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Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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Coming Events

- Apr 10, 24 **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 Kayo Fisher (707) 372-5843.
- Apr 15 **Applications for Masaoka Fellowship due**; see article inside
- Apr 18 **Scholarship Luncheon**, Details inside
- May 7 **Applications for JACL Collegiate DC Leadership Program due**; see article inside
- May 8 **Florin JACL Multiracial Forum**; see article inside
- Jun 11-13 **JACL Collegiate DC Leadership Program**; see article inside

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Ann and Ken Yabusaki, 2010 Berkeley JACL Pioneers



The Berkeley JACL is proud to honor Ann and Ken Yabusaki as their 2010 Berkeley JACL Pioneers. The Pioneer Award was established in 1996 and is given to individuals in recognition of their long history of dedicated service to the community and to the Berkeley JACL. The Berkeley JACL Pioneers are honored at the chapter's yearly scholarship luncheon to provide a connection between those who have led us in the past with our scholars who are our future leaders.

Ann joined the Board of Directors in 1988 after being recruited by the late Terry Yamashita, a long-time active chapter member and director. Ken joined in 1990 and together they served as co-presidents from 1991-1992. "It was a time of ambivalence. The Nisei wanted to pass-on the leadership of the Chapter to the sansei. They questioned whether the sansei could keep the dreams of the issei alive." Ann and Ken accepted the chapter's leadership on the condition that it addressed social justice issues.

During their tenure, they revitalized and chaired the Civil Rights Committee. Presentations were made to the Berkeley, Oakland, and the University of California, Berkeley Police Departments. They also formed the Civil Rights Coalition of the East Bay where representatives from the Islamic, Jewish, African American, Korean, Chinese, and South East Asian

communities met to discuss and support each other's needs. Four memorable events that they organized were: "Okage Sama De" a tribute and celebration to honor the Nisei; "Ah So, Homeboy!" a panel presentation depicting stereotyping of Asian and African media professionals; a presentation of "Honor Thy Children", a book written about Al and Jane Nakatani, who tragically lost their three sons, two to AIDS and one to racial violence; and a special panel presentation to honor the American Friends Service Committee that helped Japanese Americans when they were forced into internment camps during WW II.

Ann and Ken continued their involvement with the Berkeley JACL after serving as Co-Presidents as Board members until 1998 when they were called to be caregivers to Ann's aging parents in Hawai'i. They moved permanently to Hawai'i in 2002. Ken still serves as Treasurer of the chapter's Board of Trustees and manages the chapter's investment portfolio whose income supports the chapter's programs, scholarships, grants, and community events.

Ann was born and raised in Hawaii. She got her Bachelors in psychology from Kalamazoo College, a Masters degree in Counseling and Guidance from University of Arizona, Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology, from JFK University; and a Ph.D., Psychology from Rosebridge Graduate School of Integrative Psychology (now is Argosy University). Ann was formerly President and Dean of a graduate school of professional psychology and has taught extensively in various graduate psychology programs. She is a licensed psychologist and marriage family therapist and currently directs the Family Intervention and Training Services program for the Coalition for a Drug Free Hawai'i in Honolulu. She trains student interns and works closely with the community.

Ken was born in Minidoka, Idaho and grew up in Seattle, Washington. He has a Bachelor's in Chemistry from Western Washington University; a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona, and a NIH Post-doctoral fellow from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a biochemist and has a private consulting practice developing educational products and designing medical tests. Ken has several patents including one for a fishing tool.

Ann and Ken enjoy fly fishing, the outdoors, and travel throughout the world. They have traveled to Canada, Mexico, Europe, Peru, Asia, and have Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, and Egypt on their

list. They have two adult children and grandchildren living in California.



**Margaret Fujioka, Piedmont City Councilwoman,
to Speak at Berkeley JACL Scholarship
Luncheon**



Margaret Fujioka is this year's keynote speaker at the Berkeley JACL Scholarship Luncheon that will be held on Sunday, April 18th, at the Berkeley City Club. Margaret was elected in 2008 to the Piedmont City Council. She is the first Asian Pacific American woman to serve on the City Council. In her first run for elected office, Margaret was the top vote getter sweeping all 6 precincts in Piedmont in a competitive race.

Prior to her election, Margaret served as the Chair of the Piedmont Capital Improvement Projects Committee and a member of the Piedmont Centennial Committee. She has served as a VP on the Wildwood Elementary School Parents Board, is a member of the Piedmont Asian American Club, the League of Women

Voters of Piedmont, and the National Women's Political Caucus, Alameda North. She is a Hearing Officer with the City of Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency and a former Deputy City Attorney in the Oakland City Attorney's Office.

