

Message from the CEO

Jered Pruitt



This quarter has turned out to be a busy one for the JASC, and there is little indication it will slow down any time soon, as we push full steam ahead. As the new Acting CEO, I've been at the helm for less than three months and have been charged with the responsibility to keep the JASC on track and moving forward during this transition. I thank Karen Suzuki-Okabe for her faith in my abilities and recommendation to the board that I serve in the interim. I also thank the board for its faith in electing me to this position. And, I thank the community and you for entrusting me with your JASC. With that, let me share with you some initiatives that have occurred over the past three months.

The first-ever Spring Fund Drive was a success with a total of \$12,600 in donations, many of which were very generous. These funds will support our senior programs, which were recently cut from the United Way due to their slowed campaign.

The JASC Social Work Services and Out-of-the-House Program have gone through a restructuring after careful analysis. The Out-of-the-House Program will be separated from the Social Work Services' responsibilities and also be given its own coordinator. This action will free up the social workers to see more clients rather than spending their time managing another program. This move will also allow the part time coordinator to focus on Out-of-the-House programming, planning, and recruitment.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Asian Giving Circle, the JASC was able to purchase new donor software. This software will better equip us to handle the growth in our fundraising programs and better prepare us for future capital campaigns and planned giving efforts.

Speaking of planned giving; have you remembered the JASC in your will? If not, you'll have plenty of chances to do so. The JASC will be rolling out its new Planned Giving Program in September. The first phase will occur over the summer with the addition of a planned giving website for the JASC. Once that is complete, some of you will receive a newsletter every four months just on planned giving, which will detail the many different methods of giving, as well as the benefits to you and your estate.

Home Support Services has been reinvigorated and refocused to include services to the broader Chicago community. We no longer just serve the elderly. Home Support is here for the entire community, whether you are a young professional who is too busy to take care of your own home, a new mother who needs temporary help around the house, a busy individual who just doesn't have time to pick up groceries or a prescription for an elderly parent without jeopardizing your employment, or an individual of any age who was just discharged from the hospital after a major surgery and who needs temporary help around the house. Our services can be long term or short term, depending on your needs.

Finally, the staff has been busy planning the 40th Annual Fuji Fest, which will take place on Friday, September 10. So save the date! You won't want to miss this special evening.

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President's Message

Dear Friends:

It seems as though I was writing my first letter as President for the fall Newsletter only a few weeks ago, and here it is the end of the fiscal year. The year has been filled with many exciting events, new initiatives and projects, as well as improvement and enhancement to our existing programs and services. We have continued throughout the year to keep on track with our initiative to attract interest and involvement in the JASC by youth and young adults by offering new and innovative events geared toward them. The youth are key to continued success of the JASC, and we need to continue this emphasis.



The JASC Board has been busy this past year working to improve and enhance our role to serve the JASC going forward. Specifically, we have been undergoing training to improve performance and governance with the assistance of professionals from Pondera Advisors, who have expertise in training and developing boards of directors and management personnel for both corporations and not-for-profit organizations around the country. In fact, one of their clients is our very own Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. (As I write this letter, the Hawks are one game away from the Stanley Cup Championship. Go Hawks!) With the assistance and guidance from Pondera, the JASC Board has revised our bylaws, established three-year term limits, reduced the size of the board to a maximum of thirteen members, and established quantifiable expectations. Most importantly, we have developed and approved new Governance Policies to more clearly define the role and responsibilities of the Board as one of governance, strategic planning, and developing end goals, and of the CEO as one of administration, operations, and establishing the means to achieve those goals. Because of this, I believe that the Board is now better prepared to help guide the mission of the JASC for the future. We have many big tasks to face.

Per an earlier communication, we sadly said good-bye to Karen Suzuki-Okabe this spring, as family priorities necessitated her move back to Salt Lake City. The Board thanks Karen for her many contributions to the JASC in her short, one-year tenure as CEO. She will be missed. In the interim, the very capable Jered Pruitt, our Director of Development & Communications, is also now serving as our Acting CEO while we conduct our search for Karen's replacement. Jered assumed the role of Acting CEO as of April 1, 2010, and has already made some significant contributions to the organization. He worked with our legislators to release a considerable amount of money from the State of Illinois that we were due since September of 2009. Jered developed a balanced budget for our new fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2011, and he identified a number of initiatives that will need to be addressed to ensure we meet this Board-approved budget. He has also begun work on a Planned Giving Program that will be fully operational by the end of September.

