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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 task chairs
- Round tables, folding, 48 inches in diameter
- Refrigerator—frost-free, 18 cubic feet or larger
- Digital picture frame—15 inch or larger

Wish List Thanks

Special thanks to:

- **Midori Sugimoto** for a hose reel

Job Announcements

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 position:

Homemaker I (1 part-time position)

Home Support Services provides in-home assistance to older adults. These services include: basic house-keeping, 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 resumes to 773.275.0958; e-mail: homeserv@jasc-chicago.org.

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38th Annual Fuji Festival and Silent Auction

Coming Friday, September 12, 2008

Here, dear friends, is the Japanese American Service Committee's three-step answer to the energy crisis:

1. Come to the 38th Annual Fuji Festival and Silent Auction on Friday, September 12
2. Enter the drawing to win a 2009 Honda Civic Hybrid
3. Dance—with vigor—to the music of the City Lights Orchestra

Once again, the JASC's major fundraiser of the year, the Fuji Festival and Silent Auction, will be held at the elegant Union League Club of Chicago. A hosted reception, buffet-style refreshments, entertainment, dancing, and a Silent Auction of a delectable spread of goods, services, and more will be at hand for all to enjoy.

Entertainment for this year's Fuji Festival will be provided by the City Lights Orchestra under the direction of pianist and Sonny Bono look-alike, Dean Rolando. The dance floor will be open for everyone to shake it to the music of the '60s and '70s.

A limited number of chances—2,500 in all—will be available for the 2008 edition of the Fuji Festival raffle. Why? Because the grand prize will be the in-demand Honda Civic Hybrid car or—equally in demand—cash.



Dean or Sonny? Find out at Fuji Fest.

Just keep these simple points in mind:

- 38th Annual Fuji Festival and Silent Auction
- Friday, September 12, starting at 5 pm
- Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Boulevard
- Come and bid
- Come and dance
- Come and win a Honda Civic Hybrid

Proceeds from the Fuji Festival will support the JASC's programs and services throughout the year. For information on the 38th Annual Fuji Festival and Silent Auction and how you can help, contact Carol Yoshino at 773.275.0097, ext. 223.

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Dear Friends,

These quarterly newsletters represent our commitment to keeping you, our friends, informed about all the different activities, events and services going on at JASC as well as providing you with a glimpse of our continuous efforts at making JASC the best and strongest community service organization possible.

It has indeed been an eventful and bittersweet quarter for JASC. The biggest news impacting the agency and community was the announcement that, effective June 13th, Jean Fujii stepped down as JASC Executive Director in order to pursue other opportunities. Jean's strong personal commitment to JASC and the community is evident by realizing how we have grown and changed since her arrival over 11 years ago. We wish Jean all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for all that she has done for us.

With this change, the board quickly convened a Transition Team to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of services as well as begin the search process to find a new leader for JASC. One of its first acts was to appoint Bryan Robson as Interim Executive Director. Also, Sharon Harada agreed to assume more responsibilities in her role as Assistant Executive Director.

Bryan brings over 20 years of senior management experience including over 10 years working with and consulting for not-for-profit organizations. Most recently, Bryan provided JASC invaluable guidance and advice for enhancing the agency's financial reporting system. To do so effectively, Bryan needed to gain knowledge about every aspect of the agency's program and service deliveries. His singular understanding of JASC's operations will serve him and the organization well during the coming months.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce several new faces to the JASC Board of Directors and Staff. Joining us this year as new board members, I would like to welcome Kevin Kumashiro and Reiko Satoh. Kevin is an Associate Professor of Policy Studies at U. of IL—Chicago College of Education as well as Coordinator of Asian American Studies in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Reiko is an Associate in the Commercial Litigation Group of Johnson & Bell, Ltd. and is proficient in Japanese. JASC Counseling Services welcomes the arrival of Kaori Liebler, LCSW. We are very excited to have Kaori's talents and skills as we expand our outreach efforts. Kaori is another wonderful addition to our growing JASC staff.

Please take a leisurely moment to read more about all the other new happenings at JASC. And don't forget to put down on your calendars our 38th Annual Fuji Festival & Silent Auction on Friday, Sept 12th!

See you around JASC!

Sincerely,

Michael D. Takada
President

62nd JASC Annual Meeting



Members and friends of the JASC gathered on Monday evening, June 30, to hear about the state of the agency, to learn about its future plans, and—most pleurably—to congratulate the seven college-bound students who received JASC scholarship awards. Attendees also were treated to a quick preview of a major work in progress.

