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Berkeley JACL Newsletter

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Coming Events

TBD **Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group** at the West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth Street, Berkeley. This group normally meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. For information about restart, please contact Howard Fukuda

(howardfukuda@gmail.com)

Dec 31 **Berkeley JACL** ballots due; see ballot attached.

Jan 23 **Berkeley JACL Installation Luncheon & Zoom**; see instructions at the bottom of the ballot if you wish to attend, in person or on

Mar 1 **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!!!**

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2022 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 2022. All 2022 applications must be filled out "online" (JACL.org) and submitted to National JACL (same process as in 2021). National JACL will receive each application and forward the application back to the appropriate local JACL Chapter for evaluation and awarding of a scholarship at the local chapter level. To apply, please do the following:

- Go to www.jacl.org, click on the "Programs" tab on the menu bar
- Enter "Berkeley" as the local chapter on the application
- All applicants must be a JACL member
- Questions. Contact Scholarship Chair, Ron Tanaka

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 2022. Students deferring enrollment will not qualify for the 2022 program.

DUE DATE - March 1, 2022

Applications must be submitted "online" to National JACL by March 1, 2022. Berkeley Chapter anticipates awarding multiple 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. Special consideration will be given 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. Please have your membership application with your \$35.00 membership fee submitted by January 31, 2022. 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, Ron Tanaka, for a membership application.

Scholarship Presentation & National JACL Awards Program

All Berkeley Chapter scholarships will be awarded to recipients at a scholarship awards event that will be scheduled in May 2022. All recipients are expected to attend this awards event (as guests of the Berkeley JACL) to receive their scholarship. Because of the pandemic, this event was held virtually via zoom in 2021 but may be in person in 2022.

By April 1, 2022, 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 third quarter 2022.



<u>Berkeley JACL Grant support Fetal Alcohol</u> <u>Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Action Group.</u>

By Ann and Ken Yabusaki

The Hawaii Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Action Group held its first Virtual Mini-Conference with the generous support of a grant awarded by the Berkeley JACL. The grant provided 12 scholarships to parents and individuals with FASD and helped defray the costs of converting the usual inperson conference to a virtual one. Over one hundred attendees from as far away as Philadelphia and Canada attended four 1.5 hour Zoom presentations on each Thursday of September, National FASD Awareness Month.

The conference started with a broad description of FASD as brain-based disorders by Dr. Ira Chasnoff, a pediatrician and renowned expert on FASD. Mr. Dan Dubovsky, former specialist with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) FASD Center for Excellence, explained the importance of how

parents, educators, the courts, and all systems of care must learn new methods of care when a person has an FASD. Mr. Myles Himmelreich, an adult with FASD, eloquently used his life to illustrate the lifespan support needed for success with someone born with brain damage. Finally, a panel moderated by Dr. Ann Yabusaki focused on the few FASD-informed services in Hawaii: Sean Sullivan of Pride Industries (employment). Chelsea Gonzales of Hawaii Alcohol Policy Alliance (policy), Tia Ikeno with Hawaii's Family Court (court adjustments), and Terra Daniel, parent of an FASD child (dealing with the schools and obtaining services). All speakers and participant chats and questions emphasized: (1) the invisibility of FASD in society; (2) the need for education about FASD; and (3) the world-wide urgency to develop FASD-informed services, resources, and research.

Exposure to alcohol during pregnancy can cause permanent damage to a fetus's brain. A national study in 2018 suggested that one in twenty first-graders was affected by an FASD. FASDs affect thousands of individuals each year and is more prevalent than Autism, Downs Syndrome, Spina Bifida, and Cerebral Palsy combined. **The Action Group's Mission** is to raise awareness through education, advocacy, and research by addressing the impact of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) on individuals, their families, and the communities of Hawai'i. We offer free support groups for caregivers, a support group for providers, education from our speakers' bureau, and other resources on our website: hawaiifasd.org

The Action Group sends a BIG MAHALO NUI LOA to the Berkeley JACL for recognizing that FASD is a civil rights issue that spans across the world.



Young/Mid Career Professionals Picnic

By Beth Uno

The Berkeley JACL supported a Young-Mid Career Professionals Picnic on Saturday, October 9th! We had a great turnout of 14, including lots of new folks and some who joined us before COVID (see photos)! We enjoyed Cheeseboard Pizza, Cupcakin, and salad at Live Oak Park. Thank you to Tiffany Ikeda and Tara Umemoto for helping to plan and organize the event. We hope to continue this positive momentum with more future events.





Young-Mid Career Professionals Picnic Attendees



Update on JSei Services

With the pandemic still affecting all of us, JSei wants to provide you with some new updates about two services, that we have found seniors and their families are becoming increasing interested in obtaining more information about. The two services are the warm and supportive services provided through J-Sei Home (which is their senior living facility in Hayward, CA) and their companionship and conversation services through their J-Sei's Friendly Visitor and Friendly Call Program.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to call J-Sei at 510-654-4000. Thank you in advance for your interest and Jsei hopes that they will have the opportunity to provide these valuable services to seniors and their families.