In closing, fiscal year 2010 presented some exciting new developments and advancements for the JASC. These were not without challenges, but we were prepared to tackle them and successfully addressed them. We look forward to building on the momentum that we started this past year, and hope for a brighter and better new year for the JASC.

Thanks for your continued support and participation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Sasaki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John R. Sasaki
President, JASC Board of Directors

Message from Karen Suzuki-Okabe

June 2010

Dear JASC Family & Friends,

As you may already know, my tenure as JASC's Chief Executive Officer was unexpectedly cut short. At the end of last year, my mother's health began to deteriorate, to the extent that by early this year, it was apparent that I needed to return to Utah to oversee her care.



Because my departure may be seen as sudden, I write this letter to summarize my tenure with the JASC which began on April 1, 2009, through the end of March 2010. More importantly, this letter is written to thank the staff, volunteers, and other JASC supporters for welcoming me back to Chicago! It was wonderful to see so many friends from the past, and to make new friendships. I also thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve as CEO.

To say that this was a challenging time to operate a community non-profit fails to fully present the impact of the injured economic period we are in. That said, JASC is fortunate to continue serving the community when so many agencies are closing their doors and denying services when they are needed the most.

Although it was a difficult year, JASC can be proud that we were able to maintain continuous social services. And, despite a poor economy, we also had one of the most successful Holiday Appeal Campaigns ever! This was accomplished through the generosity of our members and supporters. We were able to offer a Challenge Grant supported by the Yamamoto-Yoshida Family and Barry-Regent Cleaners who collectively provided \$7000 towards the Appeal. Our members and friends opened their hearts and donated at a level never seen before! And, JASC has a brand, spanking-new kitchen, thanks to the generosity of Chiye Tomihiro and Jane and Sue Yakushiji.

We also presented new and exciting programs that departed from our usual offerings. We took current programs off-site and into the community for the first time, and experienced success and expansion of those programs in the process. We have developed partnerships which present the JASC with fresh opportunities to work together, thereby expanding and improving programs and services for everyone.

During my year, I became acquainted with JASC's talented and dedicated staff who created, embraced, and supported new initiatives. It was their ideas that help change the direction of the JASC, and it was through their efforts that so much was accomplished. I could not be more honored to have had the opportunity to work with this group of professionals who make all of JASC's accomplishments possible.

I was able to see first-hand the caliber of our volunteers who are dependable, hard working and generous with their time, talents, and resources. The hours they provide would certainly number into the thousands. We simply could not hold any of our events without the outstanding volunteers we have!

The Board of Directors is working to expand their knowledge of governance to strengthen the JASC's organizational structure to be postured for growth. Acting CEO Jered Pruitt is the JASC's former Director of Development and Communications. He was able to "hit the ground running" when he accepted this interim position. This was advantageous to JASC to mitigate transition time.

What made the past year so significant were the initiatives that were implemented and accomplished during a truly difficult economic time. JASC continues to face financial difficulties, but with the support of its members and friends, the dedication of its staff, there are many more success stories in JASC's future.

It's been my honor to serve the community. I wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

Best regards,

Karen

JASC News



Meet the Acting CEO

Jered Pruitt walks fast, and he talks fast. He has to, because, as both Acting Chief Executive Officer and Director of Development, he is charged with juggling the many issues that the JASC and other community organizations must deal with to survive these days.

Jered assumed the JASC's development position last September, after working with the agency on selected projects as a consultant. Before coming to the JASC, he served in a number of positions, such as Director of Major Gifts at El Valor Corporation, Capital Campaign and Public Funding Officer at Lawrence Hall Youth Services, and Executive Director at Shelter Care Ministries. Jered managed to assemble this impressive resume with characteristic speed after receiving his bachelor's degree from Judson University in Elgin, and his master's in clinical psychology from Roosevelt University.

It is worth noting that Jered brings one other, relatively unique set of skills to the JASC. As coach of Northwestern University's Varsity Men's Rowing Team, he knows all about teamwork, motivation, and focusing on the goal ahead. The JASC's board of directors trusts that Jered will draw on this, as well as his considerable professional experience, to keep the agency on an even keel until it appoints a new CEO.

