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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
- Hose reel
- Large, metal tins
- Thick, plastic storage containers

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 equivalent. 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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“Isolated Nikkei Elders” Study Results Released

Some seven years ago, the JASC conducted its Nikkei Community Assessment to determine the current and future needs of persons of Japanese descent in the Chicago area. Among its findings was that a significant number of elderly Nikkei live alone, have incomes at or near the poverty level, and are set apart socially by language difficulties, cultural values, geographic distance, or all three factors. Moreover, many only agree to seek help in situations that are so extreme that they require emergency intervention. Starting in 2006, with the financial support of the United Way Chicago Metropolitan Venture Investment Funds and the United Way Chicago Suburban Venture Investment Funds, the JASC undertook another assessment that specifically targeted the wellness and safety needs of this high-risk population of isolated Nikkei elders. The findings will enable the agency “to design and deliver more effective, timely, and culturally competent services so that Nikkei elders can continue to age in place in a safe and healthy manner.”*

Background Facts: Isolated Nikkei Elders Study

- Asian Americans comprise one of the fastest growing racial and ethnic groups in the US, having increased by 76% from 1990 to 2000.
- Relatively few studies have been conducted on Asian American elderly.
- The Japanese American population in the US grew by 36% between 1990 and 2000.
- 2,926 Japanese American elders (age 60 and older) live in Cook County, and 63% of them live in the Chicagoland area.

Results of that study, “Aging Alone in the City and Aging in the Suburbs: A Qualitative Needs Assessment of Isolated Nikkei Elders, 2007,” have been presented at the conferences of the American Psychological Association and the Gerontological Society of America, and at the Governor’s Conference on Aging as well. Study results have also been published in the form of a nine-page Executive Summary, which will be mailed to all JASC members in the near future. Those who are not members can obtain copies by contacting the JASC at 773.275.0097, or at jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org.

This assessment of isolated Nikkei elders was conducted by a team that included: Denys T. Lau, PhD (Subcontract Principal Investigator), of the Buehler Center on Aging, Health & Society, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University; Sayaka Machizawa, PsyD (Project Coordinator), of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology; Jean Fujiu, LCSW (Project Director), Executive Director of the JASC; and Gayle Iwamasa, PhD (Consultant), of DePaul University. Kay Kawaguchi, Cultural and Community Affairs Assistant at the JASC, translated the narrative from English into Japanese.

For a sampling of the observations of study participants, see “Voices from the Isolated Nikkei Elders Study” elsewhere in this issue.

*Sayaka Machizawa, PsyD, and Denys T. Lau, PhD. “Aging Alone in the City and Aging in the Suburbs: A Qualitative Needs Assessment of Isolated Nikkei Elders.” Executive Summary. The Japanese American Service Committee: Chicago, IL. 2007.

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JASC welcomes submissions of articles or information to the newsletter.

Articles may be sent via mail, e-mail (programs@jasc-chicago.org), fax (773.275.0958) or disk. The next deadline for articles is **March 15, 2008.**

For more information, please call Sharon Harada at 773.275.0097 x229.

If there are any omissions or mistakes in the lists or elsewhere in this issue, please call the JASC office and let us know. Thank you.

Dear Friends,

Evidence of spring in Chicago is all around us and I'm happy to report that both the JASC board of directors and the staff are busy working on a number of new projects and initiatives to continue providing you with quality services and programs.

In our last newsletter, I shared with you information about the Board's efforts related to achieving our first initiative under the current Strategic Plan: "Create a destination center whose design showcases Japanese culture and tradition."

Recent efforts of the Facilities and Executive committees about building a "Destination Center" have focused on meeting with our key strategic partners in the Japanese American community, discussing our thoughts and plans about this idea. To learn more yourself, please join us on Sunday, April 13th at JASC for the first of several Community Meetings where we will present updates about our Destination Center initiative. Come see what we are planning!

