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JASC Wish List

- Bingo prizes (knick knacks, key chains, costume jewelry, stationery, toiletries, small stuffed animals, etc.)
- Computers—Pentium IV and above
- LCD flat screen monitors
- Office chairs
- Round tables, folding, 48” in diameter
- Step stool—two-step
- Refrigerator—frost-free

Job Announcement

The Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) is a non-profit, 501c3 organization dedicated to providing social services to the diverse community of the greater Chicagoland area and raising awareness and preserving its Japanese American heritage through educational and cultural programming. Benefits for full-time positions include: health insurance, life insurance and pension. The JASC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are currently seeking to fill the following positions:

**Homemaker I
(1 part-time position)**

Home Support Services provides in-home assistance to older adults. These services include: basic housekeeping, meal preparation, outside shopping and escort service. Must demonstrate skill and sensitivity working with frail older adults. High school diploma or equiva-

lent. Must speak and write simple English.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions regarding this position, please contact: Helen Nakayama, Home Support Services Supervisor at 773.275.7212 ext. 228; fax: 773.275.0958; e-mail: homeserv@jasc-chicago.org.

**Social Worker
(1 part-time position)**

JASC Counseling Department: a social service program focused on seniors in need of planning for adequate physical, mental and emotional care. MSW/LCSW required. Position is half-time and bi-lingual capability preferred but not required. Persons with PsyD with IL license may also apply.

If you are interested in this job position, please contact: Frances Chikahisa, LCSW, JASC Counseling Program at 773.275.7212 ext. 225. Fax resumes to 773.275.0958; e-mail: counsel@jasc-chicago.org.

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Holiday Delight/ Kodomo Matsuri

Saturday, December 1, 2007

Some of us love winter; some of us don't. Some of us love the drifting, blowing snow; some of us dread the traffic delays. Some of us love the good, old, holiday songs; some of us hide at the jingle of a bell.

We can all agree, however, that the approach of winter also means the approach of a much-anticipated community event: the Japanese American Service Committee's annual Holiday Delight/Kodomo Matsuri.



On Saturday, December 1, friends and families, seniors and youngsters, and everyone in between are invited to the JASC for the Holiday Delight bazaar. Holiday shoppers will find an array of eye-catching and unusual gift items, art objects, and must-haves. Japanese and seasonal food favorites also will be available for purchase and can be

eaten in or taken home.

Kids can visit the Kodomo Matsuri side to create handmade gifts for the lucky adults in their lives. They can also watch—and often participate in—live musical performances. Of course, the most popular segment of the program every year is an appearance by Santa.



For the community, Holiday Delight provides both the place and the occasion for old friends and new acquaintances to get together and enjoy each other's company. You can be certain that meeting, greeting, and catching up will be the major activities on December 1, from the moment the doors open at 10:30 in the morning and running through closing time at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.



Throughout the day, whether you're shopping, eating, playing, or socializing, keep in mind that all proceeds from Holiday Delight/Kodomo Matsuri support the JASC and its programs and services. And that's worth celebrating, whether you have the holiday spirit or not.

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Dear Friends,

As a long-time Chicagoan (and a big fan of summer weather), I've always found these coming months to be some of the toughest to get through here in the Windy City. Some of the games I use to get me through the short days and subzero temperatures rely on images of the harbor docks along Lake Shore Drive filled with boats and people filling the beaches and bike paths.

In many ways, I feel the JASC as an organization, and the board of directors in particular, are going through a period of change, similar to the Chicago weather. As we work our way through the three major initiatives outlined in the JASC 10-Year Plan, we find ourselves halfway through Year 2.

The 10-Year Plan and the three major initiatives were based on a Vision Statement crafted by both the JASC staff and board. The Statement reads, "The vision of JASC is to promote and provide quality services and innovative programs, available to all, from a foundation of Japanese American culture."

The first initiative is to create a destination center whose design showcases Japanese culture and tradition in a space that is flexible in use to accommodate a variety of programs and services. This obviously is a major project, and this year's board decided to tackle the work before us by focusing on this initiative along two separate but related fronts: as a facilities committee and a development/fundraising committee. Each board member has chosen to place their efforts this year behind either one of these working groups.

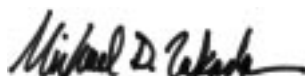
The facilities committee is helping to guide us toward achieving this initiative. During the past several months, the group has been investigating the organization's options in terms of location, design and funding. They also developed a plan and a budget for addressing near-term expenses related to maintaining the existing facility.