New Director of Social Work Appointed

In June, the JASC welcomed a new staff member, Janice M. Nakao, who brings her experience and skills to the agency's Social Services program as the new Director of Social Work. Jan's focus will be to expand and diversify the social work program to the greater Chicago area to include individuals with multicultural backgrounds and of all ages.

Janice received her master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and took postgraduate training at the C. G. Jung Institute of Chicago. She has provided psychotherapy services both in private practice and at a number of organizations in the area, such as Evanston Hospital, Misericordia Home, and Thresholds Mothers Project. Janice has also worked with the JASC's Out-of-the-House program participants at Christ Church of Chicago since its inception last year.

Jan can be reached at 773.275.7212, ext. 237, or at jnakao@jasc-chicago.org. Frances Chikahisa, Jan's predecessor, has begun her transition to retirement, but will remain on at JASC part time to continue seeing her current clients. Frances and Kaori Miyazawa Liebler can be contacted at 773.275.7212, ext. 225 and 243, respectively.



JASC Needs Assessment Results on Psychological Health Published in Scientific Paper

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 conducted an assessment that specifically examined the wellness and safety needs of isolated Nikkei older adults living in the Chicago area. The findings help inform the agency “to design and deliver more effective, timely, and culturally competent services so that Nikkei older adults can continue to independently age in place in a safe and healthy manner.”¹ A full report of this needs assessment is available on the JASC website, under Community Assessment: <http://www.jasc-chicago.org/comassess.html>

Among the many important results of this assessment, the psychological needs of isolated Nikkei older adults in particular emerged as a critical factor that influenced their treatment-seeking behaviors and service preferences. Sayaka Machizawa, PsyD, of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (project coordinator) and Denys T. Lau, PhD, of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (principal investigator) found that isolated Nikkei older adults shared similar psychological needs including independence, cultural connection, social connection, feeling useful, and maintaining pride and dignity. These needs varied according to individual’s life experiences, generation in the U.S., acculturation level, gender, socioeconomic status, and proximity to family members.

Drs. Machizawa and Lau concluded that “to develop and deliver culturally competent interventions for Nikkei older adults, it is important to understand their unique psychological needs, as well as their cultural, historical, and life experiences.”² These results are published in the June 2010 issue of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, an international and interdisciplinary peer-reviewed, scientific journal that focuses on the aging process and the problems of older adults throughout the world. If you are interested in learning more about these results, please contact the JASC at 773.275.0097, or at jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org.

¹ Machizawa S, Lau DT. “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.

² Machizawa S, Lau DT. Psychological Needs of Japanese American Elders: Intra-group Variations and Implications for Services. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. In Press. (Expected in June 2010)

Benefits Check Up

Benefits Check Up is a service provided by JASC for older adults. This program is funded by The Chicago Community Trust in partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services-Senior Services. There is no charge for this service.

JASC is an authorized site to perform online registration for the Benefits Check Up program. Older adults complete a confidential web-based questionnaire. A customized, personal report is immediately generated listing the benefits the older adult may qualify for. This personal report will give seniors access to the most current benefits and resources (city, state, federal programs) available to them.

The questionnaire does not require a person’s name, address, phone number or Social Security number. JASC will maintain the privacy and confidentiality of all participants.

If you meet the requirements, this service may save you money or you may qualify for programs which can directly benefit you. The following are some of the programs which may benefit you:

- Social Security/SSI/other pensions
- Medicaid/Food Stamps/Public Aid
- Medicare Part D Drug Plan
- IL Rx Buying Club
- Pharmaceutical discounts for prescription drugs
- In-Home Care/Services
- Senior Housing
- Veteran’s Benefits
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Referral to Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services-Senior Services

Please contact **Helen Nakayama (773.275.7212 ext. 228)** at JASC Home Support Services for more information or to make an appointment for your Benefits Check Up report. hn

Seeking Study Participants to Help Japanese American Communities

The Japanese American Service Committee is seeking individuals to participate in a study that will better understand routine health screenings among Nikkei families living in the Chicago area. Your participation in this study will help JASC better serve the Nikkei community in Chicago and promote the health and well-being of the community.

We would like to learn from you by interviewing Nikkei parents between 50 to 85 years of age and one of their adult children at least 18 years old, who lives with the parent or who sees the parent at least once a week. The adult child can be a son or a daughter and can be related by blood or by marriage. Your participation will involve no more than 3 interviews, each lasting about 30 minutes. Interview may be conducted in person at a location of your choice or conducted by telephone at a convenient time for you. We will ask for your opinions about routine health screening tests. A total of \$25 will be given at the end of this study.