The second initiative much on the minds of JASC board members and staff is to "reach out to the dispersed Japanese American population, offering broader services, partnering and coordinating with other organizations to share resources and consolidate efforts."

As you can imagine, this also is a large undertaking for JASC but we are energized by the ideas and plans that are under consideration. During the past year, JASC, with assistance from United Way and NU's Center on Aging, completed a qualitative assessment of health access issues of Nisei elders. We are planning expansion of our services based on what we have learned.

A key component necessary for JASC to succeed as the organization envisioned in our Strategic Plan is capacity, both in terms of money and staff. We are actively seeking a qualified individual to assist us in our development efforts. We are also seeking a licensed LCSW to help us serve more people.

Earlier this year, we established a formal agreement with Asian Improv aRts Midwest for Tatsu Aoki to assist JASC as a Cultural Programs Curator. Tatsu has been instrumental in bringing taiko and shamisen to JASC. During 2008, he is focusing on expanding an archival project that involves capturing video histories from local Nisei, continuing to work on a film about our 60th Anniversary Origins of Now exhibit, and assisting JASC in the continuing production of high quality innovative cultural programs.

I am grateful for the hard work and dedication everyone is putting into making all these changes become a reality at JASC. There is still more to be done but we are seeing the organization grow and the results of everyone's efforts.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Takada
President

JASC Social Services Programs



Home Support Services

Supervisor: Helen Nakayama

Medical Emergency Information Sheet

People who have health issues and medical conditions are advised to post their important medical information somewhere in their residence. This information sheet should be located in a visible spot, such as the refrigerator door or the inside of an entrance door. There should be one information sheet for each individual in the residence.

The following information should be listed:

- Call 911 if this is an emergency;
- Name, address, phone number, age of person;
- Emergency contact person: name and phone numbers;
- Physician's name, office phone number, hospital affiliation;
- Pharmacy phone number;
- List all prescription medications;
- List drug allergies, e.g., allergic to penicillin;
- List serious medical history, e.g., diabetes, heart and circulatory conditions, history of falling, vision or hearing impairment.

In addition, phone numbers for the following services are important:

- nearest police station,
- fire department,
- poison control center,
- ambulance services.

Rescuers should check the person for medical identification tag or medallion.

Creating this information document will insure proper care will be given in an emergency. It can serve to reassure everyone that when minutes count, the important phone calls and contacts will be communicated rapidly.

THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE CHECKED AND UPDATED AS NEEDED.

Adult Day Services

Supervisor: Melba Ristow, RN

December is here, and the elves of the JASC's Adult Day Services (ADS) are busy planning for major festivities later in the month. While we're waiting for the parties to start, we'll recap the events of the past few months.

September was a fairly quiet month, during which clients adjusted to their fall schedules. They continued to appreciate the comfort of their new bus and the generosity of Ms. Misao Shiratsuki (see article elsewhere in this issue).

In October, the ADS clients welcomed back their young friends from the Sacred Heart Academy. For the past several years, middle schoolers from Sacred Heart have visited ADS once a week during the school year, bringing their energy, their enthusiasm, and, sometimes, their musical talents.

Later that month, just before the Halloween party, the clients took a quick field trip to their favorite Chinese buffet restaurant.

That trip was just a warm-up for the season's big field trip. To celebrate Thanksgiving and to pay tribute to the program's volunteers, everyone bundled up and headed north to Apple Holler in Wisconsin. No one was particularly thankful for the cold, wet weather, but that's November in the Midwest.

We continue to promote and enhance our clients' maximum level of functioning 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.

Counseling

Social Worker:

Frances Chikahisa, MSW, LCSW

Counseling is a prominent function for social workers, but it is not the only skill offered by social workers. The word "counseling" implies a discussion around a problem, with the counselor functioning in a more advisory category. However, in our training to become social workers more time is spent in becoming psychotherapists. There is a definite distinction between these two functions.

After several years of experience, the social worker is able to apply for a license as a clinical expert. The skill required is the ability to develop a relationship of trust with the client and, through the relationship, enable the client to identify his issues, and to find a better solution to his problems.

