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# Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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## Coming Events

- Nov 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 Kayo Fisher (707) 372-5843.
- Dec 7 **NSU Cultural Fall Show**; see inside
- Thru Dec 31 **Transforming Kami—The Art of ORIGAMI**; *NJAHS Peace Gallery, see inside*
- Dec 12 **Asian American Heritage Night with the Warriors**,
- Jan 25 **Berkeley JACL Installation Luncheon**, Save that date. More details in next newsletter
- Jun 20 **Berkeley JACL at the “Wicked”**; See details inside

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## JACL Saddened at Passing of Edwin Endow

San Francisco, CA -- Members and friends within the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) were saddened to learn of the passing of Edwin Endow, JACL leader from Stockton, California, on October 25, 2008.

Edwin served as Stockton JACL Chapter President and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District (NCWNP) Membership Chair. He was elected as National JACL Vice President for Thousand Club, Membership and Services at the National JACL Convention in 2004. He was re-elected to a second two-year term in 2006. He was a recipient of the JACL Sapphire Pin for his years of dedicated service to the JACL. It became necessary early this year for Edwin to resign from the National Board after being diagnosed with cancer.

As Vice President of Membership, Edwin worked hard for the JACL to increase membership and to bring new benefits to members of the JACL. He encouraged members to each “get a member” to help increase the membership numbers in the JACL.

Edwin has long served the JACL as a leader in the Stockton Chapter, the NCWNP District, and the National JACL organization. He has been a strong financial contributor as a Thousand Club Life member and a charter member of the Millennium Club. He has demonstrated a total dedication and commitment to the JACL.

Edwin and his wife Debbi were always fixtures at JACL functions and made fast friends wherever they went. They, and their son Robert, were the strength behind the highly successful NCWNP District fundraising dinners held at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville, California.

Larry Oda, National JACL President, said these words about Edwin: “I am deeply saddened to hear of Edwin’s passing. He was a close friend and an effective member of the National Board. He worked tirelessly for the JACL for many years at the chapter, district and

national levels. He was a good guy and a good friend. We will miss him.”

National Executive Director of the JACL, Floyd Mori, stated: “Edwin did a great deal for the JACL, and he will be sorely missed. No one was more enthusiastic than Edwin about doing his part for the JACL in whatever capacity he was serving. It was always a pleasure to be around him. We are grateful to have known him and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.”

The JACL extends sincere condolences to Edwin Endow’s wife, son, parents, and all family members at this difficult time.

### *(r)evolutions NIKKEI STUDENT UNION CULTURE SHOW FALL 2008*

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, UC Berkeley’s Nikkei Student Union (NSU) will be hosting its Sixth Annual Japanese American Culture Show: **(r)evolutions!**

NSU was founded six years ago as a student organization dedicated to increasing awareness of Japanese American issues, as well as uniting students of Japanese ancestry and those interested in Japanese American culture. This year’s theme, “(r)evolutions” reflects the **evolution** of NSU and the greater Japanese American community from its humble beginnings and into the future. In addition, it reflects on the potential of Japanese American youth to **revolutionize** and revitalize the community.

Since its inception, NSU has experienced tremendous growth and is currently composed of students from a variety of backgrounds, each embracing their individual identities, perspectives and histories as members of the Japanese American community. Through its focus on community service, leadership and Japanese American issues, NSU has empowered many Japanese American youth to become involved in their communities and revitalize them. This year’s Culture Show serves to continue empowering Japanese American students through performance and strengthen the presence of our club within the UC Berkeley student community and the Japanese American community.

This year’s show features two student-written short plays inspired by pertinent issues facing our community today. “Home,” written and directed by Lisa Yasutake, addresses the delicate balance Japanese Americans must face when addressing their Japanese

and American identities. “Time Machi,” written by Ryan Sadakane and directed by Erin Ochi and David Oda, reflects upon the future of Japantown and the possible consequences the community may face should it be lost forever.

