

May- June 2007

Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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Coming Events

- Jun 23 **Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group** at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. For information contact Terry Yamashita (510) 237-1131 or Kayo Fisher (707) 372-5843.
- Jul 14, 28
- Aug 11,25
- Jun 29-Jul 1 **JACL Youth Conference**, at Santa Clara University, see article inside
- Jun 30 **Visions Award Dinner** , at Santa Clara University, see article inside (part of the JACL Youth Conference)
- Jul 16 **Bento and Baseball with the Berkeley JACL**; go A's; see article inside
- Aug 12 **Visit to the Hornet, honoring WWII and Korean War Veterans**, see articles inside

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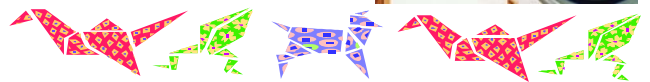
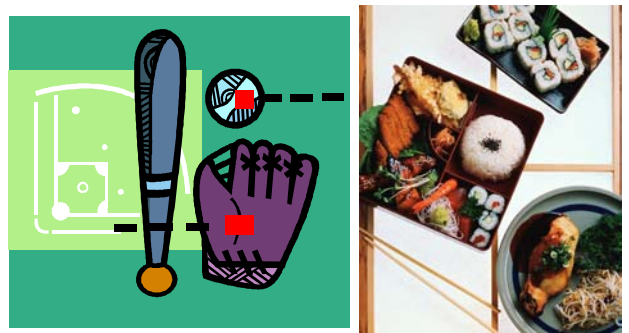
Bento and Baseball is Back!!!!!!

By Mark Fujikawa

Bento and baseball will be back for the third year in a row. The Berkeley JACL has reserved tickets for the Monday, July 16th A's vs Rangers game. For \$25 you will receive field level seats and a delicious *bento* dinner. Game time is 7 pm.

To reserve your seat, send \$25 for each ticket to Mark Fujikawa, 1402 Navellier Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530. For information call 510-232-0724. Tickets will be mailed to the address on the check (unless otherwise indicated) about one week prior to game time.

Deadline to request a ticket is Wednesday, June 27th. Call Mark Fujikawa at 510-232-0724 before it is too late.



JACL National Youth Conference

The JACL National Youth Conference will be held from June 29th to July 1st at the Santa Clara University in San Jose, CA. Registration forms can be found at

<http://www.jaclyouth.org/conferenceregistration.htm> .

The conference will include engaging workshops about leadership, Asian American Identity, political empowerment, and Japanese American culture; the vision awards banquet and dance; presentations by keynote speakers; a mentoring luncheon; and opportunities to establish lasting friendships and to

discuss issues that are pertinent to JACL youth members.

Every biennial, the Japanese American Citizens League's National Youth/Student Council hosts a National Youth Conference. This year, our theme is "Cultivating Leaders by Defining Our Roots," in order to "Educate, Engage and Empower" future young leaders. Our conference will be held on Friday, June 29th to Sunday, July 1st 2007 on the Santa Clara University's beautiful campus.

At the conference we provide our youth with many exciting events, from distinguished keynote speakers, fun social activities, and engaging workshops that will give them the tools necessary for becoming future leaders in their communities.

The highlight of the conference is the Biennial Vision Award Dinner. The Vision Award is given to recognize Asian Pacific Americans (APA) who have made an impact in their (non-traditional) field and have become positive role models for today's APA youth.

You are invited the Biennial Visions Award Dinner on Saturday June 30th, 2007 as we recognize this year's Vision Award recipient Dale Minami. The event will be hosted at the following location:

Santa Clara University
500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA
Marketplace Hall
6:00 – 9:00 PM

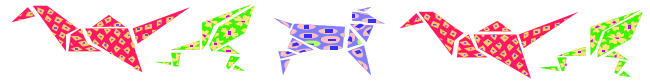
Please RSVP to our Events Committee at visionaward@gmail.com no later than **Friday June 15, 2007** if you are able to attend our Biennial Vision Award Dinner.

Dinner tickets are priced at \$50 per guest. Registration and payment check (payable to JACL) can be sent to the following address:

Visions Award Dinner
c/o Megumi Kaminaga
2587 41st Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Guest tickets will **not** be sold at the door. If you have any questions regarding this event, please send your inquiries to visionaward@gmail.com. We hope that you will join us in our Biennial Vision Award Dinner and take the opportunity to socialize and meet the young leaders of tomorrow.

