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Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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Coming Events

- Dec 8, 22 **Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group** at the
Jan 12, 26 North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst
Feb 9, 23 Ave., Berkeley. This group meets every 2nd
Mar 9, 23 and 4th Saturday of each month. For
information contact Howard Fukuda
(howardfukuda@gmail.com)
- Dec 17 **Golden State Warriors w/ Berkeley
JACL**; see article inside
- Dec 31 **Ballots for Berkeley JACL Board
deadline**; see attached ballot
- Jan 27 **Berkeley JACL Installation Luncheon**;
see attached flyer
- Mar 10 **Movie Matinee with the Berkeley JACL**;
*An American Story: Norman Mineta and
His Legacy*; see attached flyer

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B E R K E L E Y

Warriors Game with the Berkeley JACL

By Mark Fujikawa



The Berkeley JACL still have a few tickets for the Warriors game on Monday, Dec 17th. Tickets are \$85 each. It's Asian Heritage Night and you get a promotional item too (T-shirt?). Call Mark Fujikawa at 510-232-0724 if you are interested attending.

2019 Berkeley JACL "College Freshman" Scholarship Application

By Ron Tanaka

Applications for the Berkeley Chapter Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Scholarship Program are available for high school students entering their freshman year in any accredited institution of higher learning in the Fall 2019. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Berkeley JACL scholarship chair, Ron Tanaka at ron_tanaka@yahoo.com.

Applicants must be planning to attend a college, university, community college, trade school, business school, or any other accredited institution of higher learning in the Fall 2019. Students deferring enrollment will not qualify for the 2019 program.

DUE DATE ---- March 1, 2019

Applications mailed to Ron Tanaka, the scholarship chair, must be postmarked by **March 1, 2019**. Hand delivered applications are due to the scholarship chair by **March 1, 2019**. Berkeley Chapter anticipates awarding up to **6 local Chapter scholarships**. **Each scholarship may be up to \$2,500.**

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, community involvement, school

activities, work history, letter of recommendation, personal statement, Japanese cultural activities, and a group interview.

We will also give consideration to applicants that are the first in their family to attend college and/or to those who qualify as low income.

JACL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

While JACL involvement is not required to apply for this scholarship, every applicant must be a Berkeley JACL member. A membership application must be completed and returned with your \$35.00 membership fee. A limited number of memberships are available at no cost to the applicant if the \$35.00 fee creates a hardship. Please contact the scholarship chair.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION & NATIONAL JACL AWARDS PROGRAM

All Berkeley Chapter scholarships will be awarded to recipients at a scholarship awards luncheon scheduled for April/May 2019 (date and location to be announced). All recipients are expected to attend this awards luncheon (as guests of the Berkeley JACL) to receive their scholarship.

By April 1, 2019, Berkeley will forward “outstanding” applications for further consideration to the JACL’s National Scholarship and Awards Program for 10 national scholarships ranging in award amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per scholarship. Recipients of these national scholarships will be announced in the 3rd Quarter 2019.



HR5706 to Establish Historic Sites in Hawaii

House of Representatives unanimously voted in favor of HR 5706 to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i. Both sites are pivotal to the history of our country and World War II, and particularly for the Japanese American community. Hawaii's Representative Hanabusa championed this bill.

The legislation separates Pearl Harbor from the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and establishes it as the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. Representative Hanabusa noted in her floor remarks “Pearl Harbor is a physical representation of the day that will live in infamy, the strides made in U.S.-Japan relations, and the U.S. entry into World War II. This historic site deserves a name to match its separate identity and significance from the rest of the monument.”

The legislation also establishes the Honouliuli National Historic Site. Honouliuli is a lesser known site of Japanese American incarceration during WWII where 2,000 Japanese and Japanese American men from the Hawaiian Islands were imprisoned. Those imprisoned were often selected for incarceration because of their positions of leadership in the community. Among those selected were community leaders from the Buddhist and Shinto churches, the schools, and political leadership. Honouliuli also provides the opportunity to tell the story of martial law on the Hawaiian Islands during the war, in comparison to the mass evacuation on the West Coast.

Together, Pearl Harbor and Honouliuli tell the story of the Japanese American experience in Hawaii beginning with the fear and uncertainty for Japanese Americans after the bombing, the imprisonment of community leaders, and then the massive display of patriotism from 10,000 Japanese Americans who would volunteer to serve in the army, with 2,000 going on to serve in the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Congresswoman Hanabusa further noted in her floor remarks, “HR 5706 will go a long way toward preserving what happened more than 75 years ago at both Pearl Harbor and Honouliuli--the good and bad--for future generations and I hope will leave an impressions of the sacrifices and courage of our Greatest Generation.”