Board president Michael Takada began the evening by introducing staff members who gave overviews of the JASC programs and services they supervise assisted by a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Kiyomi Negi-Tran and Kim Turley. The scholarship awards followed, with introductions of the 2008 recipients:

Crystal Banks of King College Prep High School;

Michael Bart of Niles North High School;

Paul Kato of Chicago International Charter Schools—Northtown Academy;

Ryan Miyashiro of Marist High School;

Michelle Nitahara of Glenbrook South High School;

Mari Yamagiwa of Northside College Prep High School; and

Laura Yamasaki of Walter Payton College Prep High School.

Profiles of this year's scholarship recipients appear on pages 5 through 7 of this issue.

The JASC's Cultural Programs Curator, Tatsu Aoki, closed the first half of the program with a sneak preview of a documentary that is currently in preparation. Produced by the JASC and Asian ImprovArts Midwest, the finished film will chart the collective experience of Japanese Americans in Chicago.

The business portion of the meeting included the election of officers and directors for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. For the next 12 months, the officers of the board of directors will be:

Michael Takada, president;
John Sasaki, vice president, finance;
Jackie Denofrio, vice president, fundraising;
Josina Morita, vice president, programs;
Michael Tanimura, vice president, marketing;
John Sasaki, treasurer; and
Michael Tanimura, secretary.

Also serving on the board will be Jody Oshita Bajor, Cindy Kaneshiro, Erika Kono, Jim Kono, Jason Matsumoto, Craig Mizushima, James Onoda, Leeanne Oue, Gerald Richardson, Kimberly Robinson, Glenn Sugiyama, and Douglas Tono. Newly elected to the board are Kevin Kiyoshi Kumashiro and Reiko Satoh. Kevin and Reiko's biographical sketches can be found on page 4.

Details on the search for a new executive director can be found in the President's Message on page 2.



JASC Board, seated, L to R: Glenn Sugiyama, Reiko Satoh, Michael Takada, Kimberly Robinson
2nd row, L to R: James Onoda, Gerald Richardson, John Sasaki, Michael Tanimura, Jason Matsumoto

62nd JASC Annual Meeting



New JASC Board Members

The JASC board welcomed two new directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Both Kevin Kumashiro and Reiko Satoh will serve through Fiscal Year 2010.

Kevin Kiyoshi Kumashiro

At the University of Illinois at Chicago, Kevin Kumashiro is Associate Professor of Policy Studies in the College of Education, and Coordinator of Asian American Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He chairs the Committee on Undergraduate Education, and is a member of the executive board of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy. Kevin is also the director of the Center for Anti-Oppressive Education, where, for several years, he has organized the International Conferences on Teacher Education and Social Justice.

Kevin received a BA cum laude with distinction in philosophy from Pomona College, and served in the Peace Corps in Nepal. His master's and doctorate degrees in educational policy studies are from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Kevin has written and edited a number of books on education and human rights. In 2003, he received the Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America for his 2002 publication, *Troubling Education: Queer Activism and Antioppressive Pedagogy*.

Reiko Satoh

Reiko Satoh is an associate in the Commercial Litigation Group of Johnson & Bell, Ltd. Prior to that, she served as a law clerk with the same firm.

Reiko did her undergraduate work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she graduated with high honors in business administration, with a concentration in industrial distribution management. She received her law degree from DePaul University College of Law. At DePaul, she was vice president of the Asian and Pacific Asian Law Students Association, and contributed to the Business and Commercial Law Journal. As a research assistant, she assisted in the publication of a casebook on biotechnology, bioethics, and the law, and compiled an accompanying statutory supplement of relevant legislation.

Reiko is proficient in the Japanese language, and spent a term as an assistant language teacher with the Shizuoka Board of Education in Japan.

JASC Membership

Membership Types	1 year
Individual (age 19+)	\$ 75
Family	100
Student (full time college)	35
Senior Individual (age 65+)	45
Senior Citizen Couple	80

Special Membership Levels	
Benefactor	\$ 1,000
Patron	500
Supporter	250
Friend	150

Special Memberships will be acknowledged in JASC publications.

2008 JASC Scholarship Recipients



**Crystal Banks—
Frank T. Kambara Scholarship**

If you were interested in a subject area, but you did not have easy access to resources that would help you explore it, what would you do? Many of us would just drop the matter. But then there's the Crystal Banks approach.