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Berkeley JACL 2007 Scholarship Awards

By KG Ouye

The 2007 Berkeley Japanese American Citizens League held its annual scholarship awards luncheon at the Berkeley Doubletree Hotel. Five high school seniors were awarded scholarships and Amy Maniwa was posthumously honored with the Chapter's Pioneer Award. The academic ability, athletic skills, leadership, and community service demonstrated by all of this year's scholarship winners was amazing and lends great hope for their future.

Scholarships were awarded to Josh Ikeda-Nash (Met West HS–Oakland), Curtis Suda (Campolindo HS–Moraga), Wendy Sekimura (Piedmont HS), Hillary Nakano (Bishop O'Dowd HS–Oakland), and John Kawamura (Head Royce HS–Oakland). John Kawamura, who will attend Brown University, was awarded the Bea Kono Memorial Scholarship. This memorial scholarship was established 4 years ago by the Kono family to honor their Mother – a past Berkeley Chapter President and prior recipient of the Chapter's Pioneer Award. Hillary Nakano will attend UC Santa Barbara, Wendy Sekimura will attend Brown University, Curtis Suda and Josh Ikeda-Nash will attend Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo.

Having just completed her freshman year at UC Berkeley, 2006 Berkeley JACL Scholarship recipient Alexandra Tagawa spoke to the high school seniors about her first year of college experience. She highlighted her first year an exciting challenge. She urged this year's recipients to expect academic challenges, learn to ask for help by seeking out others who have had similar experiences, but above all, she encouraged all to enjoy their college years.

Amy Maniwa was posthumously awarded the 2007 Pioneer Award – this award recognizes one's service to the community and to the JACL. Her son Kaz and family members accepted the award on behalf of their Mother and shared Amy's many contributions to

the community. Amy was active in her church, the Sakai Sister City organization, and was an Ikebana teacher. She was also honored for being an advocate for seniors and as a founder of the Nikkei senior programs which continue to this day. Her son felt his Mother would have really enjoyed being honored with Pioneer award and urged the students to think of their scholarship as a "loan" to be paid back by active involvement in the community.

The keynote speaker, Kathleen Mikkelson, Deputy Attorney General for the State of California, spoke on hate crimes and JACL's role in defining, understanding, and preventing such crimes. She emphasized early intervention, education, and support for victims as keys to combat this on going type of crime. She shared reports and statistics on the current status of hate crimes.

Major scholarship sponsors include Union Bank, Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank, Horizon Beverage, Dan Date, and the Beatrice Kono family.

The JACL scholarship committee members are Ron Tanaka (Chair), Mark Fujikawa, KG Ouye, Neal Ouye, Lauren Sasaki, Al Satake, Kelly Shintani, Sharron Sue, Roger Tanaka, and Derrek Tomine.



From left to right

Kelly Kim-Union Bank, John Kawamura, Wendy Sekimura, Kathleen Mikkelson-Deputy Attorney General, Kaz Maniwa, Hillary Nakano, Josh Ikeda-Nash, Curtis Suda



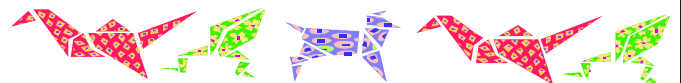
Scholarship Committee (left to right): Kelly Shintani, Derrek Tomine, Al Satake, Lauren Sasaki, KG Ouye, Neal Ouye, Ron Tanaka, Sharron Sue, Mark Fujikawa.



Keynote Speaker Kathleen Mikkelson



Amy Maniwa's Family Accepting her Berkeley JACL Pioneer Award



Berkeley Bears Clinch Title*By Mark Fujikawa*

The Berkeley Bears Intermediate Team has clinched the Golden Gate Optimist Youth Baseball League title for the first time in many years. With only one game remaining, the 12 and 13 year olds are undefeated in league play and have first place sewn up. Coaches Sonny Kim and Mark Fujikawa wish to thank all the dads who came out to help at the practices and offer special thanks to Wes Fukumori for his continued help and expertise.

The Bears are appreciative for the donation of a pitching machine by the Berkeley JACL several years ago which has contributed in no small way to our success.

The Berkeley Bears Youth Baseball is open to boys and girls aged 7-13 years old, with age appropriate instruction. Sign ups are usually the last week-end in January. If you wish to be placed on a mailing list for next year, please call Mark Fujikawa at 510-232-0724 and leave a message.

"Beyond Craft": Exhibit at the Museum of Craft and Folk Art**May 3 - July 22, 2007**

Along the peak of a mountain range in Shikoku, Japan, Mr. Nakamura, aided by family members and fellow villagers, creates handmade paper in a process that follows the time-honored traditions of five hundred years of paper production. To create his beautiful paper without manufacturing equipment, elaborate technology, and chemicals, Mr. Nakamura uses the fiber of the kozo plant, the hinoki tree, keyaki wood, and river water, all natural elements of this remote mountainside. *Beyond Craft* includes a photographic essay detailing the process, along with an extensive collection of the paper itself installed in the Museum to create a "forest." Curated by Misako Mitsui, the exhibition tells the story of a craft that has remained as pure as the snow-peaked mountains from which it comes.