A former president of both the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, Margaret currently serves as Co-Chair of the NAPABA Women's Leadership Committee. Margaret has a B.A. from UC Berkeley and a J.D. from Hastings College of the Law.

In a 1997 article for the Asian Week, Margaret stated that she didn't plan on a career in law. A Los Angeles native, she studied East Asian studies at UC Berkeley and was considering graduate work when she chose a career path. "It was either to go get a master's in East Asian studies and teach or go into the law. I chose the latter after I went to Japan to study for a year and discovered that I could do more as an individual to make changes as a lawyer than a professor." That motivation is inspired in part by Fujioka's parents, second-generation Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II. Her mother was at Manzanar in California and her father at Heart Mountain in Wyoming. "I had talked to them about that experience and the upheaval and taking of property and all of the things that went along with that time. It made me feel that these are things that people should be aware--not to just be educated about but to take an active role in their communities so that these types of things don't ever happen again."

Her husband, Cedric Chao, is a partner at the prominent San Francisco law firm. Her daughter, Caroline Shizuko Chao, was one of our last year's scholarship recipients and is currently attending the University of Pennsylvania. Her son is also attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Cal's Upward Bound Program

The Upward Bound Program serves 127 low-income students from local high schools, providing academic support, college motivation and counseling, career advising, social/cultural activities, and detailed college admission assistance. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students

from low-income families, high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree, and low-income, first-generation military veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rates at which participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Students must have completed the 8th grade, be between the ages of 13 and 19 (except veterans), and have a need for academic support in order to pursue a program of postsecondary education. All students must be either from low-income families or be potential first-generation college students. The program requires that two-thirds of the participants in a project must be both low-income and potential first-generation college students. The remaining one-third must be either low-income or potential first-generation college students. Students are selected based on recommendations from local educators, social workers, clergy, or other interested parties.

The Upward Bound Math and Science program allows the Department to fund specialized Upward Bound math and science centers. The program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourages them to pursue postsecondary degrees in these fields.

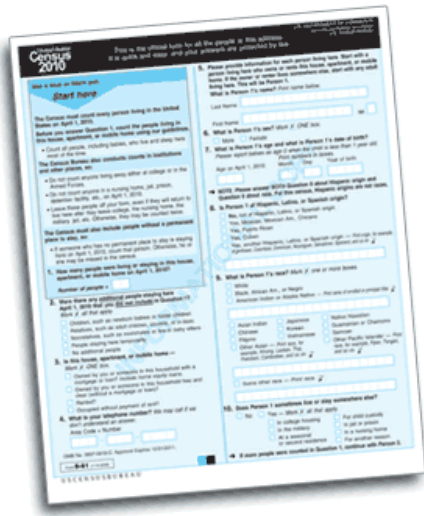
During the school year participants also attend Saturday classes; curriculum includes academic enrichment, tutoring, and pre-college skills development. Upward Bound continues to offer a six-week, summer residential program. In addition, the Upward Bound Math and Science Program enrolls 69 students in a year round program with a six-week residential program. Participants receive intensive science and mathematics instruction and attend summer field trips, including visits to local industry sites and environmental education centers. Now in its forty-second year of campus service, this program is the oldest in the United States and has consistently ranked first in the state in placing seniors in four-year universities.

The Upward Bound Program serves the following schools: Oakland Unified School District - Castlemont HS, Fremont HS, McClymonds HS, Oakland HS, Oakland Tech HS, and Skyline HS; West Contra Costa Unified School District - El Cerrito HS, JF Kennedy HS, and Richmond HS.

The Berkeley JACL Board's Secretary, Thomas M. Nishi, is a Field Counselor with the program. Tom grew up in the Crenshaw area of Los Angeles. He attended Humboldt State, and earned a BA from UCLA. After 10 years of work, he entered the University of Hawai'i School of Public Health and earned a Master's degree in Public Health. Tom combines 33 years of experience in education with 26 years experience in Ki-Aikido to assist students and families to successfully complete high school and enter college. He has been married for 22 years to his wife, Pauline. His motto is "Serve the People".

The Census is Here!

The U.S. Census Bureau began mailing advance letters to about 120 million addresses nationwide, notifying households that 2010 Census forms will be arriving March 15-17. The one-page letter urges households to complete the 10-question census form when it arrives and to return it in the accompanying prepaid envelope as soon as possible.

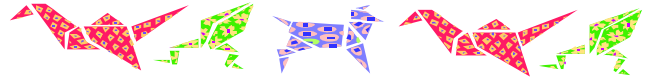


10 Questions, 10 Minutes

With the Census around the corner, when the time comes we ask you to fill out your Census form and forward this Action Alert onto friends, especially to our Senior Citizens, college students and new immigrants in our community.