Crystal became interested in Japan and Japanese culture in seventh grade, but her school did not offer Japanese studies. Undeterred, she began to study the Japanese language on her own, and consulted the Internet for additional cultural information. At King College Prep High School, Crystal and a few other students were instrumental in establishing the Japanese Club, even though King also does not have a Japanese program. According to the club's sponsor, "Crystal Banks is the driving force behind the Japanese Club . . . She is always thinking of new ways to inform and involve more students with the Japanese culture and language while trying to increase her own knowledge and understanding."

In addition to her schoolwork and independent studies, Crystal serves her church, takes on creative writing projects, and performs on stage. She looks forward to attending Columbia College with a focus on a career in game design. Crystal Banks receives the Frank T. Kambara Scholarship to help her along the way.



**Michael Bart—
George Nakanishi Scholarship**

Anyone who visited the JASC last year to see the "Origins of Now" exhibit also saw Mike Bart's handiwork. For his project as a candidate for Eagle Scout, Mike created six, black, double-sided, portable display boards on which the exhibit panels were mounted. He also repaired and repainted several other display boards that the JASC already had on hand.

This Eagle Project consumed well over 200 service hours, but, says Mike, "I did this service project because I found the topic of the exhibit to be an important reminder of American liberties and justice." A Scout since first grade, Mike carries the values of the organization into his schoolwork at Niles North High School and into his life. He has competed on the school's gymnastics team, played in the school's symphonic band, and won multiple awards from the Illinois Junior Academy of Science for his science fair projects.

With his knack for problem solving, construction skills, and team leadership, Mike plans to attend Illinois Institute of Technology next year, preparing for a career in architecture. Will we see six black monoliths on some city's skyline in the future? Only time will tell. Mike Bart is the recipient of the newly established George Nakanishi Scholarship.



**Paul Kato—
Southside Nisei Bowling League
Scholarship**

A passion for the outdoors and a talent for working with children combine in Paul Kato's career aspirations. This fall, he will head toward the Rockies to attend Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, where he will prepare for future work in outdoor leadership and education, and in resort management.

For many years, Paul has devoted his time and energy in the support of his church's activities, and, in 2006, he took a mission trip to Honduras to renovate a church building and to work and play with local children. As a volunteer coach for the Sansei Yonsei Athletic Association's annual basketball clinic, Paul has been entrusted with a number of responsibilities for the overall program.

During his years at one of the city's newer high schools, Chicago International Charter Schools—Northtown Academy, Paul brought both commitment and leadership skills to the school's varsity soccer team, which was in its beginning stages.

Such experiences form character, and you can be certain that Paul Kato will take those and other lessons learned with him to the next phase of his academic life. In addition, he will take with him the Southside Nisei Bowling League Scholarship as well.

2008 JASC Scholarship Recipients



**Ryan Miyashiro—
John Iwaoka Scholarship**

Ryan Miyashiro is probably sick and tired of hearing the story of how, at age 3, he asked his mom, “Do you think Buddha and Jesus knew each other before they became statues?” It’s a cute story, of course, but it also shows how a thoughtful child tries to strike a balance between his family life and the world beyond his home. Ryan’s achievements demonstrate that he was able to find that balance.

To an outside observer, nothing could be farther from the Japanese American Buddhist tradition than a Catholic college prep institution like Marist High School, but Ryan completed his studies there with honors. According to his counselor, “He is a role model for many of the students at Marist High School. I would add that he exemplifies the Marist spirit outside the walls of this high school as well.”

Ryan has been a hockey player for most of his life, and he played on the Marist varsity and junior varsity teams with distinction. Although he has not yet decided on an academic major, it’s reasonable to think that he will somehow work hockey into his coming undergraduate years at the University of Illinois at Champaign. Ryan Miyashiro is one of three recipients of the John Iwaoka Scholarship, which was established just this year.



**Michelle Nitahara—
John Iwaoka Scholarship**

Music of various traditions fills Michelle Nitahara’s life. She is an accomplished pianist, so much so that she now has students of her own. She was a member of the top auditioned choir at Glenbrook South High School, and she brings her vocal and instrumental skills to Sunday services at her church. Finally, Michelle has worked her way from being a student of Japanese drumming to performing with the JASC Tsukasa Taiko ensemble.

With that combination of stage experience, pursuing a career in piano performance seems to be a natural transition. But being a concert pianist requires more than the desire to play in front of an audience. “I believe Michelle’s greatest strength lies not only in her talent,” says her music theory teacher, “but also in her willingness to work hard and persevere through times of disappointment. She is a well rounded musician and a well-grounded person.”