This is a subtle and sometimes fragile working bond between the two people. It calls for patience, acceptance and empathy for the "other." I have often been accused of being "a friendly visitor," implying that it was an inconsequential interchange. Sometimes it takes a number of such inconsequential-appearing contacts to assist the client to face the real issues confronting him.

Many of the Niseis that I meet are fiercely determined to be in charge of their lives to the bitter end. It takes months of working with them to help them see that with additional support and caring they could have a less stressful life. Sometimes the very fact that I enter into their lives helps them see that they are lonely and isolated. When they can find support, either through the services of a homemaker, a caregiver, day care, or finding a suitable placement in assisted living, they can begin to put some quality time into their lives. I feel truly rewarded when I see that people are never too old to learn new coping skills.

I welcome inquiries of any kind.

Please feel free to call me at 773.275.7212, ext. 225.

Voices from the Isolated Nikkei Elders Study

The JASC's study of isolated Nikkei elders in the Chicago area (see page 1) was conducted through in-person interviews and self-administered surveys. Study participants were drawn from three groups: Japanese Americans aged 60 and older who were living either alone in Chicago or in a Chicago suburb, regardless of cohabiting situation; families, friends, or personal caregivers of isolated Nikkei elders; and licensed professional service providers who worked with that population, including physicians, nurses, and social workers.

The study identified a number of issues that are critical to the promotion of wellness and health in Japanese Americans aged 60 and older. The following selection of comments from study participants on those issues is drawn from the full report of study results.*

On the need for independence and self-reliance:

"It's not that I don't think that they wouldn't do it or anything like that, but I would rather not be a burden if they're busy with their own lives and have family to take care of. They're very good kids, but at the same time ... I'm not going to live my life depending and assuming that that's how I'm going to be cared for." (Elder, suburbs)

On the need for a connection to Japanese culture:

"I didn't want to be Japanese when I was younger. Now, I really enjoy the community because of the similarity and understanding of attitudes, of values. It's just very comforting to me to be with Nisei people. I admire that generation so much. They went through a lot to give me the opportunity to be me and to also have a strong identity to fall back on because of what they did." (Elder, Chicago)

On the need for a structured lifestyle:

"When I do not go to JASC, like weekends or holidays, I think I don't really know what to do. It's my routine to come here in the morning after I wake up, you know, and I think that's why I am still healthy." (Elder, Chicago)

On the need for a clean and organized house:

"She doesn't throw things out that much so she has this 'don't be wasteful' personality. I think she has a lot of clutter because she doesn't want to get rid of anything." (Family member, Chicago)

On the need for interaction with family:

"It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to talk about my internment experiences because I feel that it is the story that has to be told." (Elder, Chicago)

On the need for interaction with friends and neighbors:

"Elders' marriage is always like, 'We did these things together all the time; I never did things by myself. I didn't have hobbies, I didn't have outside friendships.' And so the husband or wife dies, and, 'I don't know who I am anymore, I don't have a personal identity,' and so it's a challenge, and it's difficult for them." (Licensed professional, Chicago)

On the need to help others and contribute to the community:

"I know I don't do much for the church, you know, 'cause I know the church, some people are very into it, and they're baking for the church and this and that...I'm not a baker. Maybe I don't do enough, do you think? I think maybe the church might think I don't participate enough." (Elder, Chicago)

On the need for financial security:

"I'm wondering how many more years I can live before the money runs out, because with Social Security, any set amount comes in, then you have your set expenses with your medical bills and prescription, and you need eyeglasses, you need teeth fixed etc, etc." (Elder, Chicago)

On the need for homemaking and cleaning services:

"I know older people think once they start asking for too much help, they end up losing even more strength. So I think that's what she [elder] is worried about." (Family member, suburbs)

On the need for transportation services:

"She could go with her neighbors, but she values her independence, and she doesn't want to depend on her neighbors every time she needs something ... so I think she tries to do everything by herself." (Family member, Chicago)

On the need for medical and healthcare services:

"The older Nisei people believe that you don't go to the doctor, because if you went to the doctor, then you died. In Japan, you went when you were really sick and nobody could do anything for you, and you usually died. That is the attitude. My own father was that way. You wouldn't go to the doctor if you hurt a little bit....You [didn't] go to the doctor unless it was serious....Maybe if you had a real bad earache you could have gone to the doctor." (Licensed professional, Chicago)

*From Sayaka Machizawa, PsyD, and Denys T Lau, PhD. "Aging Alone in the City and Aging in the Suburbs: A Qualitative Needs Assessment of Isolated Nikkei Elders." Full Report. The Japanese American Service Committee: Chicago, IL. 2007.

JASC Community Programs



Legacy Center (Archives & Library)

Supervisor: Deborah Mieko Burns

Several community members generously donated remarkable historical material to the Legacy Center (community-based archive and library) in 2007. Preserving our community heritage depends on people like these folks who are willing to share their stories and resources. In 2007, we received many valuable donations including:

- From H. Roy Asaki, a directory of Japanese Americans in Chicago.
- From Peggy Nishimura Bain, a book.
- From Jan Bollig, historical *kamishibai* story kits.
- From Paul Bruce, photographs.
- From Mary Enta, reports and posters.
- From Roy Esaki, personal papers and photographs.
- From Judith Fors, a thesis.
- From Jean Fujiu, publications.
- From Mary Furuyama, Rohwer Relocation Center narrative.
- From Sharon Harada, publications.
- From Linda Uyehara Hoffman, letters, redress material, internment camp identification cards and tag, and the *Letters from Camp* manuscript.
- From Michio Iwao, photographs.
- From the Japanese American National Library, a bibliography.
- From the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, publications.
- From Hiroshi Kaneko, letters and a passport.
- From Frances Kawabata and Kenji Tran, an oral history DVD.
- From Kay Kawaguchi, publications.
- From Ryoko Kobayashi, photographs and papers from internment camp and the resettlement years.
- From Ruth Kumata, Minidoka reunion material.
- From Yoshiko Murakami, a trunk used during internment camp.
- From Laura Muraoka, an early JACL brochure and other publications.



Leaving Rohwer Relocation Center for Tule Lake Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas, ca. 1943, Yosh Sakai Papers, Japanese American Service Committee Legacy Center, Chicago, IL.

- From Joe Muszynski, an excerpt of the film, *The Years of Silence*.
- From New Horizons, records and images.
- From Barbara Oshita, books.
- From Haru Ozaki, a *kori* used before, during, and after internment camp.
- From Yosh Sakai, personal papers and photographs.
- From Andrew Sato, photographs.
- From Midori Sugimoto, receipt, letter, and embroidery floss from internment camp.
- From Jennifer and Rose Tani, United States War Relocation Authority reports and papers.
- From Chiye Tomihiro, photographs.
- From Francis Ward, an article on internment.
- From Hideo Watanabe, books and a DVD.
- From Dorothy Yahiro, two suitcases and an alien registration card.
- From Maggie and Fred Yamaguchi, a small tansu and books.
- From Kiyō Yoshimura, journals.

Thank you to these donors (and others who donated material anonymously or who donated financial support) for sharing these valuable resources with the community!

We collect all types of material in [English](#) or [Japanese](#) that document the Japanese American experience in Chicago and

elsewhere from the early days of immigration to today including:

- Letters
- Memoirs and reminiscences
- Diaries, journals, and notebooks
- Scrapbooks
- Yearbooks
- Oral histories
- Family histories
- Legal documents (such as birth, immigration, marriage, and death records)
- Professional papers, speeches, and lectures
- Business records and reports
- Subject files
- Directories (of the community, churches, temples, or groups)
- Photographs, negatives, photo albums, and slides
- Videos, films, and audio tapes
- Newspapers (including clippings)
- Books
- Magazines, journals, periodicals, and newsletters
- Dissertations, articles, and school papers
- Brochures, flyers, notices, and advertisements
- Organizational records

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JASC News

New ADS Bus Is a Brother's Memorial

In the last issue of the *JASC Newsletter*, the report of the Adult Day Services supervisor made mention of the purchase of a new bus to transport the program's clients back and forth every day. That purchase was made possible by JASC member Misao Shiratsuki, whose generous donation honors her late brother, Satoru.