Yes, J-Sei can always use additional volunteers! A lot of their volunteer needs revolve around their Nutrition Meal Program. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, the kitchen volunteers work with their on-site chef and his team to create from 80 to 125 hot and nutritious Japanese meals each day. Then JSei has their teams of volunteer drivers deliver these hot meals (along with frozen meals and pantry items as requested) to home-bound seniors across the Oakland, Berkeley, El Cerrito, and Kensington areas. Last year, they created and delivered over 30,000 meals to seniors. If you'd like to learn more about JSei's Meal Program, please feel free to reach out to: Kathleen Wong, Senior Services Manager: 510-654-4000 ext. 15, kathleen@j-sei.org.

1947 List of East Bay JACL members found in Oakland crawl space inside Arkansas crate of carver Sadayuki Uno

By Nancy Ukai

While an Oakland homeowner, Nate, was poking around the crawl space beneath his home on Genoa Street, he came across a wooden crate that couldn't be removed because it was surrounded by ductwork. But Nate was able to squeeze his arm inside and pulled out unusual World War II treasures: a burlap rice sack from Arkansas, a small carving of a Scottie and a precious document for JACL history: a 1947 list of East Bay members.

The Berkeley chapter listed 118 names including present member Frank Kami, and Alameda member Cookie Takeshita. Many nisei are listed whose children remain members today. Other East Bay members were residing in Oakland, Richmond, Alameda, Albany, Hayward, Piedmont and San Leandro.

The house was the former residence of Hisae and Sadayuki Thomas Uno and the camp crate was addressed to the "Oakland WRA" (War Relocation Authority) office which may have handled property of Japanese Americans returning from the concentration camps.

Ryen Anderson was excited about his husband's find and immediately thought of contacting the Berkeley JACL. "The thing that made us get in contact with the JACL was this list of people who were in the JACL in the 1940s... people's grandchildren and children are probably still living in the Bay Area," he said. "We recognized a couple of names like Frank Ogawa. And the owner of the house."

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According to a neighbor who knew him and his wife, Sadayuki Uno lived in the house for many years, was born in Hiroshima in 1901 and arrived in San Francisco on Dec. 1, 1917 from Yokohama on the Tenyo-maru. He married Hisae Ishiyama, a nisei from Stockton. The Unos were incarcerated in the Fresno Assembly Center and transferred to Jerome, Arkansas, then to Rohwer (16-1-A) and released to Oakland on Nov. 6,1945.

In the next issue of the newsletter, more information will be given about Uno's career as a carver, painter and landscaper and the artifacts that have been donated to the Berkeley JACL. If you wish to see the list of names from the other East Bay cities or see a family member's name on the JACL list, please let us know at berkeleyjacl@gmail.com. We'd love to hear your family story and share it in a future newsletter.



Ryen and Nate of Oakland who found crate





Carving of a Scottie, perhaps made with a butter knife by Uno while an inmate at Fresno Assembly Center, dated August 21, 1942



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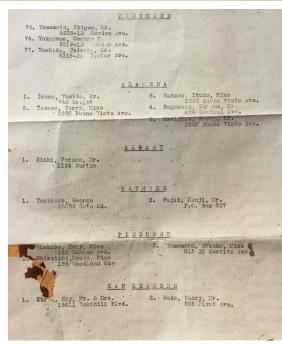
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1947 List of Richmond and Other East Bay JACL members

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1947 List of Oakland JACL members

National JACL Launch Otoshidama Campaign

New Year's Day holds a special place in Japanese culture. During this season, families come together to celebrate the dawning of a new year by engaging in traditional activities, such as *Otoshidama*. Otoshidama is the tradition of presenting children a monetary gift in the form of a special envelope that bears the new year's zodiac sign (next year's zodiac sign is the Tiger). We wish for you to join us in celebrating and honoring the long-standing Japanese tradition of Otoshidama by gifting or renewing a membership for someone you cherish dearly.

While Otoshidama is typically reserved for youth, our campaign is open to any family or friend who would enjoy the gift of JACL membership! That could be your friend, co-worker, cousin, sibling, parent, etc.! The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) recognizes the importance of developing future leaders for the

organization and for the Asian Pacific Island communities. The JACL has a long history of creating and sponsoring leadership programs specifically aimed to empower students, young adults, and working professionals.

Go to www.jacl.org for more details.



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2022 Officers and Directors

Official Ballot

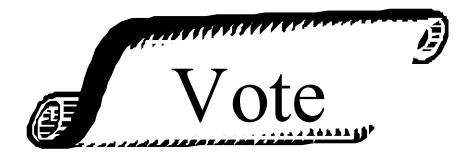
Instructions:

The following individuals have agreed to serve as Officers and/or Directors for the 2022 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, 2021 to:

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We appreciate your show of support by participating in this 2022 Election.



The 2022 Berkeley JACL Board Installation is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM in person and on Zoom.

All members are invited. If you wish to attend, email admin@berkeleyjacl.org to receive the information for the meeting.

Berkeley JACL Membership Application

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Total	Description
\$70.	National dues \$65+\$5 Chapter dues
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Membership Category	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
Regular/Individual	\$70.	National dues \$65+\$5 Chapter dues
Couple/Family	\$115.	National dues \$110+\$5 Chapter dues
Student/Youth	\$35.	National dues \$30+\$5 Chapter dues
Thousand Club	\$100.	Annual contribution
Thousand Club Life	\$3,000.	One-time payment for lifetime membership
Century Club	\$175.	Annual contribution
Century Cub Life	\$5,000.	One-time payment for lifetime membership
Millenium Club	\$1,000.	Annual contribution

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.

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