Michelle Nitahara, also known as “that girl who plays piano and the Japanese drums,” looks forward to beginning her undergraduate studies at Northwestern University and making a name for herself through hard work, artistic expression, and the joy and excitement of being onstage. She receives the John Iwaoka Scholarship to encourage her pursuits.



**Mari Yamagiwa—
John Iwaoka Scholarship**

Despite the fact that she grew up in a close family with two sets of Japanese American grandparents, attends two predominantly Japanese American churches, and studied Japanese language and culture throughout her years at Northside College Prep High School, Mari Yamagiwa says that a trip to Japan was a transforming experience for her. “Instead of saying that I am Japanese because of the way I look . . . I can truly say that it is a way of life for me,” she states. “It is this deep appreciation and sense of community that will motivate me to continue studying the culture and support programs of the Japanese American community.”

One of her teachers describes Mari as a confident, responsible leader, and she has assumed a number of leadership positions in and out of school. She was the clarinet section leader in Northside’s concert band, photography editor for the yearbook, and co-captain and player manager for the women’s softball team. She was also a coach for the Sansei Yonsei Athletic Association’s basketball clinic, a Chicago Park District recreation leader, and a Christian education board member for one of her churches.

Mari will work toward pursuing a career in psychology, helped along by the John Iwaoka Scholarship, as she begins her studies downstate at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

2008 JASC Scholarship Recipients



**Laura Terumi Yamasaki—
William T. Yamamoto Scholarship**

Why major in French studies at Cornell University? For those who react with surprise at Laura Yamasaki's plans for the future, she offers this response: "I hope to pursue an MBA in international business, bringing to a foreign country the notion of a Japanese-American woman conducting business in French, showcasing the lengths to which Japanese-Americans can achieve, and the richness of my own multi-faceted identity."

Laura's multifaceted qualities are apparent in the activities she engaged in while attending Walter Payton College Prep High School. She was editor-in-chief of the Payton Art and Literary Magazine, and was an apprentice artist in the Gallery 37 arts program. She was co-founder and president of the Payton Cycling Club and participated in and volunteered at Chicago Bike Federation events. She held a job as a barista and serves as the chair of the Japanese American Citizens League youth committee.

According to a teacher, Laura is "responsible and independent, respectful and compassionate, a self-starter and motivator of others, and an incredibly creative and artistic soul." Laura describes herself simply as "not a carbon copy of a 'typical' image of a Japanese-American girl." With the William T. Yamamoto Scholarship in hand, she intends to continue to defy expectations in Ithaca in the fall.

New 2008 JASC Scholarships

New JASC scholarships were awarded this year in the memory of John Iwaoka and George Nakanishi. Our thanks to Mr. Iwaoka and the Nakanishi family for their thoughtful donations to help students with their higher education.

JOHN (JUN) IWAOKA

Born in Santa Rosa, California, John (Jun) Iwaoka spent part of his childhood in Japan, but completed his schooling in the United States. At the outbreak of World War II, John and his family were evacuated to Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming, and, after a time, they came to live in Chicago.

Although John did not have a formal education beyond high school, he was self-taught in many areas. He took pride in being an accomplished carpenter and in doing things well with integrity. To empower future generations of Japanese Americans to follow their dreams, John Iwaoka established a trust fund to support community scholarships.

GEORGE NAKANISHI

George Nakanishi was born in 1923 to a California farming family. At the beginning of World War II, they were evacuated and placed at the Santa Anita Racetrack, and ultimately at Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas. George and his brother were released from camp to work, and the family eventually reunited and resettled in Chicago.

George worked for several structural engineering companies and was proud of the projects he worked on, such as the John Hancock Building and the Sears Tower. George Nakanishi passed away on March 19, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Fusae, and two children, Dennis and Vicki.

JASC Scholarship Eligibility

Students who intend to apply for JASC scholarships in the future are urged to remember that **scholarships are available to students who are currently enrolled in a college or university**, as well as to high school seniors. All students who apply, or their parents, must be current JASC members. Past recipients of scholarship awards are not eligible to apply.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends—please encourage any eligible young person you know to apply for a scholarship next spring.



2008 JASC scholarship recipients and their parents at the Annual Meeting, June 30. May Kambara (second from right) attended for the Frank T. Kambara Scholarship; Alan Endo (far right) presented the Southside Nisei Bowling League Scholarship.