This project is conducted with Northwestern University's Buehler Center on Aging, Health and Society and is funded by Northwestern University, Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities Seed Grants Round 2. dl

Out-of-the-House Program Expands!

JASC's Out-of-the-House (OOTH) program will be expanding this summer to include a professional program coordinator who will manage the program as well as provide outreach into the greater Chicago community for participants. OOTH recently expanded to Christ Church of Chicago on Wednesdays to a group of ten seniors, with an additional expansion to Midwest Buddhist Temple slated for the fall. This expansion will serve an additional 10-12 seniors. Discussions have begun with Midwest Palliative and Hospice CareCenter in Glenview to provide an OOTH program at their new facility, which will allow JASC to serve seniors from the northern suburbs.

Discover the Benefits of Gift Planning

Sometimes it's difficult to be charitable when your budget is tight and the future is uncertain—after all, your family comes first. But there is a way to make a significant gift that takes into account tax-saving strategies and income-producing assets. These types of gifts are called planned gifts.

While the primary purpose of a planned gift is to help the charitable cause of your choice, its secondary purpose may be for you to enjoy the personal financial or family benefits that certain plans can provide you.

Planned gifts can be made now, to immediately support our needs. Or they can be enacted upon your death, as a final way to leave your legacy. Following are a few of the most popular forms of gift planning.

- **A gift in your will or revocable living trust.**

Known as a bequest, this form of giving is accomplished simply by including a few sentences in your will or living trust. Contact us for our official bequest language.

- **A gift of your retirement plan assets.**

By naming JASC as the primary or contingent beneficiary on the beneficiary designation form, you can make a tax-wise gift to support our mission.

- **A gift that provides you with income for life.**

Through a life income gift, you provide us with assets, and in return, we agree to provide you and, if you desire, other individuals with income for life. After your lifetime and that of other people you choose, the remaining balance goes to support our mission.

To learn more about the benefits of gift planning, please contact Jered Pruitt at 773.275.0097 x230.

Community News

Dr. Richard Morimoto Named Japanese American of the Biennium – Science

The Japanese American Citizens League's awards committee looked locally when it named the Japanese American of the Biennium – Science at the organization's National Convention in Chicago this summer. Dr. Richard Morimoto is the Bill and Gayle Cook Professor in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Cell Biology, and the Director of the Rice Institute for Biomedical Research at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is internationally renowned for his research on cells' heat shock response, which is activated to correct the misfolded proteins caused by environmental or physiological stress. Misfolded protein aggregates are the hallmark of diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), so Dr. Morimoto's work has exciting implications for developing treatment options for people who suffer from neurodegenerative disorders.

Dr. Morimoto has held visiting professorships at universities all over the world, including Technion Institute in Israel, Kyoto University in Japan, Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, and Peking University in China. He has written more than 200 articles that have been published in peer-reviewed journals, and currently serves as a scientific advisor and consultant for organizations in Europe and Asia.



Beyond his research work, Dr. Morimoto has demonstrated his commitment to youth and leadership development. The Summer Research Opportunities Program, which he established 17 years ago, selects 30 undergraduate students from across the country to engage in full-time, graduate-level research at Northwestern during the summer months. Dr. Morimoto also founded Laboratory Adventures in Biological Sciences, under which 60 local elementary and middle school students work with university and high school students to perform age-appropriate experiments using the state-of-the-art equipment at Northwestern's science labs. Dr. Morimoto also welcomes undergraduates to his lab, providing them with thorough training and support for their research projects.

However, according to his nominators, "what makes Rick unique and exceptional is how he has transcended his work as a scientist to become an ambassador for what it means to be a Japanese American." Dr. Morimoto is an active member of Chicago's Japanese American community. He is the current board president of the Midwest Buddhist Temple, where he volunteers for Temple activities and fundraising events. He was also instrumental in negotiating with Northwestern's Asian American student populations during their hunger strike, and helped to establish the Asian American Studies program at the university.

The JASC congratulates Dr. Richard Morimoto on being named Japanese American of the Biennium – Science by the JACL. Whether he is performing cutting-edge research or nurturing the next generation of scientists, he shows us the future, not only of medicine but also of those who will eventually take a place in the lab and in the community.

