Coming Events

Dec 14, 28  Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group at the West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth Street, Berkeley. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. For information contact Howard Fukuda (howardfukuda@gmail.com)

Jan 11, 25

Feb 8, 22

Mar 14, 28

Apr 11, 25

Dec 14  Crane Folding and stringing at JSei; see article inside

Jan 18

Dec 31  Berkeley JACL Board Ballots due; see attached ballot

Jan 26  Berkeley JACL Installation Lunch; see attached flyer

Mar 1  Berkeley JACL Endowment Fund Grant Applications due; see article inside

Mar 2  JACL Scholarship Applications due; see article inside

Making Noise is a means to exercise your right to express your views, humor, concerns, or anything else of interest. We will be happy to print it in our Newsletter. Please write to the JACL Berkeley Chapter newsletter, c/o Berkeley JACL, P.O Box 7609, Berkeley, CA 94707-0609. MAKE SOME NOISE!!!

2020 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 2020. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Berkeley JACL by email at berkeleyjacl@gmail.com or on-line at www.JACL.org

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 2020. Students deferring enrollment will not qualify for the 2020 program.

DUE DATE - March 2, 2020:

Applications mailed to the scholarship chair must be postmarked by March 2, 2020. Hand delivered applications are due to the scholarship chair by March 2, 2020.

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 give special consideration to applicants who 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 late April 2020. All recipients are expected to attend this awards luncheon (as guests of the Berkeley JACL) to receive their scholarship.

By April 1, 2020, Berkeley will forward “outstanding” applications for further consideration to the JACL’s National Scholarship and Awards Program for 8 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 2020.

Endowment Fund Grant Applications

By Vera Kawamura

The Berkeley JACL is currently accepting Endowment Fund Grant applications. Grant Applications are available on the Berkeley JACL website: berkeleyjacl.org. Applications should be submitted by March 1, 2020. Grants up to $2,000 may be awarded.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to support Japanese American community-oriented projects or programs that further the Chapter’s goals and purposes. The Chapter’s goals include: upholding the human and civil rights of Japanese Americans and all other people; promoting understanding, respect and appreciation of all cultures; and strengthening community ties and fostering coalitions with other groups sharing similar interests as the Chapter.

Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (OFSCA), 31st Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC)

By Vera Kawamura

In the Spring of 2019, the Berkeley JACL awarded a $1,500 Grant to the OFSCA to provide support for six Oakland Public Middle School children to attend the APCC in Fukuoka Japan in July 2019. Luke Sera-Tacorda, one of the six Junior Ambassadors, wrote a letter of appreciation to APCC sponsors which included the following remarks:

“APCC was amazing! Experiencing a different culture was a great opportunity to learn about the world and to connect to people all over the globe.”

Berkeley JACL Service Event at Alameda County Community Food Bank

By Ryan Matsuda

With the success of our last two service events, the Berkeley JACL is planning another service event at the Alameda County Community Food Bank on Saturday, February 1st from 1-4 PM. We will be sorting food and produce at the warehouse located at 7900 Edgewater Drive in Oakland.

Please email berkeleyjacl@gmail.com if you plan on attending so that we can get a headcount or also let him know if you have any questions. Currently, we have 15 spots available.
Fun Night with the Berkeley JACL and Nakayoshi

On November 16th, Berkeley JACL continued its partnership with Nakayoshi with a fun night of udon and board games! About 18 early-to-mid career professionals came together from both the Berkeley JACL and Nakayoshi, a San Francisco-based community development and social group for adults and recent college graduates. We first had dinner at Marugame Udon in downtown Berkeley and then played many rounds of board games at Victory Point Cafe. Thank you to all who attended! We will continue to partner with Nakayoshi for future social events. Please like Berkeley JACL and Nakayoshi on Facebook to keep up with future events or email berkeleyjacl@gmail.com to find out more information.

Order your own Berkeley JACL T-Shirt or Hoodie!

Price? $15 for a t-shirt, $25 for a zip up hoodie

Send orders by December 21 to berkeleyjacl@gmail.com. Include:

1. Number of T-shirts you’d like to order and sizes for each.
2. Number of Zip Up Hoodies you’d like to order and sizes for each
3. Address for shipping
4. Contact email
5. Contact phone number

Tsuru for Solidarity

By Nancy Ukai

What does a paper crane have to do with immigrant detention in the U.S.?

The humble origami crane (tsuru) has become the symbol of “Tsuru for Solidarity,” an all-volunteer, nonviolent movement to protest inhumane government policies that have separated families, caged children and subjected tens of thousands of asylum seekers to inhumane conditions in mass detention camps. Japanese Americans “stand on the moral authority of our own unjust incarceration to say ‘stop repeating history,’”
said Satsuki Ina, a co-organizer of TFS and member of Florin JACL.

Supported by the JACL, Densho, the Korematsu Institute, Minami Tamaki LLP, the Manzanar Committee and the Tule Lake Committee among others, the group is planning a “National Pilgrimage to Close the Camps” on June 5-7, 2020 in Washington DC,

The main event is a march on June 6 that will feature 100 taiko drummers and Nikkei from across the country who will carry 125,000 folded paper cranes as symbols of solidarity with detained immigrants. The figure represents the number of Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans who were rounded up and put into WWII concentration camps.