JASC Community Programs



Legacy Center (Archives & Library)

Supervisor: Deborah Mieko Burns

"It's a shame," said the caller, "that your father-in-law and dad aren't around to be interviewed." He had moved from the area years ago, and had only just seen a flyer for the JASC's "Resettlement Stories" Legacy Video Project.

He listed a number of religious and community leaders, now deceased as well, whose recollections should have been captured. What about the caller himself? Wouldn't he like to share what he remembers about coming to Chicago in the late 1940s, and his involvement in the Scouting program and in his church? "Oh, no," he declared. "I have nothing interesting to say."

Modesty is an admirable trait, but, as the cliché goes, the caller should not sell himself short.

Today's Japanese American community in Chicago is largely a byproduct of Executive Order 9066 and the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. Very few Japanese American families who are currently living in this area have local roots that predate the 1940s. Fortunately, many who made that Great Migration from camp—the Resettlers—still live among us; unfortunately, their numbers are steadily shrinking.

Through videotaped interviews, the JASC's Resettlement Stories project seeks to piece together a picture of a place and time as experienced by the members of Chicago Japanese American community, regular Joes and leaders alike. The project wants to find out what it was like to have to start from scratch in a strange urban environment. It wants to know how life in Chicago compared with life on the West Coast, and why families decided to stay. Moreover, the project wants to bring to light



Cracker-eating contest. Chicago Buddhist Church (now Buddhist Temple of Chicago) picnic, Chicago, IL, August 1950. Mary and James Numata Collection, JASC Legacy Center.

the recollections of Japanese American families who lived in Chicago before the Resettlement movement, and whether they were affected by the large and rapid influx of former internees.

Every participant in the JASC Resettlement Stories project will receive a copy of his or her interview on DVD. Participants do not have to be members of the JASC, and they must sign a release form before being interviewed.

So, dear caller, please remember this: Everyone who lived in Chicago's Japanese American community in the 1940s and 1950s has a story to tell, and it is the goal of the JASC's Resettlement Stories project to provide a platform for them.

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.

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 Social Service Programs



Adult Day Services

Supervisor: Melba Ristow, RN

We ended our last visit to the JASC Adult Day Services (ADS) with a brief note on a surprise appearance at the agency by the Easter bunny, who passed out holiday treats and generally gave everyone a giggle.

Whereas March was full of special holidays and observances, April was relatively quiet. Clients enjoyed their usual daily mix of crafts, games, and activities. Aside from the regular monthly birthday party in honor of all the April babies in the program, they set aside one day for their big ice cream party.

May began with an interesting combo platter of holidays. First was the Cinco de Mayo party, during which everyone had the opportunity to whack a piñata. Then came the traditional Japanese Boys' Day celebration. This was the occasion for a visit by the families of Tampopo-kai, the Japanese American play group for toddlers and preschoolers. The children and seniors collaborated on a craft project, and then sang some songs.

In the middle of the month, the clients celebrated Mother's Day with another party. The highlight was the awards ceremony, in which every mom in attendance was presented with a beauty pageant-style sash and bouquet. A week later, a few clients who had fought in World War II with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were invited to a luncheon sponsored by the Go For Broke National Education Center. Retired General Eric Shinseki was the featured speaker.



2008 ADS Mock Wedding: Helen and Smokey enjoy a dance.

May closed out with a sure sign of the summer season: the annual ADS Memorial Day barbecue.

The clients paired up and marched down the aisle in the ADS Mock Wedding in June. This year's theme was "Fairy Wedding," and staff members presided as the afternoon's princes and princesses exchanged vows—all in good fun, of course.

The moms of ADS had their day, so it was only fair that the dads were honored for Father's Day. Each dad received a certificate of excellence ("Friendliest Dad," "Most Caring Dad," and so forth) and a mug.

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.

JASC Social Service Programs



Counseling

Social Worker:

Frances Chikahisa, MSW, LCSW
Kaori Miyazawa Liebler, MA, LCSW

Great news for the Counseling Department! We have increased our staff by hiring a full-time, licensed clinical social worker. She is a young, experienced social worker who is a native Japanese speaker. Since I will continue for the present time on a part-time basis, we're looking forward to being able to service a larger geographical area.

The requests for service remain in the area of planning for adequate care for seniors, but we are also able to provide assistance to families with child and adolescent problems, with marriage difficulties and with individuals who are experiencing emotional stress. Licensed clinical social workers are qualified by training to be psychotherapists. This means that we can provide in-depth counseling with cultural competence.