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Because the research value of records may be diminished if items are removed or if the records are rearranged, please contact the Archivist before weeding, discarding, or reorganizing your papers and records. When in doubt, don't throw it out!

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 (www.discovernikkei.org), and the Tom T. Arai Bequest of the Japanese Mutual Aid Society.

Satoru Shiratsuki was born in California in 1926, and suffered from an early age from the effects of nerve deafness, which was not diagnosed until he was 10. He attended the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley and did well until he and the other members of his family were removed from their homes under Executive Order 9066. He was unable to reenter the school and did not resume his education until he left camp and followed his older sister, Misao, to the Midwest. Satoru finally received his high school diploma at the age of 20, from the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville.



"Dedicated to Satoru Shiratsuki." The JASC's new Adult Day services bus with happy passengers.

This frustrating pattern of progress and setback repeated itself time after time until his death in 2002. As Calvin Manshio observed in the *Chicago Shimpō* in 2003, "During his life Satoru Shiratsuki . . . struggled to be understood, accepted and to learn. . . . If he had been properly diagnosed, treated and trained, who knows what Satoru could have achieved?"

As a witness to her brother's difficulties, Misao Shiratsuki knows how compassionate, respectful, and skilled care can help ease the burdens of physical disability. Her donation makes it possible for a number of elderly clients to experience that—and to enjoy each other's company as well—through the JASC's Adult Day Services program.

Out-of-the-House Program Update

Out-of-the-House Program will be two years old at the end of January 2008! Our original members are still active, although one member passed away in November 2006. Two members were inactive for half of 2007, but they have now returned to make our activities more lively.

We have a new exercise volunteer—a young woman from Japan who is a dancer and who likes to teach us stretching exercises and even a few dance moves! We still highlight the month with a lunch at a restaurant. Craft classes with Naomi Negi introduce us to Japanese fairy tales and seasonal holidays in Japan. At Holiday Delight this past December our ladies put on a skit based on a German tale, with a Japanese interpretation! We are a very adaptable bunch. We also knitted and sold scarves and origami ornaments at Holiday Delight. Our ladies are honing up their sales skills.

We are always happy to have new members join us. Call Frances Chikahisa, MSW, LCSW for details. She can be reached at 773.275.7212, ext. 225. fc

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you have a couple of hours to spare on Tuesday or Thursday mornings (9:15–10:00 am) or afternoons (1:30–2:30 pm), the Out-of-the-House program NEEDS you.

Please contact Frances Chikahisa, 773.275.7212 x 225 for more information.

Community & Cultural Events



Spring 2008 Health Screening

Last October, JASC members and friends participated in the agency's Fall Health Screening, getting their blood pressure and cholesterol levels checked and undergoing screening tests for a number of conditions. Even better, the fee for these professional services was well below what one would pay on an individual basis at the doctor's office.

JASC is indebted to Dr. Eric Mizuno and the Northwestern Community Medical Group and the following volunteers and JASC staff, who helped the event run smoothly: Asayo Horibe, RN; Sue Miyake, RN; Jeanne Toguri, RN; Asako Takekuma-Katsumata, RN; Joyce Ishida; Yosh Harada; Lynn Kaihara; Frank Kawaguchi; Kay Kawaguchi; Carol Yoshino; and Sharon Harada.