Other members of the board are focusing on development and fundraising activities that will not only support the work that comes out of the facilities committee but the day-to-day requirements of the JASC. To that end, the board has approved funding to hire a development staff person, and a search for candidates is under way. Under the guidance of this individual, we hope to better coordinate and streamline our fundraising activities and messages.

In future newsletters, I will update everyone on the other two initiatives: outreach and how the JASC can better serve the dispersed Japanese American population; and working collaboratively with other Japanese/Asian American community organizations, looking for commonality of purpose and seeking opportunities to deliver our services more effectively.

Just as everyone assures me that warm weather will indeed return soon to Chicago, let me assure you that the board and staff are working diligently to make improvements and bring positive changes to the JASC.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Takada
President

JASC Social Service Programs



Adult Day Services

Supervisor: Melba Ristow, RN

For the Chicago Cubs, this summer has been very, very good; for the Chicago White Sox, not so much. Nevertheless, every day is a good day for the Chicago seniors who attend the JASC's Adult Day Services.

Summer at ADS began in earnest with the firing up of the grills at the annual Fourth of July barbecue.

Continuing the food fest theme a few days later, the clients took a field trip to sample the various Asian cuisines offered at a nearby Chinese buffet restaurant.

For the ADS clients and staff, the major event in August is Family Day. Think of it as an indoor picnic where moms, dads, children, and grandchildren can all sit down together and enjoy lunch and live entertainment. This year's menu included Italian beef and broasted chicken. Flamenco dancer Makiko Ishikawa performed a fiery number, which dazzled everyone but her toddler-age daughter. Next up were the smooth moves of a group lip-synching and dancing to Motown classics.

The month ended with a visit by a traveling zoo, giving clients the opportunity to commune with snakes and turtles and small mammals, oh my!

The month of September brought a big event in the form of a big acquisition. Over the summer, it became apparent that it was time to retire the "Yamamoto Express," the bus that had faithfully transported ADS clients between their homes and the JASC for ten years. A new ADS bus rolled into service in the final days of the month, ensuring that clients will be riding comfortably and safely for the foreseeable future.

We continue to promote and enhance our clients' maximum level of function-

ing to preserve their independence and prevent premature institutionalization. Nursing services and different activities are offered to maintain clients' physical, mental, and emotional well-being. For more information about the JASC's Adult Day Services, contact Melba Ristow, RN, ADS coordinator, at 773.275.7212, ext. 239.

Home Support Services

Supervisor: Helen Nakayama

People have asked me about the definition of geriatric doctors and geriatric health care professionals. Older adults may be referred to one of these specialists, but they may not always understand how this doctor is different from their own doctors.

Geriatric doctors and professionals focus on the prevention and treatment of disease and disability in later life. They have specialized training in treating the complicated health issues that many older adults have.

Most geriatric doctors are primary care physicians who are board-certified in either family practice or internal medicine and have completed additional training to specialize in geriatric medicine.

Other geriatric health care professionals include:

- Geriatric psychiatrist: physician who cares for the mental health needs of older adults.
- Geriatric nurse practitioner: registered nurse with advanced training and experience in caring for older adults, including people with complicated health problems.
- Geriatric social worker: generally has a master's degree in social work with training and experience counseling and arranging services for elderly clients.

- Geriatric pharmacist: usually has a doctorate of pharmacy along with the training and experience required to work with the complicated medication needs of older adults.
- Geriatric care manager: professional who works privately with older adults and their families to establish a plan of care that meets the needs and issues of eldercare and aging. A geriatric care manager can be a gerontologist, nurse, social worker or psychologist.

For more information on geriatric health professionals and related topics, contact the JASC's Home Support Services at 773.275.7212, ext. 228. hn

Counseling

Social Worker:

Frances Chikahisa, MSW, LCSW

Our Counseling Department is in the unique position of being able to respond to the requests of the clients. By that I mean that we are not bound by geographic or service definitions that might limit what we can attempt to do for those who are in need. I have been able to provide a variety of services to our clients. One is taking the time to establish a relationship with the senior, and this might require making numerous visits to the home before any real discussion takes place.

In recent months, we have placed seniors in assisted living facilities. For most of them it is not a simple move, since they have to find a way of disposing of years of accumulated possessions. I work with the Home Support Services to do the physical clean-up of their homes, but there is the additional need to find a way of disposing of furniture,

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JASC Community Programs



household appliances and maybe years of accumulated Japanese artifacts, or even file cabinets of paperwork that had never been thinned out.

During the most recent downsizing effort, I was able to locate the services of a person who conducts estate sales. This relieved the client of having to sell his possessions on his own. I was very pleased with the services provided by this person and will be happy to provide the resource information to anyone who asks.