Oakland Museum's Yosemite Exhibit

The sheer majesty of Yosemite has inspired painters and photographers for ages. The power of art to shape how the national park has been viewed, used, and protected is vividly captured in **YOSEMITE: ART OF AN AMERICAN ICON**, at the Oakland Museum of

California that runs from **May 19 through August 26, 2007.**

Organized by the Museum of the American West, Autry National Center, in Los Angeles, the exhibition looks at Yosemite's changing visual identity and cultural role as a national and international destination, and the response by artists to its transition from an ideal of wilderness to a commercial and often congested venue. The comprehensive exhibition spans artwork—more than 150 paintings, baskets, and photographs—from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Arranged in four chronological sections, *Yosemite: Art of an American Icon* examines Yosemite's ongoing relevance as a contemporary Western landscape and natural wonder.

Some of the featured works are **Chiura Obata's** watercolors and sketches from when he first visited the park in 1927, when he created more than 100 watercolors and sketches. Some of these were later turned into woodblock prints.

Yoshitoshi's Strange Tales: Woodblock Prints from Edo to Meiji**May 26– September 2, 2007****Hambrecht Gallery****Asian Art Museum****200 Larkin Street, San Francisco**

Features a hundred prints by Taiso Yoshitoshi (1839–1892) dating from the turbulent last decades of Edo Japan to the westernizing Meiji era. The exhibition is built around two series that deal with the supernatural, one from the beginning of Yoshitoshi's career, the other from the end—stylistically so different that they could be by different artists. Sometimes considered ancestors of modern manga (Japanese comics), woodblock prints were known as *ukiyo-e*, pictures of the “floating world” of entertainment, especially of actors and courtesans. Yoshitoshi preferred other subjects, including events from folklore and history, often bloody. Colors are intense, gestures histrionic. In his later designs Yoshitoshi moved beyond the swirl of momentous events to portray human emotions with great psychological subtlety, which is his most important contribution to *ukiyo-e*. Through his work, a picture emerges of traditional Japanese society moving at a breakneck speed into the modern world.

Because the works in this exhibition are light sensitive and can only be displayed for brief periods, a first set of works will be shown through July 8, and a second selection will be shown from July 11 through September 2. In order to change the display, the exhibition will be closed to the public on Tuesday, July 10.

Salute to Our Veterans

When: Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: USS Hornet Museum
707 W. Hornet Avenue. Pier 3, Alameda Point
Alameda, CA 94501

Cost: \$30.00 Adults \$20.00 Children 12 years old and under. Free - Veterans of World War II and Korea

Sponsor: JACL Northern California, Western Nevada, Pacific District

Save the date to salute our treasured veterans to whom we owe so much. The event includes entry on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, one of the most decorated ships in naval history, a bento lunch, a short program honoring the men and women who served in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (100th/442nd), Army Nurse Corp, and Merchant Marine during World War II and the Korean Conflict. There will be a tour of the MIS and 100th/442nd permanent exhibit, docent-led tours of the USS Hornet and a screening of Lane Nishikawa's full-length film, "Only the Brave," about the men of the 100th/442nd who,

against overwhelming odds rescued members of the Texas 141st Regiment known as the "Lost Battalion."

Contact Milo Yoshino at (925) 933-7584 or miloyoshi@aol.com for more information.

Berkeley JACL Vets Wanted

The Berkeley JACL is looking for chapter members who served during World War II or the Korean Conflict, including veterans who served with the MIS, 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Cadet Army Nurse Corp, and the Merchant Marine. They will be honored at the August 12th event on the USS Hornet (see article above).

Veterans or another other chapter member can submit names to Al Satake at 510-528-1904 or Jim Duff at 510-272-8286. We will need information such as their branch of service, years in the military, rank, awards, and other pertinent information that they wish to include. In addition, a photo is desired. This information will be included in a program booklet that will be given out at the August 12th event.

One such veteran that we will recognize is Bob Sugimoto. He lived in Watsonville before the war and was drafted on Nov. 11, 1941 into the US Army. He served as a specialist in the MIS (Military Intelligence Service) in the Far East. His duty took him to places in Okinawa, Korea and Japan before his discharge in 1945. He settled in Berkeley and started his own business in 1950 until retirement in 1993. He has been a long time supporter of the JACL as a Thousand Club member.