More and more families are asking for help with planning care for their elders. I am pleased to find this slightly different aspect in providing service. In the past, we were getting requests, often from the community at large, for help with isolated seniors who had no family to look after them. Working with members of the family allows the social workers to develop the strengths within the family to deal with the issues of their seniors. It can also enable the family members to begin to deal with end-of-life issues.

For further questions, please feel free to call either Frances Chikahisa at 773.275.7212, ext. 225 or Kaori Liebler at ext. 243. fc

Home Support Services

Supervisor: Helen Nakayama

I recently attended a Social Security Workshop which demonstrated how qualified people can apply online for retirement benefits. The website is www.socialsecurity.gov—this can be a time-saving tool for those who have access to a computer privately or at public institutions such as libraries and senior centers.

When applying for retirement benefits online, you will need to provide certain information regarding your application for retirement or Medicare. Currently, the full retirement age varies from 65 to 67 years of age. People can receive their retirement benefits at age 62 years of age, but the amount they receive will be less than if they waited until their full retirement age. Using Social Security's Benefits Calculators, a person can find out how much they can collect at different ages.

The Social Security statement is mailed to you, two to three months before your birthday. It shows your benefit amount. You are advised to check your earnings history when you receive your annual Social Security statement. This information will help you plan your financial future, even if you are not planning to retire soon.

The Social Security Online Retirement Planner explains many related retirement issues including: benefits for children of retirees, working after retirement, leaving the United States without affecting your Social Security benefits. More information can be found on this website, www.socialsecurity.gov. Online services are available seven days a week. Social Security also has a toll-free number at 1.800.772.1213 which is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. If you are deaf or hearing impaired, you may call the TTY number, 1.800.325.0778. hn

Out-of-the-House Program

This program truly demonstrates the value of volunteers. We meet with a group of 8 to 10 senior women (and recently added one gentleman) to exercise, to eat lunch together and to join in for a hands-on activity such as paper crafts or ceramics. To keep the brain agile, we play mental games and share our stories. This activity program meets twice a week with transportation provided by volunteers, exercise led by two dedicated leaders and a time to enjoy a meal together. The activities are also led by volunteers as well as with the staff.

We've been meeting now for two-and-a-half years, and the most frequent comment overheard is that everyone is "so friendly." For many seniors, the loss of their peer group associations leaves a deep sense of loss. Friendships developed over the years cannot be replaced, but being with others of the same age group gives these individuals a chance to feel connected in friendship and affection. Recent studies of the aged have indicated that these connections help to delay mental deterioration. Even if this might be proven scientifically, it's a joy to watch them interact with enthusiasm and good humor.

We also have young student volunteers who attend these sessions and help to encourage participation. The younger generation have the privilege of spending quality time with seniors as well as being helpful to those whose hands and feet might not move as quickly as they did several decades ago.

We welcome new members. Please feel free to make inquiries, either to join or to volunteer to the social workers in the Counseling Department—Frances Chikahisa at 773.275.7212, ext. 225, or Kaori Liebler, ext. 243. fc

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Jean Fujiu Leaves JASC

After 11 years of guiding the organization with singular drive and dedication, effective June 13, 2008, Executive Director Jean Fujiu has left the Japanese American Service Committee to pursue other opportunities.

The JASC's social services, wellness, and cultural and heritage programs have experienced tremendous growth and change under Jean's leadership. She has steered the JASC in a direction of increased relevance and inclusiveness to the greater Chicagoland community. The JASC Board of Directors and the JASC staff wish Jean the very best in her new endeavors.

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Who's New at the JASC

Carolina Mangulabnan

Known to all as Vi, Carolina Mangulabnan shrugs when asked how she got that nickname. She's been called Vi ever since she was a kid. Maybe it has to do with being in a big family. It's so much easier to call out a one-syllable name than a four-syllable name.

Vi is part of the Adult Day Services (ADS) staff at the JASC, helping with activities and food service. She was introduced to the agency by a former activity leader; in addition, her husband, Edwin, had worked in ADS on a temporary basis some time ago.

The Mangulabnan family moved to the US from the Philippines in 2003, and Vi admits that it was very difficult to leave the support of her family. In addition, she left a job that she had held since she was a high school student. But, she says, it's getting better. She enjoys working with the many people associated with ADS.

Vi and Edwin have three children: Yves Duane, a seventh-grader; Amiel Luis, a fourth-grader; and Chaina Ann Jeanine, a third-grader. Chaina was a star performer at last year's ADS holiday party, and, says Vi, she just might make a return visit this winter.