Another way in which we are unique is that we follow the client even after the placement. In this way, we can assess the adjustment to the new living arrangements and can offer suggestions to make the client's life more meaningful.

I have also been in contact with family members who are interested in finding the most suitable living arrangement for their senior relative. At times this means working to get all family members "on the same page." Most often the sons and daughters are reluctant to take charge, since they have been taught to defer to the parents. However, the parent might be showing signs of dementia or is in such a state of denial that the parent cannot effectively discuss the problem.

I'd like to also remind everyone that counseling services are not exclusively for seniors. Our services are available to anyone who is in need of talking over a problem, and this also applies to persons who are not Japanese American or Japanese.

All inquiries can be directed to Frances Chikahisa at 773.275.7212, ext. 225. fc

Legacy Center (Archives & Library)

Supervisor: Deborah Mieko Burns

Until recently, Mike Courtney has been the JASC Legacy Center's hard-working and faithful archival assistant, processing an endless flow of records so that researchers can access and use them. Sadly for us, Mike is leaving the JASC to work at the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Archives and Records Center of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

A native of Manchester, New Hampshire, Mike has a bachelor's degree in history from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and a master's degree in history—focusing on immigration and Church history—from Loyola University Chicago. He is currently working on a second master's, and anticipates receiving his degree in theology from Loyola next fall. His areas of interest are the development of Catholic moral theology in the United States and immigration reform.

It was because of his studies in immigration history that Mike came to the JASC, where he has worked on a part-time basis since 2002. During this time, he maintained a full-time job as a cataloging assistant at Loyola's Law Library. He intends to continue to work at Loyola even when he assumes his position at the Bernardin Archives.

Mike asserts that the JASC's most interesting records are from the agency's early years, especially those dealing with the war brides and Japanese American resettlement after World War II. He also offers this bit of advice for the JASC's members and friends: "Don't throw out your personal papers, such as diaries, photographs, letters, etc. Donate them to the JASC Legacy Center to help preserve the experiences of the Japanese American community in Chicago."



Mike Courtney

Well said, Mike. Congratulations on your new position.

The JASC Legacy Center collects, preserves, and makes historical resources from the Japanese American community in the six-county Chicago area available for research and reference purposes. It houses the JASC archives and serves as a community repository for records and information resources about Japanese Americans and Asian Americans. The Legacy Center seeks to preserve and promote community heritage and common understanding of the Japanese American experience as an integral part of American history. We provide reference services for our collections, can help you make connections with community members, will lend selected materials, and can refer you to other repositories. Our collections are available for use by appointment free of charge. All people are welcome!

This department is generously supported by the Chicago Japanese American Council, the Japanese American National Museum's Discover Nikkei Project (discovernikkei.org), and the Tom T. Arai Bequest of the Japanese Mutual Aid Society.

JASC News



Futabakai Students Visit JASC

Thursday, September 20 was the day approximately forty students from Futabakai Japanese School in Arlington Heights visited the JASC. Prior to their visit volunteer Stanley Fukai went to the school and gave them a short history of Japanese Americans in Chicago. On the day of their visit the students and principal Yasuaki Nakamura were able to view the Origins of Now exhibit and listen to the first-hand experiences of Kiyoko Kasai Fujii and Sam Ozaki.



As a gesture of thanks the students performed a soran folk dance from the prefecture of Hokkaido to the delight of the assembled audience.

2008 JASC Membership

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enables the JASC to
continue to provide services
to our community.

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renewal in the mail. Please
return the completed form with
your dues payment at your
earliest convenience.

JASC Participates in National Night Out Against Gun Violence

On a sweltering August evening, the JASC joined other community groups and individuals in a march and rally marking the National Night Out Against Gun Violence. The event, which was organized by the 23rd District of the Chicago Police Department, culminated in a celebratory gathering in the park with food, entertainment, and a passionate speech by Chicago's most prominent politician.

The JASC contingent included members of the Fujima Ryu of Chicago and the JASC Tsukasa Taiko. In fact, the taiko performance framed the appearance by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, who had come directly from a debate among the leading Democratic presidential candidates. Daley expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the content of the debate, saying that the issue of gun laws had not even been raised.

The Commander of the 23rd District, Gary Yamashiroya, emphasized that a key factor in reducing violence in the streets lies with the citizens of the community. By showing respect for each other and by working together, they can help establish a safe environment for everyone.