Already folded cranes will be strung at J-Sei on Sat. Dec. 14 and Sat. Jan. 18, from 10 AM- 1 PM, with refreshments provided by the Berkeley JACL. For more information, visit www.tsuforsolidarity.org

### June 2019 Demonstration at Fort Sill

#### The J** Box

**By Nancy Ukai**

If you walked by The Marsh theater on Allston Way during early November, you may have seen a sidewalk advertisement for “The Jap Box,” a one-man magic performance. When the Berkeley JACL board heard about the use of this ugly racial slur in the program’s title, directors promptly decided to protest its usage by writing a letter to the theater and the show’s creator, David Hirata, a sansei. Co-president Tiffany Ikeda and board members Karen Kiyo Lowhurst and Nancy Ukai attended the one-hour show and talked with Hirata afterward. They explained the pain of the term and the dangers of normalizing it.

Outrage had been building on social media. “It’s like the ‘N-word’ for us,” wrote Mitchell Matsumura of Los Angeles. Hirata had already spoken with JACL executive director David Inoue about the controversy and said he had decided to change the title, which referred to the racist naming of a magic prop from Japan.

The Berkeley chapter wrote a letter two days later to The Marsh and within two more days, the play’s title was officially changed to “The Box without a Bottom.” Hirata apologized, saying that he had asked his family members, who were incarcerated at Gila River, AZ, and Tule Lake, CA, about the title and “they agreed that the title was provocative, but that the use of the ‘J’ word in reference to a specific object gave it context.” But he added that “I have simply underestimated the raw pain of the ‘J’ word...The pain caused in the Japanese-American community by the title was real and something I regret.”

Read more:

- **Karen Kiyo Lowhurst’s op-ed in Berkeleyside**
- **David Hirata’s apology**
  [https://themarsh.org/blog/a-name-change/](https://themarsh.org/blog/a-name-change/)
- **San Francisco Chronicle**
- **Nichi Bei**
Apply to be a Census Worker

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring temporary workers for the 2020 census count, including census takers and office staff. It is important to have representatives from all communities working as census workers to work towards a full and accurate count.

Go to [www.2020census.gov/en/jobs.html](http://www.2020census.gov/en/jobs.html) to find the application and pay rates in our area.

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Secretary
- Tara Umemoto

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- Tak Shirasawa

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- Vera Kawamura, Kana Kobayashi, Maya Kushima
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- Estella Nakahara-Hemp, Neal Ouye, Al Satake, David Siap
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Moving and changing your address?
Send us a Change of Address card at:
Japanese American Citizens League Berkeley Chapter
Membership
PO Box 7609
Berkeley, CA 94707-0609
2020 Berkeley JACL
Officer and Board Installation Luncheon

When: Sunday, January 26, 2020
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Barney’s Gourmet Hamburgers
1600 Shattuck Ave. #112, Berkeley, CA  94709
Phone:  510-849-2827

Buffet Menu Includes:
Mixed French Fries
Spring mix salad or Caesar salad
Choice of black angus ground beef, chicken breast, ground turkey, or garden burger
Tomatoes, red onions, pickles & BBQ, Chipotle, bacon, salsa, mushrooms
Choice of soda, lemonade, coffee, or iced tea

Cost:
Board Members - $15.00*
Board Members who are full time students - $0.00*
Berkeley Chapter Members who are full time students - $10.00*
Berkeley Chapter Members - $20.00*
Non Berkeley Chapter Members - $29.00

*Chapter will subsidize a portion of the cost of the meal

Please RSVP by Jan. 16 -- send check (payable to “Berkeley JACL”) to:
Ron Tanaka, 2960 Windtree Court, Lafayette, CA 94549
Prepayment preferred – payment also accepted at event.

Questions: call 925.932.7947 or e-mail: ron_tanaka@yahoo.com

___Yes, we will attend.
___Enclosed is $__________ for ________ (number of lunches)
Attendee Name(s): ______________________________________________________________
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Instructions:
The following individuals have agreed to serve as Officers and/or Directors for the 2020 term. Officers are also Directors. Put an “X” in the space provided. If you wish to nominate another individual, print the person’s name in the “Write-in” space. Please return your ballot by December 31, 2019 to:

JACL, Berkeley Chapter
2020 Election
P.O. Box 7609
Berkeley, CA 94707-0609

Co-Presidents: Vote for Two:
Karen Lowhurst □   Beth Uno □   Write In:___________

Co-Treasurer: Vote for Two:
Mark Fujikawa □   Tak Shirasawa (Asst) □   Write In:___________

Secretary: Vote for Two:
Kana Kobayashi □   Marco Torrez (Asst) □   Write In:___________

Directors: Vote for Sixteen:
Carolyn Adams □   Jim Duff □   Tiffany Ikeda □
Maya Kashima □   Vera Kawamura □   Ryan Matsuda □
Kaz Mori □   Estella Nakamura-Hemp □   Neal Ouye □
Al Satake □   Ron Tanaka □   Nancy Ukai □
Tara Umemoto □   Gordon Yamamoto □   Dani Yang □
Valerie Yasukochi □   Write In: __________   Write In: __________   Write In: __________

We appreciate your show of support by participating in this 2020 Election.
**Berkeley JACL Membership Application**

Names(s) – primary and spouse/partner _____________________________________________________________
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Address _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code __________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone# and Email ___________________________________________________________________________________________

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Your tax-deductible check payable to Berkeley JACL can be sent to our PO Box 7609, Berkeley, CA 94707-0609 or JACL National Headquarters, P.O. Box 45397, San Francisco, CA 94145-0397.

Your membership includes a digital subscription to the Pacific Citizen (be sure to include your email address). If you prefer a hard copy, please check the box below and include your check for an additional $17/year.

☐ MAIL me the Pacific Citizen – enclosed is my check for an additional $17.

For more information, contact JACL National Membership in San Francisco at 415-921-5225 x25. Payment by credit card can be made at [https://jacl.org/member/](https://jacl.org/member/). Please specify you want to be a member of the Berkeley Chapter

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