On **Saturday, April 19, 2008**, JASC's Spring Health Screening will be held from 9 am to noon, with Dr. Dennis Manshio. The following tests will be offered:

- **Basic screening** (\$55 fee for JASC members; \$110 for non-members)
- **Prostatic specific antigen (PSA)** screening for prostate cancer (\$25 for members; \$50 for non-members)
- **Helicobacter pylori stomach bacteria** screening for stomach ulcers and stomach cancer risk (\$35 for members; \$60 for non-members)
- **Glycohemoglobin** test to assess diabetes control (\$20 for members; \$35 for non-members)
- **CA 125** screening for ovarian cancer (\$75 for members; \$125 for non-members)

To reserve your appointment time, call the JASC at 773.275.0097, x226 (Kay) or x229 (Sharon) or look for the JASC Health Screening flyer, which is included in this issue of the newsletter.

Taiko Legacy Is a Hit! JASC Tsukasa Taiko Packs the Chicago Cultural Center with Capacity Crowd

Over the weekend of December 29-30, 2007, Asian Improv aRts Midwest and the JASC co-presented the Fourth Annual Chicago Taiko Legacy. The annual showcase of the JASC Tsukasa Taiko cultural arts program, this year's event was a memorable way to close out the year!

This year, the Taiko Legacy featured its first international guests, shamisen masters Chizuru Kineya and Koujime Yoshimura of Tokyo. They enthralled a sizeable audience during a December 29 presentation at the JASC with a dazzling exhibition of Nagauta (Japanese classical music).

This set the scene for the big show in the Chicago Cultural Center's Preston Bradley Hall on December 30. The largest Taiko Legacy to date, this year's event featured Fujima Shunojo, Melody Takata, Jason Matsumoto, and Ryan Toguri. Of course, Hide Yoshihashi, Amy Homma and Tsukasa's leading student members represented JASC Tsukasa Taiko.

Approximately 700 people packed the Hall, with audience members filling up every seat, all the floor space, and the lobby. The crowd was not disappointed as the concert unfolded, which featured thunderous drumming, elegant dance, and rarely heard Nagauta music performed by master practitioners. The artists enjoyed a lengthy standing ovation at the conclusion of the show. jc



Artists of the Fourth Annual Chicago Taiko Legacy get ready for the big show. Sunday, December 30, 2007, Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center.

Community and Cultural Events



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 persons 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. Director Linda Hattendorf will be on hand to answer questions from the audience.

Chicago’s Day of Remembrance will be held at the Chicago History Museum (1601 N. Clark Street), starting at 2 pm on Sunday, February 17, 2008. The screening will be open to the public and free of charge; however, those who wish to visit the museum will have to pay an admission fee. Validated parking is available one block north of the museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (parking entrance is on Stockton Drive).

For further information on the Day of Remembrance program, contact the JASC at 773.275.0097, ext. 229, or by e-mail at programs@jasc-chicago.org. For directions to the Chicago History Museum, visit www.chicagohistory.org.

Chicago JACL Scholarship Applications now Available!

Applications for Chicago JACL Scholarships are available from the Chicago JACL office by calling 773.728.7170. By the beginning of February, forms will also be posted on the JACL Web site at www.jaclchicago.org—but don’t delay because completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2008, for consideration. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, college upper classman (sophomore, etc.) as well as those going on to graduate school. Last year, nearly \$17,000 in scholarships were awarded.

The JACL also has a National Scholarship and Awards Program. A different application (available at www.jacl.org) is required for the national program. Students are encouraged to apply to both the Chicago and the national JACL scholarship programs and may receive awards from both. jt

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.

JASC Community Mural Dedication

Created in honor of the Japanese Americans who resettled in Chicago during and after World War II, the JASC Community Mural was unveiled at a ceremony held in November. The artwork incorporates Japanese and American symbols and motifs, along with images of evacuation, internment, military service, resettlement, and present-day community. A length of obi-type brocade fabric, donated by Laurel Fujisawa, embellishes one side of the installation.