Tao Wadaiko Performances Support JASC

Billed as Japan's response to "Riverdance," the drummers and dancers of the Kyushu-based group Tao make their North American debut in Chicago on November 23 through 25. These performances offer an added bonus: If you specify "CHRP-Japanese American Service" when ordering tickets, 50% of the ticket price will be donated to the JASC. What's more, you'll receive a 10% discount on the ticket price.

Tao was founded in 1993 with the goal of creating a new type of wadaiko performance. The producers promise a fusion of the ancient and the modern in a spectacle of rhythm, movement, and music.

The upcoming appearances by Tao are presented by the Chicago Human Rhythm Project under its "Global Rhythms" series and "Thanks4Giving" program. All performances will take place at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, which is located in Millennium Park at 205 E. Randolph Drive. Show times are: 8 pm on Friday, November 23; 3 and 8 pm on Saturday, November 24; and 3 pm on Sunday, November 25. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 312.334.7777, or through the Harris Theater website (www.harristheaterchicago.org). To secure the 50% donation in online ticket orders, enter "CHRP-Japanese American Service" in the Promo Code box.

Community Calendar of Events



Date/Time	Event/Organization/Location
<i>In continuing 8-week sessions (Sa) 10:30 – 11:45 am 12 noon – 1:15 pm</i>	JASC Tsukasa Taiko Shamisen Class JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 8 (Th) 3 pm</i>	JASC Community Education: “Five Wishes” Revisited JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 10 (Sa) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Sukiyaki and Chiri-nabe JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 12, 26; Dec 3, 17 (M) 1 pm – 2 pm</i>	JASC Ikebana Class JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 13 (Tu) 6:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2 x 4 Workshop JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 14 (W) 3 pm</i>	JASC Community Education: Reverse Mortgages—Who Can Benefit? JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 15 (Th) 6:30 – 8:30 pm</i>	JASC Origami Workshop III JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
Nov 16 (F) 10 am – 3 pm	Free Flu and Pneumonia Shots/JASC with Chicago Department on Aging and Chicago Department of Public Health JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 16 – Jan 6, 2008</i>	Christmas Around the World Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive voice, 773.684-1414; web, www.mischicago.org
<i>Nov 17 (Sa) 1 – 3 pm</i>	JASC Sumi Nagashi Workshop JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org

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<i>Nov 23 – 25 (F – Sn)</i> <i>Nov 23, 8 pm</i> <i>Nov 24, 3 and 8 pm</i> <i>Nov 25, 3 pm</i>	Global Rhythms 3: TAO/JASC with Chicago Human Rhythm Project and Thanks 4 Giving Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph, Millennium Park voice, 312.334.7777; web, www.harristheaterchicago.org and www.chicagotap.org
Dec 1 (Sa) 10:30 am – 4:00 pm	JASC Holiday Delight and Kodomo Matsuri JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Dec 8 (Sa)</i> <i>10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Oshogatsu Ryori (New Year's Dishes) ASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Dec 29 (Sa)</i> <i>10:30 am – 12 noon</i>	4th Annual Chicago Taiko Legacy: Shamisen Lecture/Demonstration JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 708.386.9349; web, www.tsukasataiko.com
<i>Dec 30 (Sn)</i> <i>3 pm</i>	4th Annual Chicago Taiko Legacy Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington voice, 708.386.9349; web, www.tsukasataiko.com
<i>Jan 12, 2008 (Sa)</i>	Tohkon Judo Kagami Biraki New Year's Celebration Tohkon Judo, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.784.7766; web, www.tohkon.com
<i>Feb 9, 2008 (Sa)</i> <i>10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Nigiri Sushi JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
Feb 17, 2008 (Sn) 2 pm (tentative)	Day of Remembrance/Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Japanese American Citizens League—Chicago Chapter, JASC Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark

To include an event in the community calendar, call the JASC office at 773.275.0097, ext. 229, with the name of the event, the date and time, the sponsoring organization, and the location. The deadline for the spring 2008 issue is December 15, 2007. Events for February, March, April, and May 2008 should be included.



Bento Box in the Heartland: My Japanese Girlhood in Whitebread America

by Linda Furiya

Review by Betty Morita

Who among us Nisei does not remember the feelings engendered when having to write and sign an excuse for absence from school or a permission form for a field trip, because our parents were not literate in English or were self-conscious of their broken English? Did you fear that the teacher would think you made it up? Did you think she might recognize your childish handwriting? Did you dread the possibility of getting into trouble? What about the feelings engendered when mother made you take some ethnic delicacy to school for lunch, be it rice balls, kim chee, barbecue pork buns, pierogis, or tamales? Those other kids would ask, “What is that?” “Ohhh, yuk!” Did you wish for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich like the other kids?