JASC welcomes submissions of articles or information to the newsletter.

Articles may be sent via mail, email (programs@jasc-chicago.org), or fax (773.275.0958) The next deadline for articles is July 15, 2010.

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 or email us and let us know. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

*All events and organization meetings held at the Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60640 unless otherwise indicated. Please contact us at 773.275.0097 or jascinfo@jasc-chicago.org for more information regarding calendar events.

ONGOING	
through June 30	Winning the Peace: Military Intelligence Service Exhibit
through Sept 6	Kip Fulbeck: Part Asian, 100% Hapa Field Museum, 1400 N. Lake Shore Drive 312.922.9410 www.fieldmuseum.org

IN CONTINUING 8-WEEK SESSIONS	
Sat 10:30–11:45am & 12–1:15pm	JASC Tsukasa Taiko Shamisen Class

JUNE + JULY	
June 30–July 4 Wed–Sun	2010 National Convention Japanese American Citizens League Swissôtel Chicago, 323 E. Wacker email: chicago2010@jacl.org 773.728.7170 www.jacl.org
July 4 Sun 1pm	JASC Tsukasa Taiko at Family Fun Festival Millennium Park, Chase Promenade North, Randolph & Michigan www.tsukasataiko.com
July 13, 27 Tues 6–7:30pm	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2x4 Tuesday Taiko Workshop www.tsukasataiko.com

AUGUST + SEPTEMBER	
August 7 Sun 12–8pm	Mitsuwa Marketplace Summer Festival and Bon Odori Mitsuwa Marketplace, 100 E. Algonquin, Arlington Heights 847.956.6699 web , www.mitsuwa.com
August 8 Sun 1pm	JASC Tsukasa Taiko at Family Fun Festival Millennium Park, Chase Promenade North, Randolph & Michigan www.tsukasataiko.com
August 9, 23 Mon 1–2pm	JASC Ikebana Class – Session 4

AUGUST + SEPTEMBER	
August 12 Thurs 10–11:30am	Amezaiku: Candy Maker Demonstration FREE, registration required: kono@jasc-chicago.org 312.263.3049
August 10, 24 Tues 6-7:30pm	JASC Tsukasa Taiko 2x4 Tuesday Taiko Workshop www.tsukasataiko.com
August 13–15 Fri-Sun	Ginza Holiday Midwest Buddhist Temple 435 W. Menomonee 312.943.7801 www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org
September 3–5 Fri-Sun 1pm	Eastern Buddhist League Conference Midwest Buddhist Temple Westin Chicago River North Hotel, 320 N. Dearborn 312.943.7801 www.ebl2010chicago.org
September 10 Fri 5pm	JASC Fuji Festival and Silent Auction Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson

OCTOBER + NOVEMBER	
October 2 Sat 12–4pm	Aki Matsuri Christ Church of Chicago 6047 N. Rockwell 773.338.8170
October 16 Sat 10am–12:30pm	JASC Cooking Class: Noodles
October 20, Wed 6:30–8:30pm	JASC Origami Workshop
October 20, 21 Wed, Thurs 10am–10pm	Bloomington's Shopping Benefit 900 N. Michigan, Medinah Temple, Old Orchard, and Oak Brook locations www.jasc-chicago.org for more info.
November 13 Sat 10am–12:30pm	JASC Cooking Class: Oshogatsu Ryori–New Year's Dishes
November 17 Wed 6:30–8:30pm	JASC Origami Workshop

Community Announcements

SAVE THIS DATE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
and come to the JASC's
40th ANNUAL FUJI FESTIVAL
and SILENT AUCTION!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the JASC's hall-mark fundraiser, to be held at the **Union League Club of Chicago**, 65 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. The evening will begin with the Silent Auction, featuring all types of goodies – from restaurant dining certificates to Japanese treasures and art. This silent auction is truly unique. A lite buffet dinner will be provided during an evening of entertainment and dancing. Music provided by Chicago's own Dean Rolando & Friends will celebrate the forty years of Fuji Festival. Invitations will be mailed soon. cy

RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT

JASC will be holding its annual RAFFLE in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Fuji Festival. Two \$5,000 grand prizes will be offered, in addition to four prizes of \$500 each. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Aki Matsuri 2010

Here we go again! Christ Church of Chicago (Tri-C) is revving up its well-oiled machine for another Aki Matsuri. We hope that you'll make plans to attend Tri-C's annual fall food festival, which is set for Saturday, October 2, from noon until 4:00 pm.