The ceremony included special recognition of four people who made the Community Mural project possible: Mirtes Zwierzynski and Juan-Carlos Perez, lead artists; Scott Sikkema, of Chicago Arts Partnership in Education; and Linda Murakishi Whitted, project sponsor. In a segment that recalled the exercise that ended each project session, participants were invited to reflect on their experiences and relate incidents that were of particular significance to them. After the ceremony, many attendees took the opportunity to take a last look at the JASC’s 60th anniversary exhibit, “Origins of Now: ReBuilding Community.”

The Community Mural project started with workshop discussion sessions last January as a part of the JASC’s 60th anniversary celebration. Participants came from a broad spectrum of ages and backgrounds; the only requirements were “an open mind and heart.” Unlike the mural that occupied an exterior wall of the JASC building in the 1970s and 1980s, the Community Mural was painted on five large panels that are mounted inside the building, in the multipurpose “warehouse” area.

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

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

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
<i>Feb 2, 9 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 (Sa) 12:30 – 2:15 pm (Beginners) 2:30 – 4:15 pm (Advanced)</i>	Basketball Clinic/Sansei-Yonsei Athletic Association Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church 4511 N. Hermitage
<i>Feb 9 (Sa) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Nigiri Sushi JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>Feb 12 and 26 (Tu) 6:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2 x 4 Workshop JASC, 4427 N. Clark
Feb 17 (Sn) 2 pm	Day of Remembrance/Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Japanese American Citizens League—Chicago Chapter, Chicago Japanese American Council, JASC Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark
<i>Feb 28 (Th) 6:30 – 8:30 pm</i>	JASC Origami: Workshop I JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>March 4, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Tu) 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm</i>	JASC Tai Chi Class: Beginners Welcome JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>March 6, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24 May 1 (Th) 6:30 – 7:30 pm</i>	JASC Tai Chi Class: Advanced JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>March 8 (Sa) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Appetizers—Gyoza & Korokke JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>March 10, 24 April 14, 28 (M) 1 pm – 2 pm</i>	JASC Ikebana Class: Session 2 JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>March 11 and 25 (Tu) 6:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2 x 4 Workshop JASC, 4427 N. Clark

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Date/Time	Event/Organization/Location
<i>March 27 (Th) 6:30 – 8:30 pm</i>	JASC Origami Workshop II JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>April 8 and 22 (Tu) 6:30 – 8:00 pm</i>	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2 x 4 Workshop JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>April 12 (Sa) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Noodles JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>April 13 (Sn) 2 pm</i>	JASC Meeting: Making Waves, Expanding Community JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>April 24 (Th) 6:30 – 8:30 pm</i>	JASC Origami Workshop III JASC, 4427 N. Clark
<i>April 26 (Sa)</i>	Rummage Sale/Christ Church of Chicago Christ Church of Chicago, 6047 N. Rockwell voice, 773.338.8170
<i>May 10 (Sa) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Okonomiyaki JASC, 4427 N. Clark
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<i>May 13 and 27 (Tu) 6:30 – 8:30 pm</i>	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2 x 4 Workshop JASC, 4427 N. Clark
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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 Summer 2008 issue is March 15, 2008. Events for May, June, July, and August 2008 should be included.



2008 Scholarship Guidelines

Deadline: May 1, 2008

PURPOSE

Japanese culture and tradition places great value upon education. It is a value that has become firmly rooted in the heritage of Japanese Americans and the mission of the JASC. Service to our community and others is an integral part of the JASC. Without it, education becomes an impersonal intellectual exercise instead of a tool to improve ourselves and our world. The JASC believes that an important part of a good education is learning both the value and enjoyment that comes from civic, charitable, and community activities and participation. Such efforts not only help others but serve to remind us of the importance of striving to advance broader societal goals regardless whether one derives any personal gain other than the satisfaction of bettering the world in which we live.