In realizing the theme, “Manifesto” will feature a set of monologues written and performed by members of NSU discussing their perspectives and manifestos reflecting the evolution of the Japanese American community and revolutionary potential as Japanese American youth. Furthermore, “(r)evolutions will feature UC Berkeley’s own taiko group Cal Taiko, a hip-hop performance by NSU’s JCrew, and Soran Bushi, a modernized Japanese cultural dance.

Through the support of the community and fellow students, “(r)evolutions” is aiming for a full house upon its debut on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Doors will open at 6:30PM and general admission will have a sliding scale of \$7 to \$10.

For further information, questions and comments, please contact NSU’s Culture Show chairs, Brian Jocson and Ryan Sadakane, at [nsucultureshow@gmail.com](mailto:nsucultureshow@gmail.com).

### *UT-Austin e-MAPA Study*

e-MAPA is a NIH/NINR funded study (1R01NR010568-01) entitled “Ethnic Specific Midlife Women’s Attitudes Toward Physical Activity “. The changing racial and ethnic makeup of the U.S. will require health professionals to practice with cultural competence in areas such as promotion of physical activity, where cultural beliefs may mediate health promotion behaviors. Although the benefits of physical activity are now widely accepted, midlife women, especially ethnic minority women, have low participation rates in physical activity, and prevalence rates of cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and hypertension, and all-cause mortality among ethnic minority women (that can be effectively reduced by increasing physical activity) have been reported to be much higher than those of White midlife women. A plausible reason for the low participation rate is that the women’s ethnic-specific attitudes toward physical activity have rarely been incorporated into relevant interventions.

The purpose of this study is to explore attitudes of midlife women from four ethnic groups [Hispanic, Non-Hispanic (N-H) White, N-H African Americans, and N-H Asians] toward physical activity while considering the relationships between their attitudes and

their actual participation in physical activity within the ethnic-specific contexts of their daily lives. Data will be gathered via Internet survey and ethnic-specific online forums to allow for a national sample.

You are eligible to participate in this study if you are a midlife women aged 40 to 60 years old who do not have any mobility problems; who can read and write English; who are online; and whose self-reported ethnic identity is Hispanic, non-Hispanic (N-H) White, N-H African American, or N-H Asian.

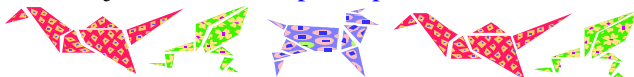
Data will be collected through the Internet from Feb. 1, 2008 to May 31, 2011. Methods for the data collection include an Internet survey among 500 midlife women in the U.S. on the Internet and four ethnic-specific online forum discussions among about 30 midlife women per ethnic group recruited among the Internet survey participants.

Your involvement will consist of the following: (a) about 30 minutes are usually needed to complete the Internet survey questionnaire; and (b) the online forums will be conducted for 6 months, should you agree to participate in the additional online forum discussion. Your participation is asynchronous (you can visit the online forum site and read and post messages at your convenience). You will receive a gift certificate of 10 dollars for filling out the Internet survey, and an additional gift certificate of 50 dollars for participating in the additional online forum (only those who participate in the additional online forum for 6 months will be provided with this additional gift certificate). To get reimbursed for the online forums, you have to post at least one message per topic. For more information, please visit at our website (<http://mapa.nur.utexas.edu>) and/or contact us.

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**Berkeley JACL New Youth Reps**

Hi, my name is Alex Tagawa, and I am excited to join Berkeley JACL as a co-Youth Representative. I am a third year Asian American Studies major at UC Berkeley. I am from Fairfield, CA and was a 2006 Berkeley JACL scholarship recipient. I'm also Publicity Coordinator for Berkeley's Nikkei Student Union (NSU) and am currently working on publicity for NSU's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Culture Show this December.