Katren Mesa

She's married to a nurse, and her mother, sister, and brother are all nurses. Is Katren Mesa a nurse, too? "I'm thinking about it," she smiles. Meanwhile, she has her hands full as an Activity Leader in the JASC's Adult Day Services and mom to 5-year-old Katrina, who will be a kindergartner at Trumbull School in the fall.



Katren, nicknamed Kathy, met and married her husband, Richard Chiong, in the Philippines, and their daughter was born there as well. Because Richard was already established in the US, the family decided to avoid long separations and left the city of Bacolod for a new life together in Chicago. At first it was difficult to adjust, recalls Kathy, but it was worth it. She eventually persuaded her parents and her brother to emigrate, and now they all live in the same building on the North Side of the city.

Kathy studied for and received her certification as a nursing assistant, and nursing school may be in her future. However, there are other decisions that she and Richard have to make. Will they stay in Chicago or move to the suburbs? Should they give Katrina the brother or sister she hopes for? The next few years should be very interesting ones for the Mesa-Chiong family.

Kaori Miyazawa Liebler

Clinical social worker, rehabber, and sort-of newlywed, Kaori Liebler was born in Niigata, raised in Tokyo, and came to the US in 2002 to study at the University of Chicago. She emerged from the program with both a degree and a spouse.

Kaori believes that her choice of career was deeply influenced by her experience as an exchange student in high school. During her stay with a family in California, she was able to

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witness the type and scope of social services that were available. After completing her undergraduate studies at Chuo University, and finding that master's-level programs were not very prevalent in Japan, Kaori entered UC's Graduate School of Social Service Administration. There she met her husband, Gene, who is now a clinical social worker at Children's Memorial Hospital. Together, they proceeded to acquire a fixer-upper in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, a two-flat that has dominated their free time for the past two years. Fortunately, says Kaori, Gene has excellent mechanical and woodworking skills, making such a major do-it-yourself project possible.

Kaori's first job after graduate school was at a local domestic abuse agency. She now looks forward to helping the varied clientele in the JASC's Counseling Program. And the renovation project? "Almost done!" she declares.

Kim Kiyomi Turley

So what self-respecting JASC staff member would ever refuse a doughnut? That would be Kim Turley, the JASC's new Development Associate and soon-to-be half-marathoner.

It's lucky that Kim is in training, because she's been on the run ever since she came to the JASC. She's been preparing grant applications, coordinating the production of agency promotional pieces, putting together the slide show for the Annual Meeting, and helping to oversee the installation of the "Origins of Now" exhibit at the Thompson Center in May.

Kim brings to her current position years of experience in marketing for small businesses, not-for-profits, and museums. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Illinois—Chicago majoring in math. In doing so, perhaps, she followed in the footsteps of her grandfather, a long-tenured math teacher at Lane Tech, and a longtime bowler at the Marigold.

Working at the JASC, says Kim, is a way to reconnect with the Japanese side of her family. In fact, soon after she took the job here she signed up for one of the JASC's Japanese cooking classes. The class was on preparing okonomiyaki, or Japanese-style pizza. Not exactly the breakfast or lunch of champions, but a nice reward after a 13-mile run.

Valeria Nickel

Some people have a natural talent for languages. Valeria Nickel, who is one of the JASC's two part-time receptionists, has that gift. She can speak English, Japanese, Spanish, and Portuguese, and she uses all of them on a regular basis both at home and on the job.



Valeria's background combines a number of different countries, continents, and cultures. She, her brother, and her three sisters were born and raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Portuguese was their language growing up. Their mother is of Portuguese descent, and their father had emigrated from Japan. As teenagers, Valeria and her brother went to Japan to attend school and gained fluency in Japanese. Eventually, Valeria went to live and study in Argentina, where she soon learned Spanish.

After a few years, Valeria returned to Japan and worked in the Gunma-ken school system. One year ago, she married a Chicago firefighter named Mark Nickel, and that happy event brought her to North America. Luckily, Valeria's daughter Yukari, an eighth-grade student this fall, shares her mother's facility in languages, and quickly became proficient in English.

When Valeria is not at the JASC, she works as a passenger service attendant with Japan Airlines, interpreting for Japanese visitors and helping them find their way around O'Hare Airport. Otherwise, she enjoys a good game of volleyball, where she can yell encouragements to her teammates in whatever language she pleases.