Census directly affects the distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal funds annually to communities for schools, transportation, public health and other vital social programs, such as English-language education and job training. Additionally, not only is Census data used for reapportionment, it also factors significantly into the drawing of congressional, state and local districts (redistricting).

You can get more information about the Census by clicking this link: www.census.gov.



The Go For Broke Exhibit at Ellis Island

JACL joins with the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) and others in encouraging participation in a special exhibit at the Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Museum, which is part of the U.S. National Park Service. The Go For Broke Exhibit is scheduled to be installed at the end of May 2010 and will run through September 2010.

The Exhibit which honors Japanese American soldiers in World War II is being prepared by Eric Saul, noted historian who has researched extensively on the Japanese American experience of World War II. It includes the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, the Military Intelligence and Language Service, and Japanese American women in the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

Mike Masaoka will be honored in the exhibit and the role of the JACL in the creation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will be highlighted. The role of Mike Masaoka and the JACL during the resettlement period and the post-war period will also be highlighted. There will be a section on the JACLs work in challenging and removing discriminatory laws against Asians during the post-war period. The exhibit will be dedicated to Mike Masaoka and Chet Tanaka, who worked with Mike in the PR department of the 442nd and was responsible for writing many of the medals recommendations and reports on the 442.

Also highlighted in the exhibit will be the wartime record of the Nisei (second generation Japanese Americans) and the effect it had on the success of the Japanese American community since the war. There will be images of Issei (first generation immigrants from Japan) being sworn in as citizens, and pictures of Ronald Reagan signing HR442 (which offered a Presidential apology and reparations for incarcerated persons), and an enlarged copy of an American apology letter that was sent to all surviving internees. The last gallery of the exhibit will have pictures of notable Nisei and Sansei (third generation Japanese Americans) who have benefitted from the wartime legacy of the Nisei soldier. Among those will be photographs of Daniel Inouye, Spark Matsunaga, Norman Mineta, Patsy Mink, Harry Honda, Ellison

Onizuka, and other notable Japanese Americans and legislators. General Eric Shinseki will also be featured. This part of the exhibit will talk about how the very Nisei who fought the war broke down the racial barriers that had existed for more than 100 years.

The exhibit is planned to be an ongoing process. Additional materials, photos, documents, graphics and oral histories that can be used in an archive collection for future use will be collected. The images, documents, and other materials will be scanned into a high resolution computer file which can be shared with anyone. This important exhibit will be available for touring after completing its stay at the Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Museum.

JACL Announces Collegiate Washington, DC Leadership Program

The JACL is now accepting applications for its new JACL Collegiate Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference to be held on June 10-13, 2010. The program, which is patterned after the JACL/OCA Washington, DC Leadership Conference, is limited to Asian American college students who are in their freshman, sophomore or junior year in school.

The three-day program is designed to give Asian American student leaders an inside glimpse of national policy-making arena in Washington, DC. The conference is structured to provide a broad overview of the decision-making process at the federal level, including meetings with key policy-makers, agency officials and advocacy organizations. The conference will also offer leadership training and issues workshops.

“The intent of the program is to provide student leaders with information, training and networking opportunities,” said Bill Yoshino, JACL’s Midwest Director who is coordinating the program. “We hope this program provides the participants with additional motivation to be active and involved at their campus and in their communities,” Yoshino added.

The conference is being funded through a grant from the UPS Foundation, which will cover airfare, lodging and meals for 12 participants who will be selected through an application process. Applicants must be full-time Asian Pacific American undergraduate freshman, sophomore or junior class students attending an accredited college or university.

The deadline for applications is May 7, 2010. For information, contact Bill Yoshino at 773.728.7170 or Midwest@jacl.org.

JACL Accepts Masaoka Fellowship Applications

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is currently accepting applications from candidates who are interested in the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship, which is a JACL program where a student learns first hand about public policy. The Masaoka fellow serves in the Washington, D.C. office of a U.S. Senator or a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Masaoka fellow will receive a stipend to cover living expenses plus roundtrip airfare from the fellow's home to Washington, D.C. The fellowship period will be for six to eight months. The exact dates will be worked out with the schedule of the selected fellow, the Congressional office, and the Washington, D.C. office of the JACL.

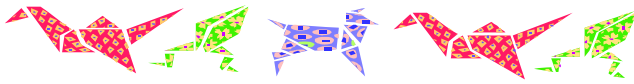
Any students who are college seniors or currently in a graduate or professional program who are also United States citizens are encouraged to apply for the Masaoka Fellowship. Preference will be given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community. Membership in the JACL is required. Past JACL participation and leadership are considered in the judging. Student/youth memberships in the JACL may be obtained for \$25 a year.