My name is Annie Kim Noguchi, and I am also very excited to be joining Berkeley JACL this year! I am currently a second year at UC Berkeley, where I am majoring in Ethnic Studies. I am serving as Issues Chair for NSU, and am also the External Managing Editor of **hardboiled**, UC Berkeley's Asian Americans newsmagazine. I am also a member of Florin JACL and have enjoyed interning with National JACL. I grew up in Sacramento, CA.

We look forward to meeting and working with you in the coming year!



Annie and Alex

**Lt. Watada cannot be retried on 3 of 5 charges.**

By Betty Kano

On October 21, 2008, U.S. District Judge Benjamin Settle of Tacoma, Washington, ruled that the government cannot retry Lt. Ehren Watada on 3 of the 5 charges against him because that would be a violation of his Fifth Amendment rights against being tried twice for the same charges, constituting "double jeopardy." The dropped charges are for missing deployment to Iraq in June 2006, denouncing Pres. Bush and criticizing the war in Iraq, charges in his first court martial that ended in a mistrial in February 2007. Still standing are charges of conduct unbecoming an officer that the prosecution and defense had agreed to dismiss as a

stipulation in the first trial and which were used by that judge to declare a mistrial.

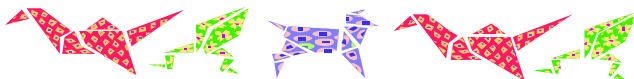
Judge Settle said it is now up to the military to decide whether there are "constitutional defects" to retrying Watada on those charges before a civil court does. Eric Seitz, Watada's lawyer in the first trial, said: "Those charges fall squarely within what the Military Court of Criminal Appeals has determined is protected speech. The high military court ruled this summer in a case involving comments made on the Internet by an active-duty military member. They said that no matter how outrageous the comments are, there was no evidence that they had any effect on the military." (Honolulu Star Bulletin)

Watada last year discussed his public opposition to the war, saying he struggled with leaving his fellow soldiers behind, but ultimately needed to take a stand because, as an officer, he could not consciously order soldiers under his command to die for a war he believes is wrong and illegal.

"I hated to leave my troops, but something had to be done to stop this insanity," he said. "How could I order men to die for something I believe is wrong? Wearing the uniform is not, and is never, an excuse."

Watada's trial marks the first time in 41 years that the military has used the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer to prosecute an officer's public statements. Usually, a conduct unbecoming case involves more serious crimes, such as rape, sexual harassment, or manslaughter. The last time a military officer was charged with public dissent was in 1965, when Lieutenant Henry Howe criticized US foreign policy during the Vietnam War. "As I read about the level of deception the Bush administration used to initiate and process this war, I was shocked. I became ashamed of wearing the uniform," Watada said in an interview published by [www.Truthout.org](http://www.Truthout.org) on June 7, 2005. (The Intelligence Daily)

Lt. Ehren Watada is working at Ft. Lewis in a desk job, "He said he's counting paper clips," his father, Bob Watada, said in an interview last week. "We talk every once in awhile. He lets me know that he's OK," said the father, who lives in Oregon. Bob Watada said his son's term of service in the Army ended in December 2006, but that the legal proceedings have prevented his discharge. (Honolulu Advertiser)



### Calling all JACL Student Members in Boston Area

*By Tim Koide, National JACL Membership*

I recently received a request from one of our members who is on faculty at MIT, and very involved in the New England chapter, for the names of those JACL student members who are currently enrolled in universities in the Boston area. Often we have a hard time tracking these individuals because once they move, they rarely change their address with us. The dynamism and energy of this age group is key to the substance of the JACL. Also, the network of established professionals and locals within our chapters could be a very important piece in the often complicated puzzle of adjusting to college life.

Can you please, if you haven't already, find out who is where so that we can keep our young people involved in the mission of the organization? Reach out to the ones in your area, or if they are attending school elsewhere notify the appropriate chapters.