Plans are well underway for the preparation of our always popular "Udon Special" (our loyal friends tell us it is indeed special). We will also feature our Bento Box lunch, which will include a grilled chicken teriyaki breast, yaki soba, and other delectables. In addition, we'll have sushi, home-made Japanese goodies, and a whole array of home-made baked goods. And we'll have a kid's menu, too.

Please arrange to meet up with your family and friends for an hour or two of happy eating and conversation. Make sure you stop by the Take-out Booth for your supper and perhaps as thoughtful gifts for friends and family. And please save some time for shopping at our handcraft booth for unique items for your home or for gifts.

Thank you for supporting us for many, many years. And if you haven't yet been to our Aki Matsuri, please come. We would SO welcome you!

You'll find us at 6047 N. Rockwell, Chicago, on Saturday, October 2, from 12 noon until 4 pm. ls

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THE SHOPPING BENEFIT

OCTOBER
20 & 21,
2010

JASC will join many of Chicago's largest charities in participating in Bloomingdale's **Shopping Benefit**. This benefit has become so popular, that The Shopping Benefit has been extended to two full days. The event will be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 20 & 21, at all four Bloomingdale's stores (including the newest store at 600 N. Wabash Ave.). Tickets will again be \$10 and will afford a 15% discount on a wealth of store items (some exclusions apply). Start your holiday shopping early and help the JASC! Tickets can be purchased from all JASC Board members, the JASC Website (www.jasc-chicago.org; click on Bloomingdale's), or call the JASC. cy

To include an event in the community calendar, please email programs@jasc-chicago.org, fax 773.275.0958, or 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 fall 2010 issue is July 15, 2010. Events for August, September, October, and November 2010 should be included.

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The Holiday Appeal donation listed in the Spring 2010 issue was incorrect. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error. The following is the correct listing:

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Volunteer Highlight!



The JASC is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers, and chances are, they keep quite busy even when they're not at the JASC. Each quarter, we will introduce readers to one of our volunteers, and share a little background and some fun facts about him or her. This issue's featured volunteer has been providing accounting support for the past five years and has been a champion for the organization in so many other ways.

LISA HIDAKA SLOAN

Since December 2004, Lisa has come to the office two days per week to help with a variety of accounting functions. In addition, she assists with our major fundraisers, Fuji Fest and Holiday Delight. Lisa has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is currently a carpool mom for son Max, 10.

Here are 11 things you may not know about Lisa.

1. Hobbies - Scrapbooking, card-making, AMG Driving Academy
2. Favorite Movie - "While You Were Sleeping"
3. I'm Never Without - A book
4. Favorite Desserts - Cupcakes: chocolate with white frosting or éclairs. Donuts are good, too!
5. Favorite Restaurant - Wholly Frijoles
6. Favorite City - Chicago
7. Memorable Vacation - Aspen, CO
8. Person I Most Admire - Kiyo Yoshimura
9. Favorite TV Show - "Two And A Half Men"
10. Favorite Author - Janet Evanovich
11. Other Affiliations - Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church, JAFL, Nisei Bowling League

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定住者会ニュース

オカベ事務局長辞任 代行にプリーツ氏

昨年の夏号で新しいキャレン・オカベ事務局長の就任をお知らせしましたが、オカベさんは一年後のさる3月31日付で、予期しない事情のため辞任、ユタに帰られました。後任が決定するまでの間、コミュニケーションおよび事業開発担当の主任、ジェレッド・プリーツ氏が事務局長代行に就任しました。

オカベさんは高齢のお母さんをユタに残してシカゴに来られましたが昨秋以来お母さんの健康状態が思わしくないため、再びユタに戻られました。短い期間でしたが、迅速な決断力で、長年の懸案であった古いキッチンの改造、及び昨年末の資金捻出キャンペーンでは過去最高の成果をあげるなど、強いリーダーシップを見せて今後が期待されていただけに、その辞任が惜しまれています。

米社会全般に経済状態は冷え込んだままで回復の兆しが見えない現状で、定住者会もまた困難な状態にあります。事務局も経費の削減に努め、プログラムを維持し、会員の皆さんや企業の更なる支援をお願いし、この局面を切り抜け一日も早く適切な人材が事務局長の空席を埋めてくれるよう望んでいます。