Community & Cultural Events



Anne Namba Trunk Show Coming in September

Just in time for the Fuji Festival, Hawaii-based designer Anne Namba will visit Chicago to introduce her Fall and Holiday 2008 collections. On Thursday and Friday, September 11 and 12, 2008, Anne's Asian-inspired designs will be available for viewing and purchase at the Conrad Chicago Hotel downtown. To make the event even more special, Anne will donate a portion of each sale to the Japanese American Service Committee.

Anne Namba's trunk show can be seen by appointment from 9 am to 7 pm on Thursday the 11th, and from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday the 12th. Appointments can be made in advance by calling Anne Namba Designs toll-free at 1.877.578.0001. On the 11th and 12th, Anne can be contacted at the Conrad, at 312.645.1500. The Conrad Chicago Hotel is located at 521 N. Rush Street.

For further information on Anne Namba, her design philosophy, and her current and past collections, visit her website at www.annenamba.com.



Aki Matsuri '08

For more than 50 years, the first Saturday of October has meant one thing to the Christ Church of Chicago and the community—Aki Matsuri! It's Tri-C's annual fall food festival, and it's coming up on October 4, from noon until 5 pm, at 6047 N. Rockwell.

As the sultry days of summer cool down to the crisp days of autumn, what Japanese food comes to mind? Could it be noodles? Well, there will be just the right bowl of udon for you if you visit Tri-C. Throughout the history of the bazaar, the udon chefs have served thousands of delighted slurpers. Please bring your whole family and try them out.

There will be more than udon on the menu; sushi, a couple of meats which may be part of a bento box lunch (watch for flyers for more specifics), home-baked cookies and pastries, Japanese sweets, a kid's meal, and a variety of unique hand-made craft items. An efficient take-out booth with wrapped-up food to take home for yourselves and others will also be part of the day.

Come for a relaxing afternoon of eating and shopping with family and friends at Tri-C's Aki Matsuri. Is

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 September 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.

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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>July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug 5, 12, 19 (Tu) 1:30 – 2:30 pm</i>	JASC Tai Chi Class: Beginners Welcome JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>July 14, 28; Aug 11, 25 (M) 1 pm – 2 pm</i>	JASC Ikebana Class: Session 4 JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
Aug 2 (Sa) 10 am	Chicago Nikkei Community Picnic/Japanese American Citizens League, JASC, Tohkon Judo Academy LaBagh Woods, Grove #1, enter on Cicero, just north of Foster voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Aug 2 (Sa) 12 noon – 8 pm</i>	Mitsuwa Marketplace Summer Festival and Bon Odori Mitsuwa Marketplace, 100 E. Algonquin, Arlington Heights voice, 847.956.6699; web, www.mitsuwa.com
<i>Aug 8 – 10 (F-Sn)</i>	Ginza Holiday Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee voice, 312.943.7801; web, www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org
<i>Aug 12 and 26 (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>Sept 8 and 22; Oct 6 and 20 (M) 1 pm – 2 pm</i>	JASC Ikebana Class: Session 5 JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
Sept 12 (F) 5 pm	JASC Fuji Festival and Silent Auction Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Sept 27 (Sa) 10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Tempura JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Oct 4 (Sa) 12 noon – 5 pm</i>	Aki Matsuri/Christ Church of Chicago Christ Church of Chicago, 6047 N. Rockwell voice, 773.338.8170

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<i>Oct 15 (W)</i> <i>10 am – 12 noon</i>	JASC Rules of the Road Review—English JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Oct 18 (Sa)</i> <i>10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Maki Sushi JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Oct 22 (W)</i> <i>10 am – 12 noon</i>	JASC Rules of the Road Review—Japanese JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
Oct 28 (Tu) 10 am – 1 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>Oct TBA (Sn)</i>	32nd Anniversary Dance Recital/Fujima Ryu of Chicago, JASC Date, time, and venue TBA voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Oct TBA</i>	13th Annual Asian American Jazz Festival Dates, times, and venues TBA voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.aajazz.org
Oct TBA (Sa) 9 am – 12 noon	JASC Health Screening JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
<i>Nov 15 (Sa)</i> <i>10:00 am – 12:30 pm</i>	JASC Japanese Cooking Class: Oshogatsu Ryori—New Year's Dishes JASC, 4427 N. Clark voice, 773.275.0097; e-mail, jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org ; web, www.jasc-chicago.org
Dec 6 (Sa) 10 am – 4 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

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