Hopefully, the Senate moves quickly to pass this legislation for the President to sign into law.

2017 National Hate Crime Statistics Released



JACL Weekly Digest (November 13, 2018)

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program released its annual *Hate Crime Statistics* report for 2017. The overall number of reported hate crimes increased 17% since 2016. 59.6% of reported incidents were based on racial/ethnic bias, 20.6% on religious bias, and 15.8% on the basis of sexual orientation. The incidence of hate crime against every major ethnic group increased since 2016. In the previous two years, the number of reported hate crimes rose 12% marking the first time since 2001 with three consecutive years of increased incidents.

JACL notes that there was a 20.5% increase in incidents of hate crimes against Asian American and Pacific Islanders. Most troubling in the data was a 37% increase in incidents targeting Jewish people. We saw the ugly manifestation of this rising tide of anti-Semitism just days ago in Pittsburgh.

It must also be noted that this report is compiled from jurisdictions that track and report hate crimes statistics to the FBI. There are still many jurisdictions that do not record hate crimes information, so many incidents continue to remain uncaptured by this report. The FBI and DOJ must continue to work with local law enforcement to improve participation in this survey to fully understand the challenge we are faced with in addressing hate based crime in this country.

Kimonos Refashioned

*Asian Art Museum Exhibit
Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art & Culture
200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102*

February 8 thru May 5, 2019

In the early 1980s, Japanese avant-garde designers took Paris by storm, disrupting the world of haute couture with their minimalist, deconstructed clothing. But this was not the first time that Japanese

design principles had transformed international fashion. Instead, as *Kimono Refashioned* reveals, kimono — its materials, forms, techniques and decorative motifs — has inspired designers for more than 150 years.

Featuring over 35 garments from the Kyoto Costume Institute, *Kimono Refashioned* shows us that kimono continue to be a fertile source of ideas for contemporary designers, both in Japan and across the globe. One of the earliest dresses in this exhibition is a bustle gown made in the 1870s in London fashioned from a dismantled kimono.



50 Objects

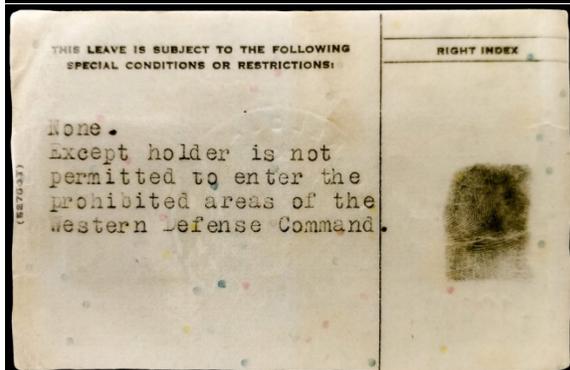


50 Objects is a history project that explores the human impact of the mass incarceration of 120,000 American Japanese during World War II. Through the visual and textual examination of 50 curated objects, we explore the ramifications of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066. The objects have been released on <https://50objects.org/> in serial fashion over the course of 2018, the 76th anniversary of the presidential order. Two of the objects are summarized below. Go to <https://50objects.org/> for the full stories.

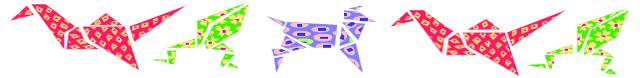




One of the most unusual objects to bear Mickey Mouse's image was a pair of Japanese wooden sandals, called "geta." The geta, made by hand in 1942 or 1943, showed the mouse waving jauntily from Santa Fe, New Mexico, as if the shoes were a holiday souvenir. But this Mickey item was made behind barbed wire, in a Japanese American internment camp. An American Japanese family had been separated and Mickey Mouse was being sent, from a father to a son, to deliver a smile. Geta sandals made for Goro, a boy separated from his father, each in different camps. Goro was incarcerated at Tanforan, California and Topaz, Utah, while his father, Jingo, an immigrant, was held at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Jingo also was confined at Lordsburg, NM and Crystal City, Texas.



It was Sunday, July 4, 1943. Four-year-old Paul Tomita was experiencing Independence Day, not with sparklers and parades, but by getting his right index finger inked. On that day, he was fingerprinted and photographed for a mint-green exit card that certified he was not a risk to national security. In the photo, Paul looks anxious and forlorn. "My parents are nervous and stressed out," Paul, 79, says now, as he views the card. "And I know something is wrong."



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