It was poignant, as well as nostalgic, to read Linda Furiya’s memoir, *Bento Box in the Heartland: My Japanese Girlhood in Whitebread America*. In it, she recalls the many feelings she experienced living in the only Japanese family in the small town of Versailles, Indiana, during the 1970s. She, too, had to write her own excuses and take special bentos with rice, pickles and fish for her school lunches. This is an engaging “coming of age tale” and encompasses all the anxieties, insecurities, and questioning, as well as the desire for acceptance associated with anyone’s growing up. But it also encompasses the unique experiences of growing up in a Japanese American family with the attendant cultural isolation, self-consciousness, prejudice, and hurt from the community’s lack of understanding of her and her family, as well as her own lack of understanding of many aspects of her family and her community.

Ms. Furiya learns in childhood that her mother had arrived in Indiana carrying among her possessions, ingredients to make proper Japanese meals for her husband. During Linda’s childhood and later, the family drove to Cincinnati,

to Chicago and on fishing trips carrying an ice chest in the car in quest of the freshest of fish for their family meals and all the necessary ingredients for the typical Japanese meals, not available in Versailles. The end of each chapter of Linda Furiya’s memoir is accompanied by a recipe for common Japanese foods with which most Nisei are familiar: grilled fish, fried rice, omelets, rice with red beans, buckwheat noodles, and pork with tofu, to name a few. However, this book is not a glorification of the Japanese diet; rather, the recipes are symbolic of Ms. Furiya’s growing recognition and appreciation for the typical Japanese family meals around which the major communications of her family’s cultural heritage, values, beliefs and experiences had been shared.

Portraying persons, places and emotions with skill, simplicity and graphic details, Ms. Furiya has written a tale with which most Niseis can identify and relate. Those who are in the second generation of any immigrant family might also identify and relate with this story of evolution, from feeling alien to acceptance of self and appreciation of cultural heritage.

Bento Box in the Heartland: My Japanese Girlhood in Whitebread America by Linda Furiya. Seal Press, an Imprint of Avalon Publishing Group Inc., 2006, Emeryville, CA 94608. Paperback, 308 pages. A limited number of copies are available for purchase at the JASC.

Community and Cultural Events



George Neeno Receives Award from CLESE



The Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly (CLESE) hosted its Annual Meeting and Community Treasure Awards ceremony on September 11, 2007, Patriot Day.

The Community Treasure Awards recognize the unique talents and contributions of older refugees and immigrants in their new country. This year Japanese American Service Committee is proud to announce the winner for the 2007 Community Treasure Award is George Neeno.

Japanese American Service Committee is a member of CLESE, a forty-eight member organization which serves elderly immigrants and refugees. The mission of CLESE is to improve the lives of limited English speaking elderly by providing leadership, education and advocacy.

Giving Opportunities

- **Pledge** any amount to the JASC payable on any schedule.
- **Bequeath** a portion of your estate to the JASC.
- Name the JASC as a beneficiary of your **life insurance** policy.
- Transfer **stocks** to the JASC.
- Make a donation **in recognition** of a family member or friend, living or deceased, or to mark a special occasion.
- Have your place of business match your donation through an **employee matching plan**.
- Donate **in-kind items** (see our wish list on the back page) **or services**. Call Carol Yoshino or Sharon Harada at 773.275.0097, ext. 223 or 229, to discuss how you can support the JASC in a way that is both convenient and advantageous to you.

Golden Diners

The JASC is the site of the Golden Diners program sponsored by the Chicago Department on Aging. A nutritious lunch is served Monday through Friday beginning at 11:30 am. Suggested contributions for the lunch are \$3.00 for those under 60 and \$1.50 for those over 60. Please call 773.275.0097 and ask for Tess or Melba to make reservations for lunch.

Day of Remembrance 2008

Every year the Japanese American community in the Chicago area comes together to recall the signing of Executive Order 9066—which paved the way for the internment of almost 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II—and to consider the lessons to be learned from the internment. The program is jointly sponsored by the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, the Japanese American Citizens League—Chicago Chapter, the Chicago Japanese American Council, and the JASC.

The 2008 program will include a screening of “The Cats of Mirikitani.” This award-winning documentary film shows how art, compassion, and a 21st-century tragedy combined to help one elderly Japanese American man reclaim his life.

Chicago’s Day of Remembrance is scheduled for Sunday, February 17, 2008, at the Chicago History Museum. More details on the event will be announced in the near future.

37th Annual Fuji Festival and Silent Auction

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