley.edu)

**WRITE FOR THE PC's HOLIDAY ISSUE**

For this year's Holiday Issue the Pacific Citizen staff has chosen to do a special "P.C.'s Top Ten List." Think of the Late Show with David Letterman's famous "Top Ten List" but with an Asian Pacific American flair.

So whether you want to write about the Top Ten APA Politicians, the Top Ten APA Movies, or the Top Ten Places to Eat, any and all topics are welcome. Just keep it creative and interesting.

Now, keep in mind, it may be a list but we are still looking for articles so make sure to tell us all about your list: how you came up with the topic, how you chose your ten best, what made the list and what didn't and why.

The deadline for story submissions is Nov. 1, 2005, and the word count is about 750 words. If you go a bit over or a bit short that's okay too. And don't forget to send us lots of photos (JPEG files are the best) for your Top Ten List, and include a headshot of yourself if you have one too.

The easiest way to submit articles and photos to us is via e-mail at: [Paccit@aol.com](mailto:Paccit@aol.com). If you want to fax or snail mail your information, send it to: 7 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755, fax: 323/725-0064.

**Emily Teruya Appointed Chapter Historian**

Our own Vice President of Membership, Emily Teruya, has been appointed to be chapter historian. We haven't had one in over a decade, so she has a lot of work to do. She's currently working on putting together a binder of past newsletters, chapter minutes, agendas, and treasurer's reports. She is now looking for pictures from Berkeley JACL events... from any era!

When asked how she felt about her appointment, she chuckled and said, "I knew it was

coming. I wanted to create a photo album highlighting our events and activities so people can browse through it. As I started putting an album together, the board thought I should handle all other chapter documents. At the next board meeting, someone gave me a boxful of historic materials. It was only logical that I'd be chapter historian. And, you may not believe me, but it's fun looking at our chapter in retrospect."

Please help Emily. If you or anyone you know has any Berkeley JACL-related material, please send it to: **Berkeley JACL; ATTN: Historian; P.O. Box 7609; Berkeley, CA 94707-0609.** Note: If requested, photos and documents will be returned.

### *Berkeley JACL Newsletter Continues "Making Noise"*

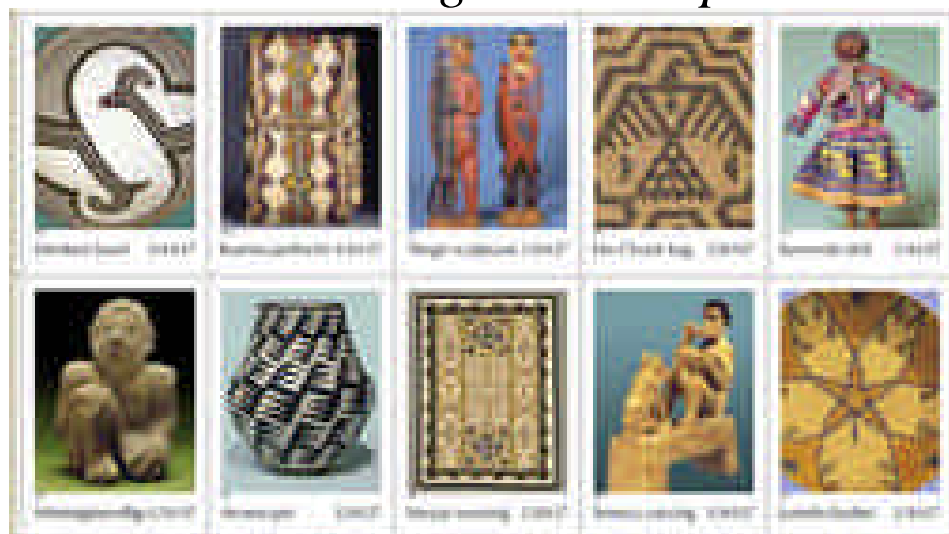
*By Emily Teruya*

Have you noticed the postage stamps on our chapter newsletters? We've been purchasing minority-based stamps to further the mission of JACL. After all, we are the nation's oldest and largest Asian-American civil rights organization with a focus to protect the rights of everyone. We also strive to promote cultural values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

We realize we need actively promote the cultures and heritages of other communities. As such, we've used Isamu Noguchi and American Indian stamps. In the future, we'll use other minority-based stamps. Note: I find it difficult to find Isamu Noguchi stamps at the post office. To order a book or two, go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).



*Isamu Noguchi Stamps*



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*Rio Grande Blanket Stamps*

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