Please contact us the information about other veterans by mid July so that their biography can be part of the program booklet and they can be honored at this event.

JACL Announces Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship

Washington, D.C. The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) seeks applications for the Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship. This new fellowship will be in the Washington, D.C. office of the JACL and will be focused on public policy advocacy as well as programs of safety awareness in the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. The fellowship is named for the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation, and is funded by State Farm Insurance.

Responsibilities:

- Monitor and support the State Farm Insurance Child and Youth Auto Safety Program in the APA communities.
- Monitor key legislative initiatives that deal with economic justice
- Work on and support various events sponsored by the JACL.
- Interact with other APA national organizations.
- Research and study topics as assigned. Perform other duties as requested.

Qualifications:

- Minimum four year degree from an accredited college or university.
- Excellent writing, analytical, and computer skills.
- Ability to take directions and follow through with assignments.
- Must work well with others and have good interpersonal skills.
- Be a member of the JACL and familiar with Asian American issues.

The term of the fellowship will be for a time period of six to ten months and will begin as soon as the recipient is available. Stipend will range from \$1500 to \$2500 a month depending on qualifications.

Interested applicants should submit a resume, a sample of writing, and names and contact information for two references to the Washington, D.C. office of the JACL via email or FAX (listed above) as soon as possible. The fellowship is available until filled.

JACL Members in the News

Min Sano Depicted in Mural

Min Sano is honored along with 15 other seniors on murals at the Malcolm X Elementary School in Berkeley. The murals are installed by the HereStories, a community group motivated to create murals that honor community history.

Funding for the project came from the East Bay Community Foundation and the CA Council of the Humanities California Stories Fund.

The mural of Min Sano and his wife narrate the difficult times Japanese American residents went through during WWII. In the Berkeley Daily Planet article written by Riya Bhattacharjee, as he was looking

at his mural, Min was quoted as saying "I feel really good today."

Congratulations to Min.



Min Sano (left) at Elementary School

(see Berkeley Daily Planet March 9-12, 2007 Issue for full article, or go to <http://www.berkeleydaily.org/article.cfm?archiveDate=03-09-07&storyID=26505>)

Susan Muranishi-Alameda County Administrator

The Contra Costa Times article by Chris Metinko about Susan Muranishi is headlined "Consensus, Compromise Define County Administrator".

Susan is noted for working long hours, 2:00AM emails and all nighters at the county administration building. The article states that "one person who doesn't like to talk about it is Susan Muranishi herself." She draws praises from the Alameda County supervisors who she serves as well as the field director for Service Employees International Union Local 1021.

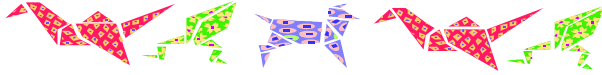
After graduating with a degree in social sciences from UC Berkeley, she went to work as a retail executive for Macy's in San Francisco. However, it wasn't too long before the travel associated with retail life grew old, and Susan applied for an administrative assistant position in the finance division of the county's health department in 1975.

"My father worked in the public sector, so I decided to give that a try," Muranishi said. Her father is Tak Shirasawa who is the Berkeley Chapter's long time Treasurer.

Congratulations to Susan.

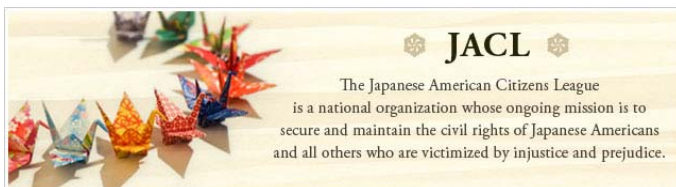
For full article go to

http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_5658317



Juneteenth Festival: Celebrating Emancipation!

The Berkeley JACL again participated in this year's Juneteenth Festival which was held on June 17th. Just like last year the Berkeley JACL provided free origami lessons to the public. Through a simple sheet of origami paper, our members engaged with people of all ages and races throughout the day celebrating African American emancipation. Berkeley JACL's presence at the Juneteenth Festival was part of our community building efforts in the South Berkeley area.



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The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice.

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- under 18
- 18-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-65
- over 65

Membership Category* (please check box)

<u>Categories</u>	<u>National Dues</u>	+ <u>Chapter Dues</u>	= <u>Total</u>	Send completed application and check to:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular/Individual	\$60	\$5	\$65	Attn: Membership
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<input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	Berkeley, CA 94707-0609
<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	

Please make check payable to the JACL or pay by credit card.

VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE ___/___

Signature _____

*For membership upgrades to Thousand Club, Century Club, Thousand Club Life, Century Club Life, or Millennium Club, please call National JACL membership office at (415) 921-5225

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