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415.931.4671 (fax)

### NCWNP Youth Project at Nov. 2nd District Council Meeting

*By Megumi J. Kaminaga  
Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District  
JACL Youth Representative*

Hello everyone! I just wanted to share with everyone what the NCWNP youth members who attended the November 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council meeting. With their creativity and enthusiasm, they created their own "NCWNP JACL Youth Commercial".

They wrote their own script, they drafted out their own scenes, and the advisors helped direct and film, it was a blast! The end product may not be the most "professional" looking and my own amateur editing skills are just that.. amateur, but the youth had a lot of fun and this is a great start to what other types of projects the district can do to get our youth excited about future events.

So I hope you enjoy, both Jenn and I loved seeing their energy and we definitely had a few laughs. Bloopers to come later.

So please check it out, at  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4HZEFZsp-s> .

### **JASEB Walkathon**

Close to a hundred people gathered to go on JASEB's annual walkathon at the Richmond Marina. The Berkeley JACL along with some individuals sponsored KG Ouye, Neal Ouye, and Shinya Yamada on the 5 kilometer stroll. Shinya indicated that "it was a pleasant walk and I had a good time."

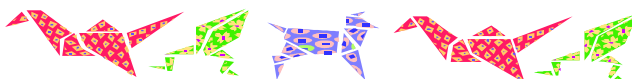


### **Asian American Heritage Night with the Golden State Warriors**

Nakayoshi Young Professionals - an affiliate of the JACL - is selling tickets for Asian American Heritage Night with the Golden State Warriors. If there is a big attendance at this game, we will expand it to host a Japanese American Heritage Night with the Warriors in the future! This is a great opportunity for our community so please come out and support!

Asian American Heritage Night  
 Friday, December 12th, 7:30 pm  
 Oracle Arena  
 Golden State Warriors vs. Houston Rockets  
 \$40

To purchase your tickets go to  
<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=warriors&o=8444506&g=716> and enter the code "nakayoshi". Then either create an account or login with your existing Ticketmaster account to purchase tickets.



### **Transforming Kami-The Art of ORIGAMI**

Through Wednesday, December 31, 2008

In the NJAHS Peace Gallery  
 1684 Post St. in San Francisco's Japantown

Admission to all workshops and exhibits at the NJAHS Peace Gallery are FREE!

For more information contact

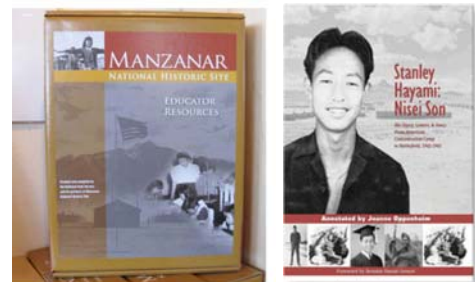
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### **MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE EDUCATOR RESOURCES**

Through a joint effort of the staffs of the Manzanar National Historic Site and the Friends of Manzanar Association they have produced an extraordinary educator resource kit.

Items in the kit include:

- Reproduction of copies of the "Manzanar Free Press" newspaper
- A large reproduction of an evacuation poster
- A copy of "Reflections in three self-guided Tours of Manzanar" published by the Manzanar Committee prior to the site becoming a part of the National Park Service
- "Remembering Manzanar" DVD that is shown at the Historic Site



"Manzanar NHS Educator Resources" CD that contains numerous documents, photos, artwork related to Manzanar as well as the popular I.D. booklets of over 20 individuals who share their personal backgrounds and experiences in camp. "Manzanar: Desert Diamonds Behind Barbed Wire" DVD contains two one-hour broadcasts on February 13, 2007 with young students, former internees, and NPS staff and representative from the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum. "Densho Civil Liberties Curriculum" CD that contains

an extensive number of lesson plans. Educator Resource User Guide that is three-hole punched and includes tabs for primary lesson, secondary lessons, and additional resources.

This comprehensive kit is sold for \$29.95; including sales tax and shipping charges the kit runs \$36.00. This is a valuable tool for 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Visit the NPS website for more information and to order the kit.