The JACL established the Masaoka Fellowship Fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights, and human dignity. The purpose of the fund is to develop leaders for public service by providing opportunities for the Fellows to work for a member of Congress. The program was administered by Dr. Tom Tamaki for twenty years and is now handled by the JACL Washington, D.C. office.

The fellow's assignments include a variety of tasks where he/she will be exposed to all facets of the work of the Representative or Senator and his/her staff. The fellow should also maintain close contact with the Washington, D.C. JACL office and become involved with the DC JACL Chapter while serving the fellowship in Washington, D.C.

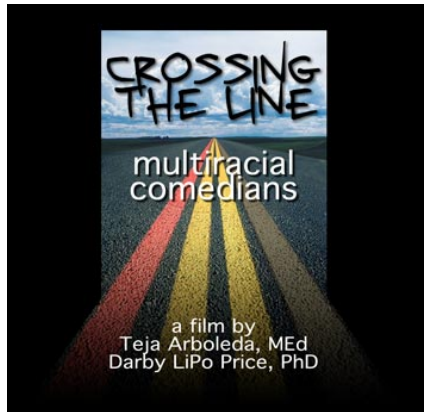
As noted on the JACL website, the deadline for applications to be received by the JACL for the 2010 JACL Masaoka Fellowship is April 15, 2010. The chosen applicant will be announced by June 1, 2010. Interested persons should visit the JACL website at www.jacl.org for more information, details, and an

application form. Completed application materials may be sent via email to policy@jacl.org or by fax to the JACL Washington, D.C. office at 202-296-8082.



**Florin Japanese American Citizens League
2010 Multiracial Forum**

Screening and Discussion of



Saturday, May 8, 2010

**Rizal Community Center
7320 Florin Mall Drive, Sacramento, CA**

1:30-2:30 Screening

2:30-3:30 Discussion with Darby LiPo Price, PhD

\$8 General Admission

\$5 members, seniors and students

Pre-register by sending check to:
Japanese American Citizens League, Florin Chapter
PO Box 292634, Sacramento, CA 95829-2634

For more info:

Contact Walter Kawamoto, PhD, Multiracial Forum Chair
waltertk@yahoo.com or 916-925-4217

Introducing the Active Choice Campaign

The JACL Health Benefits would like to spread the word about a new JACL campaign. The Active Choice Campaign seeks to engage youth and young adults in the dialogue about health care and health insurance. The healthcare reform in Washington is confusing, and young adults of our generation need to become educated about these issues, as they directly affect us and our futures. **Share their twitter (twitter.com/jaclhealth) and facebook group information and become informed about what is**

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going on with current healthcare reform in our country.

The second aim of their campaign is to introduce young adults, aged 18 to 29, to a new health insurance option for JACL members. Similarly titled, the *Blue Shield Active Choice PPO* is an affordable health insurance plan with no deductibles. Below, you will find some information about the plan, or you can check out www.jaclhealth.org. The Active Choice health insurance plan, an affordable option created specifically to fit the needs of students and young professionals ages 18-29, includes: prescription coverage, medical coverage, accidental death coverage, national coverage, worldwide coverage, and personalized service. If you sign up for JACL membership, the Active Choice Plan is one of the most inexpensive individual health insurance options on the market: **\$110/month in Northern California;** **\$108/month in Southern California**

JACL Health Benefits and Blue Shield of California, both non-profit organizations, are providing the Active Choice Plan as a community service to the members of the JACL with no brokers or fees. With this plan, the options of culturally-sensitive customer service in English, Japanese, and Chinese are available. Please e-mail at your earliest convenience with a MAILING ADDRESS to jaclactivechoicecampaign@gmail.com so that we can send you promotional materials.

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2010 Berkeley JACL
Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Honoring our 2010 Scholarship Recipients:

Chloe Tagawa (Rodriguez HS - Fairfield)
Zoe Tamaki (Berkeley HS)
Kevin Terusaki (Albany HS)

And Honoring our 2010 Pioneer Award Recipients:

Drs. Ann & Ken Yabusaki

Where: Berkeley City Club

2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley
(Between Ellsworth and Dana)

When: Sunday, April 18, 2010

11:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Margaret Fujioka

City of Piedmont - Councilmember

Cost: \$30.00 per person - students 18 years and younger \$20.00

Please RSVP by April 10 to:

Ron Tanaka, 2960 Windtree Ct., Lafayette CA. 94549 (Questions - 925-932-7947)

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Name(s)* _____

* If possible, please seat us with _____

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- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-65
- over 65

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<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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Signature _____

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