As a part of its efforts to preserve and promote our Japanese heritage and to advance the commitment to community service, the JASC administers an annual scholarship program to support members of the Japanese American community pursue education beyond high school. Currently, the program comprises several awards: one in the name of Sam Fukaye; one established by the Toguri Family in the name of Fred Toguri; the William T. Yamamoto Scholarship; the Frank T. Kambara Scholarship; the Jean E. Taketoshi Scholarship; and the Anheuser-Busch Scholarship. These JASC scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to promising students who have demonstrated both academic excellence and service to the Japanese American community.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship from the JASC, applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

1. High school applicant's family must have a current JASC Family membership; college applicant must have his/her own current Student or Individual membership.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior and enroll on a full or part-time basis in an accredited school of advanced learning within one year of being selected as a scholarship recipient OR be currently enrolled as a student in a college or university.
3. Applicant need not be of Japanese ancestry and need not be a citizen of the United States.
4. Applicant must be a resident of the State of Illinois for at least one year prior to graduation or graduate from an accredited Illinois high school.
5. Applicant must submit a written Application based on the Criteria listed below along with a current transcript from their high school or college/university.
6. Awards to high school students are contingent upon the applicant timely providing the JASC with a notice of acceptance by an accredited school of advanced learning.
7. Past recipients of scholarship awards are not eligible to apply.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. Grades, Coursework

Official transcripts from high school or college

2. Extra-Curricular Activities

Level or degree of the applicant's participation, length of time the applicant has been involved in the activity, leadership, and accomplishments in the activity, etc.

3. Community Service

Service to Japanese American organizations, level of participation, level of involvement.

4. Essay

A one-page essay on either of the following topics:

- a) How can JASC be relevant to the applicant's life? or,
- b) How has the JASC contributed to the applicant's sense of self or personal growth?

5. A letter of reference from each of the following:

- a) A teacher/professor from applicant's school; and
- b) An adult familiar with the applicant's service and participation in the Japanese American community;

6. Completed application form (enclosed with newsletter)

CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in evaluating scholarship applications.

1. Service to and participation in JASC and other Japanese American community events, programs, and projects.
2. While grades are not always indicative of ability, good grades or steady improvement of grades over the course of high school, suggest the student takes his/her education seriously. Grades will be considered as a measure of the student's interest and seriousness. The student's coursework and course levels will also be reviewed as an indication of interests and motivation.
3. Extracurricular activities are an important part of growing up and toward that end will be considered in evaluating an applicant. Considerations will include the level or degree of the applicant's participation, length of time the applicant has been involved in the activity, leadership, and accomplishments in the activity, etc.

Deadline: Application and transcript must be submitted by 5:00 pm, May 1, 2008, to the Japanese American Service Committee, Scholarship Committee, 4427 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60640. Incomplete applications or those delivered after May 1 will not be eligible.

Decision of the Scholarship Committee is final, and all applicants will be notified prior to the award ceremony at the JASC Annual Meeting in June, 2008.

JASC 2008 Scholarship Application

PLEASE CONSULT THE JASC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND THEN COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name _____ Sex: Male Female

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address _____ Father's name _____ Mother's name _____

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CURRENT RESIDENCE STATUS

Resident of Illinois since _____ (indicate year)

CURRENT EDUCATIONAL STATUS

High school senior at _____ City/State/Zip _____

Plan to attend _____ City/State/Zip _____

Academic and/or career interest _____

OR

College student at _____ City/State/Zip _____

Expected graduation date _____ Academic and/or career interest _____

High school graduate of _____ Class of _____ City/State/Zip _____

REQUIRED COMPONENTS:

I. Official transcripts from my high school or college

are attached OR

have been requested and will be sent directly to the JASC

II. Summary of my extracurricular activities

is attached

III. Summary of my community service

is attached

IV. One page essay on (choose one)

Topic A (How can JASC be relevant to the applicant's life?) is attached

Topic B (How has the JASC contributed to the applicant's sense of self or personal growth?) is attached

V. Teacher/Professor letter of reference

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VI. Japanese American community participation letter of reference

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Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