<http://www.nps.gov/manz/forteachers/educator-resources-box.htm>

### STANLEY HAYAMI, NISEI SON

This paperbound is about Stanley Hayami who was sixteen years old when he and his family was sent to Heart Mountain Relocation Center. This book contains his diary he kept while in Heart Mountain, including a number of his sketches, and many of the letters he sent to his family while he was in basic training and then while he was in Italy.

Joanne Openheim, who wrote "Dear Miss Breed", annotates the diary entries providing context to the circumstances and issues mentioned by Stanley. She includes information about the broader internment experience as well as addresses some of the specific issues and topics Stanley records in his diary.

You will sense his optimism even under the conditions of incarceration and his hopes for the future once the war ends and everyone is free to return home. Stanley's letters to his family continue to be upbeat so as to not worry them about the danger he has faced during combat. His family rejoices when they read about end of the war in Europe only to receive a telegram informing that Stanley was killed in action while trying to assist a wounded comrade two weeks before that announcement.

The retail price is \$19.95. It is available through the Japanese American National Museum. Visit their website at:

<http://www.janmstore.com/151117.html>

### Berkeley JACL to get "Wicked"

Our activities chair, Mark Fujikawa, is planning a "night at the musicals". He is arranging for us to see "Wicked" on Saturday, June 20, 2009. For information and to reserved tickets contact him at 510-232-0724. Please contact him by December 5<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat.

*Wicked* is a musical with songs and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Winnie Holzman. The

story is based on the best-selling novel *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire, a parallel novel of L. Frank Baum's classic story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* from the perspective of the witches of the Land of Oz. *Wicked* tells the story of Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West and her relationship with Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. Their friendship struggles through their opposing personalities and viewpoints, rivalry over the same love-interest, their reactions to the Wizard's corrupt government, and, ultimately, Elphaba's public fall from grace. The plot is set mostly before Dorothy's arrival from Kansas, and includes several references to well-known scenes and dialogue in the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz* as a backstory.

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**JACL, Berkeley Chapter  
2009 Officers and Directors  
Official Ballot**

**Instructions:**

The following individuals have agreed to serve as Officers and/or Directors for the 2009 term. Officers are also Directors. Put an "X" in the space provided. If you wish to nominate another individual, print the person's name in the "Write-in" space. Please return your ballot by December 19, 2008 to:

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**Co-Presidents: Vote for Two:**

Neal Ouye                      Ted Jitodai                      Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer: Vote for One:**

Tak Shirasawa                      Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

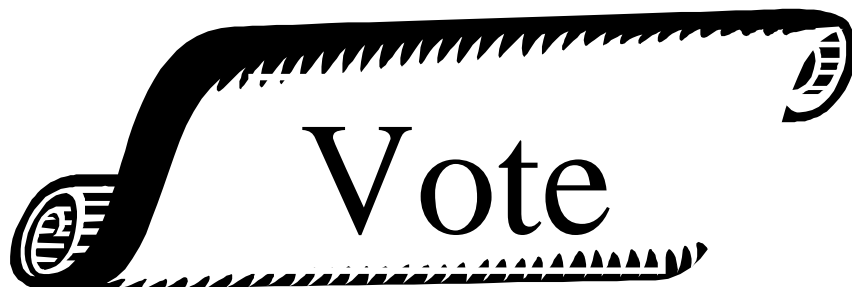
**Secretary: Vote for One:**

Tom Nishi                      Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directors: Vote for Nine:**

Carolyn Adams	Jim Duff	Mark Fujikawa
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Alex Tagawa	Laura Takeuchi	Ron Tanaka
Shinya Yamada	Gordon Yamamoto	
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We appreciate your show of support by participating in this 2009 Election.



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Age (optional):

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

*Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing*

## Membership Category\* (please check box)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular/Individual	\$60	\$5		\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family	\$105	\$5		\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club	\$100	\$0		\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club	\$175	\$0		\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Club	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000

Send completed application and check to:

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

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