第40回富士祭 9月10日開催

今年で40回目を迎える定住者会のファンドレージング行事「富士祭」は、来る9月10日(金)、ダウンタウンのユニオン・リーグ・クラブ (65 E. Jackson Blvd. Chicago) で開催されます。

今年もサイレント・オークションにはユニークなギフト商品や美術品、レストランの食事券、各種イベントの入場券なども用意されています。バフェーディナーの後はディーン・ローランド&フレンドの音楽でダンスが楽しめます。恒例のラッフル券、今回の特賞は賞金\$5,000が2本、\$500が4本です。富士祭の案内状とラッフル券は追って発送されます。「富士祭」は定住者会最大のファンドレージングで、各種プログラムの運営経費捻出の大切なイベントです。会員非会員に関わらず誘い合わせて参加してください。

ソーシャル・ワークの 新ディレクター就任

さる6月定住者会のソーシャル・ワーク部門の新しい主任として、ジャニス・ナカオさんが就任しました。

ナカオさんはイリノイ大学シカゴ校で社会福祉学の学位を修得し、卒業後C. G. Jung Institute of Chicago でトレーニングを受けた後、病院や施設などで精神療法の経験を積み、昨年からはシカゴ・キリスト教会で開かれている、アウト・オブ・ザ・ハウス・プログラムでカウンセリングを担当していました。なお前主任のフランシス・チカヒサ、および日英バイリンガルの花織・リブラーも引き続きソーシャル・ワークを担当します。ナカオ主任の連絡先は電話：773-275-7212、内線237、e-mailはjnakao@jasc-chicago.orgです。

日系人の 健康調査に協力を

既にお知らせしましたが、定住者会ではノースウエスタン病院のビューラー・センターと共同で、日系コミュニティの健康状態の調査を行っています。

調査対象は50歳から85歳までの親とその子供で18歳から49歳までの年齢層の組み合わせで合計3回インタビューを行います。関心のある方は電話773-275-0097内線234にメッセージを残してください。折り返し電話をいたします。

定住者会カルチャークラス案内

ブルーミングデールの ショッピング・ベネフィット

定住者会は今年のブルーミングデール百貨店のチャリティ行事、ショッピング・ベネフィットに参加することになりました。

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日本語クラス 夏季スケジュール

日本語クラスの新しい授業予定が次のとおり決まりました。

初級：7月8日から9月2日まで。
毎週木曜日午後6時半から8時迄
7月29日は休講で、1セッション8クラスです。今期から初級クラス担任は木村昌人先生にお願いします。初級でも、受講希望者は最低平仮名が読める人。

中級：7月7日から9月1日迄。
毎週水曜日午後6時45分から8時15分まで。7月28日は休講で、1セッション8クラスです。今期から中級クラス担当は星野誉之先生にお願いします。

授業料はいずれのクラスも定住者会会員は1セッション130ドル、非会員は160ドル、教科書はJapanese for busy people I と Japanese for busy People IIです。1クラス参観無料
問合せは773-275-0097内線226川口まで。

墨絵ワークショップ

講師の都合で長い間休講していた墨絵のワークショップが再開されます。第一回目は未経験者も参加できるワークショップで8月21日(土)、二回目は8月28日(土)、

いずれも午後1時から4時半まで。
講師はケイ・トーマスさん。

太極拳クラス 9月から再開

6月24日でセッションを終えた太極拳のクラスは7、8月は休講で、9月7日(火)午後1時半からビギナー・クラスが、同9日(木)午後6時半からアドバンス・クラスがスタートします。中国で始まった太極拳は動くメディテーションとも言われ、ゆっくりした動きですが血行を促し、身体のバランス指導はいずれもリン・バームハートさん。

秋の太鼓初級 クラスに向けて

JASC司太鼓では今秋からビギナー・クラスを開講しますが、それに先立って、7月12日、19日、26日の三日間、午後6時から7時半まで。太鼓ワークショップを開きます。参加資格は8歳以上なら年齢、男女は問いませんが、激しい運動に耐えられる体力のある方。経験不要。参加費は3レッスンで一般90ドル(3回)、定住者会会員は60ドル。詳細は773・275・0097のシャロン・ハラダ(内線229)または川口(内線226)までどうぞ。

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